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BILL'S BITS -

PERSONAL PRAISE

As I understand it, this incident happened in Chicago. The blizzard made travel difficult, and the pretty young woman was standing at the curb. She extended a dainty foot toward the slush in the street, then hastily withdrew it.

The big Irish policeman noticed her problem. He promptly blew his whistle, stopped the traffic, walked over, scooped the young woman up in his arms, and deposited her carefully on the other side of the street.

The young lady, indignant and obviously unappreciative, slapped the policeman sharply across the cheek. Without a word, the big policeman once more swept her off her feet and carried her, kicking and complaining, back to her original position. Then he released the traffic.

Try to be appreciative of the good deeds people send your way, especially the ones you didn't ask for. If you are looking for a helpful "word of the day" everyday, here is a good one-*thanks!*

There are two things we can do in regard to our duty of gratitude.

1) Be thankful for all blessings and benefits received. G. K. Chesterton, a British author, lived a long and useful life. In his last days he wrote an autobiography. In that story of his life, he set for himself the task of defining in a single sentence-the most important lesson he had learned.

That is quite a task. What would you say? What is the most important lesson you have learned? If you tried to condense that into one sentence, what would it be? Mr. Chesterton concluded that the most important lesson he had learned was that it is critical "whether one takes things for *granted*-or takes things with *gratitude*." Do you take things for granted-or do you accept things in a spirit of gratitude? The differences in those two attitudes make a radical difference in the attitude of your living.

2) Express gratitude to others.

People all around us serve us every day without a penny of pay: our husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, co-workers, fellow church members, etc. Their pay, in part, is visible expressions of being appreciated. Part of our duty is to say "thanks" to all those around us who serve us and God. - adapted

See you Sunday! - Bill

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8:15 am Early Worship

9:00 am Sunday School

10:20 am Morning Worship

Sunday Activities

6:00-8:00 pm Grades 7-12 Youth Group

Wednesday

5:30-7:00 pm Family Fellowship Supper

6:30-7:15 pm K-6th Program

6:30-7:15 pm Adult Bible Study

7:00-8:00 pm Middle School Bible Study

8:00-9:00 pm High School Bible Study

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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Praying for...

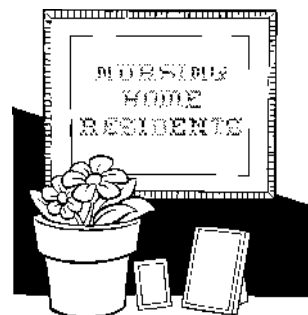
With
Sympathy

....to the family and friends of Dick Campbell,
Courtney Campbell's grandfather
....to the family and friends of Leon Westfall
....to the family and friends of Polly Omlor
....to the family and friends of C. M. Brack, Karl
Brack's brother

Grief is perhaps the most difficult of human emotions to face, though it also has the potential for being the most therapeutic. Grief isn't a bad thing; it's the cost of having loved. If we hadn't loved, if we hadn't cared, we wouldn't grieve. And our lives would have been even emptier.



Mike & Susi Bargainear, relatives of LaDonna Moore -
Ft.
Campbell, KY
Staff Sgt. Ryan Barnes - nephew of Connie Weiser -
Iraq
Lt. Col. Ken Bellinger, Army Chaplain, Cliff Bellinger's
son - Iraq
Josh Gieger, Army, Roger Marshall's fraternity
brother's son - Iraq
Delbert Wells, nephew of Hap Donecker - Germany



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 793-660

Great Bend Health & Rehab

Viola Schwein

River Bend Assisted Living

Marge Keller

Kansas Christian Home

Louise McCullum

Cherry Village Nursing Home

Mildred Lang

Martha McKown

Rachel Williams

Sterling House of Great Bend

Wilma Hauser

John Richardson

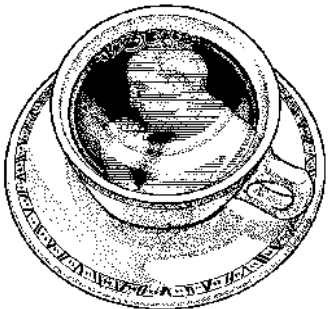
Lela Wilson

August Attendance and Gifts

	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday School	33	32	39	26	N/A
Early Service	38	30	37	37	N/A
Late Service	129	110	121	95	N/A
Children's Church	0	0	0	0	N/A
TOTAL	167	140	158	132	N/A
General Offering	5,219.95	2,780.60	4,189.70	2,686.36	N/A
Bldg. Offerings	1,000.00	647.50	587.50	3,575.00	N/A
Special Offerings	25.00	0.00	0.00	2,525.00	N/A
TOTAL	6,244.95	3,428.10	4,777.20	8,786.36	N/A

* Special Offerings include Memorials for Danny Biggs and Leon Westfall, and special building projects

Elders/Deacons Meeting – September 10 – 8 pm
Cabinet Meeting – September 3 - 8 pm
Board Meeting – September 17 – 8 pm



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

FCC Men's Breakfast Club!

1st Saturday of each month
at the Highland Hotel
8:00 am

Program: Mary Hunter

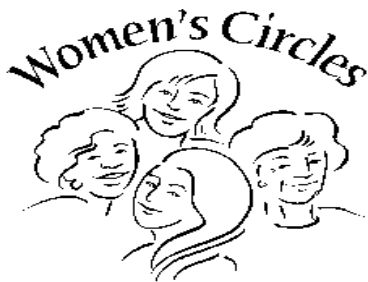


Dear Church Friends:

Sorry to be so slow in sending my appreciation and thanks for a wonderful "send off". I felt very loved on my last Sunday at the First Christian Church. My prayer shawl kept me comfortable on the two-day drive to Georgia. Thank you, Connie, for a wonderful gift. I am settled in my new apartment and making some new friends. Thank you, Edith and Louise, for your phone calls. Here is my new address and phone number:

Helen Standley
4150 George Busbee Parkway
Apt. #2
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144
#770-499-8139

A BIG THANK YOU to the Master Cleaners for cleaning our church choir robes, free of charge! They look great!



Martha Group

September 17 - 1:30 pm
Hostess: Louise Gunn
Program: Ruth Miller

Lunch Bunch

September 17 - 11:30 am
The Highland

Joy Group

September 23 - 9:30 am
Coffee @ Nelva Grimes
2600 Canterbury
Program: Dolly Gaede

New Day Group

September 22 - 7:00 pm
Friendship Classroom
Hostess: TBA



Will and Amber Deeds are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Abra Lily Deeds. Abra was born on Wednesday, August 6, 2008, at 6:12 pm. Abra weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Will said she has a full head of black hair and is absolutely beautiful!

Rick and Terri Hughes are the proud grandparents of Olivia Taylor Hughes. Olivia was born on August 7, 2008, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 inches long. Her proud parents are Brian and Michelle Hughes.

First Christian Church Youth Group



Grab your friends.....

We are about to venture out for 8 weeks on a course of:
Life Skills!

We're going to have a blast learning some important skills and tasks that life puts in front of us. We'll start off with a fun Olympic contest that you will surely want to be a part of. Competition gets tougher when there are more competitors, so spread the word and invite some teammates.

Preliminary Trials-Youth Room:

August 31st - 1:00 pm

Athlete Presentation:

September 7th - 10:20 Worship Service

Olympic Contest beings:

September 14th - 2:00 pm

Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals will be presented!

Life Skills

7th Grade - College

Starting September 14th, 2:00 pm



Iron Man/Woman Olympics - Sept.

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If you think you have what it takes to win this contest, then come strut your stuff! Bring your muscles, your iron and ironing board. You will be competing against the best of the best "Wrinkle Busters". Presentation of your physique and ironing equipment will be Sunday, September 7, at the 10:20 am Worship Service. All monies raised during the contest will be used for future youth training and activities. Bring LOTS of friends. The more contestants, the more fun!



Watering the Money Tree - Sept.

21

Is your Money Tree dry these days? We will learn what God has to say about how to manage the money He has entrusted to us. The money you raised during the ironing contests will be used to teach you how to prepare a budget and balance a checkbook. Begin planting the seeds of good money management early in life. *"Live like no one else today, so that you can live like no one else in the future"* by Dave Ramsey.



It's a Matter of Manners - Sept.

28

O.K....It's time to get your feet off of the coffee table and take your supper away from the TV. Come learn how to set a table for a fancy feast, the art of formal dining and the manners that you should have when out on a date. **Take lots of notes during this training**, because you're going to need them real soon!



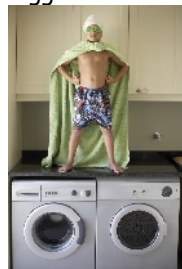
A Shopping We Will Go - Oct. 5

Grab that budget and your checkbook! We're headed for the grocery store. It's time to meal plan and prepare. After planning the meal that you're going to prepare during **Iron Chef America**, (see future dates), we'll head out to the fabulous Wally-World Mart to get all of the supplies that you'll need for the contest. **The secret ingredient will be given to you during the 10:20 am Worship Service when you meet up with our famous Iron Chefs.**



Let the Battle Begin! - Oct. 19

Our challengers will meet and face off against the best Iron Chefs in America. Coming to you LIVE will be **Iron Chef Bobby Flavor, Iron Chef Cat Cabbage, Iron Chef Marion Rigatoni, Iron Chef Alton Brown-Rice, Iron Chef Masaharu More-A-Meat, Iron Chef Paula Limabean, Iron Chef Rachel Raisinbread** and the famous **Iron Chef Emeril Lasagna!** Your battle will begin at 8 am and you will have 3 ½ hours to take your secret ingredient and prepare a meal for the toughest of judges...a panel of 150 from the worship service. You will use all of the skill that you learned from your previous training in formal dining. Be ready for the biggest throw-down event of the season!



"Captain Clean Machine" - Oct.

26

Grab those "smelly" sweats, socks, and undies! You're heading out to the Laundromat to learn how to wash your own garments. You'll need your own personal favorite laundry soap/cream rinse, laundry basket, hangers, and of course, your stinky gear. **You will hopefully have money left in your budget to exchange for quarters!** If not, then you will need to provide \$ for the machines.



**OTTO Repair, Inc.
2 Hr. Service – Nov. 2**

Otto is looking for new business! Bring your auto in for a maintenance check-up. You will learn how to check the tire pressure, check the oil and water levels, check the belts, and just simple maintenance that can save you lots of money in repairs. Prepare your auto for winter weather at OTTO Repair, Inc.



Floreine Blankenship will turn 90 years young on September 13, 2008. Let's help her celebrate by dropping a card in the mail to her at:

5106 17th St. Terrace
Great Bend, KS 67530

Celebrate Labor Day

Labor Day, first celebrated in 1882, provides a day of rest for working Americans, showing their importance to the country's well-being.

Christians see work as a gift and command from God. Adam was put in the Garden to "till it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15, NRSV). Even Jesus chose workers to help carry out his mission.

Rest is just as significant as work. God commanded us to rest one day each week (Exodus 20:10). The Sabbath is a time for worship, family activities, renewal and recuperation.

Labor Day is a reminder to be grateful for the creativity, ingenuity, minds and muscle power of countless workers—all gifts of God. That's worth setting aside a day to appreciate.

Labor Day is September 1, 2008.



DISCIPLES WOMEN

The Kansas Christian Home Bazaar will be held on November 7th-8th. If you plan to provide craft items for this bazaar, it is time to remind you that we need these items by our October group meetings...that is about 60 days from now.

Uncover your sewing machines or pull out those knitting needles...provide a craft for this bazaar.

These items provide monies for the "extras" that are needed to care for our church friends in KCH.

THANKS!!!!

Advantages of Joining the Choir

1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have excellent seats and are assured a reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
3. From your advantageous seat, you can smile at, gawk at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the congregation.
4. The pastor is nearly always looking the other way.
5. You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.
6. The cost for all of these benefits? Just one evening a week.
7. Oh, yes, one more reason to join the choir: You're a leader in the worship experience!

**Chancel Choir practice begins
September 3rd at
7:00 pm.
Come join us!**

Remember:



Grandparents Day
September 7, 2008

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This fall we will be offering a fine line up of classes.

The **R.O.T.C.** will offer a series about marriage and how to have a better marriage.

The **Friendship Class** with Connie Brockhausen will study the Gospel of John.

Katie Hoff will lead the **Youth** in developing "Life Skills".

Please remember **Children's Moments** and **Children's Church**.

Wednesday Night Family Fellowship Dinner will start in mid-September.