

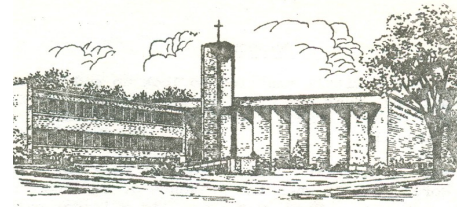
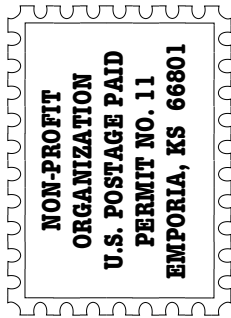
**First Christian Church**  
202 East 12th Avenue / Emporia, KS 66801  
(620) 342-1582 (Church Office)  
(620) 342-8585 (Prayer Line)  
Web Page: [www.fccemporia.org](http://www.fccemporia.org)

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

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday thru  
Friday  
8 a.m. to Noon



# Christian Church News

## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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**Wednesdays, through April 20, 2011**

Lenten Study "24 Hours That Changed the World"

**Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

DWF Meeting—Parlor

**Sunday, April 17, 2011**

**Annual Congregational Meeting after church**

**Monday, April 18, 2011**

Next Newsletter Deadline!

**Sunday, April 24, 2011**

Easter Brunch-Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, May 12, 2011**

Learning Center Preschool Families—HOLD THE DATE



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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

A small group of us returned from the Northeast District Assembly on Sunday, April 3, 2011, held at the First Christian Church, Leavenworth . On the long, storm-hail-wind-rain delayed trip home, ably guided by LeRoy Garnett, we had plenty of time to mull over the Assembly—what we had done and experienced.

We received a warm welcome from the members of the FCC, Leavenworth , where we were greeted along with about 65 other participants with warm smiles, handshakes, hugs and music. There was the inevitable business meeting where we affirmed and installed new officers and then the Assembly was turned over to Rev. Bill Rose-Heim, Associate Regional Minister of the Mid-America Region of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

Bill was asked to lead our thinking and planning because he is passionate about the Church and its outreach mission and because he is an able and talented presenter—and we were not disappointed.

Bill reminded us that as Christians, we have a story to tell and our story, of who and how we were before and after we met Jesus Christ, is a story others need

to hear. He reminded us that our focus on those who are not now close to God needs to be renewed and strengthen. And then, Bill urged us to consider how we might “gain access” to those who need to hear our story and THE story.

He asked us to consider the many ways Jesus was working in our respective communities and then to explore some ways we can help in those areas and to search for ways we might expand Jesus’ work right in our own areas.

Bill asked us to consider the fact that after the Katrina Hurricane that devastated New Orleans , those churches that were involved in the community survived are now growing. Those churches that were not heavily involved in the life of their community are now dying or gone. He observed that “designer” churches that try to offer all things to all people usually fall short in their depth. He urged us to consider where we can carve out a niche and serve in special and unique ways.

The Assembly closed with worship and a meal. On the long road home we all agreed it was good to have been there and to experience the vibrancy of our churches in Northeast Kansas .

**BLESSINGS,**  
Pastor Bob

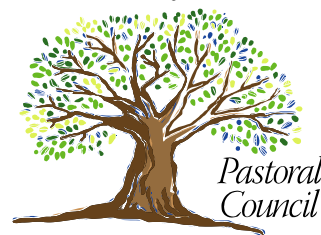
**HEALTH SCREENING COMING TO FCC**

**Do your legs ache after walking a short distance?** If so, you may want to consider being screened for peripheral arterial disease (PAD), a condition in which the arteries that carry blood to the arms or legs become narrowed or clogged by plaque, slowing or stopping the flow of blood. Get screened on **Monday, May 9, 2011** when Life Line Screening comes to First Christian Church and offers this and other important health tests. **Call 1-888-653-6411**, or visit **www.lifelinescreening.com**, for more information and to pre-register.

**PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE!!!**

A church’s Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) is, in a nutshell, a small group of persons who provide support for the pastor **and** provide a regular channel of communication between the pastor and the congregation. It is important for the health and ministry of a local church that there be an open, affirmative and creative relationship between pastor and congregation. A good PRC provides feedback and sharing, and contributes to the overall ministry of the church. You are invited to get to know our church’s PRC and to share with the Committee any matters of concern or interest you may have.

Our church’s PRC for 2011 is...  
Joyce Cress ~ 342-0341  
Bonnie Denson ~ 342-5380  
Larry Gamblian ~342-6133  
Nancy LeClear ~ 342-1962  
David Meierhoff ~342-2197





## 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 20, 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.

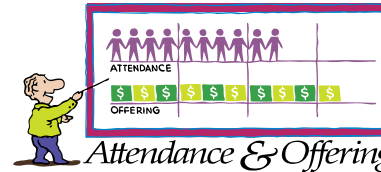
All of our Lenten Studies will begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by the presentation at 6:15 p.m. Don't miss this outstanding study that will increase your faith and encourage the abundant living Christ promises.



## 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

March 27, 2011  
SS -36 / Worship -79  
April 3, 2011  
SS -29 / Worship -103

## GIVING RECORD

March 27, 2011 ~ Offering - \$2,672.00 / Capital - \$553.00  
April 3, 2011 ~ Offering - \$3,934.00 / Capital - \$1,163.00

## 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!

The **Spring 2011 (March, April, May) copies are here.** They are available in the church office for \$1.00 per copy, with only three left.

Past editions are FREE and located on the window sill. There are still a dozen of those left. Come and help yourself.



## 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 and 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)  
620-757-6298 (Cell)  
944 Whittier-Emporia

E-Mail:  
[bobcolerick@yahoo.com](mailto:bobcolerick@yahoo.com)

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The annual meeting of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Emporia, will be held on **Sunday, April 17, 2011**, at approximately noon, (immediately following worship), in the sanctuary. The Board has approved a budget to be presented, which is fully underwritten. Copies of the budget will be made available on Sundays between now and the Congregational Meeting. (If you would like to have a copy mailed to you, please contact Susan at the church office (342-1582) and ask her to send it to you.)

In addition to approving the budget for next year, the Congregation will also be asked to approve the proposed slate of officers. Our Nominating Committee has presented, and the Board has approved, the following individuals for the proposed offices listed below:

Trustee, 3-year term: Karen Garnett  
 Elders, 3-year terms: Marie Harding,  
 LeRoy Garnett and Jaylene Arnett  
 Elder, 2-year term: Robert Wells  
 Elder, 1-year term: Kathy Harris  
 Deacon, 3-year terms: David Harris, Bonnie Denson, Joe Denson,  
 Richard Becker, Joyce Cress, Carol Rhoades,  
 Tim Norton, Emily Lauxman and Debbie Peck  
 Stewardship, co-chairs: Betty Richardson and Marie Harding  
 Christian Education, co-chairs: LeRoy Garnett and John Lexow

(All other officers and committee chairs will remain the same for the upcoming church year.)

We are blessed to have such a strong, active congregation. Please continue to bless our church by giving the budget and this proposed slate of officers your prayerful consideration. Your attendance and vote at the Congregational meeting is also needed. God Bless! ---

Cindy Lexow, Moderator

## UPCOMING SERVING SCHEDULE

### **April 10, 2011**

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Kathy Harris

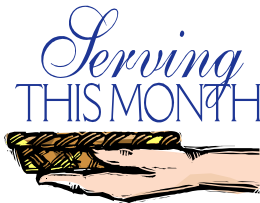
Diaconate ~ Janelle Norton\*, Joan Shumate, Alan & Betty Richardson

Elder ~ Judy Moore

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

Nursery ~ Cindy Lexow / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Judy Moore



### **April 17, 2011**

Candlelighter ~ Jill McGrath

Children's Message ~ Barb Gimple

Diaconate ~ Richard Becker\*, Jeff & Vicki Cole, Jeanice Miller

Elder ~ John Lexow

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

Nursery ~ Judy Moore / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ LeRoy Garnett

### **April 24, 2011**

Candlelighter ~ Debbie Peck

Children's Message ~ Marie Harding

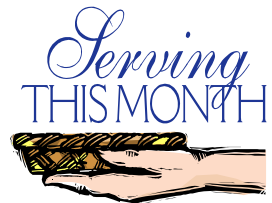
Diaconate ~ Carl Headrick\*, Larry Breshears,  
 Jill McGrath, Larry Gamblian

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 ~ Fred Miller

Greeters ~ (N) David & Carolyn Meierhoff  
 (S) Wanda Davis & Betty Wright

Nursery ~ Rita Headrick / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Jeanece Bacon

## DWF / GOLDEN BALL / RELAY FOR LIFE

We hope you are all planning to attend the salad luncheon for our DWF April meeting. **Remember-it will be in the church parlor at 12:00 noon on April 13.** Bring your favorite salad to share. Table service, bread or crackers, and beverage will be provided. Also, please bring your Easter offering and Blessing Boxes to this meeting. We look forward to sharing a meal together, followed by our regular meeting. NOTE: If you would like to attend, but find it difficult to prepare and transport a salad, please come anyway! We are sure to have enough for everyone, and do not wish to exclude anyone.

Looking forward a bit-we will host the Church Women United May Friendship Breakfast on Friday, May 6. The breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, with a program of worship immediately following. There will be a nominal charge 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 to help us plan for the breakfast.

Blessings, Jean Miller

### ATTEND THE GOLDEN BALL



Golden Ball

Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 7-9 p.m. at the recently renovated ESU Memorial Union, the ESU student athletes will host The Golden Ball (for age 55 and over). Whether you dance or not, come enjoy live 50's and 60's music by *The Fabulous Torque's*. Call L-CAT for free transportation or if you drive, valet parking provided by the Lion's Club. See you there!

### 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 10, 2011

Sun ~ 1 Cor. 13-14  
 Mon ~ Ex. 5-8  
 Tue ~ 1 Sam 21-25  
 Wed ~ Ps. 42-44  
 Thu ~ Job 29-30  
 Fri ~ Jer. 12-16  
 Sat ~ Mark 9-10

### April 17, 2011

Sun ~ 1 Cor. 15-16  
 Mon ~ Ex. 9-12  
 Tue ~ 1 Sam 26-31  
 Wed ~ Ps. 45-47  
 Thu ~ Job 31-32  
 Fri ~ Jer. 17-21  
 Sat ~ Mark 11-12



*Happy Anniversary!*

### April Anniversaries

02	Dean & Fran Grisell (1950)
04	Walter & Wilma Spencer (1992)
08	Jon & Laura Breshears (2000)
14	Robert & Luella Hush (1957)
23	Neil & Virginia Kelley (1950)
26	Lucas & Brittany McWilliams
29	Richard & Joyce Kellison (1951)



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

### April Birthdays

04	Dana Sunderman
05	Merle Baxter
07	Briana Becker
07	Jan Stevenson
08	Debbie Davis
08	Duane Robinson
08	Desstaini Russell
12	Dale Rohling
16	Betty Tholen
20	Diana Schaefer
21	Mark Schaefer
22	Joyce Cress
22	Penny Fleming

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## 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.

Make plans now to attend.



Help  
Camp  
Tawakoni

### DISCIPLES CENTER AT TAWAKONI NEEDS

The convection oven in the kitchen has been patched together, it does not cook evenly, and it needs to be replaced before summer. Estimated cost for a double convection oven is \$6300; we are looking for a used one at half this cost. Many churches buy major kitchen equipment with memorial funds. Would your congregation, men's or

women's group, SS class, etc., contribute to the purchase through memorial funds or fundraising? Please prayerfully consider taking on this mission.

Camp is also in need of supplies to stock up before summer. The major needs are individually wrapped paper towels and toilet paper rolls, trash bags, toilet cleaner, dish cloths, plastic spoons, and paper plates.

Prefer to get your hands dirty? Sign up for a camp work day, March 31-April 2 and May 5-7, 2011. For more information go to [www.kansasdisciples.org/opportunities.html](http://www.kansasdisciples.org/opportunities.html)

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. Volunteers are needed March 31-April 2, 2011 and 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](mailto:vfailor@att.net) or Steve Martin at 800-737-8130 or [smartin@kansasdisciples.org](mailto:smartin@kansasdisciples.org) so they can plan projects, acquire materials and plan meals. Come and share in a fun opportunity.

## CLOTHES CLOSET APRIL 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!**

### April Birthdays (con't)

24	LeRoy Garnett	26	Orville Brooks
24	Gale Kelley	28	Opal Sager
24	Bill McClellan	29	Wilma Lindsey
24	Betty Richardson	30	Gail Coburn
25	Andy Kuhn	30	Wanda Davis
25	Mark Shumate		



### 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 **March** we served **32 people** with **22 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/ LCP Families E-MAIL

### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!**

We publish two newsletters per month.

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

**April 18, 2011 & May 2, 2011**



### **NEWSLETTER ON LINE**

If you would like to read the newsletter online, our Web Page is at [www.fccemporiam.org](http://www.fccemporiam.org).

Click on "News" and select the one you'd like to read.



### **LIBRARY NEWS**

April 10-16, 2011 is National Library Week. We appreciate our FCC Library with over 5,000 copies on the shelves. We especially appreciate the volunteers who so willingly give of their time to shelve and keep our library functioning. Stop by, thank a library worker, and check out a good book.



### **LCP FAMILIES—HOLD THE DATE—MAY 12, 2011**

The Learning Center Preschool—Keep Thursday evening, May 12, 2011 open from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for dinner and a fun filled family evening. More to come later!



### **NEW CHURCH E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

To e-mail Pastor Bob, our Senior Minister, write to: [bobcolerick@yahoo.com](mailto:bobcolerick@yahoo.com)

To e-mail Robert, our financial secretary, write to: [fccfinancials@yahoo.com](mailto:fccfinancials@yahoo.com)

To e-mail Susan, the Church Secretary, write to: [fccoffices@yahoo.com](mailto:fccoffices@yahoo.com)

To e-mail Suzanne, our Preschool Director, write to: [fcclcp@yahoo.com](mailto:fcclcp@yahoo.com)



# April 2011 - May 2011

April 2011							May 2011						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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