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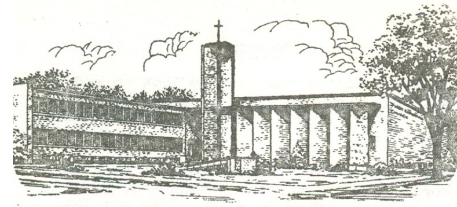
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Wednesdays, April 20 & 27, 2011
Lenten Study "24 Hours That Changed the World"



Sunday, April 24, 2011
Easter Brunch-Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 2, 2011
Next Newsletter Deadline!

Friday, May 6, 2011
DWF Friendship Breakfast

Monday, May 9, 2011
Life Line Screening—Parlor

Thursday, May 12, 2011
Learning Center Preschool Families Celebration



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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."





REFLECTIONS

Years ago, a member mentioned that is was good to come to church Sunday after Sunday to hear the same thing over and over. I knew what he meant (and it wasn't that my sermons were so good that he'd like them repeated each week!) We all need to hear the stories of our Faith frequently.

And this week we will hear the most amazing story once again, the story of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. It is a story that has been told countless times, a story we have heard for as long as we can remember, yet it still has the power to comfort, move and motivate people like no other story ever told. In fact, it is "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

In a day and time when everything has to be new—the latest and greatest, it is deeply significant that the ageless story of Jesus is one that never fails to inspire and transform.

A son had a father who owned a general store in a small town. For 45 years, the father walked the same two blocks from his home to the store. He would turn the same key in the same lock, serve mostly the same customers, live with the same wife, and, for 32 of those years, had the same pastor. Some might think this a dreary and dismal life. But after the father died, people began to tell the son how the father...had helped them through hard times...had never sent them a bill...had been a friend and confidant for as long as they could remember.

This week, we will relive the same story that has been told for over 2000 years. This Sunday we will again proclaim for all the world to hear and experience the most amazing and transforming story ever told "**Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.**" Mark 16:6-7

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty.

He never wrote a book; He never held an office; He never went to college; He never visited a big city; He never travelled more than two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things usually associated with greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only thirty three.

His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth.

When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today Jesus is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that have ever marched, All the navies that have ever sailed, All the parliaments that have ever sat, All the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of mankind on earth as powerfully as that One Solitary Life.

—Dr. James Allan, 1926

BLESSINGS,
Pastor Bob

HEALTH SCREENING COMING TO FCC

REMINDER: Life Line Screening will be at **First Christian Church, on Monday, May 9, 2011.** Call-888-653-6411, or visit www.lifelinescreening.com, to make your appointment now. Life Line Screening is the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings and offers tests for stroke prevention, vascular disease, and osteoporosis. Don't wait. Protect your health and your loved ones by getting screened.

**EASTER**

Easter is the oldest, and in a sense, the source of all the festivals of the Christian year. Older than Advent and Lent, it was called the Holy Fifty Days, a period of fifty days beginning with Easter and ending with Pentecost.

The word Easter is derived from the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess Eostre, whose festival occurred each year at the vernal equinox. The date of Easter may occur between March 22 and April 25, and is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Equinoxes are when night and day are equal due to the sun crossing the equator.

White is the liturgical color for Easter. White belongs to the nature of this season of life. Easter white seems to shine forth with a new brilliance. Its use when the spring sun is rising in the sky symbolizes Easter purity and joy and the new life in the risen Christ. The Easter lily is commonly accepted as the most stately and delicate of all flowers. The snowy whiteness, whether seen in the individual flower or in the sea of lilies surrounding the Easter alter, tells the Christian the full story of the Resurrection.



Every day is Easter—the church and its people worship and live not as searching but as having found. They have found the Risen One.

Taken from the book "The Christian Year"



IN NEED OF PRAYER

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

LOCAL REQUESTS

Nicholas Bacon, Marlene Bowman, Jedd Butler, Doris Douglas, Cheryl Dunning, Clyde Fillmore, Sandy Heller, Les & Lois Housley, Faye Kincaid & Helen Spencer (*friends of Mary Schaefer*), Daniel Kimberlin, Ramona Langley, Nancy Mayer (*Marjorie Jones' daughter*), Cameron Moore, Amanda Pocock (*friend of Sandy Wells, cancer*), Bernice Rider, J. Smith (*Iraq*), Micky Spyres, Don White, Leon Wildberger.

LENTEN STUDY

Pastor Bob will be leading this year's Lenten Study starting **Wednesdays, March 23-April 27, 2011**. He will lead us on a fantastic journey into "24 Hours That Changed the World." In the study, we will unpack Jesus' last days on earth and how they turn upside down the conventional ideas about good and evil, justice and history, life and death. The DVD-based study was filmed in the Holy Land and portrays the events from the Last Supper to Christ's victory over the grave.

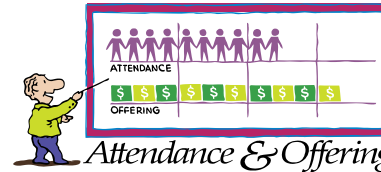
All of our Lenten Studies will begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by the presentation at 6:15 p.m. Don't miss this outstanding study that will increase your faith and encourage the abundant living Christ promises.

Note the extended meeting times to finish out the Lenten Study!

PORTABLE PLAYPENS



Have grandbabies coming to visit? Need a portable crib/playpen for sleeping or a just a safe place to lay the baby? The church now has two portable cribs/playpens for loan. Check with the church office to borrow either of the playpens.



ATTENDANCE RECORD

April 10, 2011
SS 26 / Worship 100
April 17, 2011
SS 28 / Worship 97

GIVING RECORD

April 10, 2011 ~ Offering - \$1,585.00 / Capital - \$228.00
April 17, 2011 ~ Offering - \$2,150.00 / Capital - \$318.00

JUST A REMINDER



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!

THE SECRET PLACE DEVOTIONALS!

There are only three **Spring 2011 (March, April, May)** copies left. They are available in the church office for \$1.00 per copy. Past editions are FREE and located on the window sill. Come and help yourself.



Spend Time
WITH GOD!

Easter Brunch

Come join us for our delicious Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall, Easter Morning from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Good food, good friends, good fellowship.

PASTOR'S HOURS and CONTACT INFO

M-W-TH 9-11 a.m.
& 2-4 p.m.
Fridays & Saturdays
are by appointment.
620-342-1582 (Church)
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944 Whittier-Emporia
E-Mail:
bobcolerick@yahoo.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MENTORING PROGRAM



Be a Mentor

There is a program within the church called the “Mentoring Program”. Some of you may be familiar with this great program, others may have never heard of it. Simply put, it is a program where a person who has some intent on becoming a Christian is matched up with a mature Christian and they embark on a 12-13 week journey together exploring the “ins” and “outs” of the Christian faith. As an example, most recently Brianna Becker was paired with Cindy Lexow as Mentor. At the end of this short journey the individual makes a choice, to give their life to Christ or not. No pressure from anybody. If it is a youth, sometimes they realize they are not ready, so they wait a few years and then make their decision. Generally speaking, this program is designed for youth, those around 12 years old, but by no means is it limited to youth. If there is an adult who has not made the great confession, they may not have the Christian background to make a wise decision, then they too are eligible for the mentoring program and the same rules apply, a mature Christian teamed up with a student.

This program is available year round depending on the participants schedule. Christian Education stands ready to assist any and all who might want to use this program. This serves only as a starting place on your spiritual journey. Would you start today?



Be an Influence

STEWARDSHIP



Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

Malachi 3:10

UPCOMING SERVING SCHEDULE

April 24, 2011

Candlelighter ~ Debbie Peck

Children's Message ~ Marie Harding

Diaconate ~ Carl Headrick*, Larry Breshears,
Jill McGrath, Larry Gamblian

Elder ~ Marlene Hanson

Greeters ~ (N) Carl & Rita Headrick

(S) Leota Moore & Joan Schumate

Nursery ~ Vicki Cole / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Jill McGrath

May 1, 2011

Candlelighter ~ Brianna Becker

Children's Message ~ Cindy Kuronya

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

Elder ~ Judy Moore

Greeters ~ (N) David & Carolyn Meierhoff

(S) Wanda Davis & Betty Wright

Nursery ~ Rita Headrick / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Jeanece Bacon

May 8, 2011

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Judy Moore

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

Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett

Greeters ~ (N) Glenn & Dorothy Boyce

(S) LeRoy & Karen Garnett

Nursery ~ Richard Becker / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

May 15, 2011

Candlelighter ~ Cindy Lexow

Children's Message ~ Jeff Cole

Diaconate ~ Janelle Norton*, Joan Shumate, Alan & Betty Richardson

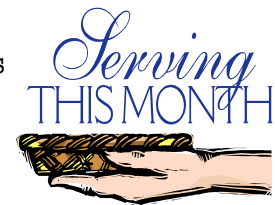
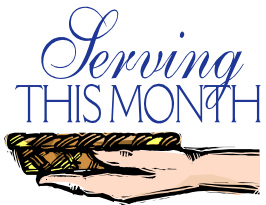
Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett

Greeters ~ (N) Robert & Janet Wells

(S) Joyce Cress & Barb Gimple

Nursery ~ Sarah Richardson / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Marie Harding



DWF / THANK YOU / RELAY FOR LIFE

DWF will host the Church Women United **May Friendship Breakfast** on **Friday, May 6, 2011**. The breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, with a program of worship immediately following. There will be a nominal

charge (\$4.00) for the breakfast. Please don't pass up this opportunity for fellowship with other churchwomen of Emporia. You are already acquainted with many of these women, and this is a chance to deepen friendships by uniting in Christian worship. Please call your reservation to 342-6963 or the church office, 342-1582, to help us plan for the breakfast.

Blessings, Jean Miller

THANK YOU

On behalf of my family, we would like to thank the members of the church who so graciously allowed us to celebrate Parker and Mikinzi's birthday's in Fellowship Hall. Both parties were a hit and were enjoyed by all.

Thank You,
Nikki Simmons

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay For Life of Lyon County wants to honor and celebrate cancer survivors and their caregivers. A meal will be held to recognize this special group on Friday, April 29, 2011, during the Relay For Life at the Flint Hills Mall. If you have had cancer or have cared for someone who has had cancer, please contact Shanna or Melinda at 620-342-1117 to get registered.



Relay For
Life

BIBLE READINGS / ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

THE Final WORD



This 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!*

April 24 2011

Sun ~ 2 Cor. 1-3
Mon ~ Ex. 13-16
Tue ~ 2 Sam 1-4
Wed ~ Ps. 48-50
Thu ~ Job 33-34
Fri ~ Jer. 22-26
Sat ~ Mark 13-14

May 1, 2011

Sun ~ 2 Cor. 4-5
Mon ~ Ex. 17-20
Tue ~ 2 Sam 5-9
Wed ~ Ps. 51-53
Thu ~ Job 35-36
Fri ~ Jer. 27-31
Sat ~ Mark 15-16



*Happy
Anniversary!*

**May
Anniversaries**

17 Jeffrey & Vicki Cole
24 Kurt & Sheila Steinkuhler



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**

May Birthdays

02 Brooke Douglas
02 Chris Parsons
02 Janet Wells
06 Bob Duncan
07 Joan Shumate
08 Michelle Harding
08 Jan Jones
10 Jay Schaefer
11 Shelley Findlay
11 Cindy Kuhn
15 Jami LeClear
15 Grant McClellan
16 Slay'tn Davis
17 William Calvert
18 Tracie Parsons
18 Gene Pruitt
19 Rob MacGregor
21 Bob Foster
23 Brandon Hopkins
25 Robert Hush

GEN. ASSEMBLY / CAMP TAWAKONI / SUMMER CAMP

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



(Disciples of Christ) will be held in Nashville, TN from Saturday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 13, 2011. See Bob for more information and make plans now to attend.



Help
Camp
Tawakoni

DISCIPLES CENTER AT TAWAKONI NEEDS

Want a fun and easy way to help out our church camp without attending? Camp Tawakoni is in need of supplies before summer. **Major needs are individually wrapped rolls of paper towels and rolls of toilet paper, trash bags, toilet bowl cleaner, dish cloths, plastic spoons, and paper plates.**

If you want to donate any of these items, leave them in the church office with a note they are for Tawakoni, and we will see that they get to camp.

Prefer to get your hands dirty? **Sign up for our last camp work day, on May 5-7, 2011.** You can volunteer for one, two or all three workdays. For more information go to www.kansasdisciples.org/opportunities.html or see the phone and e-mail information below.

This was also in the Kansas Mini-Messenger

Summer Camp Opportunities



Check out the flyer on the hall table or the one posted on the bulletin board for the various opportunities to attend summer camp at **Camp Tawakoni**. The theme this year is "Got Spirit?". There is a variety of camping experiences including a Wilderness Trail Camp, Eco-Camp (which is NEW this year), Camp Friendship, and even a Grand Camp for

grandparents and their grandchildren. Make plans now to attend one of the fun sessions.

They also could use help in preparing the camp for summer. The last volunteer session is Thursday-Saturday, May 5-7, 2011. Meals and lodging are provided but bring your own bedding. To sign up contact Vern Failor at 685-272-6102 or vfailor@att.net or Steve Martin at 800-737-8130 or smartin@kansasdisciples.org so they can plan projects, acquire materials and plan meals.

Come and share in a fun opportunity and meet other Christians as well!

CLOTHES CLOSET MAY BIRTHDAYS (con't) / OSGOOD FILES



The CLOTHES CLOSET

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!!

The Clothes Closet opened March 1, 2011 in the basement of the First Christian Church. They are open Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the first Saturday morning of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. There is a wide variety of quality clothing for all ages and sizes at very low, low affordable prices. It will pay to come check it out—you might find just what you were looking for. **Tell your friends and neighbors too!**

May Birthdays (con't)

- 26 Brittany McWilliams
- 26 Alexa Sunderman
- 27 Robert Wells
- 27 Joseph Wright
- 28 Larry Gamblian
- 28 Nathan LeClear
- 30 Sylvia Barb
- 31 Dennis Kelly



LISTEN AND YOU SHALL HEAR



Listen for the Charles Osgood Files on radio station KVOE. The Osgood Files are offered four different times per day at approximately 7:30 a.m., 9:25 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 5:20 p.m. There are four different sponsors and our church is one of them. Listen for Pastor Bob's thoughtful message.

GRADUATES ? / PANTRY NEEDS

Wanted: Names of graduates

Who in the church family is graduating in May, or graduated last December?

Please call the church office or e-mail with the following information:

- name of the graduate
- from where he or she is graduating
- if high school graduate, plans for post high school education
- if post high school graduate, the degree earned, and future plans



WHO ARE OUR GRADUATES?

It is the custom of the Christian Education Ministry to recognize graduates prior to worship on a Sunday in May. So, please let us know who's graduating so we don't miss anyone. **Call 342-1582, or send an e-mail to fccoffices@yahoo.com.**

Christian Education Ministry Team
Marie Harding & Vicki Cole, Co-Chair

PANTRY UPDATE!

As Spring begins, a special **Thank You** to our church family for being so generous in helping to supply the food pantry. There is a real need for this service and a way our church family can serve the community. In **April** so far we have served **8 people** with **10 bags** of food. Thank You—Dorothy Boyce and Vicki Cole.

The following items are needed for the pantry:

Cereals, Boxed	Popcorn, Microwave
Chicken/Tuna/Meats	Pork & Beans
Fruit, Canned	Ramen Noodles
Mac 'n Cheese	Rice & Beans, boxes/bags
Non-Perishable Foods	Soups, Can/Packets
Oatmeal Packets	Toilet Paper
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Vegetables, canned

For God so loved... He gave. Let's be givers too!

NEWSLETTER INFO / LIBRARY NEWS/ E-MAIL

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!

We publish two newsletters per month.

The following Mondays are the **deadlines** for news you want in the upcoming newsletter:

May 2, 2011, May 16, 2011, & May 31, 2011



NEWSLETTER ON LINE

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



LIBRARY NEWS

We have the following new books—

Baby makes a Match (large print) by Arlene James from Karen Garnett; The Journey by Wanda E. Brunstetter and The Judgement by Beverly Lewis, both from Library Friends; Indiana Cousins by Wanda Brunstetter, Ozark Wedding by Anita Hegman, Wyoming Christmas Heroes by Jeanie Smith Cask, and Mountaineer Dreams by Lauralee Bliss all given by Jeanice Miller. We have Hidden in Shadows (a suspense story) by Hope White from Marie Harding.

We have received a copy of the Christian History Magazine 100th issue. It is about the King James Version celebrating the 400th year. This magazine has been out of production but is coming back. We will use DWF funds to subscribe to this magazine.



NEW CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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

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

To e-mail Susan, the Church Secretary, write to: fccoffices@yahoo.com

To e-mail Suzanne, our Preschool Director, write to: fcclcp@yahoo.com



April 2011 - May 2011

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