

# Christian Visitor Weekly Newsletter

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“What makes a good church?

If all the lazy folks get up ~ If all the sleepy folks wake up ~ If all the discouraged folks cheer up ~ If all the gossiping folks shut up ~ If all the dishonest folks fess up ~ If all the estranged folks makeup ~ If all the depressed folks look up ~ If all the disgusted folks sweeten up ~ If all the lukewarm folks fire up ~ If all the Sanctified folks show up ~ If all the leading folks live up ~ If all the vowing folks pay up ~ And if all the soldiering folks stand up.” (St. Louis at a local Salvation Army: Author is Unknown)

The word "church" as rendered in the New Testament comes from the Greek term ekklesia which is formed from two Greek words meaning "an assembly" and "to call out" or "called out ones." The New Testament church is a body of believers who have been called out from the world by God to live as his people under the authority of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23).

Church is a family, body or a team of people who love Jesus and care to see the love of Jesus spread to others. Church is a team sport! We work together as a team and we see great success, if we fight like enemies we will see the church taking steps backward. In America according to George Barna:

*“The United Methodist Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America [ELCA], Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church [U.S.A.], American Baptist Churches, United Church of Christ [UCC], and The Christian Church [Disciples of Christ] have fared poorly in recent decades. While Christianity overall is not dying in America, Mainline Protestantism is getting closer. The latest poll showed, 28% of Americans identified with a mainline church in 1972. By 2014, that number had dropped to 12.2%.*

*-Evangelical/nondenominational churches reported church attendance peaked in the 1980s and 1990s, then declined, then rebounded. In 1972, 17.1% of Americans self-identified as evangelical. In 2014, this percentage increased to 22.7. Similarly, the number of Americans regularly attending church increased from 7.9% to 12.5%.*

*(\*The poll considered regular to be 1 time per month)”*

The reason some churches are shrinking is simply because they can't get on the same page. They aren't focused on God's goals. People have a tendency to get caught up with personal agendas and comfort rather than progressing God's Kingdom. (Continued page 2)

(Continued from page 1) Those that do play aren't running the same plays at the same time. We do not define success the same way. The pastors have become paid players and the people have become the fans. The church has become about a performance attended on a national average of 1.6 times a month. There are great individuals in a church, but they don't work together. They spend their time playing the wrong opponents: each other. Because of these realities the enemy has been playing better, so the church overall has been losing. The truth is that we don't have to go down this road! Jesus in John 17:20-23 gave us the simple answer. "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." If we UNITE under Jesus, we will succeed!!! If we fight each other we will not bear fruit and we will shrink.

## **JANUARY 7, 2018 ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Worship Service Attendance:** 8:00 a.m. Worship – 52 10:30 a.m. Worship – 162

**Sunday School Attendance:** 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes – 65

**Finance:** General Fund \$5848 To Date \$5848 New Building Fund \$1300 To Date \$1300



**OPPORTUNITY CLASS:** There were 4 present today with 3 members who brought Bibles and 3 were daily readers. Prayers requested for Rosie Jordan, Darwin Hamilton & Becky Allen. Continued prayers requested for ~ Julie Packard, daughter of Rosie Jordan. Mary Hamilton opened the class with prayer followed by the lesson "A Sincere Faith," Daniel 1:8-21. Mary closed with prayer.

**SOS CLASS:** There were 16 present today with 12 members who brought Bibles and 6 were daily readers. Prayers requested for George & Jeanine Zentner ~ the family of Marcene Jasper ~ the family of Susie Grimes ~ the family of Glenda (Dennison) Carter, Gary & Linda Benjamin ~ Gene & Gail Watson ~ Earl Wilson ~ Tom Gowing & Juanita Kellerman ~ Raymond Watkins ~ Nelda Potter. Burke Rogers presented the lesson on "Leave Your Concerns with God." They will begin on page 101 of "Anxious for Nothing" next Sunday. The class closed with "The Lord's Prayer."

### **Guests at FCC:**

James Finley guest of Joe & Betty Lytle ~ Ryelee Rockers guest of Lena Adams ~ Nicci Denny, Cole & Dagon ~ Jody Harmon and Reuben ~ Kristina Sommer ~ Gage Velvick & Larissa Brewer and Dagon & Maliah with Jay Velvick ~ Courtney Patterson Tucker and child with Jody Harmon ~ Taten LeBlanc ~ Sherry Pankey mom of Xan Kasprzak



Marcene Jasper, age 97, of Garnett, Kansas, passed away on January 2, 2018, at Parkview Heights in Garnett, Kansas. Marcene is survived by her sons, Jerry Jasper of Garnett & Jim Jasper and wife, Betty, of Garnett



Congratulations on the birth of Blake Michael Williams. He was born December 29, 2017. He weighed 7 lbs 9 oz. His parents are Timothy & Brianna Williams ~ Grandparents are Brian & Diana Reno & Larry Williams & Benita Wilson ~ Great grandparents are Howard Sr & Donna Williams



Welcome Our Newest Member at FCC...We are rejoicing because Reuben Harmon came forward following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sunday, January 7, 2018 to be baptized into Jesus Christ! If you wish to send Reuben a note of congratulations his address is: 25648 NW Meade Rd ~ Garnett, KS 66032



Thank you to each one of our volunteers for helping with the salads and desserts for our Funeral Dinners! You are so very much appreciated! Reminder to pick up your bowls and pans from the kitchen. Also, the funeral committee could use leftover plastic containers with lids (butter dishes, cool whip containers etc.). Just drop them off at the office during the week or take to the kitchen on Sunday mornings.



**Save and Make a Difference for our Schools!**

The Garnett Elementary School would like your help! By saving your Country Mart receipts and clipping the Box Top coupons on products like General Mills, Ziploc, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Betty Crocker (and many more) you can be a part of helping to earn money for our school! You may give these to Marcia Spring or drop by the church office. Thank you for your support! Marcia Spring

Where God guides  
God provides.



Prayers for those traveling to Haiti! Mission Haiti will be leaving Sunday morning, January 14, 2018 for Port-a-Prince. Please remember us in prayer. 1.) Pray for our team: Traveling safety and good health. 2.) For our medications as we go through customs. We get to Port-a-Prince at 2:30 p.m. our time. 3.) Prepare the hearts of the people as we work with them. Thank you for your prayers, love and concerns for our team and the people of Haiti. Judy Highberger, Doug & Connie Meyer, Denise Scheibmeir, Sue Harsch, Steve & Becky French, Kristen French, Gayla Corley, Ross Kimball and Nathan Wiehl.



**Our Church Families Long Term:** Phyllis Adams, Charlie & Becky Allen, Linda Benjamin, Lois Gebert, Clarence Hermann, Jim Jordan, Jim McAllister, Wilma McIntosh, Bob Meliza, Linda Miller, Nelda Potter, Reed Richardson, Steve Watkins

**Extended Family & Friends Long Term:** All her family (request by Wilma McIntosh), Debra Bailey (Angie Wright), Shirley Hermreck (wife of Joe Hermreck / daughter-in-law of Norma Hermreck), Jo Lowe (Ken & Barbara McMillan, Judy Tisor), Judy Meyer (Nancy Horn), Waunita Porter (Larry Porter), Steve Richardson (son of Reed & Carol), Becky Roush (request by Carol Hermreck & sister Carolyn Schuster) & Bill & Lola Thornton

**Our Loved Ones in Care Centers:** Morningstar Care Home - Ottawa, KS - Birdie Zentner  
Guest Home Estate - Ruth Gorrell, Bob Young, Betty Penn, Gladys Zwiener  
Parkview Heights - Jean Brown, Olive Kline, Ruby Schuster  
Residential Living Center - Bill Young, Vera Wills (aunt of Phyllis Adams)

**Our Veterans and Military - Air Force:** Paul Kuder, nephew of Reid & Karen Miller; 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:** Ethan Bilderback, grandson of Dave & Janette Bilderback; Thad Dodds, grandson of Alice Chase

**Marines:** Noah Kuder, grand-nephew of Reid & Karen Miller; Spencer Guyett, great grandson of Alice Chase

### **Our Church Families / Friends**

**Week 1 January 7:** Earl Wilson (Loydene West) ~ the family of LaVern Lauhead (brother of Donna Williams) ~ Elaine Conard, Steve French, Nancy Lake & Ardis Comfort (Gayla Corley) ~

**Week 2 December 31:** Mary Fagg (sister of Wilma McIntosh) ~ The family of Suzie Grimes ~ Chris Corbin

**Week 3 December 24:** Diana Bowen (sister of Howard Williams)

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



Hey everybody, I hope you had a great weekend! I've got just a few announcements this week...

1. The **CIY MOVE** sign up is now available!

The sign-up list is on the Youth Bulletin Board.

a. This event takes place **Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** in Omaha, NE.

b. Cost is \$100 per student (If you need financial help please talk to Brett.)

c. This event is for High School Students only which does include our current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and current Seniors. You students should heavily consider attending this event. It's one of the most impactful times of your life guaranteed!!!!

2. The **CIY BELIEVE** sign up is now available! The sign-up list is on the Youth Bulletin Board.

a. This event is **Friday & Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 24<sup>th</sup>** in Kansas City, MO.

b. Cost is \$75 per student (If you need financial help please talk to Brett.)

c. This is a weekend event for Junior High only. (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)

3. **WINTER JAM** sign up is now available! The sign-up list is on the Youth Bulletin Board.

a. This event is **Friday, March 16** in Kansas City, MO

b. Cost is \$10 per students

c. Bands included are: Skillet, Building 429, KB, Newsong, and many more. You won't want to miss such an amazing line up of Worship.

### **Dates to remember in JANUARY 2018**

#### **Tuesday January 9 –**

~ Beginning at 6:00 p.m. we will be taking the Christmas Decorations down. We would appreciate all help so please come. Many hands make light work!

#### **Thursday, January 11 & 25**

~ FCC Comfort Food for Soul Community Meal in the Family Life Center at 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy a hot meal and a good dose of Fellowship! Enter thru the South Doors.

#### **Thursday, January 18 –**

~ NO Care Team meeting this month.

#### **Thursday, January 25**

~ The Emergency Food Assistance Food Distribution is scheduled at the Anderson County Quonset Hut beginning at 4:00 p.m.



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