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BILL'S BITS -

MARKS OF AN EDUCATED PERSON

Paul closes the letter of II Peter with these words, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." This means we continue in our education.

What are the marks of an educated person? First an educated person keeps their mind open on all issues until the evidence is in. He never jumps to conclusions and never makes premature judgments on the basis of partial evidence. Here are several things we can ask. Do we really want to know or prove our preconceived ideas right? When confronted with new facts, are we willing to examine them and think it over to determine if we need to have a different view? Are we willing to examine our most cherished opinions without prejudice? Above all, are we willing to test knowledge in the light of the Word of God? It can be a great day when people discover new truth. Examples: Columbus discovering America, Galileo inventing the telescope, Edison inventing the light bulb, or the Wright Brothers invention of the airplane.

Educated people listen to those who know. I am not saying we ought to listen to every "Tom, Dick and Harry" or every voice crying in the wilderness. There are those who know and have established themselves as voices to be heard.

An educated person knows the value of good habits and how to form them. They form habits of body, mind, and spirit.

Educated people look ahead. They plan the course of their future remembering, of course, God willing.

Educated people are aware of the unseen. Educated people see the unseen qualities of life such as courage, virtue, devotion, etc. Above all, the greatest unseen force is our Creator, Sustainer, Savior, and God.

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 |
| Special Services | Educational seminars/workshops |

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| Kathy Rose..... | Secretary |
| Jerry Ford..... | Music Director |
| Mary Hunter..... | Bell Choir Director |
| Connie Weiser..... | Organist |
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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



....the family and friends of Cliff Bellinger
....Louise Gunn upon the loss of her sister-in-law,
Margie Gunn Price from Newton



Remember Those
in the Military

Shane Agosto, Army, Melissa Hittle's former student -
Afghanistan
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 - Hawaii
Jesse Freeman, Jessica Marston's friend - Japan
Joe Johns, Army Reserves, Kathy Foster's nephew-in-law
- Africa
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
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

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.

January Attendance and Gifts

	02	09	16	23	30
Sunday School	31	46	58	55	N/A
Early Service	27	30	35	36	N/A
Late Service	162	124	180	138	N/A
Children's Church	10	8	9	7	N/A
TOTAL	199	162	180	181	N/A
General Offering	4,581.92	4,760.13	7,025.46	2,905.08	N/A
Roof Fund	525.00	2,355.00	367.50	295.00	N/A
Special Offerings	976.20	1,426.53	723.40	25.00	N/A
TOTAL	6,083.12	8,541.66	8,116.36	3,225.08	N/A

* Special Offerings include Ski Trip Deposits, Funeral Dinner Donations, Wednesday Night Dinners, Camp Registrations, Memorials for Cliff Bellinger, Donations for Lisa Armstrong, Missionary to Honduras, Outreach

Board Meeting Dates: February 2, 2011 @ 8:00 pm



**Disciples Men Fellowship
Saturday, February 12th
9:00 am**



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



Martha Group
Hostess: Earlene Arnold
Program: Ione Strohm
February 16, 2011, 1:30 pm

Lunch Bunch
February 16, 2011, 11:30 am
The Highland

Joy Group
Hostesses: Vivian Chalfant/Dixie Hughes
Program: Debbie Reif
February 22, 2011

New Day Group
Hostess: Connie Brockhausen
Program: Janis Fairchild
February 28, 2011, 7:00 pm

Thank You!

The Christmas Carolers were wonderful. I enjoyed them so very much. Thank you for sharing with me. Love and prayers to all!

Floreine Blankenship

Glen and I would like to thank the CWF Women for the visit and Christmas Decoration for my mom, Viola Schwein. We appreciate all the prayers and visits from everyone including Pastor Bill.

In Christian Love, Glen and Dixie

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the finals care package. It was so fun to receive! It really came in handy and meant a lot to know you were thinking of me. Thanks again!

Madison Debes

May 11th - Group V
May 18th - Group I



Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to Dan and Mary Hunter upon the birth of their grandson, Luke Henry Baker. Luke was born on December 29, 2010, to Jeremy and Heather Hunter Baker. Luke weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long and has lots of hair.

Marilyn Deason is proud to announce the birth of her new grand-daughter, Isabella Klair. Isabella was born on December 29, 2010, weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. Isabella's proud parents are Nelson Deason and Sharry Robinson.

Brett and Kathy Foster are the proud grandparents of Hendrix Rhoads Foster. Hendrix was born on January 15th weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 inches long. His proud parents are Brian and Amanda. Hendrix was welcomed home by his big sister, Alexi.



Breakfast Sunday February 13th

The Fellowship Sunday School Class will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, February 13th. Bring your Valentine and enjoy breakfast with us! We will serve pancakes, sausage, Mexican quiche, fruit, orange juice, milk and coffee. This yummy start to the day can be yours with only a donation to buy new equipment for Camp Tawakoni, so join us before or after church (depending on your choice of service). We will serve from 9:00 am - 9:45 am. If you want to get to Sunday School, come a few minutes early and pick up some breakfast - we will accommodate you! See you there!



Fellowship Meals

2011 WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER SCHEDULE

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