

CHRISTIAN VISITOR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FCC VISION STATEMENT: TO ENLARGE GLOBALLY THE KINGDOM OF GOD BY STRIVING TO BE A CHRIST ORIENTED, FAMILY ORIENTED, COMMUNITY ORIENTED CHURCH FOR ALL.

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THE EMPTY TOMB, THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

In Luke 24:1-3, we read, "On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the woman took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." In this one statement we find the foundation of the Christian religion. We know Jesus was crucified on a cross, died and was buried. The Easter celebration centers around the fact that he was resurrected from the dead. We are told many times in the gospels that he appeared to the disciples and others.

Without a doubt it is this message that draws people to church on Easter morning. In his book "The Pursuit of God", A. W. Tozer speaks of the doctrine of prevenient grace which simply means before a man can seek God, God must first have sought the man. By this prevenient drawing God takes from us any possible credit for the act of coming. In other words, I can't say I chased God down and convinced him he needed me to further his kingdom. The very opposite is true. How could anyone be of use to God based on their own merits? God said of King David, "He is a man after my own heart." David said to God, "As the deer panteth after the water brook, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." David had mastered communicating with God on a level few can obtain.

Now let us return to the empty tomb. If Jesus was not in the tomb then he is alive. During his conversation with Nicodemus Jesus makes the following statement. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) When Jesus made this statement he made the playing field level. There is only one criteria and that is that you believe in him. On that resurrection morning the stone was pushed away not to let Jesus out but to let us in.

So, does God pursue everyone? Yes, I believe he does. I think the "whoever believes" covers you and I. So, if God is pursuing everyone there are two options. You can run away from God or you can pursue him. If you run away you have to run to something else. I don't believe God ever ceases pursuit of anyone. The thief who was crucified next to Jesus said, "Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answer to him was, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

That is the promise we all can have if we believe Jesus died for our sins. Let us remember Easter is not just a yearly celebration but it is a daily walk. We should never lose track of the fact that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us. Then God raised him from the dead leaving us with the promise of eternal life. An empty tomb. Article by David Bilderback



OUR CHURCH FAMILIES / FRIENDS

YOUR PRAYER REQUEST WILL BE ON THE LIST FOR 3 WEEKS AND THEN REMOVED.

IF YOU WISH TO HAVE IT ON AGAIN PLEASE WRITE ON THE SUNDAY FLAP OR CONTACT MARSHA DULIN

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WEEK 1: Blake Michael Williams (great grandson of Howard & Donna Williams) | **Maurice & Carol White and Tanya** (brother & wife and niece of Loydene West) | **T J Marschel** (grandson of Sondra Grieshaber)

WEEK 2: Marcia Spring | **Praise God for all blessings** (Sara Blow) | **Judy, Cameron, George, Phil, Cindy Witt** (friends and niece of Gayla Corley)

WEEK 3: Eugene Grimes (nephew of Judy Grimes) | **Everyone in Nebraska, all Military, Police, Hwy Patrol & families, Dale Swift, Kathy Lindsay Nelson, Chuck Lindsay & family. God Bless America!** Rosemary Turner | **Toni Horvatic** (sister of Dawn Adams)

EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS | LONG TERM

Ethan Adams (grandson of Phyllis Evans) | **Roger & Phyllis Adams** | **Linda Benjamin** | **Mike Burns** | **Linda Cadwallader** (mother in law of Sarah (Allen) Cadwallader) | **Tanya Coltrane** (daughter of Max & Deb Worthington) | **Ardis Comfort** (Gayla Corley) | **Ruby Crumm** | **Harry Fink** (Mary Hamilton) | **Lois Gebert** | **Eugene Grimes** (nephew of Judy Tisor) | **Clarence Hermann** | **Jim Jordan** | **Juanita Kellerman** | **Willis Kramer** (dad of Sandy Lewis) | **Jim McAllister** | **Wilma McIntosh and family** | **Steve Richardson** (son of Reed & Carol) | **Becky Roush** (Carol Hermreck & Carolyn Schuster) | **Bill Thornton, Sr.** | **Maurice & Carol White and Tanya** (family of Loydene West) | **Blake Michael Williams** (great grandson of Howard & Donna Williams)

OUR LOVED ONES CARE CENTERS

GUEST HOMES: **Ruth Gorrell** - PARKVIEW HEIGHTS: **Jean Brown** | **Ruby Schuster** | **Ruth Allen** | **Gladys Young** | **Birdie Zentner** - RICHMOND CARE: **Dick & Velva Wilson**

OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY (* IN STATES)

AIR FORCE: **Matthew Schryer** (Grandson of Frieda Hurt & nephew of Marcia Spring) | ***Nicholas L Wales** (grandson of Orville & LaVerne Cole) | ***Jesse Hale** (nephew of Rosemary Turner) | ARMY: **Dustin Worthington** (grandson of Max & Deb Worthington) | ***Ethan Bilderback** (grandson of Dave & Janette Bilderback) | ***Nick Watkins** (son of Steve Watkins) | ***BJ Moody** (grandson of Tom & Janice Tush) | MARINES: **Spencer Guyett** (great grandson of Alice Chase) | NAVY: ***Dyllon and *Alyssa Morford** (granddaughter & husband of Les & Lennet Thomas)

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER DAY. PLEASE WATCH OVER OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

THANK YOU! AMEN.



ATTENDANCE | FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 14, 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 65

8:00 A.M. WORSHIP ~ 69

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP ~ 202

MARCH GENERAL \$7968 | TO DATE: \$14609

FAMILY LIFE CENTER \$120 | TO DATE: \$465



Reminders for Sunday

April 21, 2019

Communion Preparation:

Denise Scheibmeir

Elders:

Communion David Bilderback

Offertory Mike Zentner

April Deacons: Dan Dulin |

Jeff Barnes | Lynn Wilson |

Mike Croucher | Karl Hurt

Communion to Shut Ins:

Prayer Cody Clark

Devotion Ben King

8:00 a.m. Worship:

Pianist Debbie Wiesner

Song leader Mary Hamilton

Audio / Visual:

Dylan Cole | Sophia Cole

10:30 a.m. Worship

Leaders: Worship Team

Audio Visual:

Virgil Wight | Autumn Romig

Greeters West Door:

Lisa Modlin | Blake Hess

Greeters South Door:

Aaron & Courtney Tucker

Welcome Team 8:00 a.m.

Paula Sjolund

Welcome Team 10:30 a.m.

Lisa Modlin | Blake Hess

THE OPPORTUNITY CLASS had five present, two with Bibles and two daily readers. Prayers requested for Betty Sumner, Jim & Rosie Jordan, Harry Fink, Ruby Crumm and all others fighting cancer, our country's leaders, military and missionaries, our pastor and family. Mary Hamilton opened the class with prayer, led the lesson on "Called to Remember," Matthew 26:1-13 and closed the class in prayer.

THE SOS CLASS had twelve present and two special guests, Joan Simpson & Karen Brinkmeyer. They had ten with Bibles and ten daily readers. Prayers requested for Gary & Linda Benjamin, Norma Hermreck, Juanita Kellerman, Roger & Phyllis Adams, Howard & Doris Wilson, Dick & Velva Wilson, Loydene West and Maurice White & Tanya (brother and niece of Loydene West), John & Carol Hermreck, Schulte family, Gayle Barnes sister of Bea Lile, Marie Barndt sister of Bob Meliza and Don Welsh. Larry Varvel opened the class in prayer and presented the Lesson on "The Life of Jesus." The class closed in prayer.

WELCOME VISITORS! WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU COULD VISIT WITH US.

Eli Davis guest of Adrian Gwin; Colton Wilson grandson of Corky & Kay Wilson; Jaxson McAdam grandson of Doug & Connie Meyer; Matteo Prado cousin of Ty Hedrick; Melea & Harper Brooks grandchildren of Suzanne Finn and Kallie, Kamrie & Karlie Feuerborn grandchildren of Mike & Kathy Croucher

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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5	6	7	8	9	10	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Calendar of Events

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

* 5:00 P.M. LEGACY YOUTH | FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MONDAYS

* 8:30 A.M. CHRISTIAN WOODWORKERS | DARWIN HAMILTON'S

* 6:00 P.M. FUN – FAITH – FITNESS | FAMILY LIFE CENTER

TUESDAYS

* 6:30 P.M. PRAYER GROUP | ANNEX

WEDNESDAYS

* 1:30 P.M. CHRISTIAN WOODWORKERS | DARWIN HAMILTON'S

THURSDAYS

* 10:00 A.M. CHRISTIAN CRAFTERS | ANNEX

* 6:00 P.M. FUN – FAITH – FITNESS | FAMILY LIFE CENTER

REMINDERS FOR APRIL:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 | Family Fun Carnival | 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 | Care Team | Fellowship Hall | 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 | Good Friday Services at First Christian Church | 12:10 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21 | Sunrise Services at Garnett North Lake Shelter House | 6:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 | Food Distribution at Quonset Hut | 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 | Education Committee (Note: Due to Easter Sunday meeting date moved)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 | Worship Committee

Happy Birthday

TUES., APRIL 16 - MON, APRIL 22
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

THURS., APRIL 18 – JENNY WILSON

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 – BOB MELIZA

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 – STEVE WATKINS

MONDAY, APRIL 22 – CHRIS GOETZ

Happy Anniversary

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MONDAY, APRIL 22

AARON & TRACY CLIFTON



ROOTS – FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL!

The last **ROOTS** for the season will be Wednesday, April 17 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This is an all family event so please come and be part of the fun

festivities! We will furnish grilled hotdogs and drinks but please bring a side dish

and dessert. Let's have some fun together! We also will have details for Hidden Haven summer camp available. We will enjoy food, fun games and great fellowship! We hope you will take time to join us and bring a friend also! Blessings, Roots Staff



If you would like to donate candy for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday it's not too late. You may drop it by the office thru Wednesday, April 17 until 3:30 p.m. The Christian Crafters will be filling the eggs on Thursday morning at the Annex. The Easter Egg Hunt will be during Children's Church...so bring your baskets or bags.



To all those that prayed for me for my knee replacement surgery and recovery I am doing quite well. I am home and have been home a week tomorrow. I spent one week in rehab in skilled nursing in Garnett. Now I am doing home health rehab 3 days a week. They kicked me out of skilled nursing rehab because I was an "over achiever" and doing too good to stay there. Was back to see my doctor the 9th and my bandage is off and so are the despised TED Hose. The TED Hose about drove me nuts for sure. Hoping to graduate to a cane on Monday and get rid of the walker and start driving. Not being able to drive and go do what I want to do has been my worst night mare. I am about to crawl the walls and jump off when I get to the top. But I guess that is just me. Again, thank you so much for the prayers and cards. Gayla Corley



To all who came to volunteer with the church spring cleaning I would like to say thank you! The Building and Ground Committee appreciated your time, hard work and prayers. You all were truly a blessing... *"Well done, good and faithful servant."* Dan Dulin Chairman, Building and Grounds.

April 19 Good Friday Services will be held at the First Christian Church beginning at 12:10 p.m.



Romans 5:6-8 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunrise Services will be held at North Lake Shelter House at 6:30a.m.



In case of rain they will be held at the Nazarene Church at 258 West Park Road. **His Cross, His Crown, Our Victory!** *When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30*

Sunday, April 21 Easter Brunch will be held in the Family Life Center following the 8:00 a.m.



Worship Service. Cathy Hoke will be preparing 2 breakfast casseroles, biscuits and gravy and bread pudding. If you would like to bring a coffee cake, donuts or pastries that would be wonderful. Take note that there will not be any Adult or Children's Sunday School Classes Sunday so we can all enjoy the time of food and fellowship.

He is not here; He has risen! Matthew 28:6

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