



BILL'S BITS -

HOW WILL IT ALL COME OUT?

I read of a French editor who during the French Revolution printed something in his paper that stirred up quite a rumpus, and the powers-that-be decided that his punishment should be death. As they were preparing to behead the French editor, he said, "It is too bad to take my head off. I wanted to see how all this is coming out." That may be the way some of us feel who are 50, 60, 70 years or older.

When God created this wonderful world, He cut it out on a problem pattern. God could have done otherwise. Then we all could sit in the shade, in weather like this heat wave, with our hands folded.

Looking back over my life, I have seen situations where people wondered how it would all come out in the end. The first big national crisis that I had any knowledge of at all was polio. One night my dad took me down to a local downtown store so I could pay Jerry Higley a dollar to play "Rootin', Tootin', Cowboy" on the radio for the March of Dimes. We had shots and sugar cubes treated with the vaccine that we took over the years. You don't hear much about polio any more.

Then there was the cold War with a lot of talk about the Russians and nuclear bombs. I remember one grade school class discussion when one kid reported that the Russians had a map of the United States and our town, Poplar Bluff, was on that map. What in the world would Russia want with Poplar Bluff? Now we are dealing with other enemies of the United States who have done us great visible harm.

Hey, remember the great flu scare of 1976. That's right, folks, 1976. Health authorities determined that the country needed to be vaccinated so we could avoid another great flu outbreak like the one in 1918. Well, that came and went. Yes, remember the great bird flu concern several years ago. Then there have been the countless dangers in our way of living. Yet, one thing has remained the same. That constant is Jesus Christ. We still use the same Bible in Sunday School and church to train up the folks in the faith. We still marry and bury people in the name of Christ. Through all the changes, toil, tears, and dangers, Christ is still there and will be there for eternity. Christ never leaves us. Even though we may forget He's there, He's always there. How will it all come out? In the end, Christ will prevail.

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

6:00 pm CYF/Chi-Rho Bible Study

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 |
| Special Services | Educational seminars/workshops |

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| Justin Frazier | Youth Coordinator |
| Kathy Rose..... | Secretary |
| Jerry Ford..... | Music Director |
| Mary Hunter..... | Bell Choir Director |
| Connie Weiser..... | Organist |
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Thank You Notes

THANK YOU for all your acts of kindness during this sad time, especially to the ladies who served lunch, Bill for his many visits and calls, and to Bob Hiss for sending his plane for us to get home.

The Bud Black Family

To everyone who contributed to my exciting 90th birthday celebration, I want to express my heartfelt "THANK YOU!"

Thanks for all the help, cards, and taking time to come and visit for awhile.


It was an impressive event that I shall think of with gratitude for the remainder of my days. I count myself so lucky to know so many wonderful people and call them friends.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Edith Treece

....Don & Brenda Jones & Family, upon the loss of Brenda's uncle, Elgi Unruh





CONGRATULATIONS to Randy and Jolyn Bartz upon the birth of their new grandson, Eli Ryan Leech. Eli was born on July 6, 2011, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. His proud parents are Darcy and Daniel Leech.



Cherry Village Nursing Home

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



.... Vi Black, Cliff & Lynne Scheuerman, and Family upon the loss of Louis "Bud"; beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather
 Terry & Katie Hoff & Family, upon the loss of Katie's mother, Alice Chaffee



Susi Bargainear, LaDonna Moore's niece - Korea

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 - Germany

Malcolm Deason, Army, Nelson Deason's son, Marilyn Deason's grandson - Afghanistan

Jesse Freeman, Jessica Marston's friend - Japan

Joe Johns, Army Reserves, Kathy Foster's nephew-in-law

Steven McGee, son of Mystie (Svatos) McGee - Afghanistan

Josh Prewitt, Marines, Roger & Laina Marshall's nephew - Afghanistan

July Attendance and Gifts

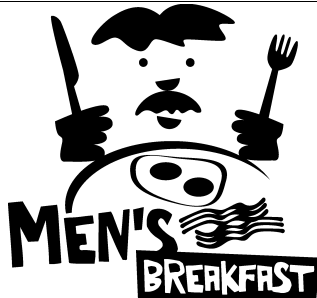
	03	10	17	24	31
Sunday School	54	45	47	54	N/A
Early Service	43	35	39	47	N/A
Late Service	140	124	87	168	N/A
Children's Church	7	15	8	15	N/A
TOTAL	190	174	134	230	N/A
General Offering	6,533.50	6,235.55	7,751.14	4,069.95	N/A
Roof Fund	72.50	472.50	22.50	572.50	N/A
Special Offerings	766.13	1,938.80	724.40	25.00	N/A
TOTAL	7,372.13	8,646.85	8,498.04	4,667.45	N/A

* Special Offerings include Memorials for Bud Black & Wayne Hanna, Outreach, wedding fees, 30-Hour Famine

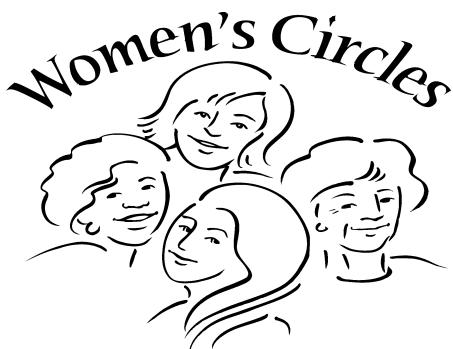
General Fund:

Year-to-Date Needs	183,807.90	190,615.60	197,423.30	204,294.00	-----
Year-to-Date Giving	149,027.90	155,263.45	163,014.59	167,084.54	-----

Cabinet Meeting Date: August 24, 7:00 pm
Board Meeting Date: September 21, 8:00 pm



Disciples Men Fellowship
Saturday, August 6th
9:00 am



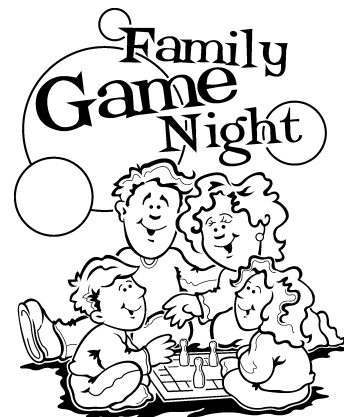
Martha Group
 Hostess: Lois Johnson
 Program: Earlene Arnold
 August 17, 2011, 9:30 am

Lunch Bunch
 August 17, 2011, 11:30 am
 Meyer Deli & Craft
 902 Broadway
 Larned, KS

Joy Group

Salad Luncheon
 Program: Nelva Grimes
 August 23, 2011, 12:00 pm

New Day Group
 Hostess: Virginia Cheely
 Program: Mary Hunter
 August 22, 2011, 7:00 pm



COME ONE! COME ALL!
 AN EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES

August 7th
 6:00 PM
 CHURCH PARLOR
 Bring your games!
 A good time will be had by all!



PLEASE NOTE!

The Lunch Bunch will be eating out of town in August. We will be eating at Meyer Deli & Crafts,

902 Broadway, Larned. All women are invited. Please meet at the FCC parking lot at 11:15 am on Wednesday, August 17th. We will all go together.

We need
your support



DON'T FORGET THE ROOF FUND!

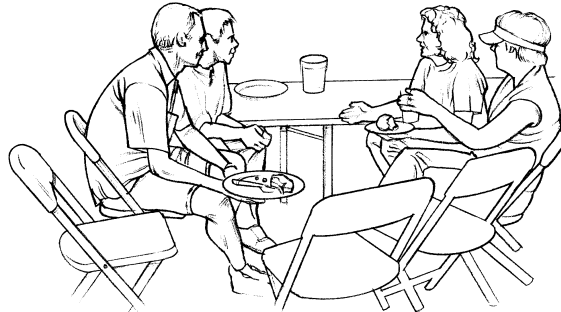
Two of the phases for the new roof are finished.

There are 3 more phases to go!

Please continue to support this project!

Thank you!

The Property Committee



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

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 23th - 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