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Finding the Door to an Eternity of Sundays: In the spring of 2010 archaeologists unearthed a 3,500-year-old door to the afterlife from the tomb of a high-ranking Egyptian official near Karnak temple in Luxor.¹ This door was meant to take the official from death to the afterworld.

Jack found another door to the afterlife. He taught English literature at Oxford and spent many evenings walking the gardens of Magdalene College. And it was one evening while walking with his friend John that Jack discovered his way.

His door seems to have found a way into his writings as a wardrobe through which his characters could enter Narnia, a kind of medieval version of Paradise. Jack, or C.S. Lewis as we know him today, went on to become one of the great apologists for the Christian faith in the 20th century. He wrote of death in this way: "If we really think that home is elsewhere and that this life is a 'wandering to find home,' why should we not look forward to the arrival?"²

How would you write about that time you take your last breath and the moment right after? Will you look forward to it? Or will it be a terrifying moment for you? And would you want to be able to face your death unafraid?

Jesus enables us to do that, you know. He moves us from a Friday and Saturday of death and disillusionment to a Sunday of victory. Your way into that victory is through a door. Jesus Christ.

Jesus said of himself, "I am the door; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture" (John 10:9). And all of the Easter stories tell this.

In another garden, another Magdalene—Mary—was looking for Jesus' dead body to anoint, but it was missing from the tomb (John 20). Two angels speak to her but she is so upset she misses them. She keeps talking about her "Lord" and that he had been taken away. It took Jesus coming to her and calling her by name before she recognized what had happened.

You'll have your Fridays and Saturdays. Days that are dark and days that are lost. In those days when you can't find the door out, do as Mary did. Keep calling Jesus "Lord." Keep calling and keep looking for him.

Because if you keep calling him Lord, he'll call you by name. And when he does, you will turn and find the door to an eternity of Sundays.

¹ Door to afterlife from ancient Egyptian tomb found http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100329/ap_on_re_mi_ea/ml_egypt_antiquities²
<http://en.proverbia.net/citasautor.asp?autor=14386>

Sunday, April 23, 2017 Chapter 28: New Beginnings

The resurrection changes everything. Having shown death who's boss, Jesus reveals that he is the Messiah for all people, not just the Jews.

As for the disciples, they're changed too. Now that death no longer has the last word, they have nothing to fear. Threats, prison, beatings – nothing will keep them from spreading the good news far and wide.

All of which makes the religious leaders very, very nervous ...

(taken from "The Story" Teen Edition)

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." Psalm 136:1

Prayer Concerns for Our Church Families Long Term:

Linda Benjamin, Lois Gebert, C B Harris, Cheryl Harris, Clarence Hermann, Jim Jordan, Wilma McIntosh, Linda Miller, Nelda Potter, Steve Watkins

Extended Family & Friends Long Term:

All her family (request by Wilma McIntosh), Parker Monhollon (request by Sandra Hamilton), Steve Richardson (son of Reed & Carol), Luke Rockers (son of Jody Cole), Ray & Nancy Foltz (request by Nancy Horn), Bill & Lola Thornton, Sandy (Potter) Peine (sister of Marsha Dulin), the leaders of our country, our veterans and troops, Becky Roush (request by Carol Hermreck & sister Carolyn Schuster), John Hermreck (husband of Carol Hermreck), Robert Zinszer (father of Kim Stapp), Jack & Arlene (Mersman) Udelhofen (Nancy Horn)

Our Loved Ones in Care Centers

Dear Lord, send your blessings on those living in long-term healthcare facilities and nursing homes. Amen

1) Guest Home Estate - 806 West 4th Ave:

Vernon Hunt, Ruth Gorrell, Robert Young, Betty Penn

2) Parkview Heights - 101 North Pine:

Jean Brown, Olive Kline, Max Ratliff, Marcene Jasper, Jerry Gettler, Sr

3) Residential Living Center - PO Box 407:

Bill Young, Vera Wills (aunt of Phyllis Adams) Ralph Hamilton (father of Leroy)

4) Comfort Care Home - 27 E Rockwood Dr - Ottawa, KS 66067: Birdie Zentner

Our Military, Veterans & Troops

Dear Lord, we give thanks to you for our brave men and Women in uniform and we pray for your love to lead them and your wisdom to guide them each day. Amen

South Korea: Matthew Schryer - Grandson of Frieda Hurt & nephew of Marcia Spring

Air Force: Tim Greening, grandson of Twyla Duryea

Air Force: Nicholas L Wales, grandson of Orville & LaVerne Cole

Prayer Concerns for our church families and friends

April 16 ~ Week 1: Paige Alley (great granddaughter) and our Military, Police, Highway Patrol and their families (Rosemary Turner)

PRAISE: Wonderful Easter Sunrise Sermon Brett! Curtis & Mary Ann Umbarger

Brett Hartman was GREAT at Sunrise Sermon! Dan & Marsha Dulin

April 9 ~ Week 2: Donna Lewis (daughter of Alice Chase); Ardis Comfort (Gayla Corley); Janet Stroberg (sister in law of Karen Miller)

April 2 ~ Week 3: Ethan Adams (nephew of Holly Byerley); Linda Cox (sister of Sondra Grieshaber)

If you wish continued prayers: After 3 weeks, your prayer request will be removed unless you write it on the Sunday flap or email Marsha Dulin at marsha@fccgarnett.org.

WORSHIP SERVICES / SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATE

April 16 ~ Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. ~ 113 10:30 a.m. ~ 255 Sunday School: 77
General Fund ~ \$5126 To Date ~ \$14,395 New Building ~ \$6651 To Date ~ \$10,530
(\$10530 NBF: This includes \$4295 in Easter Offering envelopes)

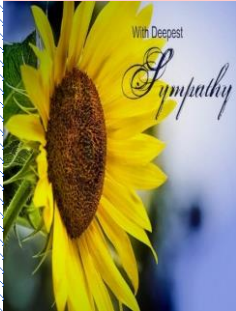
“Family Life Center” Growth Chart

New Building Addition ~ \$977,269

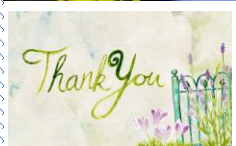
Paid to Contractor ~ \$732,294 Yet to be paid on Contract ~ \$244,975

Current Cash in NBF ~ \$69,991 Pledges yet to be received ~ \$38,544

Prospective shortfall \$136,440 (This does not include needed landscaping / paving)



God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1
Our condolences to the family of Clifford Orval Jones, age 97, of Overland Park, Kansas, who passed away Monday, April 10, 2017, at Brookdale of Overland Park. He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Clara Grace Jones on January 18, 2017. Graveside services were held Thursday, April 13, 2017 at the Garnett Cemetery.



To First Christian Church Family, The family of Gurdon Olson thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy with Dracena plant, outstanding service, very good lunch meal. You are special! Darlene & Family



Congratulations to Nicholas Trollope and Rachel Mundy who were married here at First Christian Church on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

Nicholas & Rachel Trollope Wedding was a beautiful success! What a privilege and blessing it was to celebrate a good old Christian wedding! 5 weeks of marriage counseling Discussing many of the trouble places one will face in a new marriage. These two make a great couple and I will be eager to see what God does with them in the future! Congratulations Nicolas and Rachel!!



The new phone number and address for Gene & Gail Watson is:
Address: 6750 Schmidt Lane, Star, Idaho 83669
Home phone: 208-348-5587

Their cell phones and email address have not changed.

A note from Gene and Gail: Please tell everyone we miss them!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Ministerial Alliance is seeking for 3 to 4 people to help serve a meal to local youth this summer. The Ministerial Alliance is hoping that First Christian Church will adopt **ONE** day a week and serve the meals from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. at the Ray Meyers Gym. The days still available are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We would be responsible for our day of week May 22nd-August 11th. If interested, please contact Chris Goetz.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

OPPORTUNITY CLASS opened with prayer led by Mary Hamilton. The class had 6 present, 3 with Bibles and 5 daily readers. The class asked for continued prayers for Chris and family, the mom of Nicole Born & all those fighting cancer. Prayers requested also for Roxanne, Casey Gaines, Mike, Rosie Jordan's nephew, Drew, Betty's nephew & Denise Hamilton. Mary presented the lesson, "Victorious Love" from John 20:1-10 & I Peter 1:3-9 and closed the class in prayer.

SOS CLASS had 15 present and one guest. Holly Meliza was with her dad Bob. They had 11 with Bibles and 7 daily readers. Prayer requests for George & Jeanine Zentner, Doug Meyer, Linda Benjamin and Jody Cole. Gary Benjamin opened the class with prayer and presented Chapter 27 "The Resurrection." The class closed with prayer.

GUESTS ON SUNDAY APRIL 16:

We WELCOME YOU... With Open Doors, Open Hearts and Open Arms

Donna Kellerman guest of Jason Sjolund; Brad & Robin Hartman parents of Brett Hartman; Levi Clark, Charlie, Megan & Colton Wilson family of Corky & Kay Wilson; Jim Hart, Christian Kniebler & Len Paulsen guests of Mundy family; Sean & Sierra Collins, Ryker, Cody & Clare family of Sondra Grieshaber; Cathy Leaver mom of Catie Friend; Brianna Erhart granddaughter of Sandra Erhart; Josh Packard & Jennifer Poire daughter and friend of Debbie Poire; Holly Meliza daughter of Bob Meliza; Dustin Worthington and Danny & Tanya Coltrane, Jed, Jacob, Megan & Grace family of Max & Debbie Worthington; Donald & Jessica Wyckoff & Ella & Lilyan and Jalyssa & Delayne Brummer family of Jayne Miller; Frankie Swango & Roger & Donna Brummel family of Nate & Nicole Wiehl; Amy Burnett and family and Justin & Lindsay Stark all family of Retha Burnett; families of Kevin & Sandy Lewis; Kyle & Kira Spring and Apollo family of Steve & Marcia Spring; Chris & Julie Corbin family; Rick & Kim Powers parents of Natasha Goetz; Shelly Prado family of Ron & Alice Anderegg; Royce Powelson son and family of Carol Powelson; Vena Romig and Ryan Romig; Ben & Kimmie King, Hudson and Heide and Christopher family of Rick & Marlene Woolsey

Wednesday, April 19

Last ROOTS for 2016 – 2017 session - 5:30 p.m. Meal ~ 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Lesson time

Thursday, April 20

Care Team ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 21

Community Blood Drive – Anderson County Hospital Lobby – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 23

Education & Worship Committee Meet following 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

Sunday, April 30

Singspiration at the Nazarene Church ~ 6:30 p.m.



BRETT'S BOTTOM LINE... Hey everybody! Hope you had a good Easter Sunday!

I just have a few announcements for you.

1. We are teaming up with different churches to stock up the kitchen for Hidden Haven Church Camp. The only remaining items we need to complete our list is 5 bags of Rice Krispies (38 oz) and 8 Gallons of bleach with NO SCENT!!!!
2. Please be aware that ALL HHCC's registrations is online this year. If you need instructions there is a sheet of paper with all the steps you need to get your students enrolled on the desk in the Overflow Room! **Take Note:** In years past students have gone to Junior 2 the second week of July. **This year we will be going to Junior 1 the second week in June.** Please be aware of this change as you are signing up your students!
3. I'm excited to announce that CIY MOVE has been approved for our High School Students this summer! It is a week-long event with top of the line worship artists and speakers from around the country. Several students have signed up already, and we have room for 5 more students if you are interested in going this year, or interested in forcing your student to go. (either is totally fine with me) Just let Brett know!
4. VBS is coming up soon. "FUN MAKER FACTORY" is the theme this year and it's going to be a fun and exciting time to learn about Jesus and have a great time! The dates and time are June 5th-9th from 9am-12pm.
5. This Wednesday, April 19 will be our last ROOTS Program for the 2016-2017 school year.



Easter Sunday Joys! What a special Sunday. I am so pleased that Natasha and I had the privilege to baptize our son Malakai April 16th after the 10:30am service. Not many things bring tears to my eyes, but seeing our son know the Lord has brought tear to my eyes each time. So proud of you Malakai!

Loved the Easter special by Bethany, April and Carman Powls! Your voices blend like angels and we are so pleased to have heard the beautiful message of that song!

I also wanted to point out the Easter Bonnets the ladies were wearing. Burke had made mention about how he remembered this being an old tradition he loved and some of the ladies noticed his comment and took advantage of the opportunity! I thought the many who wore them were quite adorable!

We had 113 people in the first service and 255 in second service giving us a grand total of 368 people in church Sunday and not hardly a seat in the house at the 10:30am Service! Many thanks to those who made trips to bring more chairs into the sanctuary. We appreciate you greatly! I am so grateful we all got to celebrate Jesus Resurrection together!



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Steve Spring: 448-2491

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Larry Varvel: 448-5794

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Earl Peine: 448-6186

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Craig Cole: 448-4504

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Nathan Wiehl: 204-2178

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