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Secretary: Cheryl Rice

Our Mission Statement

To help one another grow in Christian faith through worship, witness, fellowship, and service to our community and the world.

February 28 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital: Howard Svaty

<u>Local Concerns</u>: **Doris Claiborne**, Ed Viers, **Marilyn Compton**, Mardina Gregory, Wayne Sircoulomb,

Butch Cox, Linda Blevins

<u>Continuing Concerns</u>: Ollie Black, Julie Lawson family, Bob Compton, Alvin Robinson, Evelyn De Cou, Lois McBride, Bob & Jane Hutton, Diane Carver, Barbara Neill, **Linda Shue**, Doris Regan, Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George Chapman, Rose Cummings, Helen Smith, Louise Morrison, Jo Shue, Margaret Shinkle,

Our extended family: The family of Jim Smith (brother of Nancy Burns), The family of Lorraine Marr, Clayton Linville, New Life CO-OP, Charles Kennedy, John Relph, Raymond Reutlinger, Barbara Baddy, Betty Bell, Laura Banning, Melody Billings, JR Schwarz, Emily Hudson, Justin Voorhies, Tye Libberman, Rita Renfro, Brenda Lockhart and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad. All storm and wild fire victims.

<u>Please call the church office (378-4118) with</u> <u>information or updates</u> related to illnesses, hospitalizations, crisis, or immediate family deaths, so that care can be offered.

<u>Serving in the Military</u> with ties to this congregation are: Griffin Voorhies- Marines

Attendance & Financial Report

Sunday	Worship	General Offering
Feb. 18	65	\$ 1778.00
Feb. 25	64	\$ 1468.10



Happy Birthday!

Mar. 04 – Lucine Reed Mar. 05 - Carissa Rogers Mar. 12 – Tom Arnold Mar. 13 – Kaitlyn Rogers Mar. 14 Becky Ramsey



Thank you for the prayers, and cards that I received upon the passing of my brother Larry Fyfe.

Twila Carr



Even though you didn't have to do it. You did it anyway, and it was much appreciated.

Thank you to all that were involved with the Prayer Shawl and to all the church members for their prayers.

It is always good to know Jesus is near.

Bob & Anita Crawshaw



Called to Serve March

Sunday, March 04

Table Elders: Carol Bernauer & Darin Vaughn

Home Communion: Marvin Gregory

Deacons: Pat & Jess Reed

Deaconesses: Pat Hilyard & Linda Blevins

Greeter: Tina Thomas

Usher: Rex Thomas AV. Cary Hutton

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey Lay leader: Mary Compton

Sunday, March 11

Table Elders: Mary Compton & DeAnna Vaughn

Home Communion: Ed Viers

Deacons: Mary Shue & Matthew Melloy

Deaconesses:Pat Hilyard, Linda Blevins, Lorelei Cole

Greeter: Doris Claiborne

Usher: Nadine Dishman AV. Nancy Burns

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey Lay leader: Sandy Besinger

Sunday, March 18

Table Elders: Caral Thornton & David Rogers

Home Communion: Darin Vaughn Deacons: Neal Bernauer & Ray Barger

Deaconesses:Pat Hilyard, Linda Blevins, Lorelei Cole

Greeter: Louise Kelsey

Usher: Delores Kempinger AV. Merlyn Ramsey

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey Lay leader: Claudia Marr



Mark Your Calendar March 18th –Noon-Fellowship Hall-Baked Potato Bar and of course drinks and

desserts.

Praise Warriors will have an Easter Dinner Theater to help raise money to go to camp.

Photos... from the Nicaragua mission trip will be in the next several Callers.



Steve Siegele prepares to mix cement for the man that will do the concrete work to seal the tanks that store the clean water for the village of Santa Emilia.



This is the finished tank from the day before and Pastor Claude's team is preparing to paint it. Steve is carrying a bag of cement for another tank.



A Message from Pastor Shue

It is my hope that with the start of the Lenten season each of us will do some serious reflecting on what this

time of year is all about. Each of us needs to take a very serious look at our own individual lives. The single biggest question that we need to reflect on needs to be are we living our daily lives in a Christ like manner? If the answer is no or I don't know then we have to make some positive changes in our lives right now, not tomorrow or next week, but right now. As Christians we need to be willing to constantly make these reflections in our daily lives.

This past week here in Southeast Kansas has shown us a little bit of everything when it comes to weather. I must say I prefer chilly temperatures and rain to freezing temperatures and freezing rain. However, with that being said I would like to see the rain go away for a while. I guess we will have to take the winter weather as it comes and be grateful for what we get.

I hope those who have been suffering from the flu are feeling better. I know there are several different strains out there, all of which are bad if you have any of them, so please see a doctor and take care of each other. If Mary and I can help please let us know.

The last week of March is the Lenten Luncheon week. First Christian Church will be responsible for the meal on Wednesday, March 28th. I will be the speaker on Good Friday, March 30th. Mary has agreed to make noodles for chicken and noodles as our meal again this year if that is okay with the ladies of the church. Let us know what you think about that.

I hope you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

The Gift of Encouragement

One of the most powerful things one person can share with another is encouragement.
Encouragement can stop a suicide, a divorce and countless other tradgedies. A word of encouragement can heal someone who is broken and wounded. It can give someone the courage to keep trying.

Our world is full of negative, bitter, uncaring people who can't say anything good about anyone or anything. The people of God should be a radiant contrast to the people of the world. We should bubble over with the joy of the Holy Spirit. We should find it easy to be positive and uplifting. Are you an encouragement to those around you? Don't let someone die from neglect and lack of encouragement. Share your Christian joy by encouraging those around you on a regular basis!

The Thief Upon the Cross

Two thieves were hanging near our Lord the day He died.

Each one could see the cruel spear pierce through Christ's bleeding side.

Each heard the prayer He wispered low as darkness dimmed the view:

"Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do."

Amid the clang of shield and sword and boistrous cheers that day,

One thief looked upon the Lord and men could hear him say,

"If thou were He, God's only Son, angels would be near;

But You are helpless, there are none to take You down from here."

But when the other thief did see the Lord upon the tree.

He breathed the words, remembered yet, "Dear Lord, remember me.

Remember me when You shall come into your kingdom fair." Continued on page 4

"My blood," said Christ, "has cleansed your sin, today you shall be there."

Great was the faith that thief displayed upon the cross that day.

He saw no marks on Christ that said He was the Life-the Way.

And yet, that thief, in faith believed, and in his dying hour

He showed for all eternity that faith not works, is the saving power.

~Donald Laverne Walker



Looking at the Cross

As I look up at the cross I see, the guiltless Lamb who died for me.

I see the thorns that add to the pain,

In the form of a crown, He bore my gain.

It is hard to look upon those stripes
So bloody and wide, deep and thin,

Not that they were undeserved, But just payment for My sin.

So how is it that Jesus is up there while I remain unscathed?
Because of what He Himself has said...
"There is No Other Way"!

The sky grew dark, the thunder rolled, The earth shook; both rock and stone, The penalty paid; "it is finished" crossed His lips,

And the furious wrath of God was shown.

Indeed the innermost veil of the temple Was torn by God above,
Not only was God's wrath poured out
But Grace and such undeserving Love.

God was supplying His very own Son Jesus came as both sacrifice and priest; That we might be reconciled to God And partake of the Passover Feast. Don't you see what has been done here? What a great price has been paid! When all the sins of the world, were upon Jesus Christ laid.

And He willingly bore them, Out of His perfecting love, That we might be with Him In eternity above.

~Author Unknown



FYI

Our new back door is in and it is nice to have a door that closes and locks.

Our new phone and internet system is in the process of being installed. It will be nice once we figure out how to use it. It will definitely take time to learn and get used to so if you call and I cut you off it is not intentional, and I will call you back as soon as I figure out how.

More lights are being converted to LED and things are looking much brighter around here.



Basket in the Narthex on Desk...

... for Easter Lilly donations to decorate Sanctuary for Easter.



On Our Calendar

Feb. 28– 9:00 Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice New Caller

Mar. 01 – 7:00 p.m. CWF/ Church

Mar. 05- 4:00-6:30- p.m. God's Praise Warriors

Mar. 06- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters

Mar. 07 -9:00 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Mar. 08– 2:00 -4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters

Mar. 11 – 1:30 p.m. Morning star Worship

Mar. 12 - 4:00-6:30- p.m. God's Praise Warriors

Mar. 13 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters

Mar. 14 -9:00 a.m. Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice New Caller

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