

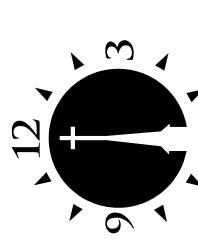
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Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.
Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.

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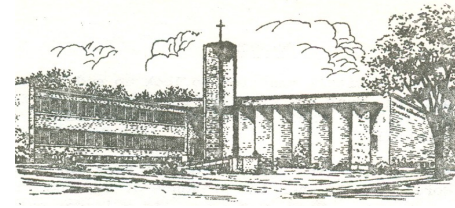
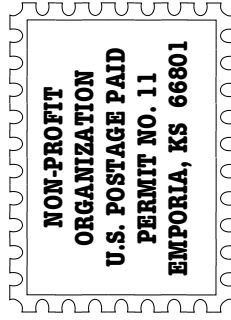
CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Closed Fridays



Autumn

**Begins Wednesday,
September 22, 2010**



Christian Church News

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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**UPcoming
EVENTS**

**Saturday,
September 25th**
Work Day at the
Church!



Monday, September 27th
Next Newsletter Deadline!

Monday, October 4th

DWF Night Group Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

(DEADLINE TO BRING ITEMS FOR SERVICE PROJECT!)

October 6th-8th and 8th-10th
KDW Retreat at Camp Tawakoni

~ Register Now!

October 9th

Learning Center Pancake Breakfast

October 22nd-23rd ~ Kansas Regional Assembly in Salina



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"The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



Pastor's
Ponderings



Every generation has its struggles and challenges. Talk to anyone who has been around a few years and he or she will gladly tell you of the 'good old days'—times when things were really hard. Even those who have not been around quite so long will tell you of dilemmas and hard choices.

Similarly, it is difficult living in the middle of change. We see and experience change all around us that affects our lives in numerous ways and tests our resolve daily. Even though we are comparatively safe, generally well-cared for and afforded opportunities and choices, we are constantly under stress from all directions. It's not easy to be a parent today, or a citizen, an employee, a student, or anything today. No matter who you are, you will or have found yourself under assault.

It's not easy to be a Christian today, either. Increasingly, our faith is questioned and tested—and answers are difficult to come by. Christians, though, need—and have—a special kind of defense for the pressure-cooker world we live in. It is a faith that has been tested and battered and has been found strong. It is a faith that is tempered by both fire and

compassion, by both love and discipline.

I read once that the steel used in the "teeth" of large, heavy-duty earth-moving equipment must be made of a special alloy that has to be tough enough to withstand the pounding and ramming needed to break rock, yet, pliable enough not to break. It was a scientist named Harfield who discovered a process in which a small amount of manganese is added to high-carbon steel. The way I remember it, this small addition of manganese changes the steel and makes it both hard and soft after it is heated red-hot and then cooled in water. Somehow, the changed steel is able to continually re-harden itself making it able to survive the tough conditions of construction.

Christians don't have manganese added to them, but they do have faith, hope and love—the same ingredients Jesus had that allowed Him to overcome. Jesus reassures us:

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

~ John 16:33 (NIV)

Blessings! Pastor Bob

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE CHURCH!



E-mail Addresses

To send an e-mail to Pastor Bob, our Senior Minister, write to: **bobcolerick@yahoo.com**

To send an e-mail to Robert, our financial secretary, write to: **fccfinancials@yahoo.com**

To send an e-mail to Christy, our church secretary, write to: **fccoffices@yahoo.com**

To send an e-mail to Suzanne, our Preschool Director, write to: **fcclep@yahoo.com**



E-mail Addresses

LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL NEWS! (Cont. from pg. 4)

Other bits and pieces... LCP PTO is up and running... Here's our report and upcoming events!

- The Ice Cream Social was a great success! We do not have an exact count, but estimate over 100 in attendance. We were glad to see so many preschoolers come with their families! We were glad to have members of the FCC family join us, too!
- The Annual Pancake Breakfast is coming up October 9! We have a crew of parents working on planning not only the food preparations but are also collecting donations to put together a few gift baskets to raffle the day of the pancake breakfast. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND!**



Buy A Calendar!

- A Calendar fundraiser. This is a sponsor-supported 12-month calendar that includes monthly coupons as well as preschool events for the year. Calendars will be available for purchase at the pancake breakfast; all proceeds will go directly to the preschool.
- Playground updates... with come of the money parents raised last year, we are looking into making repairs/purchasing replacements/adding to the playground. Parents are giving input as to what needs to be addressed first; we'll keep you updated once a decision has been made!

If you are interested in helping in some way with any of these activities, please contact the preschool teachers; we'll put you in contact with our great parent volunteers who are doing the planning, organizing, and man-power needed to stay on top of everything that isn't happening IN the preschool classroom! ~ Miss Suzanne



Please
Pray For:

LOCAL REQUESTS

Nicholas Bacon, Gwen Boese, Penny Boese, Betty Bowman, Marlene Bowman, Bob Coburn, Doris Douglas, Cheryl Dunning, Jason Hart, Lois Housley, Marjorie Jones, Faye Kincaid & Betty Spencer (*friends of Mary*

Please call the office at 342-1582 if a name needs to be removed from the prayer list. Thanks!

Schaeffer), Chris Kimberlin & Jen York, Daniel Kimberlin, Ramona Langley, Emily Lauxman, Elmaleda McMinn, Bernice Rider, J. Smith (*Iraq*), Karen Smith (*cancer*), Micky Spyres, Jan Stevenson, Don White, Leon Wildberger, Scott Woodworth

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL REQUESTS...

Pray for those defending our nation, missionaries, and victims of war, hunger, disease and natural disasters. Pray for those suffering and in need around the world! Also, pray for our city, county and national leaders. Continue to pray for our nation and our community.

PRAYER
CHAIN



PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be added as a person who will pray on the DWF prayer chain and be notified when people need prayer OR if you have a prayer need for yourself or anyone else, please contact Jeanice Miller at 343-9592 or Luella Hush at 342-2493.

NEW SECRET PLACE!

The new Fall Secret Place has arrived! Stop by the church office if you would like a copy! Past editions are still available in the church office as well.

New ~ \$1.00 / Past ~ FREE!



Attendance and Offering Report

ATTENDANCE RECORD

August 29, 2010 ~ SS- 22 /Worship- 95
September 5, 2010 ~ SS- 17 /Worship- 83
September 12, 2010 ~ SS- 34 /Worship- 104

GIVING RECORD

August 29 2010 ~ Offering - \$2,172.00 / Capital - \$573.00
September 5, 2010 ~ Offering - \$2,634.50 / Capital - \$492.50
September 12, 2010 ~ Offering - \$2,743.00 / Capital - \$705.00

JUST A REMINDER

Please remember that if you are unable to fulfill your turn as a greeter, nursery volunteer, worship leader, children's message giver, server, etc., **please find your own replacement and let the church office know.** Thanks!



Monday thru Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. / Friday ~ Closed



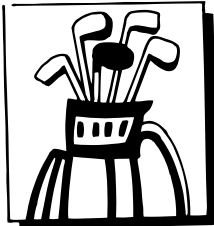
"THE BEST I CAN DO FOR CHRISTMAS EVE
IS THREE TOGETHER IN THE NINTH ROW."

PASTOR'S HOURS and CONTACT INFO

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KS. REGIONAL ASSEMBLY IN SALINA

The 2010 Kansas Regional Assembly will be held at the Ramada Inn in Salina October 22-23. Registration info and lodging details are in the church office now.

**DISCIPLES CENTER**

Funds are being raised to purchase golf carts to ferry women to workshops and other retreat events. If anyone has a golf cart they no longer use and would like to make a significant donation, please contact Vern Failor or Steve Martin.

LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL NEWS!

What a great start we have had to another year of activity at Learning Center Preschool!!! We have a full class of 21 amazing four-year-olds and a not-quite full class of 16 awesome three-year olds! Our first few weeks have been spent getting to know one another as well getting to know classroom routines and learning how to stay safe while at preschool. We've been very busy, but have had a lot of fun in the process!

As September speeds by, we'll begin to explore a little bit more about frogs and toads. We have a class pet named Cody Toady; he has been enjoying meals of crickets we've caught from the playground! We'll also "jump" into the creation story to discover how God made everything, and everything that He makes He intends for Good!

LCP teachers and parents would like to thank FCC members for all their help in getting the school year started right! Thank you, those who helped with the painting of the upstairs hallway; it looks great! Thank you, those who keep the playground mowed and safe for all our preschoolers! Thank you, those who make financial donations and donations of time and energy to our preschool program... Thank you all so much for all you do to make possible what we do! We really could not do it without you! You are very much appreciated!!!

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Jaylene Arnett

Diaconate ~ Richard Becker*, Jeff Cole, Vickie Cole, Jeanice Miller

Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett

Greeters ~ (N) Carl & Lana Richardson
(S) John & Cindy Lexow

Nursery ~ Judy Moore / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Janece Bacon

SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Cindy Lexow

Children's Message ~ Donna Breshears

Diaconate ~ Carl Headrick*, Larry Breshears, Nikki Simmons, Larry Gamblian

Elder ~ Judy Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Guy & Janece Bacon
(S) Jill McGrath & Judy Moore

Nursery ~ Vicki Cole / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Marie Harding

OCTOBER 3, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Janece Bacon

Children's Message ~ Cindy Lexow

Diaconate ~ Karen Garnett*, Guy Bacon, Janece Bacon, Jake Dalton

Elder ~ John Lexow

Greeters ~ (N) Richard Becker & Robert Chatham
(S) George & Ruth Ford

Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

OCTOBER 10, 2010

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Bob Colerick

Diaconate ~ Carl Richardson*, Lana Richardson, Marvin Reece, Glenn Boyce

Elder ~ Marlene Hanson

Greeters ~ (N) Joe & Bonnie Denson
(S) Alberta Brinkman & Norma Leonard

Nursery ~ Richard Becker / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Cameron Moore





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18	Nancy LeClear
18	Helen Price
19	Karen Monroe
19	Madeline Watkins
21	Gwen Zimmerman
23	Joe Denson
23	Luella Hush
24	Glenn Boyce
24	Karen Shumate
26	Jeanice Miller
27	Kiernan Breshears
27	Justin Wilson
28	Alberta Brinkman
28	S'Kylan Russell
29	Bill Fosdick
29	Ann McNeese Brown
30	David Rohling



**DISCIPLES CENTER
GALA DONATION
NEEDED**

Donations of auction items, appetizers and desserts are needed for this year's Gala/Auction to benefit Disciples Center at Tawakoni on November 13, 2010. Anyone interested in making a donation or any group wanting to support this fun event should contact Stephanie Switzky. steph.switzky@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Also, please make your reservations for tables of eight so you can be part of this great event to support the region's outdoor ministry program. Your support will make a huge difference for the great children and youth who attend camp each year.



Our new Bible reading schedule takes us through the Bible in a year and breaks down our daily readings into categories:

Sun. ~ Epistles
Mon. ~ The Law
Tue. ~ History
Wed. ~ Psalms
Thu. ~ Poetry
Fri. ~ Prophecy
Sat. ~ Gospels

Enjoy reading His Word daily!

September 19

Sun ~ Philemon
Mon ~ Num. 21-24
Tue ~ 2 Chron. 1-5
Wed ~ Ps. 111-113
Thu ~ Prov. 25
Fri ~ Amos 5-9
Sat ~ John 19-21

September 26

Sun ~ Heb. 1-4
Mon ~ Num. 25-28
Tue ~ 2 Chron. 6-10
Wed ~ Ps. 114-116
Thu ~ Prov. 26-27
Fri ~ Obadiah
Sat ~ Acts 1-2



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

02	Glenn & Barbara Gimple
14	Chad & Laurie Kurzen
18	Marvin & Veta Reece (1946)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Marlene Hanson
01	Rita Headrick
06	Scott Thomas
07	Fred Miller
08	Helen Kassens
09	Jim Cress
09	Janelle Norton
09	Cheryl Smith
10	Vicky Allen
10	Marvin Reece
12	Harold Woods
13	Paula Milner
15	Glenn Gimple
17	Blaze Witten

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WORK DAY!

Don't forget! We're having a work day on Saturday, September 25th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Please come and help ~ all skills levels can be used!



We have various jobs that need to be done. Your participation would be appreciated! There will be a sign up sheet on September 19th at church. If you have any questions call Janelle Norton at 620-340-5645. Thanks!

**LIBRARY NEWS**

On September 8th, the library gave reading certificates at the DWF meeting. We had 8 superior readers who had read 22 or more books, 2 qualified readers who had read 12 books and 6 participating readers who had read at least 6 books. Seventeen members read 3 or less books. Mary Schaefer was our top reader who read 54 books. We had 33 women who read a total of 4 or 5 books, 6 children read 18 books and 2 men read 8 books with a total of 431 books read from our library this past year.

We appreciate all the ones who are reading from our library but wishes it could be used more! We have lost many of our good readers so hopefully next year will be better. We had five new readers this year.

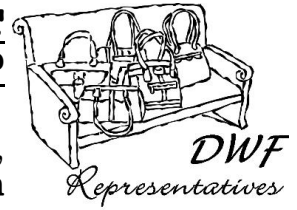
We have been given 12 memorial books and 56 other books for our library this past year. We have the following new books ready to check out:

My Heart Remembers by Kim Vogel Sawyer
from DWF as a memorial to Winona Rhoades

Chesapeake Weddings by Cecilia Dowdy,
Freedom's Crossroad by Ramona K. Cecil


Time Out For the Spirit by Guideposts, a large print book
(a memorial to Winona Rhoades) all given by Jeanice Miller.

Stop by and see us, we think we have books everyone will enjoy!
~ The Library Staff

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES WANT TO VISIT YOUR GROUP

The KDW Representatives from your district, the KDW President and the KDW Staff person want to come and share what's happening with the regional DWF. Each one of these dedicated women can bring a program, a study lesson, provide installation of your officers, or just visit your general DWF/CWF. Be sure to call and invite them to come and share the great things that Kansas women are doing or to provide other resources as you might need.

**DWF NIGHT GROUP NEWS**

The Night DWF Group will be collecting the following items at our next meeting on October 4th. The items are the Service Project for the KDW Retreat which will be held October 6-8 or October 8-10, 2010.  Retreat!

If you would like to donate any of these items, please get them to the church office before October 4th. If you have any questions call Debbie Peck at 342-1877.

One washcloth / One wide-tooth comb / One Nail clipper
One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
One toothbrush (in original packaging) / Six standard Band-Aids
One hand towel measuring approx. 16" x 28" / (no fingertip or bath size)

These items will be placed in one gallon Ziploc bags which we already have available to us. You may bring a whole kit or several of the same item to be put with other items that are brought to retreat to make up kits. We will then use our "hands" to get these kits ready to be sent to CWS. Be watching for more information on other workshops and free time activities. Remember, the registration form for retreat is available on the regional website. Register early!



STEWARDSHIP BYTE

TRUST IN ADVERSITY.
 "I sought the Lord, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears." ~ PSALM 34:4
 "In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust without a fear. What can flesh do to me?" ~ PSALM 56:4

PANTRY UPDATE!

Fall is approaching and we can always use help with our food pantry. The following is a list of items we like to keep on hand to make up food bags. If you prefer to give cash, please send it to the church and we will make the purchases for the pantry. Thanks for your continued support!



PANTRY NEEDS

We need the following items in our pantry:

CEREALS ~ BOXED & OATMEAL PACKETS

CHICKEN & TUNA, CANNED OR POUCHES

FRUIT ~ CANNED / MACARONI & CHEESE

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS / PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

RAMEN NOODLES / RICE & BEANS (IN BOXES/BAGS)

SOUPS, VARIOUS CANNED OR PACKETS, TOILET PAPER

VEGGIES ~ CANNED BEANS, PORK & BEANS, ETC.

(Cash donations are appreciated for the purchase of items needed.)



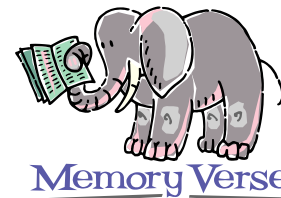
NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!

We publish two newsletters per month. The following Mondays are the **deadlines** for news you want in the upcoming newsletter:

September 27th / October 11th & 25th

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

If you would like to read the newsletter online, our Web Page is at www.fccemporio.org. Click on "News" and select the edition you'd like to read.



MEMORIZE THE WORD!

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

~ Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

GREAT AMERICAN MARKET REPORT!

We tried something new! Instead of taking all our "goods" downtown to sell, this year we decided to use the Great American Market event for publicity for our church. We offered delicious homemade cinnamon rolls and cookies for sale, along with pop and popcorn, all at modest prices. We also had tables and chairs set up so that folks could have a rest break while at our booth.



We'll still have our rummage sale this fall, so we'll still appreciate all your generous donations. We did make a modest amount of money (which will go to the capital fund). But, more importantly, we found another way to reach out to the community and, hopefully, welcome new people into our midst. Thanks to EVERYONE who helped make this event a success! — Cindy Lexow, Moderator



CALENDAR PAGE
SEE WEBSITE FOR
CALENDAR EVENTS!