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BILL'S BITS -

It hardly seems that October is already here. Fall is football among other things. There is nothing like a close game and especially a game that changes in the last seconds on the two-yard line. Here is a thought about the two-yard line.

The most dangerous place on the football field is the two-yard line. It is here that most of the victories are won or lost. It is here that the strength or weakness of the team is revealed. The most dangerous place in life is on the two-yard line. It is where we almost win but actually lose. Mark Twain and a friend were prospecting for silver high up on the side of a mountain. Water to wash the ore had to be carried from a stream down in the valley, and Mark Twain, as water carrier, had toiled for days at the dreary, discouraging task. After making many trips with the heavy pails of water without finding any silver, he rebelled, refused to carry another load. His partner's pleas were in vain. The two tired men turned their backs on the mining claim and returned to a near-by settlement. That night a heavy rain washed the ore. A few days later other prospectors found the pan of ore washed by the rain, and in the bottom of the pan the prized grains of silver. When the law permitted them to take possession of the abandoned claim they worked for a few months and became rich as a result of their find. One more bucket of water would have washed the ore for Mark Twain. He lost a fortune on the two-yard line. Consider the importance of the two-yard line in another area. A cub reporter on a New York daily paper, seeking a human interest story, became acquainted with a disreputable old man selling shoe strings on Skid Row in the Bowery. To his amazement, he found that the man had come from a fine home, had had every opportunity, had graduated from one of our greatest universities and for 25 years had met with considerable success in his chosen profession. But he fumbled the ball on the two-yard line. One of the finest men I ever knew was a prosperous and respected business man in a midwestern city. He was well educated, had a lovely family, was a community leader. After his children had married and established homes of their own, he diverted funds of other people to his own use, was convicted of embezzlement, and spent his sunset days in prison. He had fumbled the ball on the two-yard line. Forty years ago, while chopping wood for the kitchen stove, my father expressed the idea when he said, "Son, it's the last lick that splits the log." The Book says, "Be thou faithful unto death..." Don't fumble on the two-yard line. Don't lose it on the two-yard line. - adapted

See you this 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)

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

Vacation Bible School

Men's Groups

Sunday school for all ages

Regional Assembly

Bible Studies

Mission Projects and Trips

Special Services

Promise Keepers

Disciples' Men

Women's Groups

Kansas Disciple Women

Junior and Senior High Youth Group

Youth Ski Trip

Social Events

Educational seminars/workshops

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THANK YOU for all the prayers, visits, food, and cards I received while I was in the hospital and during my recovery from hip surgery. Thanks to Rev. Bill for his visits and prayers. Also, thank you for the birthday calls and cards from the congregation.

Helen Morgan

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHANCEL CHOIR:

Please accept our sincere gratitude for your memorial contribution to ElderCare as you honor the life of Leona Weiser. Your contribution will benefit low income elders and disabled individuals who need home care services to be able to live safely and independently at home.

Sincerely,
Karen Sessler, Care

Manager

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

We would like to thank you for all of the cards, food and sympathy that you have given during the loss of our mother. Pastor Bill, we appreciate your visits, phone calls, and the kind words given to us. Everyone is so caring and we are very blessed to be a part of a wonderful church family. Thank you.

Terry and Katie Hoff

THANK YOU, BILL, for coming to Wichita Heart Hospital to pray for me. It's a great comfort to have your presence. Also, thanks to the Elders for their prayers. How fortunate to be a member of such a caring people.

Yours in Christ,
Fred Behrens

THANK YOU for your prayers and cards on the death of my twin brother, Gary. Thank you, also, to Pastor Bill for his visitation and prayers.

Larry & Jamee Dannebohm



.... the family and friends of Esther Burhenn

....Larry & Jamee Dannebohm upon the loss of Larry's twin brother, Gary

....Randy Bartz and family upon the loss of his precious wife, Jo Lyn

....Don Jones & family upon the loss of Don's cousin, Jeffrey Roberts



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



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

Steven McGee, son of Mystie (Svatos) McGee - Afghanistan
 Josh Prewitt, Marines, Roger & Laina Marshall's nephew - Afghanistan

September Attendance and Gifts

| | 04 | 11 | 18 | 25 | AVG |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sunday School | 39 | 56 | 40 | 53 | 47 |
| Early Service | 31 | 43 | 33 | 32 | 35 |
| Late Service | 114 | 123 | 102 | 108 | 112 |
| Children's Church | 3 | 11 | 16 | 11 | 10 |
| TOTAL | 148 | 177 | 151 | 151 | 157 |
| General Offering | 11,035.30 | 4,297.66 | 3,617.70 | 2,580.51 | 5,382.79 |
| Roof Fund | 300.00 | 560.00 | 10,867.50 | 782.50 | 3,127.50 |
| Special Offerings | 419.69 | 808.00 | 20.00 | 162.00 | 352.42 |
| TOTAL | 11,754.99 | 5,665.66 | 14,505.20 | 3,525.01 | 8,862.71 |

* Special Offerings include Memorials for Bud Black, Wedding fees, Wednesday Night Dinner Donations, FCC Food Bank

General Fund:

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|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Year-to-Date Needs | 245,077.20 | 251,884.90 | 258,692.60 | 265,500.30 | ----- |
| Year-to-Date Giving | 202,154.28 | 206,451.94 | 210,069.64 | 213,650.15 | ----- |

Board Meeting Date: To Be Announced



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

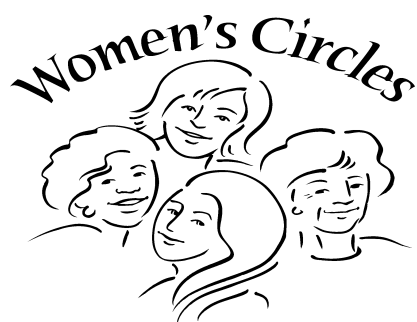
Disciples Men Fellowship
Saturday, October 8th
8:00 am

Come enjoy breakfast, the fellowship of others, and stick around to help unload the pumpkins!

New Day Group
 Hostess: Jamee Dannebohm
 Program: Mary Hunter
 October 24, 2011, 7:00 pm



COME ONE! COME ALL!
 AN EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES
October 2nd
 6:00 PM
 CHURCH PARLOR
 Bring your games!
 A good time will be had by all!



Martha Group
 Hostess: Anneliese Ward
 Program: Ione Strohm
 October 19, 2011, 1:30 pm

Lunch Bunch
 October 19, 2011, 11:30 am

Joy Group
 Hostesses: Vivian Chalfant/Colleen Riegel
 Program: Colleen Riegel
 October 25, 2011, 12:00 pm

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
2011

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ELDERS
 Kim Guesnier
 Dennis Heinrichs

DEACONS

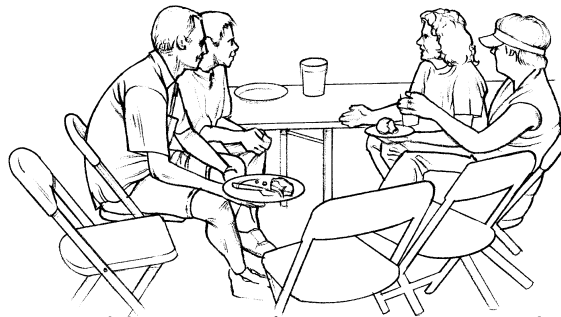
Donna Marston
Cliff Scheuerman

YOUTH

Peter Marston
Amber Karst

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Sue Wells
Debbie Berkley



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 II

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

GROUP III

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

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

GROUP V

Justin & Kelli Frazier (Contact Person)
Youth

September 7th - Catered Dinner
September 14th - Group I
September 21st- Group II
September 28th- Group III
October 5th - POT LUCK
October 12th - Group IV
October 19th - Group I

October 26th - Group II
November 2nd- POT LUCK
November 9th - Group V
November 16th - Group III
November 23rd - NO DINNER (Thanksgiving Break)
November 30th - Group IV
December 7th - POT LUCK

December 14th - Group I
December 21st- Group II
December 28th - NO DINNER (Christmas Break)

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

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



Please welcome our new member, Debbie Berkley.
Debbie joined our church family in August by transferring her membership.
We're glad to have you!

Also, give a warm welcome to Mike and Tracey Karst. Mike and Tracey joined our church by transferring their membership. We're glad you joined us!
