

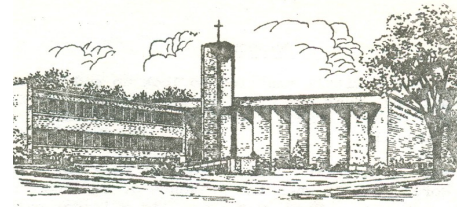
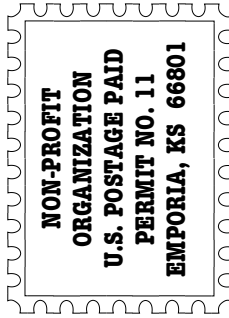
First Christian Church
202 East 12th Avenue / Emporia, KS 66801
(620) 342-1582 (Church Office)
(620) 342-8585 (Prayer Line)
Web Page: www.fccemporia.org

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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UPcoming EVENTS

Saturday, February 12, 2011
Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast

Monday, February 21, 2011
Next Newsletter Deadline!

Wednesday, March 2, 2011
Pastor Dawn Weaks, Speaker
Associate Pastor
Raytown Christian Church

NEW PRAYER LINE!
Our new prayer line is up and running!
If you have a prayer request you can
contact the church by calling
620-342-8585 or sending an e-mail to
wewillpray4you@yahoo.com



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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

As I write this installment of *Reflections* I know that the big game, Super Bowl XLV, will have already been played. There will be a new champion of football. One team will rejoice with cute little dances (that is, as cute as 300 lb. linemen can be) and there will be high-fives all around. Some coach will receive a “baptism” of Gatorade and the players will look forward to the Super Bowl Ring, the paycheck and the ticker-tape parade.

We normally think of professional athletes as competing because it is their calling. They play football, we think, because of the game, not the paycheck or the fame. To me, no paycheck would be worth the pain and ache that one’s body endures during the years of professional football. Knees, heads, hamstrings, muscles and shoulders take a beating over the years to the point that one truly would have to love the game to put up with it. It’s no wonder that the players, especially the top players, the running backs, quarterbacks and receivers, all want to be champions. Sometimes, the best players leave teams just so they can go “big time” and increase their chances of winning the “big one.” Sometimes these players feel they have to change teams in order to become a champion. I can understand that although I don’t always see or agree with the reasoning.

I’m glad that we don’t feel like that in our church. Every day I see humble and devoted members doing the work, actually, the ministry of this, their church, contributing in ways big and small, committed 100% to the work of their church in their community, and I thank God for them.

Just as the Super Bowl is a competition, so we compete in life. We run the race of life, not for a paycheck but for the glory of God. We endure the pain of servanthood so that we might draw close to the Source of all life and the Creator of all things. We endure because God calls us to a life of love because that is who God is. We labor in gratitude to a God of grace.

We read in the Book of Hebrews, chapter 12, verses 1-3 that we *...run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.* (NIV)

And the best part is, God’s team, made up of faithful servants like the members and friends of this church, is the winning team! I love Jesus’ words in Matthew 11:28

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will...make you champions! Welcome to the winner’s circle.

**BLESSINGS,
PASTOR BOB**

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!



Spend Time
WITH GOD!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 157



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Boy Scout Troop 157 will be having their annual pancake feed fundraiser in fellowship hall on Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 6:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.. For only \$5.00 you can have sausage, coffee or milk plus all the pancakes you can eat! Extra sausage is 25 cents or 3 for 50 cents and extra milk is 50 cents. Kids under 5 eat for free.

Eat breakfast out and support our Scouts!



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.

LOCAL REQUESTS

Nicholas Bacon, Marlene Bowman, Bob Coburn, Doris Douglas, Cheryl Dunning, Clyde Fillmore, Les & Lois Housley, Faye Kincaid & Helen Spencer (*friends of Mary Schaeffer*), Daniel Kimberlin, Arlene Kramer (*bone cancer, friend of Headricks*), Ramona Langley, Amanda Pocock (*friend of Sandy Wells, cancer*), Bernice Rider, J. Smith (*Iraq*), Micky Spyres, Don White, Leon Wildberger.

PRAYER CHAIN

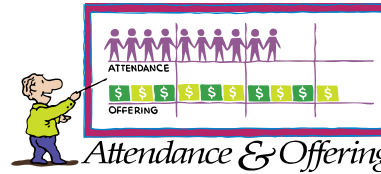
If you'd like to be added as a person who will pray on the DWF prayer chain & be notified when people need prayer OR if you have a prayer need for yourself or anyone else, please contact Jeanice Miller @ 343-9592 or Luella Hush @ 342-2493.



NEW PRAYER LINE!

Our new prayer line is now available! If you have a prayer request please call 342-8585 and leave a message or e-mail us at: wewillpray4you@yahoo.com

TELL A FRIEND!!



ATTENDANCE RECORD

January 31, 2011
SS- 24 / Worship - 94
February 6, 2011
SS- 33 / Worship - 97

GIVING RECORD

January 30, 2010 ~ Offering - \$2,569.50 / Capital - \$768.00
February 6, 2011 ~ Offering - \$3,008.00 / Capital - \$653.00

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



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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE**

The 2011 Church Directories are now available! We will be distributing them on Sunday mornings or if you drop by the church office during the week, you can pick one up also.

Additions/or corrections to the new directory are as follows:

- Pg. 2- Remove Penny Boese-passed away 1/31/11
- Pg. 5 Danielle Dougherty-e-mail s/b ddoughel@emporia.edu
- Pg. 15 Katie Moeller, 801 N. Towers, 1200 Commercial St., Emporia, KS 66801
- Pg. 16 Remove Mary Phipps-passed away 1/25/11

Please let Judy and/or the church office know of additional changes or corrections.

Many Thanks

**THANK YOU JUDY**

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to Judy Moore for her hard work in compiling and **continuing to update** the 2011 Church Directory.

FEBRUARY 13, 2011

Candlelighter ~ Brianna Becker

Children's Message ~ LeRoy Garnett

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

Elder ~ Donna Breshears

Greeters ~ (N) Joe & Bonnie Denson

(S) Alberta Brinkman & Norma Leonard

Nursery ~ Vicki Cole / Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Cameron Moore

FEBRUARY 20, 2011

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Bob Colerick

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

Elder ~ Cameron Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Carl & Rita Headrick

(S) Leta Moore & Joan Shumate

Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons/ Organist ~ Sandy Heller

Worship Leader ~ Donna Breshears

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 ~ Cindy Lexow





Once in a while a church leader has to come before the congregation and say, "I made a mistake, and ask for pardon and forgiveness." As chair of the elders, that is what I need to do now. As a way of explaining my mistake, I need to provide a little history. As you know, the church membership is divided into care groups, with an elder assigned to each group. For a couple of years we had nine elders on the board of elders. For the church year of 2010-11 we have seven elders. It was decided in the elders meeting that we would not break the extra two groups down and reassign them to the remaining seven groups. It is our hope that the 2011-12 elder board will be back up to nine elders. With that in mind, all the elders were to be mindful of the persons on the two unassigned list. The chair of the elders was given the responsibility of overseeing the two extra lists and make assignments as needed. You will note that the new church directory will list in the elder care part a name of your elder, except for those on the two extra lists. It will say "No elder assigned," which on the face seems rather harsh, as if we, the elders, didn't care, or that the church is saying you don't matter. The truth of the matter is, you are most important, we do care. I would like to think of it like this, most of the care lists just have one elder assigned. Those of you on the two extra lists have seven elders to minister to your needs. You, members of the unassigned list, have the freedom to call upon any of the elders to minister to you. All members of the congregation have that privilege also. Even though you have an elder assigned, you have the right to call any one of the elders to help in whatever matter you need help with. My mistake was, I should have let you, the congregation, know how we were organized this year. If you have been hurt, or if you feel neglected, I ask for your forgiveness. The elders of this church are here to serve you, and we take that responsibility seriously. Please feel free to call upon us for your spiritual needs.

Respectfully,

LeRoy Garnett
Chair of Elders

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 13

Sun ~ Rom. 13-14
Mon ~ Gen. 24-27
Tue ~ Judg 7-11
Wed ~ Ps. 18-20
Thu ~ Job 13-14
Fri ~ Isa. 34-39
Sat ~ Matt. 17-19

February 20

Sun ~ Rom. 15-16
Mon ~ Gen. 28-31
Tue ~ Judg. 12-16
Wed ~ Ps. 21-23
Thu ~ Job 15-16
Fri ~ Isa. 40-44
Sat ~ Matt. 20-22



*Happy
Anniversary!*

February Anniversaries

05 Jim & Judy Moore
17 Fred & Jean Miller (1963)



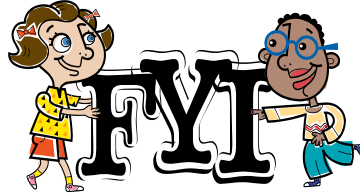
BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

February Birthdays

10 Kat Dorcas
10 Pauline Hall
12 Marlene Bowman
14 Rikki Sunderman
15 Margie Coffman
16 Royal Garnett
16 Norma Leonard
17 Doris Douglas
17 Mindy Williams
18 Viola Miller
21 Barbara Wilhite
23 Ina Goad
23 Steve Pruitt
25 Tyler McClellan
25 Joshua Shumate
28 Roycean Garnett

**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!


HISTORIAN NEWS

The month of January is now history. If you have photos or articles about our church family that you want included in the January 2011 Historian's book, please turn them into the office. It would be helpful if items dated for January would be turned in before the end of February. Another reminder, please give details about the news item and your name and phone number. Thanks for all submissions.

~ Carol Rhoades, Historian

SPECIAL LENTEN STUDY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH AND APRIL: OUR LENTEN STUDY. (more details later)

REV. DAWN WEAKS TO SPEAK

Rev. Dawn Weaks will be speaking and leading a seminar and workshop on sharing your faith on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

Rev. Weaks is Co-Pastor of the Raytown Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ) in Kansas City, MO. Rev. Weaks is a published author and a leader in women's ministry and evangelism. Time to be announced.


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

TITLE

He Has Deemed It Good: Living With Unmet Expectations

Highlights:

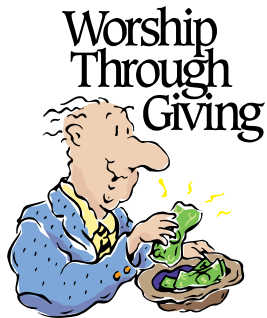
1. "Unmet, Unanswered, Unexpected: When Life Doesn't Proceed As Planned" ~ This talk focuses on understanding the root of unmet expectations, recognizing the fruit of unmet expectations, and learning how to overcome the disappointment of unmet expectations.
2. "The Unexpected Goodness of God: Foundations Truths You Can Live On" ~ This session is about the non-negotiable, foundational beliefs everyone must live upon as we struggle with unmet expectations toward others, ourselves or even God.
3. "Living In-Tune With One Another" ~ This session focuses on practical ways to maintain harmony in our relationships by looking at Euodia and Syntyche in Philippians 4:1-3.

Registration is \$25 which you can pay at the door.

LISTEN AND YOU SHALL HEAR

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



**STEWARDSHIP BYTE**

*Give and it will
be given to you...
Tithing ~ 10%*

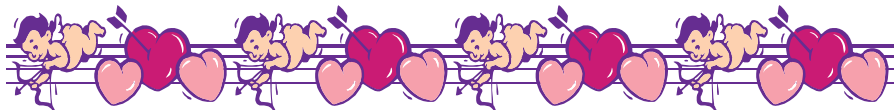
PANTRY UPDATE!

As the year begins, the work still continues to bless those in our community who are hungry. In January we served 44 people with 32 bags of food. 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	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	Veggies, canned

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!**

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

**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 featured president books on the book cart in the hallway this month. Stop by and see what we have to offer.

We have the following new books from Karen Garnett:
Their First Noel by Annie Jones;
Mistletoe Prayers by Martha Perry and Betsy St. Amant, and
His Holiday Bride by Jullian Hart.

These are all large print books; easy to hold and to read.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
From all of us at the library!

**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



February 2011

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			~ GROUNDHOG DAY! ~ 8:00am KinderMusik	6:00pm Choir Practice		
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~ Food Collection for Needy ~ 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	TIME SHEETS DUE! 10:00am Church Women United-Board M 1:00pm Funeral Visitation 2:00pm Funeral-Penny 5:15pm Chalice Chimers 6:15pm Stewardship 7:00pm Boy Scouts		8:00am KinderMusik 1:30pm DWF Day Group Meeting	NO PRESCHOOL 6:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Board Meeting	NO PRESCHOOL 6:30pm Square Dancers (Fellowship Hall) 10:00pm Boy Scouts set up for Pancake Feed	5:00am Pancake Feed ~ Troop 157 Boy Scouts
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