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Website www.fccfredonia.org Sunday school: 9:00 AM. Worship 10:30 AM.

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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.

January 29 Caller



Prayer Concerns

Condolences to: Jolene Smith's family

In the hospital:

<u>Local Concerns</u>: Maxine Wescott, Fred & Helen

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Continuing Concerns: Nadine Timmons, Louise Kelsey, Clara & David McCluskey, Howard Svaty, Marvin & Mardina Gregory, Wayne Sircoulomb, Bob Compton, Evelyn DeCou, Diane Carver, Linda Shue, Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George Chapman, Margaret Shinkle, Emagene Walton, Carol Turner

<u>Our extended family</u>: Chuck Baker, J. D. Cox, Jimmy Kieth, John Siewart, Steve Martin, Rita Renfro, Bill Ward, Debbie Sunthimer, Sharon Heien, Maxine Wilson, JR Schwarz, Justin Voorhies,

Taylor Lawson and grandfather, and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad. All storm and wild fire victims as well as shooting 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.

Financial Report

 Sunday

 Jan. 19
 \$ 2221.34

 Jan. 26
 \$ 1626.70



Happy Birthday!

Jan. 30 - Terry Marr

Feb. 02 – Wayne Sircoulomb

Feb. 03 –Morgan Self Feb. 07 – Tylor Vaughn

Feb. 12 – Nancy Rogers



Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for hosting the family and the wonderful meal after Louise Morrison's funeral service.

We were able to share so many memories about Louise's life.

Sincerely,

Louise Morrison's Family



Called to Serve – February

Sunday, February 02

Table Elders: Carl Thornton & David Rogers

Home Communion: Mike Jeffers

Deacons: Pat & Jess Reed Deaconesses: Becky Ramsey

Greeter: Tina Thomas

Usher: Rex Thomas AV. Jess Reed Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Ed Viers

Sunday, February 09

Table Elders: Todd Harrelson & Nancy Rogers

Home Communion: De Anna Vaughn Deacons: Sandy Besinger & Ron Black

Deaconesses: Becky Ramsey Greeter: Doris Claiborne

Usher: Cleda Robinson AV. Cary Hutton

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Jess Reed

Sunday, February 16

Table Elders: Marvin Gregory & Merlyn Ramsey

Home Communion: Carl Thornton Deacons: Don Vaughn & Neal Bernauer

Deaconesses: Becky Ramsey Greeter: Marilyn Compton

Usher: Delores Kempinger AV. Nancy Burns

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey Lay leader: Stacy Siegele

Church Board Meeting will be February the 12th at 6:00 p.m.

A clear conscience can only be destroyed by its owner.

Smiles never go up in price or down in value.



A Message from Pastor Shue

It is my hope that each of you are doing well. The Shue family had a

very interesting vacation. As I mentioned a few weeks ago the last time we were at Disney World was about 20 years ago. The place has really grown since we were last there. The crowds were crazy as well. I don't see us ever going there again.

We had a little time to kill before we could check into our Disney resort so I thought it would be nice if we could go to Daytona Beach to see the sites, bad choice. As soon as we got to the city we pulled into a McDonalds to use the bathroom. It was about noon so the place was packed. We were stuck in a parking lot off the main street which was Highway 1. The guy in front of us got in a hurry and backed up without looking and hit our front passenger side corner fender. We thought he was going to stop and exchange information, but instead he took off. My son Carl was driving and took off after him so we could get his tag number. He ran a red light going as fast as his Mustang could go and we were right behind him. In a few blocks he came to a stoplight that other cars were stopped at so we were able to get his tag number. He then jumped a curb in the center medium and turned left. We pulled over and called the police. What we didn't know until later was this driver drove a few blocks, ran a stop sign hit another vehicle and came to rest against a metal fence and metal building. His vehicle was totaled. The driver of that vehicle he hit was treated at a local hospital. The police brought the young man over to our vehicle to talk to us. He was very sorry for all the trouble he caused. The damage to our car was very little, but we pressed charges anyway so that this young man could be held accountable for his actions. All of us must be held accountable for what we do in life.

I hope each of you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude



First Christian Church,

Thank you so very much for the food basket we received at Christmas. We so appreciated the groceries.

The Taylors



Your gift of money for the Nicaragua Water Project is gratefully acknowledged by the First Christian Church of Pittsburg, Kansas.

Your thoughtful contribution will help move this mission project forward.

Phyllis Merrill
Financial Secretary
FCC, Pittsburg, Ks.

*If you need a contribution statement from the church for income tax purposes please contact Carol Boyer 620-433-1453.

In the past one has been made out for everyone. This takes a lot of time and we are finding not many people need them. If you do please contact her and she will be glad to get yours to you.

Good News: Evelyn De Cou is home and Ron Black is walking well enough to come to church. He is not quite up to coming back to work but he is getting there.

Microphones: Our battery operated microphones have finally given up. We have ordered new ones that will hopefully come this week. They have arrived!



His Smile

Jesus was "Man of sorrows" Acquainted with grief was He-But can it be He never smiled, Or chatted, pleasantly?

He went to the wedding at Cana 'Twas a happy, joyful affair And should we think our Master Was a sad-faced person there?

He loved the little children
And they came from far and near
To listen to His stories
To whisper in His ear.

He held them close and blessed them,
He made the mothers gladAnd surely, with such kindness
A smile for all He had.

And when my weary footsteps
Have walked that last, long mile,
I'll be watching for my Savior
And waiting for His smile!

~Roy J. Wilkins

February

February is the bridge
That crossed into spring;
A hint of springtime magic
Is the gift that he would bring,
And smiling through each snowstorm
That winter sends our way
He knows the snow will vanish
In a not too distant day.

February is promise
To those who patient be
That flowers soon will appear
And leaves will clothe each tree,
The white will be transformed
To fresh green everywhere
As February ushers in
A warmer bit of air.

~Lois Anne Williams

How Your Faith Can Grow

The suspension bridge over Niagara Falls was begun by a thread attached to a kite. When the wind blew, the kite went across. Then on the thread they attached a string and pulled it across. By this slow but sure method, they were eventually able to build the bridge.

Your faith may be just a little thread, or no larger than a mustard seed, but you must act on that faith (James2:14-18). For through action, your faith will be strengthened and become steadfast (Collosions1:23), as it moves you to do even greater works of faith for our Lord Jesus Christ (2nd Thessalonians 1:3). And in this way your faith can grow exceedingly. (Ephesians 4: 15-16).

While There Is Time

While there is time, Lord, may I use it well, "Tis gone in a moment, one never can tell Which day is our last one, with so much to do, All must be in order, when summoned by You.

While there is time, Lord, and life is my own, Let me bring gladness to someone alone. Renew a small hope, rekindle a dream, For shadows are never as dark as they seem.

While there is time, Lord, let me not waste The chances you give me, I cannot replace. Lend me your wisdom, that I may learn To give of myself, not ask a return.

Let me gently keep my words kind, In spite of worries crossing my mind. And when at long last, life's sun starts to set, Let me have never cause for regret.

~Grace E. Easley



On Our Calendar

Jan. 29 -9:00 - Prayer Group

9:00 - 10:00 - Exercise Group

1:30 - Thrift shop Advisory Board meeting

7:00 - Choir

Jan. 31-9:00 - 10:00 - Exercise Group

Feb. 03-9:00 - 10:00 - Exercise Group

5:00 - 7:00 Youth Group

Feb. 04-2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters

5:00 - Cadet Scouts

Feb. 05-9:00 - Prayer Group

9:00 -10:00 Exercise Group

7:00 - Choir

Feb. 06 -7:00 -CWF/Church

Feb. 07 -9:00 - 10:00 Exercise Group

Feb. 10 -9:00 - 10:00 Exercise Group

Feb. 11- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters

5:00 - Cadet Scouts

New Caller February 12

*Articles for the caller may be edited due to length, content, or for clarification.