



BILL'S BITS -

HOW WILL IT ALL COME OUT?

There was 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 him, 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.

When God created this wonderful world, he cut it out on a problem pattern. I suppose he could have made a different sort of world, all set up in a foolproof package in which nothing could get out of kilter.

In that sort of a slicked-up world, with no rough places in it, all we would have to do would be to sit with our hands folded in the sun if the day were cool and in the shade if the day were warm. But after a brief spell of that sort of existence, how tiresome and tedious and tasteless the days would come to be!

So God has thrust us into a wild and woolly world bristling with problems grim and terrible. It is the privilege and the joy of every fresh generation of youth to buckle into these problems with zest and hope and determination. To be sure, some of the difficulties that face us are so huge that they paralyze us rather than stimulate us.

When I was a kid there was a fear that Russia was going to get us. I remember that one day in the fifth grade some boy reported that the Russians had a map of the United States with selected targets and I am sure, that our home town of Poplar Bluff was on it. What in the world did the Russians want with Poplar Bluff. Maybe it was the shoe factory because we would need shoes to march to war with the Russians. Well, here we are, still around.

Along life's way there were the dooms day sayers announcing the end of the world was near. Last year we had two near misses. Now this year we are getting another chance to see the show closed down.

Take heart, my friends, God is still with us and God will be with us and we all wait to see how it will all come out.

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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)

6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

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

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

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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| William Johnson..... | Minister |
| Kelli Frazier | Christian Ed Coordinator |
| Justin Frazier | Youth Coordinator |
| Kathy Rose..... | Secretary |
| Jerry Ford..... | Music Director |
| Mary Hunter..... | Bell Choir Director |
| Connie Weiser..... | Organist |
| Arlon Johnson..... | Custodian |
| Tammy Garrison..... | Nursery Attendant |

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8:00—12:00 1:00—3:00

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**REMEMBER THOSE IN THE
MILITARY**

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

Steven DeWitt, Doris Berkley's grandon-in-law - Ft. Lewis, Washington

Jesse Freeman, Jessica Marston's friend - Japan

Ron George, Debbie Berkley's friend - Africa

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

Dustin Meredith, LaDonna Moore's nephew - Iraq

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

Adam Schwartz, **Army**, Mayette Keith's grandson - Fort Stewart, GA



*Thank
You*

Dear Church Family:

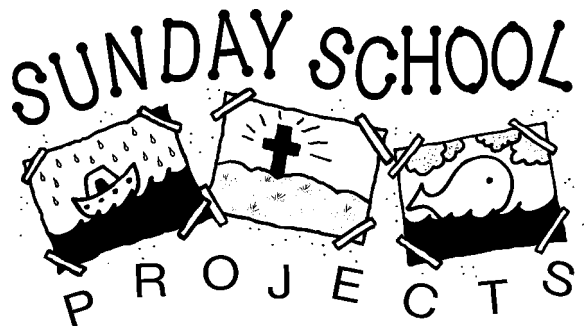
Thank you so much for your generous gift! It is indeed a blessing to have such a marvelous church family. I consider it a privilege to serve you. May God send His richest blessings to each of you!

Mary Hunter

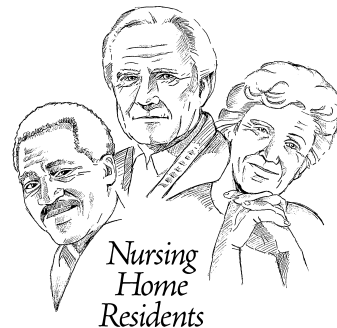
To First Christian Church:

Thank you very much for remembering me at Christmas with the gift certificate. I enjoy working with you and for you. You are part of my family. Also, thank you for allowing the Rose family to have their Christmas dinner in the parlor. Everyone had a great time.

Sincerely, Kathy Rose



A BIG THANK YOU to the Children's Sunday School Classes. They raised \$392 for our general budget. Way to go!!!



Cherry Village Nursing Home

Martha McKown

Great Bend Health & Rehab

Darlene Biggs

Viola Schwein

River Bend Assisted Living

Lola Donecker

Ione Strohm

January Attendance and Gifts

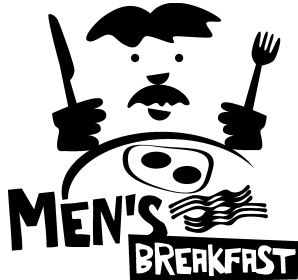
	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday School	42	42	56	N/A	N/A
Early Service	31	37	40	N/A	N/A
Late Service	107	120	113	N/A	N/A
Children's Church	--	7	9	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	138	164	162	N/A	N/A
General Offering	4,979.96	7,863.07	4,861.21	N/A	N/A
Roof Fund	50.00	30.00	15.00	N/A	N/A
Special Offerings	0.00	5,216.93	140.80	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	5,029.96	13,110.00	5,017.01	N/A	N/A

* Special Offerings include Wednesday Night Dinner Donations, Memorials for Ross Behrens, Parsonage Fund

General Fund:

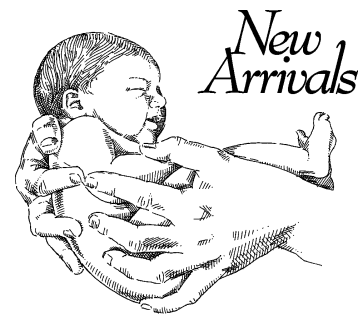
Year-to-Date Needs	6,500.00	13,000.00	19,500.00	-----	-----
Year-to-Date Giving	4,979.96	12,843.03	17,704.24	-----	-----

Board Meeting Date: TBA

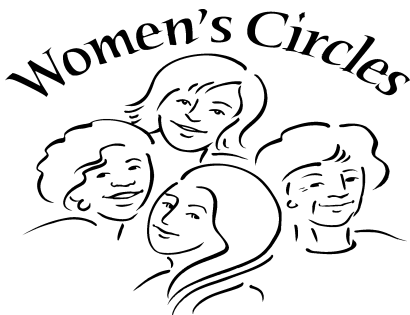


Disciples Men Fellowship
Place: To Be Announced
February 4, 2012
8:30 am

February 27, 2012, 7:00 pm



CONGRATULATIONS to Bill and Janis Fairchild upon the birth of their great-grandson. Alexander J. Sharp was born on January 7, 2012 at 4:57 am, weighing 4 lbs. 7 oz. and was 17.5 inches long. Pray for Alexander as he was born 6 weeks early and is in ICU.



Martha Group

Hostess: Ione Strohm
Program: Earlene Arnold
February 8, 2012, 1:30 pm

Lunch Bunch

February 15, 2012, 11:30 am

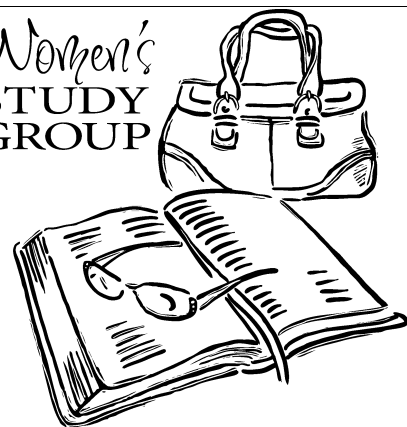
Joy Group

Hostesses: Dolores Westfall/Reta Brack
Program: Marilyn Kopke/Dorothy Kopke
"I've Got a Secret"
February 28, 2012, 12:00 pm

New Day Group

Hostess: Rhonda Glenn
Program: Mary Hunter

Women's
**STUDY
GROUP**



Join us on Tuesday nights in the Fellowship classroom at 6:30 pm for Beth Moore's study of Revelation. This is a 9-week study and will begin on Tuesday, February 21st. You can get

your workbook on the night of the 21st. Hope to see you there!

NOTICE

The CWF Ladies will no longer be collecting postage stamps. A BIG THANK YOU to Dorothy Behrens for taking care of that for many years.



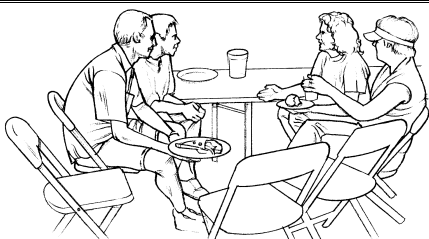
Please welcome our newest members Debra Spiller, Jean Goetz, and Norma Butler. They all transferred their memberships to First Christian Church. We are glad to have you!

COMING SOON!



C H U R C H GARAGE SALE February 11, 2012

Start cleaning out your cupboards and closets! You may start bringing your items to the church on January 29, 2012



Fellowship Meals

January 25th - Group I
February 1st - CANCELLED (garage sale set up)
February 8th - CANCELLED (garage sale set up)

February 15th - Group III
February 22nd - Group IV
February 29th - Group I
March 7th - POT LUCK
March 14th - Group II
March 21st - NO DINNER (Spring Break)
March 28th - Group V
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



Outreach COMMITTEE

During the month of February, World Outreach Committee will have baskets throughout the church for donations to the *Daniel Trickey Life Giving Center*. In addition to the list below they are in need of used coats, furniture, dishes, appliances, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Scheuerman or Annette Goering. Thank you for helping.

Toilet Paper * Paper Towels *
Feminine Hygiene Products *
Trash Bags - 13 gallon*, 33 gallon, 44 gallon
Pantry Staples - flour, sugar, salt, pepper, spices, baking soda, etc.
Combs & Brushes
Dishwashing Soap, Liquid Fabric Softener *
Diapers All sizes*
Laundry Detergent
Ziploc Bags 2.5 gallon*
* Most Needed Items

Refocus for Lent

Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.

Give up worry — trust God to provide.
Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred — return good for evil.
Give up anger — be more patient.
Give up pettiness — become mature.
Give up jealousy — pray for trust.

Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
Give up sin — turn to virtue.
Give up giving up — persevere.
—Author unknown

The new Board met for the first time on Wednesday, January 11, for the purpose of reorganizing itself. This is keeping with provisions of the new By-Laws approved last year. After being called to order, the first business conducted was the election of Dennis Heinrichs to be the Board Chairman. The Elders and the Deacons then met separately to elect their officers. The Elders elected Lane Moore as their chairman. Lane will also serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board. The Elders also elected three of their members to serve on the Cabinet: Bob Hiss, Doug Keiswetter, and Julie Ford. The Deacons elected Terri Hughes to serve as their chairman. Terri will also be a member of the Cabinet. The Board as a whole then elected Mike Nicholson to be the Church Treasurer.

The Board constituted of the Elders and the Deacons is only scheduled to meet 4 times during the year: in January to reorganize, in April to receive reports on the financial condition of the church and progress reports from the ministries (committees) of the church, in September to again receive reports and to prepare a budget for 2013, and in December to approve the budget and receive reports. The new By-Laws also have provisions for special meetings of the Board as may be necessary. All meetings of the Board are open to anyone who may want to attend just to observe or to present concerns.

The new By-Laws place increased emphasis on the Cabinet to conduct the affairs of the church both from a Spiritual standpoint but also from the standpoint of its business affairs. The new Cabinet members are as follows:

Dennis Heinrichs, Chairman,

Lane Moore, Vice-Chairman,

Bob Hiss, Delegate from the Elders,

Doug Keiswetter, Delegate from the Elders,

Julie Ford, Delegate from the Elders and Chairman of the Worship Ministry,

Terri Hughes, Chairman of the Deacons,

Mike Nicholson, Treasurer,

Stacy McReynolds, Chairman of the Education Ministry,

Jim Debes, Chairman of the Property Ministry,

Susan Brown, Chairman of the Membership, Evangelism and Outreach Ministry,

Randy Goering, Chairman of the Personnel Ministry.

At the time of this writing a Chairman of the Stewardship Ministry has yet to be named.

Our Pastors Bill Johnson, Kelli and Justin Frazier, are ex-officio members of both the Board and the Cabinet.

The chairmen of the various ministries will be contacting members of the church to serve on their ministries. Please give these requests serious and prayerful consideration.

As always please keep the work of the church in your prayers,

Dennis Heinrichs, Board Chairman