

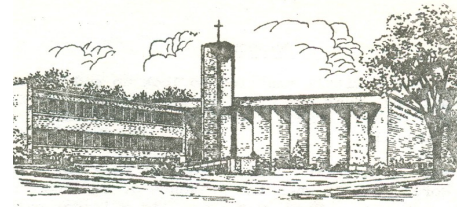
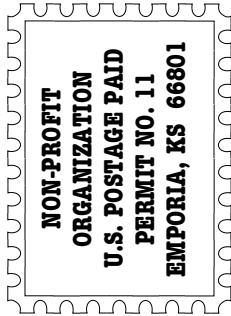
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Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.
Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.

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



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**DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR
CLOCKS--SPRING FORWARD**
Saturday Night, March 12, 2011

Sunday, March 13, 2011
Baby Show - Roycean Garnett

Wednesday, March 16, 2011
Making of the Bible

Monday, March 21, 2011
Next Newsletter Deadline!

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."





CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROL RHOADES ON BECOMING A **CERTIFIED MASSEUSE THERAPIST!** WAY TO GO, CAROL!

REFLECTIONS

It is unimaginable and impossible to comprehend the hugeness of God! Just think about it...how big our earth is. Yet it is a relatively small planet orbiting an uninspired sun in a corner of the Milky Way Galaxy, one, the scientists tell us, of thousands. Our biggest and latest telescopes can scarcely see into the universe. The last I heard, our brightest astronomers didn't know the size of the universe, where it begins and where it ends, where is the top and the bottom, and, by the way, which way is up??? Even in its size the universe is no challenge to God who created and oversees all things.

Our God is also the God of the tiniest part of creation. Infinitesimally small particles make up all that we see, from cells to sub-atomic particles. Our bodies and everything around us are composed of bits and specks that are gigantic compared to the smallest fragments we can see, even with a microscope. Yet, there is nothing in the universe so small, so microscopic that it escapes God attention.

What a shock, what a revelation that God should love us and care about us! Yes!—in all this vast world that exists all around us, God has created us for Himself and focuses His attention on mankind, His greatest creation. It is both humbling and awe-inspiring that God should care about me.

Yet, God does. I doubt if we could ever understand why, not even if we had a dozen lifetimes. John tries to explain it: *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!* (1 John 3:1 NIV) What a blessing! What love! Truly our God is an awesome God!

Why not make it your prayer today that God might open your mind to the wonderful truth and presence of God. Ask God today, that God in all His glory, might help you live your life without fear. Why not ask God, right now, to help you trust more the Word of the God who created the universe. Why not ask God, now, to help you rejoice in His love for you. Right now...don't wait another minute.

BLESSINGS,
Pastor Bob



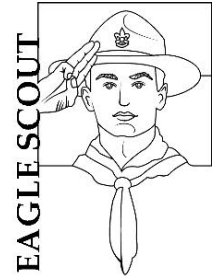
HEALTH SCREENING COMING TO FCC

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure or a family history of cardiovascular disease? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain, and offers other, similar tests that check for related vascular disease. Call **1-888-653-6441** or visit **www.lifelinescreening.com** to pre-register. The screenings will be offered on **Monday, May 9, 2011 at FCC, 202 E. 12th Ave., in the parlor.**

SHAVER TO RECEIVE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Boy Scout Troop 157 will be participating in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Gabriel Shaver, Sunday, April 3, 2011, 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with a reception following in fellowship hall.

Please congratulate Gabriel on this outstanding achievement.



SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!!



The CLOTHES CLOSET

The **CLOTHES CLOSET** is now open for business. Stop by and see the quality selections at very low, affordable prices.

Open Tuesday & Friday mornings 8:30 a.m. to noon; Tuesday evenings from 5 - 8 p.m. and the first Saturday morning of each month from 8:30 a.m. until noon. It is located in the basement of the church. **Come check us out!**

PRAYER NEEDS / LENTEN STUDY



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

LENTEN STUDY

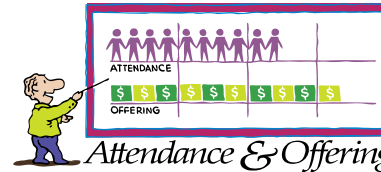
Pastor Bob will be leading this year's Lenten Study on Wednesdays in March and April. This year's study will begin with a DVD presentation of "KJV: The Making of the King James Bible." 2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. In the video, the fascinating story of how the King James 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 & GIVING / CONTACT INFORMATION



Attendance & Offering

ATTENDANCE RECORD

February 27, 2011

SS - 28 / Worship - 104

March 6, 2011

SS - 27 / Worship - 105

GIVING RECORD

February 27, 2011 ~ Offering - \$2,967.50 / Capital - \$589.50

March 6, 2011 ~ Offering - \$2,693.00 / Capital - \$788.00

February 27, 2011 Week of Compassion Offering ~ \$270.00

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!



Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 13, 2011

PASTOR'S HOURS and CONTACT INFO

M-W-TH 9-11 a.m.

& 2-4 p.m.

Fridays & Saturdays
are by appointment.

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Week of Compassion

Sharing Brings Joy: A Week of Compassion Testimony

John Trefzger was out of the country when he first heard about Week of Compassion. "It was 1944, and I was stationed overseas when Glen Oak Christian Church sent me the materials the first time Week of Compassion was promoted. I had been in India for a year and spent some time in Burma. I saw many people living in terrible poverty. I wrote home and told my wife, 'Be sure to make a gift.'" John's wife Marilyn contributed to Week of Compassion that year, and over the course of an incredible life together - a life that included working at the family bakery in Peoria, IL, discerning a call to ministry and heading off to seminary, serving in ministry in congregations and as regional pastors, the Trefzgers always made Week of Compassion a priority, giving for 67 years. *That's every year the offering has been received.*

But it wasn't just his resources that John gave. Week of Compassion wound its way deep into the fabric of his ministry. As a student at Lexington Theological Seminary, John preached his first sermon on Week of Compassion, peppering it with stories from his time in Asia. He introduced the offering at the church he served in Kentucky-a church that had never participated in the offering. He still remembers that the first collection they received counted eleven dollars and some change-a small offering that grew each year he was there.

And in his third year at that church, a member asked him, "Preacher, how long will we be taking this Week of Compassion offering?"

John's wife Marilyn contributed to Week of Compassion that year, and over the course of an incredible life together [they have been] giving for 67 years.

His answer came easily: "For as long as there is need."

For 67 years, the Trefzger family has worked to meet needs all over the world through participating in the Week of Compassion Special Offering. Why not join their legacy of sharing? There is still need, but as long as there are folks with the deep faith of the Trefzgers, there will always be the hope and joy that comes with giving.

John's wife, Marilyn, passed away in 2010.

Outreach Ministry

UPCOMING SERVING SCHEDULE

MARCH 13, 2011

Candlelighter ~ Parker Simmons

Children's Message ~ Barb Gimple

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 ~ Donna Breshears

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 ~ Judy Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Larry & Glenna Gamblian

(S) Marlene Hanson & Mary Morriss

Nursery ~ Rita Headrick / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Marlene Hanson

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 ~ LeRoy Garnett

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

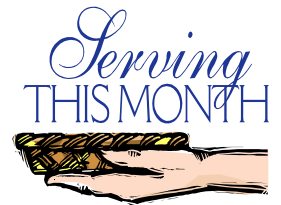
Elder ~ LeRoy Garnett

Greeters ~ (N) Guy & Janece Bacon

(S) Jill McGrath & Judy Moore

Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons / Organist ~ Donna Breshears

Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller



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

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Loren Merry** and **Marie Jones** who recently entered new life in heaven.

CAUTION--AN OLD DOOR TURNED NEW

Check out the north entrance doors to our church. An automatic door opener has been installed so you can easily open the door with just a quick push of the button. Come try it out!



**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 13, 2011

Sun ~ 1 Cor. 5-6
Mon ~ Gen. 40-43
Tue ~ 1 Sam 1-5
Wed ~ Ps. 30-32
Thu ~ Job 21-22
Fri ~ Isa. 56-61
Sat ~ Mark 1-2

March 20, 2011

Sun ~ 1 Cor. 7-8
Mon ~ Gen. 44-47
Tue ~ 1 Sam 6-10
Wed ~ Ps. 33-35
Thu ~ Job 23-24
Fri ~ Isa. 62-66
Sat ~ Mark 3-4



*Happy
Anniversary!*

March Anniversaries

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



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

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GEN. ASSEMBLY / CAMP TAWAKONI

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.

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

This was also in the Kansas Mini-Messenger

MY CHURCH STORY

Submitted by Allyson Lauxman, 13 years old, FCC Emporia

The church I grew up in is a very good one. They taught me many things. I went to Sunday school every week. We had a lot of fun. To start a lesson we watched a video and then in the weeks following we would do activities like cooking, drama, computers, and crafts. We called our teacher our shepherd. I graduated that Sunday school class and moved into the big kid's class. I have also been to Camp Tawakoni three times, and hope to go again soon. I take part in many activities with my church, singing special music is my favorite. My grandmother, Donna Breshears, helps me. I also help her with nursing home services. Sometimes I sing there too! My church is extraordinary!

BABY SHOWER / PRAYER CHAIN MARCH BIRTHDAYS (con't) / OSGOOD FILES

Oh, A New Baby!

You are invited to a baby shower for Roycean Garnett on Sunday, March 13, 2011 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the church parlor. See you there! Gift cards would be appropriate since she will be traveling back to Maine. All church women are invited. It will be a "come" and "go" shower.



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.

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.





“The Power of Commitment”

Sunday, March 6, 2011, was a testament of your commitment to God’s Work at First Christian Church! Thank you to all those who have committed not only your tithe, but your time and your talents to further the ministry of First Christian Church.

As of Sunday, March 6, 2011, a total of **54** (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 **\$112,763.11**.

If you have not yet made your pledge, it is not too late! 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.

Please continue to pray for our church and the ministry we have in this community.

The Stewardship Ministry

PANTRY UPDATE!

As the year begins, the work still continues to bless those in our community who are hungry. In **February** we served **11 people** with **9 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

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES!

We publish two newsletters per month. The following Mondays are the **deadlines** for news you want in the upcoming newsletter:
March 21 & April 4



NEWSLETTER ON LINE

If you would like to read the newsletter online, our Web Page is at www.fccemporium.org. Click on “News” and select the one you’d like to read.



LIBRARY NEWS

We have Easter books on the book cart in the hallway for the next few weeks.

We have the following new books–

- 1) A Widow’s Hope
- 2) Never Far From Home
- 3) The Way to a Man’s Heart; all by Mary Ellis.

This is a series about the Amish. These were given as a memorial to Mary Phipps and Penny Boese from the D.W.F.



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 - April 2011

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