

The Christian Caller
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Sunday school: 9:00 AM.
Worship 10:30 AM.
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Office hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 – 2:30 PM.
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.

July 05 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital:

Local Concerns: Marvin Gregory, Carol Bernauer, Marilyn Pryor, Linda Ensminger, Mardina Gregory, Dorothy Thornton, Mary Smith,

Continuing Concerns: Lois McBride, Bob & Jane Ellen Hutton, Diane Carver, Barbara Neill, Evelyn DeCou, 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: Barbara Baddy, Betty Bell, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, SW Ks.

Communities affected by wild fires, Laura Banning, Terry Young, Melody Billings, JR Schwarz, Jolene Smith, Bill & Judy Ward, Donald Hendry (Lois McBride's brother), Emily Hudson, Alice Douglas, Joyce Stone, Justin Voorhies, Tye Libberman, Rita Renfrow, Bruce Hogue, Brenda Lockhart and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad.

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

Serving in the Military with ties to this congregation are: Dylon Voorhies- Marines
Caleb Black – Marines

Attendance & Financial Report

Sunday	Worship	General Offering
June 25	50	\$ 1485.00
July 02	66	\$ 2602.00



Happy Birthday!

July 05 – Nadine Dishman*
Mary Compton*
Reannan Hickey
July 08 – Don Vaughn*
July 09 – Bob Hutton*
July 17 – Carolyn Viers
July 18 – Sandy Cox



Happy Anniversary!

July 14 – Mike & Becky Cox (44 years)

If your Name is missing from the anniversary or birthday list or is incorrect, please call the office, 378-4118. We want to include you.

Thank You!

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for all of the kind thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital.

I greatly appreciated the cards and visits from all of you.

I hope to be back to church very soon.

Thanks so much,
Louise Kelsey



Called to Serve July

Sunday, July 09

Table Elders: Carol Bernauer & Darin Vaughn
 Home Communion: Mary Compton
 Deacons: Pat & Jess Reed
 Deaconesses: Liz North & Reannan Hickey
 Greeter: Doris Claiborne
 Usher: Nadine Dishman AV. Ron Smith
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Lay leader: Mary Compton

Sunday, July 16

Table Elders: Bob & Mary Compton
 Home Communion: Carol Bernauer
 Deacons: Mary Shue & Susan Voorhies
 Deaconesses: Liz North & Reannan Hickey
 Greeter: Louise Kelsey
 Usher: Cleda Robinson AV. Cary Hutton
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Lay leader: Todd Harrelson

Sunday, July 23

Table Elders: Carl Thornton & David Rogers
 Home Communion: Mike Jeffers
 Deacons: Sandy Besinger & Ron Black
 Deaconesses: Liz North & Reannan Hickey
 Greeter: Delores Kempinger
 Usher: Marilyn Compton AV. Nancy Burns
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Lay leader: Nancy Rogers

Thank You!

Lucine and Chuck Baker,
 Thank you. It is nice to have good Christian friends.

Marvin & Mardina Gregory

Prayers from Presidents for Our Nation

Thomas Jefferson's Prayer for a New Nation

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of

Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, confusion, pride, arrogance and every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion us into one united people, the multitude brought hither out of many kindred's and tongues. Endow with Thy Spirit of wisdom those who in Thy name we entrust with the authority of government, that there may be peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among nations of the earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Ronald Regan 1986

A Prayer for Healing Our Country

To preserve our blessed land we must look to God...It is time to realize that we need God more than He needs us....We also have his promise that we could take to heart with regard to our country, that "If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and heal their land."

Let us, young and old, join together, as did the First Continental Congress, in the first step, in humble heartfelt prayer. Let us do so for the love of God and His great goodness, in search of His guidance and grace of repentance, in seeking His blessings, His peace, and the resting of His kind and holy hands on ourselves, our nation, our friends in the defense of freedom, and all mankind, now and always.

The time has come to turn to God and reassert our trust in Him for the healing of America...Our country is in need of and ready for a spiritual renewal. Today, we utter no prayer more fervently than the ancient prayer for peace on Earth.

If I had a prayer for you today, among those that have all been uttered, it is that one we are so familiar with; "The Lord bless you and keep you

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A Message from Pastor Shue

As we celebrate our country's 141st birthday I hope each of you know how fortunate we are to live in such

a wonderful place. I know there are many problems that we as a society need to fix, but at the same time we are truly blessed to have all the freedoms that we have. I'm pretty sure when our forefathers sat down and wrote the Declaration of Independence and signed it 241 years ago they had no idea we would develop into the nation we are today. Those generations that came before us willingly made huge sacrifices so we could live the way we wished to and also worship in the manner we choose to. We must be willing to make sacrifices for those generations to come. We have a huge responsibility to those younger than us to leave our nation in better shape than when we took it over. I am sad to say that my generation has not done as good of a job in that regard as I would like them to. I hope and pray that we will continue to work on these issues that are driving different segments of our society to work against each other rather than working together to make our nation better and stronger.

The last two young people of our congregation are back from Camp Tawakoni. All of the young people that attended church camp expressed to me how much they enjoyed it. I can't begin to thank all of you who helped support it through your time and money. I know that because of this congregation God's voice is stronger in these young people's lives.

I hope all of you had a safe enjoyable 4th of July and hope you are safe as you travel this holiday week.

I hope each of you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude

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the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace...." And may God bless you All.

George H. W. Bush, 1989

Heavenly Father, we bow our heads and thank you for your love. Make us strong to do Your work, willing to heed and hear Your will, and write on our hearts these words: "Use power to help people."

We are given power not to advance our own purposes, nor to make a great show in the world, nor a name. There is but one just use of power, and that is to serve people. Lord, help us to remember that.

May the Lord God be with us; may he not forsake us; so that he may incline our hearts to Him, to walk in His ways... that all people of the earth may know that the Lord is God; and there is no other. Amen.

The following is an open letter to our city commission from the Kansas Crossroads Foundation.

I will print as much of it as I have space for. I think you will find it interesting. For those of you who don't know, Pastor Claude, Max Reinhart, and on occasion Ray Barger help Jack Kyle with jail ministry and this co-op.

Dear Fredonia City Officials,

My name is Jack Kyle and I am the director of the Kansas Crossroads Foundation. We are a faith based nonprofit cooperative that is committed to strengthening the quality of life in rural Kansas. We have been working in your community formally and informally for three years.

Recently we looked at our track record which you may find interesting. Since partnering with Cobalt Boats, KCF now has some hard statistics as of (6-12-17) to share with you.

- We have employed 28 people who came out of the Wilson County Jail or were homeless in the Neodesha/Fredonia area (22 employed through our charity program at Cobalt Boats). Of those 28 only 8 have lost their jobs.
- Because of our relationship with those 8 we were able to redirect them to other employment or get them into an appropriate detox/rehab instead of going back to jail. One of the 8 has been reincarcerated. The US recidivism rate is 56% within the first year. We are doing far better than the national average. Since we have been here 3 years, more have been employed and found homes not listed in the above data.
- Many, but not all of these people were drug addicts. Some have children in our school systems. We have no way to measure how their sobriety, employment, and positive contributions will affect the community as a whole. We believe to flip a re-offender to an employed citizen provides a vision and a pathway for others to become sober and drug free. We also believe that the crime rate will decrease and sobriety will improve in our communities over time.
- We also work with the poor to provide a platform to sell products like food, crafts, and produce. We plan to open a farmers market on our property in August with the ability to receive food assistance support for the poor.
- We are working to expand our non-profit mission with a second cooperative in Coffeyville. We believe we have a template for working with the "Meth" and addiction issues of rural Kansas.

- Please publically acknowledge our efforts- getting the word out about our mission is so helpful to nonprofits.
- Personally invite Fredonia Industry leaders to a lunch presentation with KCF and a representative of Cobalt Boats. We would like the opportunity to expand these same community building benefits to all businesses and manufacturers.
- Consider hiring new city workers through our temporary work charity. This means you too would be a part of the rebuilding program. We provide random UA's and help with any employment problem and provide an ongoing transitional support group while the employee starts to reshape his/her life. We take the risk/responsibility and pay all withholding tax and workers compensation while you try out the ones you want. At the end of two months, you may hire them direct.
- Consider subsidizing our work by giving us a building in Fredonia proper. We would open a cooperative that would share local goods between Neodesha and Fredonia and be a home base within Fredonia for restarting lives.

While working with our addicts can sometimes be stressful and "messy," It is ultimately to our mutual benefit to engage them with a vision of personal, economic, and community health. Please, join us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Jack Kyle, Kansas Crossroads Foundation Director



On Our Calendar

July 05- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
 July 06, 07 & 08 – Ramsey - Garage sale fellowship hall/6-8pm. Thurs., all day Friday, Sat. 7am till ?
 July 11 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters
 July 12 -9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
 July 15 – 7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The following are some of the things you might consider doing to help us rebuild lives and help build a healthier community in Fredonia.

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

