



BILL'S BITS -

PAINT AND PEOPLE

One summer when I was in the third grade, my brothers and sisters and I got sick and we won a three day stay in the hospital.

Back in the 50's if you had a virus that meant they didn't necessarily know what was wrong with you. Today our illness at the most would only result in a call to the doctor's office. Other than that we were fine and the hospital stay was like a three day summer camp except for the buttermilk we had to drink for some of our meals. I will discuss that remedy when I meet Dr. Brandon in heaven.

One day I was sitting on my pillow talking to Nurse Sells who was seated at the Nurse's Station just around the corner. She could see my reflection in the highly varnished room door. "You look like a bull frog", she said as she gazed at my reflection. Now, what I didn't know was that reflection was due to the great skill of my own grandfather who was a painter and had done a lot of painting for Dr. Brandon at his hospital.

Now there is in the world of art place for abstract art. Abstract art doesn't necessarily reflect a picture of anything. I am not knocking it.

I myself also love painting of definite items. Grandfather had the skill to paint houses and also did some canvas painting before his death. Such painting needs the creativity of a skilled and knowledgeable artist to give it beauty or form. The same is true of life. We are the paint, the Bible is the brush, and God is the artist. Live accordingly.

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

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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THANK YOU for the cards, prayers, phone calls, and Bill's visits after falling and breaking my collar bone. Your care and concern was greatly appreciated.

In Christian Love,
Helen Morgan

MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION to the Prayer Shawl Ministry Ladies for the gift of a tan/teal/purple prayer shawl. I pack it every week to take with me to the cancer center where it comforts my body when I need a little extra warmth. And it also soothes my soul knowing the prayerful wishes and loving hands with which it was made.

God bless every one of you!
Ruth Behrens

A BIG THANK YOU to Arlon, our custodian, for his fine carpentry work building the work bench and shelves in the custodial closet. Way to go, Arlon!



Cherry Village Nursing Home

Martha McKown

Country Place Senior Living

Arlene Cox

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



....Marilyn Hanna and Family upon the loss of her husband, Wayne



CONGRATULATIONS to Ione Strohm upon the birth of her new great-grandson. Ashton Matthew Komarek was born on Easter Sunday, April 24th, weighing 5 lbs. 1 oz. and was 18 inches long. His proud parents are Mark & Chrystal Komarek. Ashton was welcomed home by his big sister, Alyssa.

ROGER AND LEESA BUTLER are the proud new grandparents of Eden Lorena Ramirez. Eden was born on April 27th at 3:18 pm, weighing 7 lbs. 14.7 oz to Bree (Butler) and Fernando Ramirez. Eden's 3 year old brother Elian, welcomed her home.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jones and Sarah Kithuka upon the birth of their son, Carter Kavinga Kithuka. Carter was born on April 20th weighing 5 lbs. 8 oz. and was 18 inches long.



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

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

JUNE 19TH!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

May Attendance and Gifts

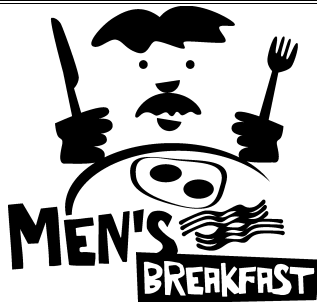
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Sunday School	61	69	64	52	N/A
Early Service	35	43	39	40	N/A
Late Service	113	169	136	146	N/A
Children's Church	7	13	16	12	N/A
TOTAL	155	225	191	198	N/A
General Offering	6,070.61	13,856.94	4,602.00	2,807.90	N/A
Roof Fund	520.00	335.00	200.00	422.50	N/A
Special Offerings	327.74	671.19	34.00	606.00	N/A
TOTAL	6,918.35	14,863.13	4,836.00	3,836.40	N/A

* Special Offerings VBS Donations, Outreach, Wednesday Night Dinner Donations, Building Use, Mission Trip Deposits, Camp Fees, Memorial for Wayne Hanna

General Fund:

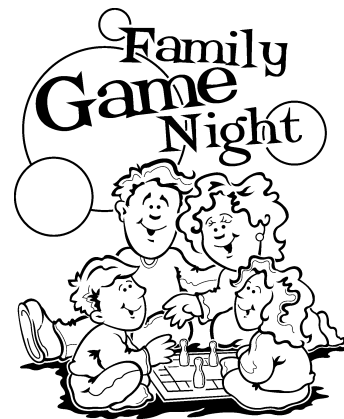
Year-to-Date Needs	122,538.60	129,346.30	136,154.00	N/A	-----
Year-to-Date Giving	89,747.22	103,604.16	106,412.06	N/A	-----

Board/Cabinet Meeting Date: To Be Announced



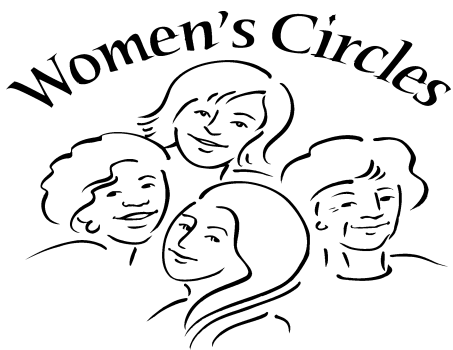
**Disciples Men Fellowship
Saturday, June 11th
9:00 am**

New Day Group
Hostess: Stacy McReynolds
Program: Mary Hunter
June 27, 2011, 7:00 pm



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

June 5th
6:00 PM
CHURCH PARLOR
Bring your games!
A good time will be had by all!



Martha Group
Hostess: Louise Gunn
Program: Ione Strohm
June 15, 2011 9:30 am

Lunch Bunch
June 15, 2011, 11:30 am
The Highland

Joy Group
Salad Luncheon
Program: Dolly Gaede
June 28, 2011, 12:00 pm



Be sure to give Richard Batchman a warm welcome. Richard joined our church by transferring his membership. We are glad to have you!