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JULY BIBLE READINGS

July 5
Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-3

July 12, 2009
Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 19, 2009
Ephesians 2:11-22
2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26, 2009
John 6:1-15
2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21

(Accompanying study material for these scriptures may be found on www.disciplesworld.com. Select July 2009 issue, "A Biblical Faith" by Robert L. Friedly.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 5 (Sun.) ~ Capital Campaign Dinner after worship followed by "The Church Beyond Your Doorstep" by Paxton Jones, Regional Minister

JULY 8 (Wed.) ~ DWF Brunch (Page 4)

JULY 11 (Sat.) ~ VBS from 2:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

JULY 25 (Sat.) ~ Block Party from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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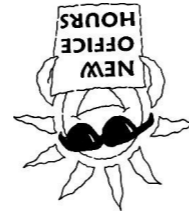
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"The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



Starting July 1st
Monday thru Thursday
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

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The word “Church” is a big word. It has lots of meanings, all of them valid, all of them important. We use the word “Church” in so many different ways. It can mean...

- the greater Church, around the world.
- our denominational “Church,” like the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.)
- a place we go to, a local church.
- we are going to worship or to a meeting or an event.
- a group of people who are affiliated with a particular religious group, like our church.

There are probably more ways we use the word “Church” but the point is that “Church” means a great deal to us. It is a part of our lives and for many of us, we would be lost without the multiple ways “Church” affects and influences our lives.

The greater and local manifestation of the “Church” means a lot to me, knowing that I am not alone and neither is my church. But probably my most frequent reference to the church is the same one you use, and is likely the same for the majority of us: going to “Church” for worship, a meeting or an event. Going to “Church” is as natural a part of our lives as eating—or anything that nourishes and sustains us.

The thoughts above were prompted by a story I heard recently. It seems a church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper observing that it made

no sense to go to church every Sunday. “I’ve gone to church now for 30 years,” he wrote, “and in that time I’ve heard something like 3000 sermons.” [I wondered about his claim—that’s 100 sermons per year. And you think you’ve got it bad. Anyway, “Church” is more than the sermon.] The writer continued, “For the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I think I’m wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.”

The letter started a real controversy in the city where the writer lived and it all played out in the local newspaper. Dozens of people who had never dreamed of writing to the editor of the newspaper weighed in on the topic for weeks, both pro and con. Finally, someone wrote a letter that sealed the debate. This writer said: “I’ve been married for 30 years. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this...they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!”

Maybe this story speaks to you—it did me. I heard someone say once: “Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible.” That statement kinda sums up why “Church” means so much to us.

Blessings, Pastor Bob

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members do so many tasks and do them so well, most members are unaware of the extent of work which is done by the members of our church family. It would be interesting to see the “job description” written for every member. And that still wouldn’t tell the story! Our members would never “brag” on themselves, so they wouldn’t list half of what they actually do. It usually takes an objective observer to recognize all the tasks of any worker.

We’re all blessed to be workers in this covenant community. Take some time to think and pray about what you do, become more aware of what those around you are doing, and be a part of the plans for the “New Beginning” here at First Christian.

A leadership retreat will be held on Sunday, June 28th. Please attend and we’ll have some fun with planning. Our “organizational chart” would defy and confuse the corporate world. Our mission is the Great Commission and we are each called to share our talents as we work together for God’s glory. Let’s keep working! Amen!

~ Cindy Lexow, Moderator

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arrange for transportation. Usually this is a church van – providing transportation both to and from camp.

What to bring: Bed roll/sleeping bag, swim suit, clothes, towel, tooth brush, etc.

Emergency number:

Camp Tawakoni – 316-775-1222.

PRAYER REQUESTS

LOCALLY

Penny Boese, Wanda Gibbs, Jason Hart, Dr. Charles & Nadine Hopper, Reba Oliver, Don White

Our prayer/concerns/joy list continues to grow longer. Don't forget to call the office if a name can be removed. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY...

Pray for those defending our nation: missionaries; and victims of war, hunger, disease and natural disasters. Pray for those suffering and in need around the world! Also, pray for our city and county leaders.

NEW OFFICE HOURS!

Beginning July 1, our office hours are changing! I will be in the office from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays. If you have questions, call me in the office at 342-1582. Thanks ~ Christy

ANNIVERSARY

Charles & Nadine Hopper will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, June 30th. Their children invite you to help them celebrate this remarkable accomplishment by sending a card to them at their home, 1726 Old Manor Road in Emporia.

TO: 4th/5th Grade Students & Parents
FROM: Steve Martin (CCK)
RE: Camp Friendship 2009

Camp Friendship is a Christian based camp (not evangelical in nature) for students from across the state who have completed 4th and 5th grade. The camp will be held at *Disciples' Center at Tawakoni*, near Augusta, Kansas.

The cost of the camp has been entirely underwritten by generous individuals and churches, consequently there is no cost to the family.

The camp will be held this year beginning July 23-25. If your child is interested in attending, it is important that he/she be registered soon, as space is limited.

The students always have a great time. They swim, fish, canoe, paddle-boat, make crafts, and learn many new things. They also do some Bible Study. Counselors for the children are high school juniors/seniors (ages 16-18) and college-age young people who have a love for both children and camp. Adults are present who represent the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kansas.

Transportation: the local congregation sponsoring your youth to attend will

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Monday thru Thursday
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday
8 a.m. to Noon

NEW HOURS STARTING JULY 1ST!

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday ~ Thursday / Closed Fridays

PASTOR'S HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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

VBS IS COMING!

First Christian Church
Saturday, July 11th
2:00 p.m. ~ 6:15 p.m.

Music / Crafts / Recreation / Snacks

Bible Study and Drama

Family-friendly ~ Families welcome!

(preschoolers must be accompanied by adult)

For information, call 342-1582

Join us for an exciting Bible learning in ancient Rome!

ATTENDANCE RECORD

June 14, 2009
SS - 22 / Worship - 83

June 21, 2009
SS - 29 / Worship - 77

GIVING RECORD

June 14, 2009
Offering - \$ 2,804.75
Capital - \$ 742.25

June 21, 2009
Offering - \$ 1,097.75
Capital - \$ 152.25

SECRET PLACE DEVOTIONALS

The new Summer 2009 edition of *The Secret Place* is now available for \$1.00 per copy. Also, we have some back issues if you are interested. Pick up your copy in the church office. ~ Christy

DWF NEWS

On July 8, we will meet for brunch at 10:00 a.m. in the clubhouse at Holiday Resort. The Day Group officers will provide the food for this event.

Reading Certificates will be awarded. New books from the library will be on display.

~ Jean Miller

PRAYER CHAIN

We care about you! If you or anyone you know would like to be added to our existing DWF prayer chain, please call Jeanice Miller at 343-9592 or Luella Hush at 342-2493.

SERVING SCHEDULE**June 28, 2009**

Candlelighter ~ Debbie Peck

Children's Message ~ Bob Colerick

Diaconate ~ Richard Becker, Carl Headrick, Rita Headrick, Debbie Peck, Glenn Boyce, Nancy LeClear

Elder - Fred Miller

Greeters - (N) Carl & Lana Richardson / (S) Wanda Davis & Betty Wright

Nursery - Tim Norton / Organist - Sandy Heller

Worship Leader - Cindy Lexow

July 5, 2009

Candlelighters ~ Emily & Morgan Lauxman

Children's Message ~ Barb Gimple

Diaconate ~ Tim Norton, Larry Breshears, Joyce Cress, Bonnie Denson, George Ford, Dean Grisell

Elder - LeRoy Garnett

Greeters - (N) Richard Becker & Robert Chatham / (S) LeRoy & Karen Garnett

Nursery - Kathy Harris / Organist - Sandy Heller

Worship Leader - Robert Chatham

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**JOB DESCRIPTIONS
and THANKS!**

Have you ever written a job description? There is a real art to doing so! As a part of my employment I have written some job descriptions and helped re-organize and re-define some personnel changes. It's always fascinating to see different perspectives, even for something that seems fairly simple! That's also true in our church family.

Several members of the elected church leadership have been involved in writing the job descriptions for the church custodian, church secretary and church financial secretary. They've done an excellent job of creating a brief overview of jobs which contain so many different skills! Of course, it's impossible to list every task which would be required for any job. The job description is a basic tool, followed by interviews, training, ongoing experience, etc. Growth occurs at each stage, just as it does in the Christian life.

We're blessed to have wonderful staff at First Christian! They often do their work so competently and quietly that we're unaware of all they do. We've had some paid staff changes and I want to be sure everyone is aware of those changes:

Scott Thomas has been hired as custodian and has been serving in that capacity for several weeks now. We welcome him to the church family and appreciate his skills and talents. I also

want to take this opportunity to thank Janelle Norton for all the work she did during the transition time before Scott was hired. Many of you may not realize that Janelle stepped in and did the work of the custodian for several weeks. Her energy, skills and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Christy Jarvis is our church secretary and will continue doing so. However, as of July 1st, we will have both a church secretary and a church financial secretary. Christy's hours will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Her cheerful smile and kind demeanor are exactly the graceful welcome we want people to receive when they come into the building! We are in the process of hiring the church financial secretary.

Partly because of church personnel... partly because I've been involved in writing a position description at work... partly because it's the end of our church year and we've been reviewing and gathering leaders for the upcoming year... for these and other reasons, the topic of "job descriptions" within the church family has been on my mind. Have you ever thought of the "job description" for an active, "participating" member of a church family? Of OUR church family?

Our church family has impressive skills, generosity and leadership. Each and every one of us is an important part! Just as with our paid staff, our

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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES ~ NEWS & DEADLINES

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July Anniversaries

06 Harold & Jan Stevenson (1946)
 13 Jake & Jennifer Dalton
 21 John & Carolyn Kuhn

27 Janet Parks
 28 Dorothy Boyce
 28 Melissa Tilton
 29 Jeremy Dalton
 29 Veta Reece
 31 Ahren Thornton

July Birthdays

01 John Harding
 01 Dorothy Woods
 02 James Ayers
 02 Bronte Bailey
 02 Allison Harding
 02 Janet Lostutter
 02 Gary Marsh
 02 Marla McClellan
 04 Wilma Spencer
 05 George Ford
 06 Laura Breshears
 07 Cathy McCurdy
 07 Alan Richardson
 07 Rick Sunderman
 08 Opal Hoyt
 08 Judy Moore
 08 Seth Tilton
 09 John Kuhn
 13 Betty Hilton
 15 Nicholas Kuhn
 17 Christy Jarvis
 18 Fran Grisell
 19 Sharon Headrick
 19 Louise Heitman
 20 Steve Davis
 24 Brayden Fleming
 24 Jody Fleming
 24 Joy Frevert
 25 Corey Giger
 26 Nadine Hopper
 26 Bernice Rider

NEWSLETTER ON LINE

Our Web Page is at www.fccemporia.org.
 Call the church office (342-1582) or
 e-mail ttltpit@yahoo.com if your name
 can be removed from the newsletter
 mailing list. Thanks!

NEW NEWLETTER DEADLINE!!

Starting July 1st the new newsletter
 deadlines will be the third Monday of the
 month. **SO FOR JULY, I NEED YOUR
 INFORMATION NO LATER THAN
 MONDAY, JULY 20TH. THANKS!**

~ Christy

**REMEMBER THE CHANGE TO
 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

When selecting items to be included in the
 newsletter, please keep in mind **ALL**
 activities for the coming month need to
 be submitted. This will allow our
 members ample time for planning.

~ Newsletter Team

SERVING SCHEDULE

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July 12, 2009Candlelighter ~ Judy MooreChildren's Message ~ Pastor BobDiaconate ~ Carl Headrick, Rita Headrick, Lola Farr, Dianna Lewis, Hal LewisElder - John LexowGreeters - (N) Joe & Bonnie Denson / (S) George & Ruth FordNursery - John Lexow / Organist - Sandy HellerWorship Leader - Barb Gimple**July 19, 2009**Candlelighter ~ Abby GriffithChildren's Message ~ Cindy LexowDiaconate ~ Karen Garnett, Alan Richardson, Betty Richardson, George Arnett,
 Becky Lauxman, Larry GamblianElder - LeRoy GarnettGreeters - (N) Carl & Rita Headrick / (S) Fred & Ilda KlineNursery - Marie Harding / Organist - Sandy HellerWorship Leader - Fred Miller**July 26, 2009** (Speaker ~ Renee Bridwell)Candlelighter ~ Janelle NortonChildren's Message ~ Marlene HansonDiaconate ~ Richard Becker, Carl Headrick, Rita Headrick,
 Debbie Peck, Glenn Boyce, Nancy LeClearElder - Cindy LexowGreeters - (N) Tim & Janelle Norton / (S) Alberta Brinkman & Norma LeonardNursery - Barb Gimple / Organist - Sandy HellerWorship Leader - Jean Miller**JUST A REMINDER**

Please 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!

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