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Jesus Last Token of Love

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39

We proclaim the Love which was poured down on our behalf. Love has been God’s story from the beginning. From the moment of creation, God’s love was part of the fabric of our world. God’s love was with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden both before and after sin entered the world. His love turned the world inside out when He sent His Son to live among us—the God of the universe to be born in a stable, die on the cross, and rise again from the grave. It took love to overturn the power of death and evil. Peter said to him, *“You shall never wash my feet.”* Jesus answered him, *“If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.”* John 13:8

Peter’s view is only of Jesus strangely and inappropriately acting the part of a slave, so he blurts out, **“you shall never wash my feet.”** Jesus’ response seems odd to us on first hearing, **“Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”** This should push Peter (and us) to a deeper understanding of the entire episode. We must admit that while Peter is impulsive and stubborn at times, he is no blockhead. He immediately recognizes what Jesus is offering, and he cannot get enough of it. Jesus is helping us understand in advance that we must be washed in Him, immersed in Him... Submitted to Him in order to be known by Him!

Albert Schweitzer said: “I do not know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know, the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.”

“Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28

The last token Jesus left for us was one of service and love. We each need to follow in Jesus footsteps. Jesus only 6 Days later **“paid with his life”** the price for all of our wrongdoings. This was the greatest service anyone could ask for... While we were still sinners Christ died for us!

“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 3:17–19)



DECEMBER 10, 2017 – ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL REPORT

Worship Service Attendance: 8:00 a.m. Worship – 61 10:30 a.m. Worship – 171

Sunday School Attendance: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes – 69

Financial: General Fund ~ \$3098 To Date ~ \$9802 New Building ~ \$400 To Date ~ \$2524

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

OPPORTUNITY CLASS: There were 6 present Sunday, 4 had Bibles and 3 daily readers. Prayers requested for Darwin & Mary Hamilton (health) ~ Charlie & Becky Allen ~ Jim & Rosie Jordan ~ Jim Miller and the family of Barbi Velvick. Mary Hamilton opened the class with prayer and led the lesson, “Faith to Discern,” Acts 13:1-12. The class closed with prayer.

SOS CLASS: There were 20 present Sunday with 13 with Bibles and 6 daily readers. Prayers were requested for Gene Watson ~ Nelda Potter ~ Gary & Linda Benjamin ~ Juanita Kellerman ~ Jim Miller ~ the family of Mike Crist ~ the family of Barbi Velvick ~ Charlene Rogers ~ Rusty Coons (moving) & Gordon Varvel. Larry Varvel opened the class with prayer. Burke Rogers presented lesson 3, “Present Your Requests to God.” From the study Anxious for Nothing.” The class closed with prayer.

*Hey everybody, hope that you had a good cold weekend!
I've got a couple of announcements headin' your way.*

1. Wednesday, December 13 is going to our last Roots of the semester. It will be normal time, from 5:30 ~ 7:00 pm. We will resume after New Year's Eve on Wednesday, January 10th.

2. Sunday December 17th is going to be our last Legacy of the semester. Everyone will be coming from 5:00 -8:00 p.m. this week for a Christmas party!!! We will resume next semester on January 7th.

3. We had a great time at our **KEEPSAKE CHRISTMAS**. I want to thank all of the families that participated, and the cast members as well, and all the people that helped organize the program! We appreciate it so much, and had a wonderful night!



When someone you love becomes a MEMORY, the memory becomes a TREASURE

If you have a family or friend who has passed this year (2017) and would like an ornament placed on the tree in their memory, please let us know by placing the name on the flap on the Sunday Church Bulletin or contact Marsha Dulin in the church office at 785-448-3452. Please submit your name(s) on or before Sunday, December 17. After Christmas please pick up your special hand-made ornament for your own Christmas tree in years to come.

Warm HEARTS helped to warm many hands, heads and feet last winter

FCC's annual "Mitten Tree" is up and ready to be decorated. Help keep our community warm this winter by donating adult and children sized hats, mittens and gloves. Your donations will be hung on the "Mitten Tree" located in the South Entry Way. All donations will be distributed to ECKAN. We thank you all for your heartfelt generosity & donations for this great need. Warm hearts helped to warm many hands, heads and feet last winter!

The Community Meal Schedule for December – Comfort Food for the Soul

The Community Meal schedule for December at the First Christian Church will be Thursday, December 14 and December 28. The meals will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Come and enjoy a hot meal and a good dose of Fellowship! Please enter thru the South Doors.

Care Centers Worship Services in December

Sunday, December 17 is the time scheduled for FCC to be in charge of the local Care Centers Worship Services. The residents look forward to our visits and sharing in a time of songs & devotion. Please come and make a difference in their lives... your hearts will be touched!

Guest Homes ~ 2:30 Residential Living ~ 3:15 Parkview Heights ~ 4:00

Care Team Committee Will Meet

The Care Team Committee will meet Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They will be assembling Christmas gift bags.

Christmas Eve Services in the Family Life Center

Join us as we celebrate the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The First Christian Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held Sunday, December 24 in the Family Life Center beginning at 5:00 p.m. Take note that we are only having one service this year.

Emergency Food Assistance Program Food Distribution

The Emergency Food Assistance Food Distribution is scheduled for Thursday, December 28 at the Anderson County Quonset Hut beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Address for Gene & Gail Watson

For those who would like to send Gene Watson well wishes their address is Gene & Gail Watson - 6750 Shmidt Lane - Star, Idaho 83669

Dates to remember:

ROOTS and JR HI Discipleship will not meet on Wednesday, December 20 or December 27, 2017 and January 3, 2018 due to Christmas Break and New Year Holiday. They will resume on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018.

LEGACY will not meet on Sunday, December 10, 24 and 31 during Christmas break. They will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2018

A Note From The Desk Of Marsha Dulin: I will be taking time off from Monday, December 25 thru Monday, January 1, 2018. That week there will be no "Christian Visitor" or "Prayer Warrior." The church office will be closed also that week however if you need to talk to one of the pastors, call Chris: 503-474-7965 or Brett: 620-215-1524.

Recycle Christmas Cards

If you have any extra Christmas Cards left Gayla Corley would like to use them in a Bible Verse project for Haiti when they go in January. Please bring by the office during the week or hand them off to Gayla on Sunday. She would like them no later than January 1, 2018.

Mission Haiti Hog Raffle Tickets

Mission Haiti Hog Raffle ---- Whole Hog ----- Processing fees are Included ---- All Proceeds benefit the First Christian Church Medical Mission to Haiti ---- The Drawing will be Sunday, December 31st ---- \$1.00 a chance / 6 for \$5.00 ---- You may purchase the tickets thru the Mission Team: Nathan Wiehl, Doug & Connie Meyer, Denise Scheibmeir, Gayla Corley and Sue Caylor Harsch. Thank you for your support and prayers for a safe journey to and from Haiti!
The Mission Team



Our Sympathy to the family of Mike Crist, age 61, of Garnett, KS who passed away Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Mike is survived by his wife Joy Crist, son Kyle, daughter Amber and mom Lois Crist. Funeral Services were held at the First Christian Church on Monday, December 11, 2017.

Our Sympathy to the family of Barbi Velvick, age 57, of Garnett KS, who passed away Sunday, December 10, 2017. Barbi is survived by her husband Jay, daughter Casey and family and sons Gage & Asher and families. Funeral Services will be held at the First Christian Church Friday, December 15, 2017. Visitation with family will be Thursday, December 14 ~ 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the loved ones as they go through this time and may God Bless and comfort them and keep them.

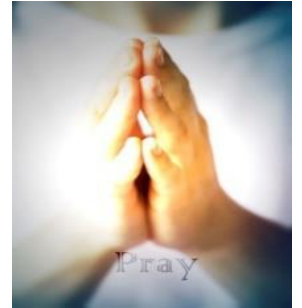


Our Church Families Long Term: Phyllis Adams, Charlie & Becky Allen, Linda Benjamin, Lois Gebert, Clarence Hermann, Jim Jordan, Jim McAllister, Wilma McIntosh, Bob Meliza, Linda Miller, Nelda Potter, Reed Richardson, Steve Watkins

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: Guest Home Estate - Ruth Gorrell, Robert Young, Betty Penn, Gladys Zwiener; Parkview Heights - Jean Brown, Olive Kline, Marcene Jasper, Ruby Schuster; Residential Living Center - Bill Young, Vera Wills (aunt of Phyllis Adams); Comfort Care Home - Ottawa, KS - Birdie Zentner

Our Veterans and Military - Air Force: Matthew Schryer - Grandson of Frieda Hurt & nephew of Marcia Spring; **Air Force:** Paul Kuder, nephew of Reid & Karen Miller; **Air Force:** Nicholas L Wales, grandson of Orville & LaVerne Cole; **Air Force:** Jesse Hale, nephew of Rosemary Turner; **Army:** Ethan Bilderback, grandson of Dave & Janette Bilderback; **Marine:** Noah Kuder, grand-nephew of Reid & Karen Miller



Our Church Families / Friends

December 10- Week 1: The family of Mike Crist ~ The family of Barbi Velvick ~ Gene Friesen (Nancy Horn)

Praise(s): (1) Jack & Arlene Udelhofen are doing great! They thank everyone for the prayers. Nancy Horn

(2) For the beautiful Christmas Music! Mary Hamilton

December 3 – Week 2: Darwin Hamilton

November 26 – Week 3: Elaine Conard ~ Ardis Comfort & Nancy Lake (Gayla Corley) ~ Sondra Grieshaber (Michael Howery)

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@fcccarnett.org

Guests at FCC on Sunday, December 10

We are grateful that you came to be with us Sunday morning. We pray that you felt the love of Christ and His presence during our worship and pray you will visit us again real soon! Blessings to you! Jaxson McAdam grandson of Doug & Connie Meyer ~ Myra Umbarger and Nick ~ Apollo Spring grandson of Steve & Marcia Spring and Dillon & Cassidy Boyer daughter and husband of Steve & Marcia Spring ~ Ian Rocker son of Butch & Sharon Rocker ~ David & Dawn Weirich, Kevin, Caitlin and Kendra

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