



BILL'S BITS -

CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY

Jesus Christ was born in the most humble circumstances but the air was filled with hallelujahs of the heavenly host. His nursery was a stable but a star guided distinguished visitors with gifts and homage. His birth was a miracle and his death and resurrection was contrary to the laws of life. His life, miracles, and teaching defy our imaginations. He had no fields, but fed 5,000 with bread to spare. He preached for three years, wrote no books, built no church buildings, but commissioned the body of Christ to come after His death. After 1,900 years, He is one central character of human history, the outer of Christian preaching, the center of the celebrations of Christmas, Easter, etc. His influence is never ending. What are some of the changes that the Christian faith brought about? 1) Christianity helped to end slavery. As the faith grew after Rome's fall, slavery dwindled, but centuries later there were Christian advocates who opposed it. 2) Christians opposed infant exposure and infanticide. 3) Gladiatorial games used the death of slaves to entertain masses and were condemned by Christians. 4) Hospitals and hospices were supported by Christians to care for the sick and dying. 5) Jesus treated women with respect and that spirit was passed on to early Christians. 6) Great universities, such as Oxford, Yale, Harvard and others were founded on Christian principles and trained pastors and other workers. 7) Christianity influenced great works of literatures and philosophy. The faith influenced authors such as John Milton, Thomas Aquinas, Blaise Pascal and others. 8) Great music was influenced by Christian composers such as Bach, Handel, and Mendelssohn. 9) Care for human rights, and the poor were woven into Christian beliefs.

These are a few of the great blessings of the gift of God through the Son Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas! Bill & Lois

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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)

6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30 pm IMPACT (Grades 6th-12th)

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Opportunities for Service and Growth

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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Susi Bargainear, LaDonna Moore's niece - Korea
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
Josh Prewitt, Marines, Roger & Laina Marshall's nephew - Afghanistan
Adam Schwartz, Mayette Keith's grandson - Fort Stewart, GA



FROM THE STAFF AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Cherry Village Nursing Home
Martha McKown
Great Bend Health & Rehab
Viola Schwein
River Bend Assisted Living
Lola Donecker
Ione Strohm
Sterling House of Great Bend
Darlene Biggs
Lela Wilson



THANK YOU!
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Dear Friends in Christ: Lois and I want to thank one and all for all the cards, gifts, and greetings for Minister Appreciation Month. Not only are we grateful for your recent expression of support but we will always remember with appreciation all the support down through the years here at the church. Thanks also for the cards and gifts for Bill's birthday. Best wishes in the name of Christ for a great fall.

Yours in Christ, The Bill Johnson's

A Big Thank You to Arlon, our custodian, for repairing and replacing the EXIT lights in the entryway. You do good work!

Thank you, Bill, for being at the hospital when I had surgery. Thanks for the visits and prayers while I was hospitalized. Thanks to the entire church family for the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement. God bless you all!
Diana Enabnit

Thank you to everyone that made any type of donation to Operation Christmas Child. First Christian Church was able to pack and pay for shipping for 120 boxes. Thank you for your support!

Ruth Behrens and Jennifer Cauley

Dear Church Family,

As Thanksgiving fast approaches, I pause in my work to make sure I thank you for your unexpected gift during Minister's Appreciation Month. From the time I first arrived, your hospitality and support has helped make these years together some of the most satisfying times of my ministry. Because of you, I have been able to be present for ministers and congregations during times of celebration, crisis, and

transition. Because of you, I have been in a position to be a resource for leadership training and spiritual formation for congregations in the High Plains and Central District of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and your support. May God continue to bless you and all you do in Christ's name.

Ken Marston

November Attendance and Gifts

	06	13	20	27	AVG
Sunday School	68	52	60	N/A	N/A
Early Service	37	35	27	N/A	N/A
Late Service	147	127	174	N/A	N/A
Children's Church	15	16	10	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	199	178	211	N/A	N/A
General Offering	10,951.93	3,351.13	4,006.49	N/A	N/A
Roof Fund	15.00	87.50	187.50	N/A	N/A
Special Offerings	5,866.00	6,166.90	1,718.15	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	16,832.93	9,605.53	5,912.14	N/A	N/A

* Special Offerings include Operation Christmas Child, Sanctuary TV Fund, Parsonage Fund, Wednesday Night Dinner Donations, Pumpkin Patch, DMF Thanksgiving Offering, Wedding Fees

General Fund:

Year-to-Date Needs	297,090.66	303,898.36	310,706.06	N/A	-----
Year-to-Date Giving	238,471.96	249,423.89	253,430.38	N/A	-----

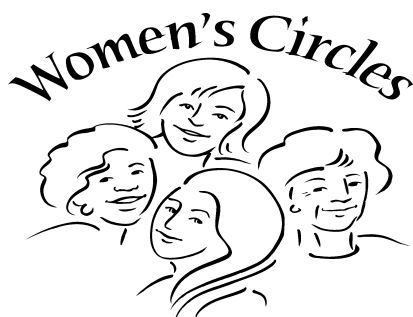
Board Meeting Date: December 7th, 6:00 pm



Disciples Men Fellowship
Perkins Restaurant
December 3, 2011
8:30 am

Joy Group
 Hostess: Classic Inn
 Program: Women's Christmas Party
 December 13, 2011, 11:30 am

New Day Group
 Hostess:
 Program: Christmas Party
 To Be Announced



Martha Group
 Hostess: Classic Inn
 Program: Women's Christmas Party
 December 13, 2011, 11:30 am

Lunch Bunch
 Women's Christmas Party
 Classic Inn
 December 13, 2011, 11:30 am



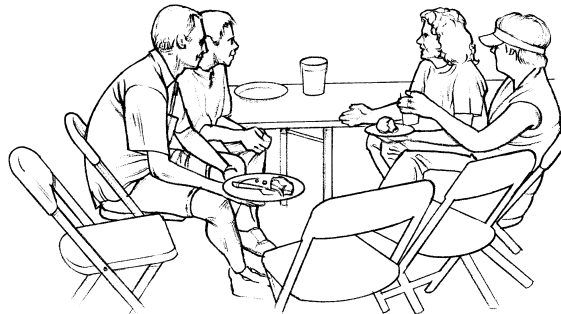
COME ONE! COME ALL!
 AN EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES
December 4th
 6:00 PM
 CHURCH PARLOR
 Bring your games!
 A good time will be had by all!



Congratulations to Harold and Virginia Langrehr upon the birth of their new great-granddaughter, Amelia Parr. Amelia was born on Monday, October 24th, to Rebecca and Jason

Parr. Amelia weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz and was 20 inches long.

Lew and Jan Embrey are proud to announce the birth of their new great-granddaughter, Zoey Jane Marie Rodriguez. Zoey was born to the Embrey's granddaughter, Megan, on November 1, 2011, weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz. Zoey has two brothers, Daniel, 3 years, and Nathan, 1 year, to help welcome her home in Schulenburg, Texas.



Fellowship Meals

2011-2012 WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNERS

GROUP I

Donna & Ken Marston (Contact Person)
 Bill & 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 V

Justin & Kelli Frazier (Contact Person)
 Youth

GROUP II

Ruth Behrens (Contact Person)
 Louise Gunn
 Rebecca Burton
 Amy Karst
 Melissa Hittle
 Randy & Annette Goering
 Lew & Jan Embrey
 Anneliese Ward
 Marguerite Davidson

GROUP IV

Vi Black (Contact Person)
 Merlin & Nelva Grimes
 Sue Wells
 Mattie Begg
 Marilyn Deason
 Dolores Westfall
 Debbie Berkley
 Doris Berkley
 Carrol Jaco
 Lynne Scheuerman
 Judy Piland

November 30th - Group IV
 December 7th - POT LUCK
 December 14th - Group I
 December 21st- Group II
 December 28th - NO DINNER (Christmas Break)

January 4th- POT LUCK
 January 11th - Group III
 January 18th - Group IV
 January 25th - Group I

February 1st - POT LUCK
February 8th- Group II
February 15th - Group III
February 22nd - Group IV
February 29th - Group I

March 7th - POT LUCK
March 14th - Group V
March 21st - NO DINNER (Spring Break)
March 28th - Group II
April 4th - POT LUCK
April 11th - Group III
April 18th - Group IV
April 25th - Group I
May 2nd - POT LUCK
May 9th - Group II
May 16th - Group III