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BILL'S BITS -

REACHING HIGHER

The Bible tells us that we are created in the image of God. That is the glory of humanity and that means all of us have great potential in developing the gifts that God has given to us. These are some thoughts that can inspire us to develop what gifts God has given us.

1. Great things often have small beginnings. The Daily News ran an ad on April 1, 1887, for a watchmaker. Richard Sears ran the ad and the ad was answered by Alvan Roebuck. That led to the founding of the Sears and Roebuck Catalog and stores. Use whatever you may have to develop into bigger things.

2. Push ahead. Maybe you heard about the city slicker who moved to the country. He had always wanted to be a farmer, so he purchased a small acreage and bought a cow. Shortly afterward, the cow went dry-stopped giving milk. When he reported this fact to the neighbor who had sold him the cow, the neighbor expressed surprise. The city man said he was surprised, too: "I can't understand it. If ever a person was considerate of an animal, I was of that cow. If I didn't need any milk, I didn't milk her. If I needed only a quart, I took only a quart." Of course, the only way to keep milk flowing is by the opposite procedure: You do not take as little milk as possible from the cow. You take as much as possible. Much of life is that way. When we are pushed beyond our normal capabilities, we become more productive and creative. Milk the cow often and take as much milk as possible. That way, the milk continues to flow.

3. Look for hidden treasure. When Alaska was purchased by Secretary of State William H. Seward for 7 million dollars, people hooted and called it Seward's Folly. People couldn't see the value of those acres so far to the north. But look at the richness of that state. Today, Alaska's mineral wealth alone is valued at far more than the original price. Things often turn out a lot better than they looked in the beginning.

4. Louis Pasteur once had a teacher who wrote this about him: "Pasteur is the smallest, meekest, and least promising pupil in my class." During his childhood, Sir Walter Scott was rated a dunce. The great philosopher Hume was described as "uncommonly weak minded." Charles Darwin's own father predicted that Charles would be a disgrace to the Darwin family. Napoleon was sent to military school and graduated number forty-two in a class of forty-three. Isaac Newton showed such little promise that his parents took him out of school and put him to work on a farm. Yes, many people who at first appeared doomed to a life of incompetency and failure, now inhabit the pages of our history books. We never know the potential of a person until they are given every chance. Pasteur wrote his father saying, "Just be patient and trust me. I shall do better as I go on." And go on he did. We can, too. (adapted)

See you Sunday! Bill

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Sunday Services

- 8:15 am Early Worship
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:20 am Morning Worship

Sunday Activities

Wednesday Activities

- 5:30 pm Family Fellowship Dinner
- 6:00 pm Pre K-2nd , JYF (Grades 3rd-5th)
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm CYF & Chi-Rho (Grades 6-12)

Opportunities for Service and Growth

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| Adult and Children's Choirs | Promise Keepers |
| Vacation Bible School | Disciples' Men |
| Men's Groups | Women's Groups |
| Sunday school for all ages | Kansas Disciple Women |
| Regional Assembly | Junior and Senior High Youth Group |
| Bible Studies | Youth Ski Trip |
| Mission Projects and Trips | Social Events |

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| Justin Frazier | Youth Coordinator |
| Kathy Rose..... | Secretary |
| Jerry Ford..... | Music Director |
| Mary Hunter..... | Bell Choir Director |
| Connie Weiser..... | Organist |
| Arlon Johnson..... | Custodian |
| Tammy Garrison..... | Nursery Attendant |

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8:00—12:00 1:00—3:00

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Please notify the church office if you would like to have yourself or your loved one included in our prayers. fcc@cck.kscoxmail.com or 793-6603.



- ...Floyd & Marie Rogers upon the loss of Marie's brother, Wayne Dewey, Grand Junction, Colorado
- ...Jolene Turner & Family upon the loss of her husband, Robert
- ...Dee Holman & Family upon the loss of Dee's mother, Betty Sloan



**Remember Those
in the Military**

- Shane Agosto, Army**, Melissa Hittle's former student - Afghanistan
- Susi Bargainear**, LaDonna Moore's niece - Fort Campbell, KY
- Bryce Batchman, Air Force**, Debbie & Richard Batchman's son - Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO
- Chris Batchman, Army Reserve Recruiter**, Debbie & Richard Batchman's son - Olathe, KS
- Lt. Col. Ken Bellinger, Army Chaplain**, Cliff Bellinger's son - Northern Italy
- Jesse Freeman**, Jessica Marston's friend - Camp Pendleton, CA
- Steven McGee**, son of Mystie (Svatos) McGee - Afghanistan
- Josh Prewitt, Marines**, Roger & Laina Marshall's nephew - Afghanistan
- Steve Rice, Lt. Colonel, Air Force**, Melissa Hittle's former classmate - Afghanistan
- Jen Simmons**, Noffsinger's friend's daughter - Iraq



Cherry Village Nursing Home

- Cliff Bellinger
- Martha McKown

Great Bend Health & Rehab

- Viola Schwein

River Bend Assisted Living

- Ione Strohm

Sterling House of Great Bend

- Darlene Biggs
- Lela Wilson

Woodhaven Care Center - Ellinwood

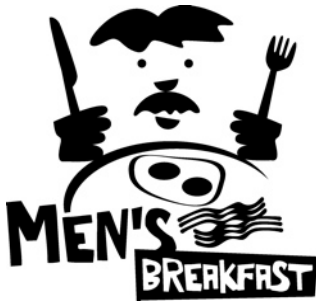
- Esther Burhenn

September Attendance and Gifts

	5	12	19	26	AVG
Sunday School	48	63	46	70	57
Early Service	36	46	32	39	38
Late Service	168	193	144	168	168
Children's Church	4	11	5	17	9
TOTAL	168	193	144	224	182
General Offering	5,647.45	2,420.24	4,907.90	3,678.30	4,163.47
Bldg. Offerings	1,400.00	880.00	4,430.00	1,350.00	2,015.00
Special Offerings	250.00	00.00	836.20	190.00	319.05
TOTAL	7,297.45	3,300.24	10,174.10	5,218.30	6,497.52

* Special Offerings include Wed Night Dinners, Becker Coupons, Wedding Fees, Memorials for Robert Turner, DMF Reconciliation Offering, and Outreach

Board Meeting Dates: November 17 & December 15



**Disciples Men Fellowship
October 2nd at 8:00 am**



COME ONE! COME ALL!
AN EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES
OCTOBER 3RD
6:00 PM
CHURCH PARLOR
Bring your games!
A good time will be had by all!



Martha Group

Hostess: Louie Gunn
Program: Anneliese Ward
October 20, 2010, 1:30 pm

Lunch Bunch

October 20, 2010, 11:30 am
The Highland

Joy Group

Hostesses: Louise Gunn/Lois Johnson
Program: Nelva Grimes
October 26, 2010, 12:00 pm

New Day Group

Hostess: Janis Fairchild
Program: Connie Brockhausen
October 25, 2010, 7:00 pm

ATTENTION MEN!

The Men's Trap Shoot will be held Sunday, October 24th, at the Larned Gun Club. We will leave the church parking lot at 2:00 pm and begin shooting at 2:30 pm. Bring your shotgun and target load ammunition (up to 4 boxes). Guests are welcome. Charge is \$4.00 per round of 25. Call Lane Moore for questions (316-209-0322).



Please welcome our newest members Cindi Hiss, and Dustin, Brandi, and Lane Hatstrup. They joined our church by transferring their membership. We're glad to have all of you!



Abby (Williamson) and Brandon Foster are the proud parents of a daughter, Anistyn Faith Foster. Anistyn was born on September 9, 2010, weighing 9 lbs. 13½ oz. and was 20½ inches long. Her proud relatives are Grandma Kim Guesnier, Uncle Jacob Williamson, and Great Grand-parents Merlin and Nelva Grimes.

Congratulations to Terry and Katie Hoff upon the birth of their first grandchild, Gracie Kay Hoff. Her proud parents are Kevin and Sara Hoff. Gracie came into this world on September 9, 2010, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20½ inches long.

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for remembering me with sympathy cards when I lost my son, Ron. Thanks, also, for the nice get well cards since my surgery.
Marguerite Davidson

To the Prayer Shawl Ministry,

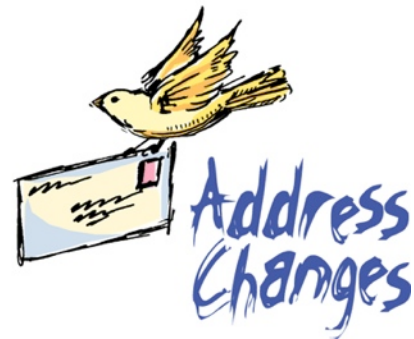
Thank you for the shawl. It truly warms my heart to know that God has wonderful, caring people like yourselves. May God's Spirit continue to lead and guide you.
God Bless! Stella Keith

Thank you for your annual gift to the Disciples Mission Fund. Through DMF, you support the mission of Phillips Theological Seminary to prepare women and men for various Christian ministries in church and society.

We need each other to carry out the work God has given the church to do. Together, we accomplish what neither of us can do alone.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

Grace & peace,
Gary Peluso-Verdend
President, Phillips Theological Seminary



Morna Jordan's new address is:

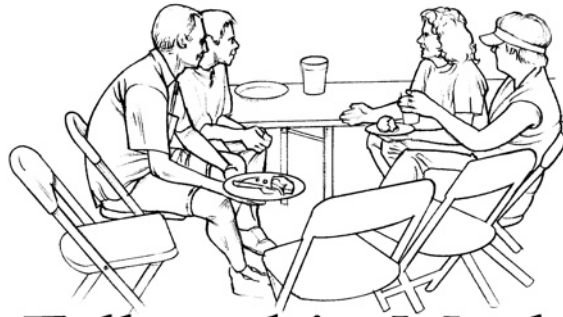
Morna Jordan
c/o Steve Jordan
1258 Kingsway
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701



The ladies of the church are invited to join us in the parlor Sunday, October 17th, at 2:00 pm for a Bridal Shower honoring Lauren Marshall. Lauren is the fiancé of Christopher Weems and the daughter of Roger and Laina Marshall. Lauren and Christopher are registered at Cornerstone Interiors and Kustom Floor Design.



The ladies of the church are invited to a baby shower October 24, 2010, at 2:00 pm in the church parlor for Gracie Hoff, daughter of Kevin and Sara Hoff. Gracie is the grand-daughter of Katie and Terry Hoff.



Fellowship Meals

2010-2011 WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNERS

GROUP I

Ruth Behrens (Contact Person)
Louise Gunn
Rebecca Burton
Amy Karst
Jennifer Keener
Randy & Annette Goering
Lew & Jan Embrey
Anneliese Ward

GROUP II

Donna Marston (Contact Person)
Lois Johnson
Nadine Maier
Jennifer Cauley
Ted & Susan Brown
Glen & Dixie Hughes

GROUP III

Roger & Leesa Butler (Contact Person)
Dee Holman
Lane & LaDonna Moore
Bob & Patsy Hiss
Clark & Donna Rusco
Lori Reneau

GROUP IV

Julie Ford (Contact Person)
Bill & Janis Fairchild
Betty Ferrell
Melissa Hittle
Debbie Batchman
Nancy Baldwin
Roger & Cal Marshall
Randy & Jolyn Bartz

GROUP V

Merlin & Nelva Grimes (Contact Person)
Sue Wells
Mattie Begg
Marilyn Deason
Dolores Westfall
Bud & Vi Black
Doris Berkley
Carrol Jaco

October 6th - POT LUCK
October 13th - Group I
October 20th - Group II
October 27th - Group III

November 3rd - POT LUCK
November 10th - Group IV
November 17th - Group V
November 24th - NO DINNER

December 1st - POT LUCK
December 8th - Group I
December 15th - Group II
December 22nd - NO DINNER
December 29th - NO DINNER

January 5th - POT LUCK
January 12th - Group III
January 19th - Group IV
January 26th - Group V

February 2nd - POT LUCK
February 9th - Group I
February 16th - Group II
February 23rd - Group III

March 2nd - POT LUCK
March 9th - Group IV
March 16th - Group V
March 23rd - NO DINNER
March 30th - Group I

April 6th - POT LUCK
April 13th - Group II
April 20th - Group III
April 27th - Group IV

May 4th - POT LUCK
May 11th - Group V
May 18th - Group I