

# Christian Visitor Weekly Newsletter

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## Relational Environments: Why are smaller groups important teaching?

**First, we must identify what a relational environment is:**

- A small group from 3 to 18 people.
- A meeting with **purpose** and intentionality to grow disciples into maturity.
- A group **led** by a more mature disciple.
- A place where **safe** relationships are built.
- A place where accountability, **shepherding**, encouragement, and teaching exist.
- A **regularly** occurring meeting.

**We make disciples in relational environments because Jesus did it that way.**

**Mark 3:14** He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach (NIV)

**We need relationship with others because God created us that way.**

**Genesis 2:18** The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” (NIV)

**We need relationship with others to succeed as a Christian.**

**Hebrews 3:12-13** See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. (NIV)

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12** Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. (NIV)

**We need relationship with others because we can accomplish more together than we can alone.**

**Romans 12:4-5** Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others. (NLT)

**We need relationship with others because we are spiritually vulnerable without them.**

**1 Peter 5:8** Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. (NIV)

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## February 11, 2018 Attendance & Financial Report

Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. ~ 36 10:30 a.m. ~ 143 Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. – 58

Finance: General: \$2903 To Date: \$9792 New Building: \$770 To Date: \$1520



### Guests at First Christian Church

Welcome to FCC! We're glad that you could visit with us. We hope that blessings and joy may grow from our fellowship. We invite you to worship with us again. Ross Kimball ~ Edna Henderson mom of Nicci Denny ~ Cody Gettler ~ Adam Kichler & two boys ~ Dixie

Baugher, Kathy King, Brayden & Brantlex Hermreck ~ Jaxson McAdam grandson of Doug & Connie Meyer ~ Emma Struttman guest of Kimmie Damron ~ Taylor & Jessie Stapp son and wife of Gary & Kim Stapp ~ Kristina Sommer ~ Aaron & Courtney Tucker ~ Q B Wang, Felicia Wang of South Korea, Qinghui Wang, Wangyu Gai all guests of Grace Wu

“O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.” Psalm 34:3



Due to the icy and cold weather the **OPPORTUNITY CLASS** didn't meet on Sunday morning. Continued prayers for Charlie & Becky Allen ~ Rosie Jordan ~ Chris Corbin & Darwin Hamilton.

The **SOS Class** met Sunday morning with 8 present, 7 who had their Bible with them and had 4 daily readers. Due to such a low turnout in attendance this morning because of the cold and icy weather they decided not to discuss the lesson. Continued prayers were requested for Linda Benjamin ~ Charlene Rogers ~ George Zentner ~ Nelda Potter ~ Lola Thornton ~ Betty Penn ~ Earl Wilson ~ Shirley Hermreck ~ Juanita Kellerman ~ Gene Watson

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**Discipleship must include these components:**

- **Teaching** – We do not believe real learning can happen in large groups.
- **Modeling** – A person living out their faith in front of others; a living picture.
- **Authenticity** – Being transparent and real when dealing with others.
- **Accountability** – Building relationships where the truth is expected and desired.
- **Shepherding** – Love, care, and support as we do life together.
- **A place to play** – A place where you can put into practice what you've been taught.

Are you ready to start participating in a small relational group so that you can grow spiritually? This could be a Bible study group at the donut shop, it could be a Sunday school class, a small group around a dinner table. The truth is that we all need each other! What is keeping you from living in a REAL way, in REAL community, with Real people? As Christians we really need to live the way Christ set as an example.



**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 (request by Ken & Barbara McMillan, Judy Tisor), Judy Meyer (request by Nancy Horn), Waunita Porter (request by 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, Nicholas Watkins, son of Steve Watkins

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

**Navy:** Alyssa (Mikesell) Morford, granddaughter of Les & Lennet Thomas

### Our Church Families / Friends

**Week 1 ~ February 11:** the family of Richard McKinney (uncle of Cathy Hoke) ~ Willis Kramer (dad of Sandy Lewis) ~ Lola Thornton ~ Earl Wilson (Loydene West)

**Week 2 ~ February 4:** Charlie & Becky Allen, Ramona Taylor, Military & Law Enforcement and their families (Rosemary Turner) ~ Lennet Thomas ~ All those with illness – May God grant them the courage & peace to endure what lies ahead. Amen (Sue Zentner) ~ The family of George Miyake of Laramie Wyoming (a niece's husband of Donna Williams) ~ Lisa Modlin

**Week 3 ~ January 28:** ~ Sandra Howery (Michael Howery) ~ Nancy Lake, Ardis Comfort & Gayle Durham (Gayla Corley) ~ Mary Fagg (sister of Wilma McIntosh) ~ Brett Rosco (brother in law of Mark & Sondra Grieshaber) ~ the family of Jeanette Arnett (Nancy Horn)

*After 3 weeks, your prayer request will be removed unless you write on the Sunday flap or email Marsha Dulin at [marsha@fccgarnett.org](mailto:marsha@fccgarnett.org)*



Hey everybody! Hope you are having a good week! I've got a couple of different announcements for you!

**believe** is for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders ~ This event is Friday & Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Cost is \$75 per student (If you need financial help please talk to Brett.) This is a weekend conference in Kansas City, MO, where kids will learn of Jesus from renowned speakers, and experience worship from some of the country's best bands. You won't want your students to miss this event.



**WINTERJAM** is on a school day. If we have enough students whose parents are willing to let them skip a day to go to WINTERJAM, we will still go. This is contingent on how many students will be able to make it!! This event is Friday, March 16 in Kansas City, MO ~ Cost is \$10 per students



**Hidden Haven Christian Camp** online registration is now open. (it has been upgraded to make registration simpler). The weeks we will be going to camp this year are:  
 Middle School Camp (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>) June 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>      5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp: June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>  
 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>      1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Camp June 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>  
 High School Camp- July 22<sup>nd</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>

Hope you guys have a good week!!! BRETT



THANK YOU! I would like to give a special thank you to Dan Dulin, Mike Zentner, and Leroy Hamilton for creating the portable, indoor GaGa Ball Pitt (phase 1) and then reinforcing it after wear and tear of several months of usage (phase 2). We appreciate your know-how and willingness to give our youth the chance to have fun and make it much harder to break things! You guys are awesome!! BRETT



Everyone's going gaga over gaga. But what is gaga? GaGa Ball is believed to have originated in Israel, and slowly spread across the U.S. over several decades. Ga means "hit" or "touch" in Hebrew. GaGa Ball consists of a lightweight bouncy or foam ball and an octagon enclosure known as the "GaGa Ball Pit." The object of the game is to hit the ball at or below opponents' knees to eliminate them from the pit. The last

one left in the GaGa Ball Pit is the winner. GaGa Ball can be played by kids of any size, age, or athletic ability can play and have the same chance to win as anybody else. Games generally last only a few minutes, and eliminated players are back in the action quickly. Once a player is out, they can have as much fun watching and cheering while the other players finish off the game. Then, a new game starts all over, and you're back in action again! That's why they're all talking about it!



Linda & I wish to publicly thank Dan Dulin, Mike Zentner, Leroy Hamilton, and Tarry Miller for the hours they have volunteered to help us with an unexpected home project due to a water line break. They always respond to our calls for help. This is what having Christian friends is all about. We are making a \$400 donation to the new Building Fund in their honor.  
--Gary & Linda Benjamin



Blessings to you and the birth of your new baby boy! Congratulations to Corey & Ivy Newman on the birth of their son, William Mark Newman. He was born Sunday, January 28, 2018 ~ 8 lb 6 oz and 20.5" long. The Grandparents are Paul & Bridget Farless and the proud Great Great grandmother is Loydene West.



**Mission Haiti** wishes to invite you all for a time of refreshments and a presentation on their 2018 trip to Haiti. They wish to thank everyone for supporting them from prayers – monetarily – purchasing medications – making blankets etc. The date is Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the First Christian Church in the Family Life Center.

## This week at FCC

### Tuesday, February 13

~ The Blood Mobile will be at the First United Methodist Church this date. The time will be starting at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m.

~ The Tuesday evening Prayer Group meet weekly in the Annex at 6:30 p.m. If you have any requests that you would like for them to pray about please contact Charlotte Cox, Chairman, church office or mark the flap on Sunday with your request.

**Wednesday, February 14** ~ Our Jr High Discipleship Class and the ROOTS Program meet weekly at First Christian Church from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. A meal is also provided for these 2 programs

### Thursday, February 15

~ The Christian Crafters meet weekly at 10:00 a.m. until around 12 p.m. at the Annex. If you need a special gift (baby blanket, quilts, kitchen towels, pot holders etc.) contact Connie Meyer or Shirley Modlin. They would love to show you what they have for sale.

~ The Small Group meet weekly at the home of Jonathan & Nicole Born at 6:30 p.m.

~ The Care Team will meet in the Fellowship Hall ~ 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday, February 18

~ The Education Committee will meet following 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

~ Our Legacy Youth meet weekly at First Christian Church. It is broke down to two classes. They are: Jr Hi 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. & Sr Hi 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Monday, February 19** ~ The Christian Woodworkers meet weekly on Monday's at 8:30 a.m. in the shop of Darwin Hamilton. They make unique wooden toys and take them to Children's Mercy Hospital where the children there can color or paint them.

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