

CHRISTIAN VISITOR

**FCC Vision Statement: To Enlarge Globally the Kingdom of God by Striving to Be
A Christ Oriented, Family Oriented, Community Oriented Church for All**

Church Office Hours: Monday ~ Thursday | 8:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.

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Imagine being a kid going to a birthday party where the host didn't plan anything. There might be a bag of plain potato chips on the table and some weak Kool-Aid, but that's it. No games, no desserts, no face painting, no pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey, nothing. That would be one boring, dull party, wouldn't it? You would leave that place thinking, "They didn't even try." Some in church fall into this same struggle!

Hebrews 10:24 says, "**Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds.**"

To "consider" is to contemplate, strategize. Think of it as planning for a successful birthday party. Living life in one another's yards, without fences, is going to take not only intentionality but also strategy.

Community is finding ways to encourage one another to love and good deeds—beyond church programming and sermons. It's seeing beyond the walls and fences that have been built and offering to help paint the shed or pull the weeds or babysit the kids. It's bringing a meal in times of crisis. It's having those "go-to" numbers in your cell phone when your car breaks down. It's knowing who to call when you want to go on a double date. It's inviting someone over for dinner. It's teaming up when we have a church service project and working alongside friends. It's enjoying one another—and helping each other to enjoy serving Jesus in the time we have left to serve ... according to Hebrews.

And the thing is, these things don't happen automatically. They happen when we consider how to make them happen. Let me suggest some points of strategy for all of us as a church family:

Have healthy expectations. An unhealthy expectation is that we'll all know everyone, that every single person will be best friends with everyone in here. That's not realistic. A healthy expectation is that I can build some great connections throughout the family, great friendships with some, and deep relationships with a few. These will all take time, but we have to have a healthy goal in mind.

Realize baby steps are okay. Let's be clear. Living without fences doesn't mean that you are going to let every single person into the more personal parts of your life the first day you meet everyone. That's not the goal in any sense. At first, we'll be hanging out in the front yard with people, then we'll invite them into the living room, then for a meal in the back. It will take time and that's okay. You won't let everyone in, but you need to work toward letting someone in at some point.

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Take some ownership. Realize this is everyone's job, not everyone else's job. We all need to work at it. If you are sitting down waiting for everyone to come to you, then you are sitting in the wrong spot. On a scale between 1 and 10, with 1 being the lowest and 10 the highest, how much effort are you putting into connecting with others? What would you need to do to raise your number by one or two levels in the next few weeks?

As we live our busy lives, **love your church!** Know Jesus has crashed the fence. Allow someone into your yard. Enjoy the company. Start considering how you can be connected with others for encouragement and growth.

We must identify the important role community plays and the "subtle ways we sabotage it!" Letting Jesus have the reigns and loving the unlovable (us) is the only way we can live in community the way He desires us to!

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

Attendance | Financial Report January 19, 2020

Sunday School ~ 64 8:00 a.m. Worship ~ 55 10:30 a.m. Worship ~ 166
General Fund \$3624 | To Date \$14,736 New Building Fund \$20 | To Date \$120
Van Fund \$145 | To Date \$3540



The Opportunity Class: There were two present Sunday two brought their Bible and two were daily readers. Prayers requested for Phyllis Adams, Ruth Allen, Ruby Crumm, Harry Fink and others fighting cancer, Jim & Rosie Jordan, Reed Richardson, Carl Ulses, Jay Waltermire, Loydene West and our pastor's and families, our country's leaders, our military and their families and our missionaries, Haiti, Nathan and Becky Kowoch and Michelle Demoret. Rosie Jordan opened the class with prayer. Shirley Modlin presented the lesson on Solomon Seeks God's Blessing.

The SOS Class: There were thirteen present Sunday, twelve brought their Bible and seven were daily readers. Prayers for Roger & Phyllis Adams, Claron Benjamin, Stephanie Cole, Ruby Crumm, Rick and Diane Doran family, Keith Finney, Gettler family, Spencer Guyett (great grandson of Alice Chase), Bea Lile, Bob and Holly Meliza, Bob & Vivian Tucker (sister of Charlotte Cox), Carl Ulses, Austin (grandson of Larry & Cheryl Varvel family), Gene Watson, Denver Welsh, Loydene West and family. Burke Rogers opened the class with prayer and presented the lesson on "The Rock, The Road and the Rabbi." Next week we will begin with page 54 - #3. The class closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Prayer requests are on for 3 weeks and then removed. If you wish to have it on again please write on the Sunday flap or contact Marsha Dulin | Office Phone: 785-448-3452

Our Church Families | Friends

Week 1: The family of Larry Frew | Judy, Cindy Witt, Rochelle (Gayla Corley) | Ryan Gettler (Kathy Waring) | Dorothy (Barbara Ratliff) | Ethan Bilderback (signed for 4 more years in military - grandson of Dave & Janette Bilderback) | Andrew Peine (son of Earl & Ruth Peine)

Praise: Both my grandpa and sister in law are cancer free – Morgan Hurt

Week 2: Claron Benjamin | Jeffrey Yost (son of Tom & Sharon Yost by Mary Hamilton) | Mary Hamilton | Denise Porter (Katelyn Skedel) | Stephanie Cole (LaVerne Cole) | Larry & Almeda Hermreck (cousins of Judy Tisor) | Phyllis Adams (Jon and Lena Adams) | Iona Sweers (Bill & Barbara Ratliff)

Week 3: Nungesser family | Clarence Hermann | Maurice & Carol White and Tanya (brother & wife and niece of Loydene West) | Naomi Burgess (Earl & Ruth Peine)

Family & Friends | Long Term - Ethan Adams (grandson of Phyllis Evans) | Roger & Phyllis Adams | Tanya Coltrane (daughter of Max & Deb Worthington) | Ardis Comfort (Gayla Corley) | Missionaries Michelle Demoret & Becky & Nathan Kowach. (niece and team of Shirley Modlin) | Harry Fink (Mary Hamilton) | Clarence Hermann | Jim Jordan | Willis Kramer (dad of Sandy Lewis) | Claire & Judith Mays | Wilma McIntosh and family | Reed Richardson | Becky Roush (Carol Hermreck & Carolyn Schuster)

Our Loved Ones in Care Centers - Guest Homes: Ruth Gorrell | Parkview Heights: Jean Brown, Ruby Schuster, Ruth Allen, Gladys Young | Residential Living Center: Jim Jordan | Richmond Care Center: Dick & Velva Wilson | Osawatomie Life Care Center: Reed Richardson

Our Veterans and Military (* In States) - Air Force: Matthew Schryer (nephew of Marcia Spring) | *Nicholas L Wales (grandson of Orville & LaVerne Cole) | *Jesse Hale (nephew of Rosemary Turner) | Army: *Thad Dodds (grandson of Alice Chase) | *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) | *Zach Wilper son of William & Sarah Hulcy | Marines: Spencer Guyett (great grandson of Alice Chase) | Navy: *Dyllon and *Alyssa Morford (granddaughter of Les & Lennet Thomas and husband) Coast Guard: *Joseph Ferguson, *Matthew Ferguson, *Jacob Ferguson (sons of Jerry & Karen Ferguson and grandsons of Howard & Doris Wilson)

Lord, I trust in your unfailing love, in your promises. I give this day and all that it holds to you.
May I walk in your goodness, knowing your gentle hand will guide me, and keep me.

Friendly Reminder

Reminders for Serving in February 2020 Worship Services

Deacons: Ron Anderegg, Craig Cole, James Dodd, Aaron Hedrick

Communion Tray Preparation: Mary Hunt | Allison Ray

	Communion Elder / Usher	Offertory Elder	Communion to Shut Ins (Deacons) Prayer	Devotion
Feb 2	Kevin Lewis	Nathan Wiehl	Greg Gwin	Lynn Wilson
Feb 9	Mike Zentner	Cody Clark	Jonathan Born	Jeff Barnes
Feb 16	Dave Bilderback	Mike Zentner	Ben King	Michael Croucher
Feb 23	Nathan Wiehl	Doug Meyer	Bill Ratliff	Dan Dulin
	8:00 a. m. Pianist / Song Leader		10:30 a.m. Worship Leaders	
Feb 2	Debbie Wiesner Chris Goetz		Worship Team	
Feb 9	Carmen Powls April Powls		Worship Team	
Feb 16	Debbie Wiesner Chris Goetz		Worship Team	
Feb 23	Carmen Powls April Powls		Worship Team	
	8:00 a.m. Audio Visual		10:30 a.m. Audio Visual	
Feb 2	Dylan Cole Sophia Cole		Jonathan Born Hope Goetz	
Feb 9	Diana Knox Cheryl Varvel		Nate Wiehl Nicole Wiehl	
Feb 16	Dylan Cole Sophia Cole		Karl Hurt Autumn Romig	
Feb 23	Dylan Cole Sophia Cole		April Powls Morgan Crabtree	
	8:00 a.m. Welcome Team		10:30 a.m. Welcome Team	
Feb 2	Diana Knox		Ron & Alice Anderegg	
Feb 9	Marcia Spring		Morgan Hurt	
Feb 16	Paula Sjorlund		Lisa Modlin Blake Hess	
Feb 23	Larry & Cheryl Varvel		Tammy Clark	
		9:00 a.m. to noon FCC Nursery Volunteers		
Feb 2	Adult: Kimmy King		Helper: MaKenna Goetz	
Feb 9	Adult: Rachel Dougherty		Helper: Emma Struttman	
Feb 16	Adult: Janette Bilderback		Helper: Brittney Hurt	
Feb 23	Adult: Betty Lytle		Helper: Lena Adams	
	10:30 a.m. Greeters West Door		10:30 a.m. Greeters South Door	
Feb 2	Lynn & Jenny Wilson family		Tim & Tammy Clark	
Feb 9	Ann Schroeder Charlotte Cox		Ron & Alice Anderegg	
Feb 16	Aaron & Krista Hedrick family		Burke Rogers	
Feb 23	Rita Waltermire		Loydene West Alice Chase	

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

REMINDERS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

January Communion Preparation: Judy Tisor

January Deacons: Jeff Barnes | Mike Croucher | Dan Dulin | Karl Hurt | Lynn Wilson

Elders for Worship Services: Communion Nathan Wiehl | Offertory Mike Zentner

Communion to Shut Ins: Prayer Ron Anderegg | Devotion Bill Ratliff

8:00 a.m. Worship Pianist: Carmen Powls | Song Leader: April Powls

Audio / Visual: Dylan Cole | Sophia Cole Welcome Team: Larry & Cheryl Varvel

9:00 a.m. | Nursery: Adult: Erin Miller | Helper: Josie Miller

10:30 a.m. Worship Leaders: Youth Worship Team

Audio Visual: April Powls | Morgan Crabtree Welcome Team: Tammy Clark

Greeters West Door: Ben & Kimmy King family South Door: Aaron & Courtney Tucker family

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday: *Legacy Youth | 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Family Life Center | 7th thru 12th grade

Monday: *Christian Woodworkers | 8:30 a.m. | Darwin Hamilton's

*Fun – Faith – Fitness | 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Family Life Center

*Boys Disciple | 6:00 p.m. | Home of Youth Pastor Ryan McDonald

Tuesday: *Prayer Group | 6:30 p.m. | Annex

Wednesday: *Christian Woodworkers | 1:30 p.m. | Darwin Hamilton's

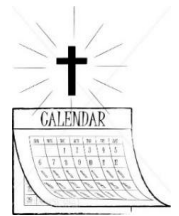
*ROOTS | 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Family Life Center | 4 years thru 6th grade

*Girls Disciple | 7:00 p.m. | Home of Miranda McDonald

Thursday: *Christian Crafters | 10:00 a.m. | Annex

*Fun – Faith – Fitness | 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Family Life Center

*Born Life Group | 6:30 p.m. | Home of Jonathan Born



Upcoming Events:

January Events 2020 Calendar

Thursday, January 23

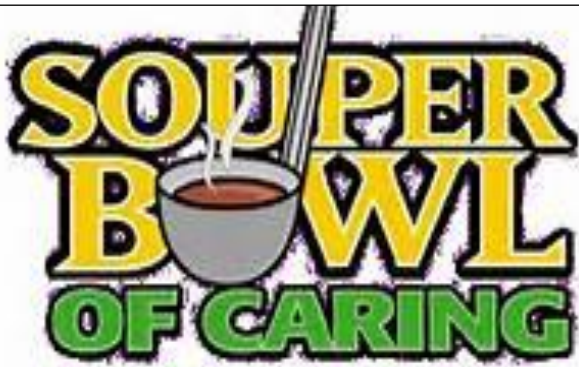
~ Food Distribution at North Lake Quonset Hut beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 26

~ Youth Sunday / Youth Pastor Ryan McDonald will be presenting Sunday's message on "The Greatest Commandment" at both worship services. The Youth will be leading the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and songs

~ Worship Committee meet following 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Collecting Now thru
Sunday, February 9



Soup-er-Bowl Non-Perishable Food Drive 2020

Soup-er-Bowl is a Ministerial Alliance non-perishable food drive! We have boxes at First Christian Church on the stage area in the Sanctuary and in the foyer at the Nazarene Church as well as a few other locations. Sunday, February 9th we will be collecting the non-perishable goods and deliver them to the ECKAN food pantry. Please support those in need by passing on some of your extra!

Blessings, Your Faithful Ministerial Alliance



We at FCC want to take a moment to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who's visiting us this morning. Whether you're just having a look, or are searching out for a place to worship, we're delighted to have you here.

Nathan Paris guest of Gaylon & Heather Corley family | Gaylene Spears | Skyla Doughtry and Katina Brown

END OF YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS

"Annual Financial Contributions Statement for 2019"

NOTICE: Anyone wishing to receive an "Annual Financial Contributions Statement for 2019" from FCC please contact Marsha Dulin at the church office by phone: 785-448-3452 email: marsha@fccgarnett.org or come in during office hours to put your name on the list. We can also send your statement to you as an email. If you would like it sent as an email attachment I will need your email address as well.



Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be, a resting place along the road, to sweet eternity. We all have different journeys, Different paths along the way, we all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay... Our destination is a place, far greater than we know. For some the journeys quicker, For some the journeys slow. And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward, and find an everlasting peace, Together with the LORD. **Author unknown**

Our Sympathy to the family of Larry Frew, age 81, passed away on Friday, January 17, 2020. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends as they go through this time and may God bless and give them the comfort they need now.

Visitation will be held Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Wyandotte County Christian Church (13700 Leavenworth Rd, Kansas City, KS 66109). The funeral service will be held Friday, January 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the same location.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- February 1 ~ Kathy Waring
Eddy Gruver
- February 4 ~ Diana Knox
Tammy Clark
Jim Johnson
- February 5 ~ Howard Wilson
- February 7 ~ Ty Hedrick
- February 8 ~ Lynn Wilson
Waltham Farren
- February 13 ~ Jeanine Zentner
Kimmy King
- February 14 ~ Aaron Clifton
- February 15 ~ Natasha Goetz
Mary Gooding
- February 16 ~ Camryn Wilson
- February 18 ~ David Leitch
- February 21 ~ Janette Bilderback
- February 22 ~ Madison Ray
- February 23 ~ Corky Wilson
- February 25 ~ Suzanne Finn
- February 26 ~ Paula Sjolund
- February 29 ~ Brock Clifton

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- February 8 ~ Darren & Joan Simpson
- February 13 ~ Mark & Mary Gooding
- February 24 ~ Dick & Velva Wilson

Listing and Schedule of Committees for 2019 / 2020

~ **FINANCE** meet on the first Sunday of the month: *Kevin Lewis (Elder and Chairman) | Burke Rogers | Denise Scheibmeir | Nate Wiehl | Kristina Sommer

~ **PASTORING** meet on the second Sunday of the month: *David & Janette Bilderback (Elder and Chairman) | Tarry & Linda Miller | Dane & Holly Byerley | Tammy Clark | Diana Knox | Rachel Dougherty | Steve & Marcia Spring | Julie Wight

~ **EDUCATION & YOUTH** meet on the third Sunday of the month: *Jason Sjolund (Chairman) | Karl & Morgan Hurt | Aaron & Krista Hedrick | Natasha Goetz | Cody Clark (Elder) | Kristina Sommer | Jeff & Kristine Barnes

~ **WORSHIP** meet on the fourth Sunday of the month: *Carmen Pows (chairwoman) | Natasha Goetz | Shane & Morgan Crabtree | Jenna Wight | Kevin Lewis (Elder) | Jonathan & Nicole Born | Bryar Wight

~ **MEMORIAL** meet as needed: *Burke Rogers (Chairman) | Ione Sweers | Marcia Spring | Bill & Barbara Ratliff

~ **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** meet as needed: *Dan & Marsha Dulin (Chairman) | Mike & Sue Zentner (Elder) | Mark Pows | Leroy & Sandra Hamilton | Cody Clark | Jonathan Born | Ben King

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Doug Meyer: 913-909-7680 | Nathan Wiehl: 785-204-2178 | Mike Zentner: 785-204-1105

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Craig Cole: 785-448-4504 | Mike Croucher: 785-448-8077 | James Dodd: 785-418-5479
Dan Dulin: 785-204-1185 | Greg Gwin: 785-229-5105 | Aaron Hedrick 785-304-1236
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