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Take Courage

The promises of God are so powerful and profound. We see examples numerous times in the Bible of God telling a person, whom He has strategically placed in that moment of time to carry out a certain purpose, to take courage or to be strong and courageous because He will equip him/her with what they need. Think about some of these examples: Joshua is taking over for Moses and about to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land that is full of huge people and tasks to make them tremble. It was plenty to make any man turn around and run in the opposite direction. But God says to Joshua in Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified. Do not be discouraged. For the Lord, your God is with you, wherever you go." What an incredible promise! In order for the Israelites to inherit this Promised Land, it required Joshua to have faith in God's promise to him and lead the Israelites forward in this courage that God has equipped him with.

Let's look also at where Jesus enters the story. Both Mary and Joseph were confronted with unusual and scary circumstances. Mary is entrusted with the task of carrying the Savior of the world. Can you imagine an angel showing up at your house and telling you that you were going to be pregnant and give birth to the Messiah?! How absurd! People were going to think she was insane (Joseph definitely didn't think it was a great thing at first and was going to divorce her!) Take a look at Luke 1:28-38. God first offers comfort in light of the startling circumstances through the angel Gabriel. He says, "The Lord is with you!" And a few verses later, "Do not be afraid..." These promises mimic the promises given Joshua! And Mary responds in faith, taking on the courage God asks her to have by saying, "May your word to me be fulfilled." God made her a promise and she acts on this promise in simple faith, knowing God would be there for her and equip her as needed.

Joseph, being pledged to wed Mary soon, was ready to divorce her quietly when he found out she was pregnant. Again, God steps in through His angel Gabriel and says to Joseph in Matthew 1:20, "...do not be afraid..." Joseph takes confidence in these words of encouragement and follows through and takes Mary as his wife.

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Continued from page 1: Many more examples exist in the Bible with the same recurring theme. God knows that when it comes to new, unconquered territory in our lives, that we tend to lean towards fear rather than courage. Fear often holds us back from accomplishing the wonderful and blessed tasks God has in store for us! He never intended for us to use our own power or will to accomplish the plan He has for us. He has gifted us with unique gifts and talents to accomplish some things, and we should definitely use them. But I believe God will give us tasks that are far beyond our current gifts because He wants us to rely on Him to equip us for the job ahead and take courage that He will do so. When Jesus left this earth, He left us with the same promise that God has been giving all along, as well as the perfect gift to help lead us in courage. In Matthew 28:10; 18-20 Jesus again repeats the words, "Do not be afraid" and "surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." The Disciples are afraid because of all that has just transpired and unsure of what is going to happen next. But Jesus reassures them that they will not be alone and they only need ascribe courage and follow Him, for He is sending a "Helper" to guide them and equip them to do all that He has assigned for them to do in order to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28, Acts 1). This "Helper" is the Holy Spirit and is the same "Helper" that believers today also have living inside them! Blessings, Natasha Goetz

JANUARY 21, 2018 ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL REPORT

Worship Service Attendance: 8:00 a.m. Worship – 62 10:30 a.m. Worship – 167

Sunday School Attendance: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Classes – 75

Finance: General Fund \$5681 To Date \$14378 New Building Fund \$215 To Date \$1610

GUESTS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Sharon Pruet, daughter of George & Jeanine Zentner ~ Dennis & Jennifer Runyan ~ Terina Platt, Elise & Savannah guests of Lewie Place ~ Aaron & Courtney Tucker, Ryden & Rilya ~ Abby & Eli Shelton grandchildren of Butch & Sharon Rocker ~ Taryn & Brynleigh Morrow guests of Anita New & Kimmie ~ Nicci Denny, Cole, Tyler & Dagon

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Due to the recent snowfalls on Sunday mornings we could use a few more volunteers to help shovel the sidewalks and steps at the church and the annex before the 8:00 a.m. Worship Services. Please be in prayer about this and if you can assist please contact Dan Dulin: 785-204-1185 or the church office: 785-448-3452. You would be so greatly appreciated.





OPPORTUNITY CLASS: There were 4 present today, 2 with their Bible and 3 daily readers. Prayers were requested for Becky & Charlie Allen ~ Twyla Duryea ~ Darwin Hamilton – Praise for healing and Nelda Potter. Mary Hamilton opened the class with prayer followed by the lesson “A Prayer for an Obedient Faith”, Daniel 9:1-19. Mary closed with prayer.

SOS CLASS: There were 16 present today with one special guest, Sharon Pruettt daughter of Jeanine Zentner. They had 12 with their Bible and 10 daily readers. Prayers requested for George & Jeanine Zentner ~ Gary & Linda Benjamin ~ Gene Watson ~ Tom Gowing ~ Juanita Kellerman ~ Nelda Potter ~ Becky Allen ~ Earl Wilson (friend of Loydene West) ~ Pat Hiner ~ Rusty Coons and Steve Watkins. PRAISE: Safe return of Haiti Team members. Burke Rogers opened the class with prayer and led the study on Lesson 5 – “Meditate on These Things,” from “Anxious for Nothing.” The class closed with “The Lord’s Prayer.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR THE NEXT 9 WEEKS

Sunday was the start of a new effort we will be making at FCC. Our desire is to offer “continued education classes” as is the model provided by many of our jobs and others. Our desire is to provide short lengths of classes at various times of the year. We want those who are hungry to grow spiritually to have opportunities within FCC.

Classes offered now:

- ~ Dave Ramsey Financial Peace taught by David Bilderback
- ~ Apologetics (arguing your faith) taught by Brett Hartman
- ~ What We Believe taught by Chris Goetz

After spring break there will be other classes offered. Likely the Financial Peace will be offered in an evening small group format in the spring. These classes are designed that people can pick a topic that relates to you personally. These are not permanent classes! These will generally be 8-9 weeks. Please consider attending one of these new Christian Education opportunities! Your FAITH will thank you!



MISSION HAITI WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! 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.

We Appreciate All You Do!

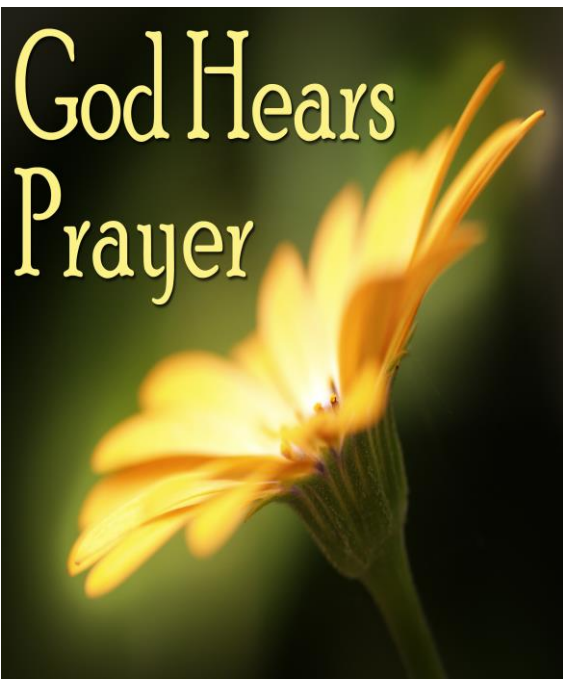
Reminders for Serving in February 2018 Worship Services

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

Communion Tray Preparation: Judy Tisor, Sherry Brown

	Communion Elder / Usher	Offertory Elder	Communion to Shut Ins (Deacons)	
			Prayer	Devotion
February 4	Kevin Lewis	Mike Zentner	Earl Peine	Ron Anderegg
February 11	Doug Meyer	Steve Spring	Greg Gwin	Dan Dulin
February 18	Larry Varvel	Kevin Lewis	Jonathan Born	Jeff Finn
February 25	Jason Sjorlund	Doug Meyer	Nathan Wiehl	Lynn Wilson
	8:00 am Audio / Visual		10:30 am Audio / Visual	
February 4	Dylan Cole / Sophia Cole		Jonathan Born / Hope Goetz	
February 11	Diana Knox / Twyla Duryea		Nate Wiehl / Hope Goetz	
February 18	Dylan Cole / Sophia Cole		Virgil Wight / Jenna Wight	
February 25	Dylan Cole / Sophia Cole		April Powls / Morgan Crabtree	
	8:00 am Pianist / Song Leader		10:30 am Pianist / Song Leader	
February 4	Nancy Horn / Chris Goetz		Morgan Crabtree / Worship Team	
February 11	Carmen Powls / Bethany Powls		Carmen Powls / Worship Team	
February 18	Carmen Powls / Bethany Powls		Carmen Powls / Worship Team	
February 25	Nancy Horn / Chris Goetz		Carmen Powls / Worship Team	
	Greeters West Door		Greeters East Door	
February 4	Butch & Sharon Rocker		Aaron & Courtney Tucker family	
February 11	Rita Waltermire		Aaron & Krista Hedrick family	
February 18	Diana Knox		Ron & Alice Anderegg	
February 25	Sandy Erhart / Carol Powelson		Loydene West	

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38



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), 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, George Zentner
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 21: Earl Wilson (Loydene West) ~ Sandra Howery (Michael Howery) ~ Lennet Thomas ~ Frankie Swango ~ Pat Hiner

Prayers for our troops & veterans and our government...Stephany Petersilie

PRAISE: Music...so very good... Lennet Thomas

Week 2 January 14: Charles & Joan King (Carol Richardson) ~ Twyla Duryea (Sondra Grieshaber) ~ Mary Fagg (sister of Wilma McIntosh)

Week 3 January 7: Elaine Conard, Steve French, Nancy Lake & Ardis Comfort (Gayla Corley)

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



Hey everybody, hope you had a good and much warmer weekend! I have a couple of different announcements for you.

1. Legacy will be happening as usual on Sunday nights (Jr High 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sr High 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) and we would love to see all of you 6th-12th grade students come. We are going through a series where we are learning how to defend our faith when we are being questioned! This is something that's important so they won't want to miss this!

2. Roots still meet on Wednesday's where we will be learning about different characters in the Bible that many of you students probably haven't heard of. We would love to see you students at 5:30 p.m.

A. In the interest of safety and security the south entrance (the new building entrance) will be the only door unlocked after our program gets started.

Hope you guys have a good week!!! *BRETT*

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

a. This event takes place from Monday, July 9th - Friday, July 13th in Omaha, NE. This event is for High School Students only. That includes current 8th grade students – and current seniors.

b. The sign-up list is on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

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

2. **"CIY BELIEVE"** sign up is now available!

a. This event is Friday & Saturday, March 23rd & March 24th in Kansas City, MO.

b. This is a weekend event for Junior High only. (6th-8th Grade Only)

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

d. The sign-up list is on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

3. **"WINTER JAM"** sign up is now available!

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

b. The sign-up list is on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

c. Cost is \$10 per students

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



It's a boy! Reed & Carol Richardson are proud to announce the birth of their newest great grandson Brad Michael Richardson. He was born on Saturday, January 6, 2018 ~ weighed 8 lbs ~ 19.5 inches long. Parents are Craig & Shalah Richardson – Grandparents are Carl & Lana Richardson and the great grandparents are Reed & Carol Richardson and the late Don & Elma Hampton.



Thank you from Lois Gebert: I would like to thank all those who remembered my birthday with cards or thoughts. They were much appreciated. I sure miss being in Church and Sunday School. Love Lois Gebert



Ona Mae Hunt a member of our FCC family has moved to be closer to her family. Her new address is Pioneer Ridge ~ 4851 Harvard Rd ~ Lawrence, KS 66049. Her phone number is 785-344-8728. We encourage you to send Ona Mae cards of well wishes as she adjusts into her new home and closer to her family.

FEBRUARY 2018 BIRTHDAYS

WISH YOU A VERY JOYOUS DAY FILLED WITH LOVE, PEACE AND HAPPINESS

- February 1 ~ Kathy Waring, Eddy Gruver
 - February 4 ~ Diana Knox, Tammy Clark, Jim Johnson
 - February 5 ~ Howard Wilson, Jim McAllister
 - February 7 ~ Ty Hedrick
 - February 8 ~ Dr. Lynn Wilson, Waltham Farren
 - February 13 ~ Jeanine Zentner, Kim King
 - February 14 ~ Charlene Rogers, Aaron Clifton
 - February 15 ~ Natasha Goetz, Mary Gooding
 - February 17 ~ Jay Velvick
 - February 23 ~ Corky Wilson
 - February 25 ~ Suzanne Finn
 - February 26 ~ Paula Sjorlund
 - February 27 ~ Whitney Peine
 - February 29 ~ Brock Clifton, Carol Jane Long
- (NO LEAP YEAR THIS YEAR)



FEBRUARY 2018 ANNIVERSARIES
MAY YOUR DAY BE BLESSED WITH LOVE & JOY

- February 6 ~ 1960 John & Vicki Hulett
- February 8 ~ Darren & Joan Simpson
- February 13 ~ Mark & Mary Gooding
- February 24 ~ Dick & Velva Wilson

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