

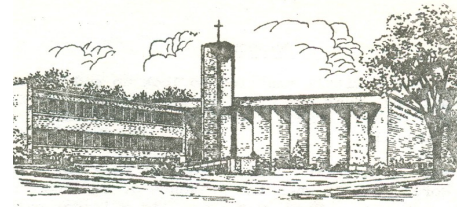
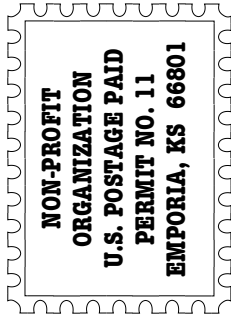
**First Christian Church**  
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**Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.**

**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, March 23-April 20, 2011

Lenten Study "24 Hours That Changed the World"

## Sunday, April 3, 2011

Eagle Court of Honor  
Gabriel Shaver

## Monday, April 4, 2011

Next Newsletter Deadline!

## Wednesday, April 13, 2011

DWF Meeting—Parlor

## Monday, May 9, 2011

Health Screening—Parlor



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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

Christian ways are not the same as the world's ways. The teachings of Jesus sometimes contradict the attitudes and lessons the world imposes on us. For example, the society in which we live would have us boldly assert ourselves as the means for getting ahead. We must audaciously declare our qualities if we wish to survive and prosper in this uncompromising world. To applaud ourselves shows the kind of healthy self-confidence we need to make people look up to us, so says the world. We must "toot our own horn" if we want to be top dog, we are admonished. Unfortunately, even religious leaders succumb to the deception of self praise.

The attitude of the Christian is quite different. Humility and a servant's attitude are the marks of Jesus. Jesus was always contradicting the current mores of society, pointing us to a different and higher way. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus makes this statement: **"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."** (14:11, NIV)

Paul, a few years later, urged Christians to adopt a different way of acting. He said that we should have the same mind-set that Jesus had, rejecting the inclination to think of ourselves as God, but instead, taking on the nature of a servant. (Philippians 2.) And Peter repeats Jesus' way of behaving with the words: ***Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*** (1 Peter 5:6)

To be a Christian in our culture is to be a radical. The Way that Jesus lived and taught is generally ignored because it is counter-cultural, yet it is not only a reflection of what God intended when the world and people were created but also picture of how we can live in peace, and, a preview of things to come, God's Kingdom.

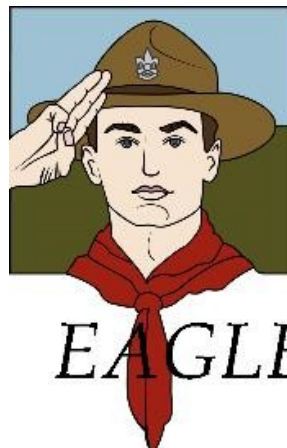
I urge you this Lenten Season to spend some time in reflection considering what it means to be a servant, to live a life of humility. You might ask God to show you how you can take on the nature of a servant.

**BLESSINGS,**  
Pastor Bob

## HEALTH SCREENING COMING TO FCC



**Are you, or have you ever been, a smoker? Are you a male over 55?** First Christian Church is pleased to host a Life Line Screening preventive health event to scan for risk of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA). Life Line Screening uses hospital quality ultrasound technology to detect an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body. Warning signs of AAA often go unidentified and if ruptured, abdominal aortic aneurysms are 80-95% fatal. The screening will be held on Monday, May 9, 2011, here at First Christian Church in the Parlor. **Call 1-888-653-6441**, or visit **[www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com)**, for more information and to pre-register.



Mr. & Mrs. Keith Shaver and Boy Scout Troop 157 are hosting an Eagle Court of Honor for **Gabriel Ian Shaver**, who has been counted worthy of the rank of **Eagle**, **Scouting's Highest Honor**, at First Christian Church, Sunday, April 3, 2011, 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with a reception following the ceremony in Fellowship Hall.

Gabriel has been involved in scouting for 11 years, beginning with cub scouts at Village School, Pack 169. He received his Arrow of Light Award in 2004 and crossed over to Boy Scouts into Troop 157. During his scouting years Gabriel has been on numerous camping trips and high adventures. He has also been on staff at Camp Jayhawk as a counselor in training and shooting sports instructor. Awards during his scouting career include: 50 mile awards for canoeing and hiking, the God & Life religious emblem, in addition to holding various leadership positions within the Troop. To attain Eagle, each scout must plan, direct, and complete a project that will benefit the community or religious institution. Gabriel chose to repaint and stencil the 1015 locomotive and tender located in Fremont Park. Over 89 hours of community service resulted in finishing the project. In addition to Boy Scouts, Gabriel is very active in the Order of the Arrow, which is an honor society within the Scouting Organization. At present, he is the Chapter Chief for the Sojadi district. Gabriel plans to continue working with the troop as an assistant scoutmaster.

## PRAYER NEEDS / LENTEN STUDY / SYMPATHY



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, Cameron Moore, 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 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.

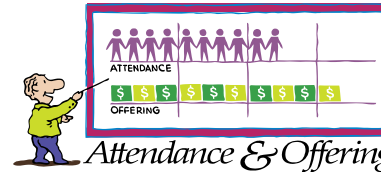
All of our Lenten Studies will begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by the presentation at 6:15 p.m. Don't miss this outstanding study that will increase your faith and encourage the abundant living Christ promises.



### OUR SYMPATHY

The Church's sympathy is extended to **June Rochat** at the loss of her grandson-in-law, David Cline of Medicine Lodge, KS.

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING / CONTACT INFORMATION



### ATTENDANCE RECORD

March 13, 2011  
SS - 23 / Worship - 84  
March 20, 2011  
SS - 24 / Worship - 105

### GIVING RECORD

March 13, 2011 ~ Offering - \$3,061.50 / Capital - \$504.00  
March 20, 2011 ~ Offering - \$2,137.00 / Capital - \$178.00

### 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 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.



Spend Time  
WITH GOD!

### PASTOR'S HOURS and CONTACT INFO

M-W-TH 9-11 a.m.  
& 2-4 p.m.

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944 Whittier-Emporia

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## Week of Compassion

### Crises in Japan and Your Gifts in Action

Following the March 11th earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan, the island nation is facing multiple crises, including the increased threat of radiation exposure from several nuclear power plants. The official death toll has risen to 2,722 people and is expected to increase.

More than 400,000 people are now living in makeshift shelters or evacuation centers, according to *The New York Times*. Compounding the problem is windy and bitterly cold weather, as well as shortages of water, food and fuel, *The Times* reported. But the chief concern remains radiation, as a third nuclear reactor blast occurred today.

Through the joint [Global Ministries](#) of the Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ, Week of Compassion's primary partner in Japan is the United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ). Several mission appointees serve there, teaching ESL or working with local churches.

UCCJ has established a relief committee which is currently researching and planning an appropriate response. UCCJ has also provided a status update on their churches, many of which were damaged or destroyed. Your gifts to Week of Compassion have already gone to support the UCCJ efforts.

Your gifts will also support a collaborative effort between our partner Church World Service and the Japan Platform, a coalition of 32 non-governmental organizations, government service agencies and media outlets in Japan. CWS will be providing support and channeling contributions to individual members of the Japan Platform, and is also prepared to support efforts of faith-based partners in Japan, including the National Christian Council of Japan.

We are grateful for your gifts of Courageous Compassion for the people of Japan--should you feel moved to contribute to this relief effort.

Outreach Ministry

## UPCOMING SERVING SCHEDULE

### **March 27, 2011**

Candlelighter ~ Marie Harding

Children's Message ~ Robert Chatham

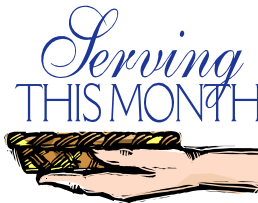
Diaconate ~ Karen Garnett\*, Guy & Janece Bacon, Jake Dalton

Elder ~ John Lexow

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

Nursery ~ Jennifer Dalton / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Nancy LeClear



### **April 3, 2011**

Candlelighter ~ Barb Gimple

Children's Message ~ Bob Colerick

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

Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett

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

Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller

### **April 10, 2011**

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Judy Moore

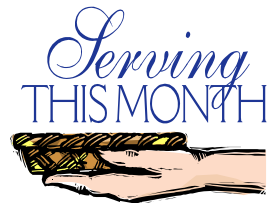
Diaconate ~ Janelle Norton\*, Joan Shumate, Alan & Betty Richardson

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

**Disciple Women's Fellowship – Change of Plans**

Our April meeting was scheduled to be a salad luncheon at Presbyterian Manor. However, the meeting room at the Manor is not available on April 13, our meeting date. Therefore, we will hold the salad luncheon in the church parlor. Please mark this change on your calendars-**DWF Salad Luncheon; Noon; April 13; Church Parlor**. Also, please remember to bring your Easter Offering to this meeting.

Hope to see you there!  
Jean Miller, Co-Facilitator

**CAUTION--AN OLD DOOR TURNED NEW****NEW DOOR ASSISTS INSTALLED**

Recently, new door-assists were installed on the two north doors of the church. As most know, those doors, the glass door and the wooden security door, are the most heavily used doors in the church. For years now, members have struggled to open those heavy doors—and when they were open, they would quickly close. The use and operation of those doors was both an inconvenience and a hazard. Now, with the push of a button or just a slight push, both doors will open, independent of each other.

The doors were installed by a local company, AAA Glass Service, Inc., owned by Tom Secord.

The funds to purchase the new door-assists were provided by the family of Forrest Steeves, a long-time member and frequent “helper” around the Church. Mr. Steeves entered new life in heaven on June 20, 2010. Partial funds for the door-assists project also came from the estate of Violet Pauler who went to be with the Lord on July 28, 2010.

The members and friends of the First Christian Church wish to express their grateful appreciation to both the Steeves Family and the family of Violet Pauler for their help and financial assistance in making this long-needed project a reality.



**Automatic  
Door**

# 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!*

**March 27, 2011**

Sun ~ 1 Cor. 9-10  
Mon ~ Gen. 48-50  
Tue ~ 1 Sam 11-15  
Wed ~ Ps. 36-38  
Thu ~ Job 25-26  
Fri ~ Jer. 1-6  
Sat ~ Mark 5-6

**April 3, 2011**

Sun ~ 1 Cor. 11-12  
Mon ~ Ex. 1-4  
Tue ~ 1 Sam 16-20  
Wed ~ Ps. 39-41  
Thu ~ Job 27-28  
Fri ~ Jer. 7-11  
Sat ~ Mark 7-8



*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. Register early and save \$50! 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.





### “The Power of Commitment”

Pledge cards continue to come in. As of Sunday, March 20, 2011, a total of **65** (individual or families) have made a pledge to the Stewardship Campaign of First Christian Church to underwrite the budget for Fiscal

Year 2012 for a total amount of **\$124,547.11**.

If you haven't turned in your pledge card (which helps the Stewardship Ministry to project giving for the July 1, 2011—June 30, 2012 church year), you still have an opportunity to do so. You may turn your pledge card in to the church office during the week (8 a.m.-Noon), or drop it in the offering this Sunday at church.

Your pledge, along with other offerings and resources, helps to underwrite the proposed budget for FY2012, which begins July 1, 2011.

Thank you for your continued support of First Christian Church through prayer!

The Stewardship Ministry

### PANTRY UPDATE!

As the year begins, the work still continues to bless those in our community who are hungry. So far in **March** we have served **15 people** with **11 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:  
**April 4, 2011 & April 18, 2011**



### NEWSLETTER ON LINE

If you would like to read the newsletter online, our Web Page is at [www.fccemporio.org](http://www.fccemporio.org). Click on “News” and select the one you'd like to read.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Jan Jones has given us the following books:  
*Shades of Blue and Unlocked* by Karen Kingsbury. She is an author read by many in our library.

*God's Guest List* by Debbie Macomber was given in memory of Mary Phipps by Bob and Luella Hush. This is a book welcoming those who influence our lives. We have many books by her in our church library. It helps you think of the many persons who have influenced our lives and makes us who we are today with God's help.

We have another series of three books by Beverly Lewis about the Amish. 1) *The Parting* in memory of Penny Boese, 2) *The Forbidden*, 3) *The Longing* from DWF.



### 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

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