

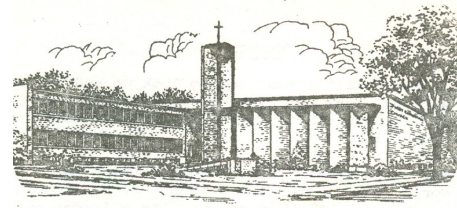
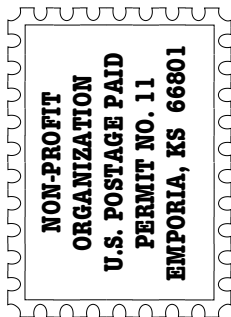
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202 East 12th Avenue / Emporia, KS 66801
(620) 342-1582 (Church Office)
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Web Page: www.fccemporia.org

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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



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Saturday, February 26, 2011

Women's Retreat

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Pastor Dawn Weaks, Speaker
Assoc. Pastor, Raytown Christian Church

Sunday, March 6, 2011

Consecration Sunday

Monday, March 7, 2011

Next Newsletter Deadline!

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Ash Wednesday Service

Through-March 5, 2011

Week of Compassion

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Making of the Bible

Wednesdays, March 23-April 20, 2011

Lenten Study "24 Hours That Changed the World"

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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."





It was my joy to share with you last Sunday my feelings about how we can make a difference in our world. I truly believe that it is our duty, our calling, to do our best to make this world a better place. We may not be able to do the great things, the big and highly visible works that others do, but we can always do what we can. We can always do our best.

A few weeks ago, most of my family was in town for a short visit. As usual, most of what we did centered around what the grandchildren wanted to do and what would be fun for them. They all love to go roller-skating, so we did.

The outing brought back a lot of memories for me when, as a child, I would go roller-skating. I was never a good skater, and I'm a lot worse now, but I still love to roller-skate. As I walked in the rink, the memories flooded my mind—the

sounds, the sights, the smells—the falling and falling and falling again.

My mother and father couldn't skate very well, either, but that didn't stop them from trying, and I remember to this day their encouragement, their smiles and the time they spent with me—all simple things, yet simple things that made a difference in my life.

What are you doing today that will make a difference? Scripture urges us to pursue godliness, holiness, gentleness and other good actions that result in a life well-lived. In your mind what you do may seem small and insignificant, but can be very big in the eyes of others.

Robin White Goode wrote this little prayer: "Father, help me to pass on to others what I know. We'll both be enriched, and I think You'll be pleased, too." That's a good prayer for all us.

Blessings,
Pastor Bob



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Our annual Ash Wednesday Service will be held on March 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Season of Lent which is 40 days before Easter. During the Service we will impose the ashes and look at what Lent means to the Christian today. Ashes serve to remind us of our mortality and humanity and symbolize our repentance, sorrow and humility. Don't miss this meaningful service.



THE SECRET PLACE DEVOTIONALS!

The **Spring 2011 (March, April, May) copies have just arrived!** They are available in the church office for \$1.00 per copy.

Past editions are FREE and located on the window sill.



HEALTH SCREENING COMING TO FCC
First Christian Church will host health screenings that could save your life! We are pleased to be offering a preventive health screening in collaboration with Life Line Screening. The screenings will be offered on Monday, May 9, 2011 at FCC, 202 E. 12th Ave., in the parlor and can test for stroke risk, vascular disease, and bone density. Call **1-888-653-6441**, or visit **www.lifelinescreening.com**, for more information and to pre-register.

~~ Mark your calendar for this Special Event ~~

AUTHOR AND NOTED SPEAKER COMING TO FCC

Our church is fortunate and please to welcome **Rev. Dawn Weaks, Co-Pastor of the Raytown Christian Church**. Rev. Weaks is a published author and well-known leader in evangelism and creative ways to share our faith. She will be speaking and leading a seminar on faith-sharing on **Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.** A supper will be served before the program. Rev. Weaks is a frequent keynoter and is especially talented in helping Christians live out God's calling in their lives.

WEEK OF COMPASSION--FEBRUARY 20- MARCH 5, 2011



WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING – SHARING BRINGS JOY!

The special outreach offering for Week of Compassion is fast approaching. Our congregation will receive this offering on February 20 and 27. The Week of Compassion theme for the next three years is "Sharing Brings Joy". I strongly feel this is not just a saying, but an actual feeling among the members of our church. I was just thinking of the amazing response just a year ago when we were challenged to make a special offering for earthquake relief in Haiti. Natural disasters continue to occur worldwide, and Week of Compassion is consistently among the first to respond to the needs of people affected by earthquake, hurricane, tornado, flood, or ice storm. Please pray for the continued efforts of the Week of Compassion staff as we prepare to support them in their worldwide efforts to relieve suffering.

Jean Miller, for the Outreach Ministry



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, Doris Douglas, Cheryl Dunning, Clyde Fillmore, Les & Lois Housley, Faye Kincaid & Helen Spencer (*friends of Mary Schaefer*), Daniel Kimberlin, Matt & Wendy Booker, Ramona Langley, Amanda Pocock (*friend of Sandy Wells, cancer*), Bernice Rider, J. Smith (*Iraq*), Micky Spyles, Don White, Leon Wildberger.

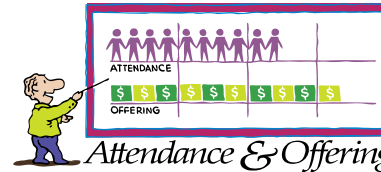
LENTEN STUDY

Pastor Bob will be leading this year's Lenten Study on Wednesdays in March and April. This year's study will begin with a DVD presentation of "KJV: The Making of the King James Bible." 2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. In the video, the fascinating story of how the King James Bible came to be is presented along with what it means to you and me today. This **one-night-only** study, **March 16, 2011**, will give those who participate a renewed appreciation for the sacred scriptures and their place in our homes and churches.



Starting Wednesdays, March 23-April 20, 2011, Pastor Bob 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 followed by the presentation. Don't miss these two outstanding studies that will increase your faith and encourage the abundant living Christ promises.



ATTENDANCE RECORD

February 13, 2011
SS- 30 / Worship - 84
February 20, 2011
SS- 28 / Worship - 95

GIVING RECORD

February 13, 2011 ~ Offering - \$2,420.00 / Capital - \$590.00
February 20, 2011 ~ Offering - \$2,260.88 / Capital - \$70.50
February 20, 2011 Week of Compassion Offering ~ \$30.00

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!



NEW Secretary Hours!
Monday thru Friday
8:00 a.m. to Noon

Stop in and meet Susan



March 13, 2011
Daylight Savings Time Begins

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

THE POWER OF COMMITMENT



The Stewardship Campaign to underwrite the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget for First Christian Church began Sunday, February 13, and will conclude March 6, 2011. This year we recognize **YOUR** past commitment to God's Work at First Christian Church. **Thank you!**

Commitment means putting God first in our lives, and, as we please God in this way, we accept His authority over our wills, our desires and our wants.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please pray, asking God's guidance. Some Life Changing Truths from Brian Kluth that may help you :

Realize that God is the Owner of everything you will ever have. (Psalm 50:10, 11)

Realize that every good thing you have came from God. (James 1:17)

Realize that you are a trustee, manager and steward of 100% of what God entrusts to you during your lifetime. (Genesis 2:15)

Realize that it is God who provides for you and prospers you so that you can share it with others. (Proverbs 10:16)

Realize God sees the size of your gifts. (Mark 12:41-44)

Realize that you should not become prideful or arrogant about what God has entrusted to you. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

Realize you are always to give in proportion to how much God has blessed you materially. (Ezra 2:69)

Realize that God has good works for you to do during your lifetime on earth. (Ephesians 2:10)

Realize that you should not trust in your riches, but trust in God. (I Timothy 6:17)

Realize that you will need to actively set up practical ways to ensure that you give 10% or more of your resources to God's work. (I Corinthians 16:2)

Please return your pledge card by Sunday, March 6.

Don't forget: Sunday, March 6 – Consecration Sunday, at which time all pledges will be dedicated. Following the worship service, a fellowship potluck meal will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Stewardship Ministry Team
Donna Breshears, Stewardship Chair

FEBRUARY 27, 2011

Candlelighter ~ Karen Garnett

Children's Message ~ Donna Breshears

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

Elder ~ John Lexow

Greeters ~ (N) David & Carolyn Meierhoff

(S) Wanda Davis & Betty Wright

Nursery ~ Richard Becker / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Vicky Allen

MARCH 6, 2011

Candlelighter ~ Judy Moore

Children's Message ~ Marlene Hanson

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

Elder ~ Marlene Hanson

Greeters ~ (N) Glenn & Dorothy Boyce

(S) LeRoy & Karen Garnett

Nursery ~ Sarah Richardson / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Robert Wells

MARCH 13, 2011

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Sandy Heller

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

Elder ~ Fred Miller

Greeters ~ (N) Robert & Janet Wells

(S) Joyce Cress & Barb Gimple

Nursery ~ John Lexow / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Cindy Lexow

MARCH 20, 2011

Candlelighter ~ Brianna Becker

Children's Message ~ Vicky Allen

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

Elder ~ Cameron Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Larry & Glenna Gamblian

(S) Marlene Hanson & Mary Morriss

Nursery ~ Cindy Lexow / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Marlene Hanson



NEW CHURCH IN A NEW DECADE

A decade ago, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) launched as one of its key priorities to plant 1,000 new congregations by the year 2020. With nearly 700 new congregations started since 2001, we're well on our way. But, the Great Commission does not have a number or end date. New Church Ministry's vision statement reminds us that we are called "...to ignite the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in all expressions as individuals, regions and general ministries, to become passionately involved in birthing, nurturing, engaging and encouraging sustainable new churches in as many ways as possible." This call is ongoing. It is also good to remember that starting something new doesn't necessarily mean starting from scratch. Congregations of all ages are ever adapting and renewing themselves to serve new people in the community. In this sense, every church is a new church. We hope that 2011, the beginning of a new decade, will be a time of recommitment for you to the new church movement and that you will join others in finding new ways to support and do new things for the sake of God's mission in the Ministry world.

Blessings, New Church Ministry

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

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!

February 27

Sun ~ 1 Cor. 1-2

Mon ~ Gen. 32-35

Tue ~ Judg 17-21

Wed ~ Ps. 24-26

Thu ~ Job 17-18

Fri ~ Isa. 46-46

Sat ~ Matt. 23-25

March 6

Sun ~ 1 Cor. 3-4

Mon ~ Gen. 36-39

Tue ~ Ruth

Wed ~ Ps. 27-29

Thu ~ Job 19-20

Fri ~ Isa. 51-55

Sat ~ Matt. 26-28



Happy Anniversary!

March Anniversaries

03	Bill & Carol Hopkins (1973)
18	George & Ruth Ford
22	Glenn & Dorothy Boyce



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**

March Birthdays

02	Glenna Gamblian
02	Rosemary Robinson
02	Parker Simmons
04	Keith Douglas
06	Breann Frevert Johnson
06	Tina McCurdy
07	Alta Burd
07	Reagan McClellan
08	Lindsay Ewy
08	Dianna Lewis
11	Robert Chatham
11	Imegene Marsh (1922)
17	Betty Lyons
17	Elizabeth Willard
20	Bertha Kelly
20	Emily Lauxman
20	Gary McCurdy

GEN. ASSEMBLY / EVANGELISM

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



(Disciples of Christ) will be held in Nashville, TN from Saturday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 13, 2011. Register early and save \$50! Make plans now to attend, you'll be glad you did!

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Our Church is to be sold!

Yes, our church is to be sold! No, we are not about to lose our building through foreclosure or repudiated debt. However, our church must be sold to the city and county. It has been planted to wield an influence beyond its membership and walls. Thus, we are presented with an enormous challenge.

Our church must be sold to the unchurched! There are scores of people in our community who would attend our church and join us in the Lord's service if we would bother to sell our church to them.

How much is our church worth to you?
How much do you value its ministry?

How much do you value the Christ it proclaims? As a member of this church, you are selling your church to others everyday. Are you selling it short? Has it helped you to the extent that you're willing to sell it to others? Will you be enthusiastic in talking about your church? Will you share your church with others who have no idea what they're missing? Take our church seriously and talk to people about what our church has to offer them.



Church to be SOLD!

WOMEN'S EVENT / MARCH BIRTHDAYS (con't) / OSGOOD FILES

Women Equipping Women with Lisa Hughes

Saturday, February 26, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Flint Hills Christian Church

1836 East US Highway 50

Emporia, KS 66801



March Birthdays (con't)

- 21 Nikki Simmons
- 21 McKinzie Simmons
- 23 Virginia Crouch
- 23 Marjorie Jones
- 26 Emily Lowe
- 28 Don Lill
- 29 Dorothy Matile
- 29 Craig Richardson
- 31 Randy Kelley
- 31 Mary Volland

LISTEN AND YOU SHALL HEAR

Listen for the Charles Osgood Files on radio station KVOE now being sponsored by our church.





**Sunday, March 6 is
CONSECRATION SUNDAY.**

All pledges to the Stewardship Campaign will be dedicated for the Lord's Ministry at First Christian Church during the morning worship service.

Following the worship service, everyone is invited to a **POT LUCK LUNCH** in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own table service **and** a meat and salad, vegetable **OR** dessert dishes to share with others.



PANTRY UPDATE!

As the year begins, the work still continues to bless those in our community who are hungry. So far in February we have served only 3 people with 3 bags of food (but there is still some month to go). Your continued support is greatly appreciated and helps us to help others. Bring your donations (in food or cash) to the church so we may continue this vital community ministry! If you have questions, contact Dorothy Boyce or Vicki Cole.

The following items are needed for the pantry:

Cereals, Boxed
Chicken/Tuna/Meats
Fruit, Canned
Mac 'n Cheese
Non-Perishable Foods

Popcorn, Microwave
Pork & Beans
Ramen Noodles
Rice & Beans, boxes/bags
Soups, Can/Packets



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!

We publish two newsletters per month. The following Mondays are the **deadlines** for news you want in the upcoming newsletter:
March 7th & March 21



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 one you'd like to read.



LIBRARY NEWS

We have the following new books—
Heart of the Lion by Gilbert Morris, given by Mary Schaefer. This is the first of a series.
What is God Like? By Bethany Fouth Books, given by Norma Leonard.
The Lost Valentine by James Michael Pratt, given by Jeanice Miller. This story was a recent Hallmark special on TV.
Portraits of the Past by Rebecca Kelly and *Rosemary for Remembrance* by Sunni Jeffers, both given by Cindy Lexow.



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



March 2011

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