

# May



## Christian Visitor Weekly Newsletter

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Office Hours: Monday ~ Thursday ~ Closed Friday

8:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m. / 12:30 p.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.

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### God Chooses Unlikely Candidates to be His Messengers

If you saw her backstage you never would have imagined what fame was soon to come her way. She walked out on the stage in a frumpy dress. Slightly mussed up hair. Bushy eyebrows. Seemingly a bit old and odd for the competition. But the moment she began to sing on Britain's Got Talent she took the world by storm. By the final note she was receiving a standing ovation from the crowd and a broad smile from Simon Cowell. The video of her performance immediately hit YouTube and within a week had been viewed 66 million times.

She eventually won second place in the competition but that did not stop her. An album was released in November of 2009 and by the end of the year she had the top selling record world wide of any releases, selling a total of 8.3 million copies.

You probably would never have picked him either. One first century writing describes him this way: "Bald-headed, bowlegged, strongly built, a man small in size, with meeting eyebrows, and a rather large nose." 1

Appearances aside, he had been spending his days with a singular purpose: persecuting Christians. Pulling them from their houses. Throwing them in prison. Even having some killed.

And yet God chose him to take his story to the Gentiles. Jesus arranged a face-to-face meeting with Saul while he was on his way to Damascus to persecute his followers (Acts 9). Jesus slammed on the stadium lights and Saul began to see the light. And by the end of the encounter his name is changed from Saul to Paul as he is given a new purpose and a new lease on life.

The rest is history. Paul, a Jew, took the gospel message to the Gentiles. Paul, the "chief of sinners" spoke as a gracious firsthand recipient of God's mercy. Paul, the well-schooled expert on the Law, became the most outspoken voice for the principle of grace.

And aren't you glad he did? Most of us would not know Christ had Paul not traveled the world telling others about him. And most of us would not know Christ if some modern-day "Paul" not walked across the cul-de-sac or the cubicle or the classroom to introduce him to us.

Susan's look changed. So did Paul's. The description of Paul ends by saying he was "... full of grace, for sometimes he looked like a man and sometimes he had the face of an angel."

An "angel." The word means "messenger." God wants to use you to take his message to your world. Your street. Your workplace. Your school. You might not think he'd choose you either. But you might just need to think again, no matter your appearance.

**Sunday, May 7, 2017**

### Chapter 30: Paul's Final Days

While visiting churches in Europe and Asia Minor, Paul takes an offering for the poor in Jerusalem. He wants to bring back the offering in person, even if it means facing former colleagues with old scores to settle.

Sure enough, they have him arrested. Paul, a Roman citizen, exercises his legal rights and appeals to Rome. He is going to plead his case – and preach the gospel – to the most powerful man on earth... (taken from "The Story" Teen Edition)

## Reminders for Serving in May, 2017 Worship Services

**Deacons:** Craig Cole, Cody Clark, James Dodd, Aaron Hedrick, Gaylon Corley

**May Communion Preparation:** Nate & Nicole Wiehl

<b>Communion Elder / Usher</b>	<b>Offertory Elder</b>	<b>Deacons to do Communion to Shut Ins</b>		
May 7	Jason Sjorlund	Steve Spring	Jason Miller	Earl Peine
May 14	Steve Spring	Doug Meyer	Nate Wiehl	Lynn Wilson
May 21	Doug Meyer	Larry Varvel	Dane Byerley	Mike Zentner
May 28	Larry Varvel	Kevin Lewis	Unknown	Ron Anderegg

### **8:00 am Audio / Visual**

May 7	Unknown / Cheryl Varvel
May 14	Jay Velvick / Barbi Velvick
May 21	Diana Knox / Twyla Duryea
May 28	Dylan Cole / Sophia Cole

### **10:30 am Audio / Visual**

Jonathan Born / Justin Thompson
Nate Wiehl / Dane Byerley
Virgil Wight / Jason Sheahan
Virgil Wight / Morgan Menefee

### **8:00 am Pianist / Song Leader**

May 7	Doris Wilson
May 14	Carmen Powls / Bethany Powls
May 21	Doris Wilson
May 28	Carmen Powls / Bethany Powls

### **10:30 am Pianist / Song Leader**

Morgan Menefee / Worship Team
Carmen Powls / Worship Team
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### **10:30 a.m.**

### **Greeters: West Door**

May 7	Butch & Sharon Rocker
May 14	Philip & Amanda Schatzer family
May 21	Mary Martin / Beverly Long
May 28	Juanita Kellerman

### **Greeters: East Entry**

Ione Sweers / Marguerite Ryman
Roger & Phyllis Adams ~ Lena
Stacy & Adrian Gwin
Unknown

## **Sunday, May 14 ~ Graduation and Mother's Day at FCC!**

For those of you who are not aware Mother's Day and Graduation Sunday are on the same day this year. FCC wishes to honor both very special events so the Pastoring Committee and Church Board have decided to modify our usual gathering. Thank you for your continued support for choosing to celebrate these special days with your FCC family.

FCC Mother Day/Graduation Services as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. Mother's Day Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. 50 Year, High School, 8th Grade Graduation Fellowship Brunch in the Family Life Center ~ No Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Mother's Day & Graduation Worship Service

~Please inform the FCC office ASAP if you have any graduates you would like us to honor. ~

*"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, Lenett Thomas, 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), Wilma Dunbar (mom of Lisa Jarett)

**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:** Nicholas L Wales, grandson of Orville & LaVerne Cole

**Prayer Concerns for our Church Families / Friends**

**April 30 ~ Week 1:** Nancy Lake Greg Kropf (Gayla Corley)

**April 23 ~ Week 2:** Wilma Dunbar (mom of Lisa Jarett)

**April 16 ~ Week 3:** Paige Alley (great granddaughter) and our Military, Police, Highway Patrol and their families (Rosemary Turner)



***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](mailto:marsha@fccgarnett.org).

## WORSHIP SERVICES / SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATE

April 30 ~ Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. ~ 48 10:30 a.m. ~ 175 Sunday School: 63  
General Fund ~ \$2920 To Date ~ \$20,516 New Building ~ \$480 To Date ~ \$25500

### “Family Life Center” Growth Chart

New Building Addition ~ \$976,769

Paid to Contractor ~ \$879,093 Yet to be paid on Contract ~ \$97,677

Current Cash in NBF ~ \$132,061

Pledges yet to be received ~ \$33,906,226 (Scheduled in over the next six quarters)

Projected balance after contract paid off (not including pledges) \$34,384 (this needed to finish Nursery, sound boards, concrete work, etc and hopefully reduce a portion of the loan balance)

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

**OPPORTUNITY CLASS** opened with prayer led by Mary Hamilton. The class had 3 present, 1 with Bible and 2 daily readers. The class asked for continued prayers for Chris and family, and Pastor Brett, Betty Penn and all those fighting cancer. Mary presented the lesson, “Protecting Love” from John 10:1-15. Mary closed the class in prayer.

**SOS CLASS** had 18 present today, 10 members with Bibles and 8 daily readers. Prayer requests for Milt Greiner, the family of Jo Ann O’Malley, the family of Brittney Feuerborn, Roger Adams, Nelda Potter and Jody Cole. PRAISE: Janette Bilderback was back in class. Burke Rogers opened the class with prayer and presented the lesson on “Paul’s Mission.” The class closed with prayer. Reminder: The class will start “Mayberry” series when we finish “The Story.”

## GUESTS ON SUNDAY April 30:

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

Max & Emma Sims grandchildren of Jim & Betty Jasper, Tony Pore and Hannah guests of Mark & Sondra Grieshaber, Bella Willhite great granddaughter Wilma McIntosh, Julie Corbin, Katie O’Brien and Kanon Coberly; Joe Ray and Madison guests of Jason & Paula Sjolund; Pat Beller guest of Mike & Kathy Croucher; Taryn & Colwyn Cadwallader, Alice & Abby Tucker guests of Charles & Becky Allen; Karen Billiard grandmother of Brett; Brad & Robin Hartman parents of Brett; Ed & Pauline Hartman grandparents of Brett and Grant & Heather Hartman and Zoey brother and family of Brett

### Save the Date

Vacation Bible School 2017

4 years old thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

June 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> - 9a.m.-Noon

VBS Theme: Maker Fun Factory

“Created by God Built for a Purpose”



Please visit our new website at [www.fccgarnett.org](http://www.fccgarnett.org)

**BRETT'S BOTTOM LINE...** Hey everybody! Hope you had a good weekend and hopefully you didn't get too wet!

I've have some announcements for you for this week!

- + Students going to CIY this year must sign up for the Square Fair Fundraiser. Talk with Brett to get signed up for a 2-hour time slot.
- + We are needing baked goods for our Square Fair Fundraiser. If you are willing to partner with us, bring a delicious baked good to the church on Thursday May 11th!
- + Please be sure to sign up your student(s) for Hidden Haven this summer. The theme this year is "100" and is sure to impact your students. All registrations are done online this year. If you need help with registration, contact Brett.
- + VBS is rapidly approaching. All staff please be aware that we will be having an all staff meeting May 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:30 Worship Service. Lunch will be provided!

I want to give a special thanks for all the students and sponsors that helped out with Youth Sunday yesterday morning! Thank you for the hard work and dedication! *Brett*



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR WELL WISHES

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and concerns during and following my knee surgery. Your kindness is much appreciated.  
Janette Bilderback

"Long ago a young man named John Carmichael became pastor of a rural church in Scotland. He was insecure and though he tried hard to prepare his sermons, he battled stage fright and often forgot his points. One afternoon he heard a knock at the door. The elders had sent a representative to see him and he expected to be dismissed from his role. But, no, the message was: "Remember, when you stand in your place to speak to us in the name of the Lord, that as the smoke goeth up from the homes of the people in the morning, so will their prayers be ascending for their minister, and as you look down upon us before you begin to speak, maybe say to yourself next Sabbath, "They are all loving me." Because of that encouragement Carmichael thrived and became a long tenured and greatly loved minister in the highlands of Scotland." (Quoted from "Turning Points")

We are blessed with having two wonderful pastors in Chris and Brett, so we need to let them know continuously how much we appreciate and love them. Let us encourage them and not criticize them, and let us all pray for them every day. Our church will be a joy-filled, loving and prosperous church if we do.

In Christ's love, Mary Hamilton.

### WE NEED AUDIO / VISUAL VOLUNTEERS

If you would be interested in being on the audio or visual team on Sunday mornings, we have a few slots open at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services. Please contact Jenna Wight (785-433-1319) if you would like to help with this ministry. If you have no experience...no worries...it isn't hard and they will train you.

**Thank you so much for volunteering.**



Roger Adams: 448-8172  
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#### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ELDERS**

\*Kevin Lewis: 204-2257      Doug Meyer: 913-909-7680  
Steve Spring: 448-2491      Larry Varvel: 448-5794

Ron Anderegg: 448-6366  
\*Cody Clark: 448-8093  
James Dodd: 785-418-5479  
Leroy Hamilton: 204-2162  
Earl Peine: 448-6186

#### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH DEACONS**

Jonathan Born: 620-340-7784      Dane Byerley: 785-304-2831  
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Jeff Finn: 620-431-8486      Greg Gwin: 229-5105  
Aaron Hedrick 304-1236      Jason Miller: 448-7110  
Nathan Wiehl: 204-2178      Lynn Wilson 448-3451  
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