



**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

Boy Scout Pancakes  
Elder News  
"BIG" 99th Birthday

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### Reflections

As we celebrate the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr., it is appropriate to consider writings such as the one below. It is sometimes hard to imagine what life is like for people facing the very real atrocities about which Dr. Waters writes. May our prayers reflect God's desires for wholeness and peace for each and every person everywhere.

#### A Prayer for Holy Soles by Michael W. Waters

Dear God,  
teach me to pray  
with my feet.

The steps of the ancestors were sturdy and strong.  
They somehow carried them to cut down strange fruit dangling in the breeze.  
Up and down Montgomery hills,  
To mass meetings, lunch counters, and courthouses  
To face canines, tear gas, and water hoses  
As bullets and bombs wrought martyrs,  
Their blood still crying out from the deep.

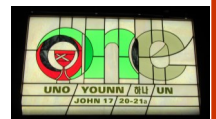
LORD God,  
teach me to pray  
with my feet.

For those felled while adorned with hoodie, for those who still can't breathe, for those whose hearts have been broken under the weight of fathers suffocated on the street,  
with hands raised,  
"Don't shoot!"

For Water Protectors,  
For Flint,  
For Women,  
For the Refugee,  
For Hijab wearing sisters and their brothers,  
For the Dreamers,  
LORD God Almighty,  
teach me how to pray  
with my feet,

That I might become a drum major of justice,  
To march around Jericho's walls  
And monuments to White Supremacy,  
Till they come tumbling down;  
That I might say  
As Mother Pollard did to young Martin  
"My feet is tired, but my soul is rested."  
And that You, LORD God Almighty,  
May one day say to me,  
"You have beautiful feet." Amen.

The Reverend Dr. **Michael W. Waters** is founding pastor of Joy Tabernacle African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church in Dallas, Texas, and author of *Stakes Is High: Race, Faith, and Hope for America* (Chalice Press, 2017).



## Upcoming Serving Schedule

### January 21, 2018

- Candlelighter** ~ Gavin LeClear  
**Children's Message** ~ Lorraine Bailey  
**Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker\*, Briana Becker  
 Laurie Kurzen, Linda Maulsby  
**Elder** ~ George Arnett  
**Greeters** ~ (N) John & Cindy Lexow  
 ~ (S) Marie Harding  
**Nursery** ~ Elizabeth Brown & Kohlby Ketchum  
**Worship Leader** ~ Cindy Lexow  
**Children's Church** ~ Elizabeth Brown

### January 28, 2018

- Candlelighter** ~ Kinzie Kurzen  
**Children's Message** ~ Jaylene Arnett  
**Diaconate** ~ Carl\* & Lana Richardson  
 Jim & Melissa Tilton  
**Elder** ~ Judy Moore  
**Greeters** ~ (N) David & Carolyn Meierhoff  
 (S) Wilma Lindsey  
**Nursery** ~ Briana Becker & Richard Becker  
**Worship Leader** ~ Janece Bacon  
**Children's Church** ~ Rita Headrick & Nikki S.

### February 4, 2018

- Candlelighter** ~ Jack Dalton  
**Children's Message** ~ Nancy LeClear  
**Diaconate** ~ Carl\* & Rita Headrick  
 Tammie McDiffett, Joy Frevert  
**Elder** ~ Jaylene Arnett  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Jim & Melissa Tilton  
 ~ (S) Joy Wonser  
**Nursery** ~ Cindy & John Lexow  
**Worship Leader** ~ Betty Richardson  
**Children's Church** ~ Faith Coleman

### February 11, 2018

- Candlelighter** ~ Juliana Martinez  
**Children's Message** ~ Cameron Moore  
**Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton\*, John Lexow  
 Betty & Alan Richardson  
**Elder** ~ Anita Imhoff  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Karen Garnett  
 ~ (S) Judy Moore  
**Nursery** ~ Rita Headrick & Kat Dorcas  
**Worship Leader** ~ George Arnett  
**Children's Church** ~ Faith Coleman

So far in January we have helped **25 families** consisting of **76 people** with **28 bags** of food. Of these 25 families, **8 were new** to us. This is just from being open 3 days so far in January. We have a lot of working poor in our city.



**Voices of the people you have helped this month**—“We haven’t been here for several months. Thank goodness you are still here and helping, we appreciate it so much and God Bless!” “Thank you for the calendars and other information.”

Don Allen, Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); Tom Bell; Chandler Bolen (*health issues*); Denise Calvert (*broken leg*); Joyce Cress (*cancer & recovery*); Marla Darby, Diane (*sister of Joyce Cress, breast cancer*); Dana Gonzales (*broken back*); Amy Hossfeld (*brain tumor*), Luella Hush, Bonnie Iverson (*health issues*); Jim Johnson (*Jean Miller's nephew*); Brad Jones (*son of Jan Jones, heart problems*); Wes Jones (*health issues*); Gale Kelley (*hospice*); Joyce Kellison (*health issues*); Carolyn Kuhn (*health issues*); Steve (*broken neck*) & Ramona Langley (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); Gary Logan, (*brother-in-law of Janece Bacon*); Jeanice Miller (*knee replacement*); Pam Scheve (*daughter Jan Weeks, health issues*); Becky Shannon (*daughter of Sharon Shannon, health issues*); Jim Siebert (*son of Janice Miller, back pain*); and Elizabeth Wells (*cancer & recovery*).



Eric MacGregor (*Military*)



We will be using various translations of the Bible in our Worship Service making us more aware of the differences available, while still delivering the same mes-

## Attendance and Giving Record

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January 7, 2018 SS 17 / Worship 54

January 14, 2018 SS 4 / Worship 38

### GIVING RECORD

Jan. 7, 2018 ~ Offering \$ 1, 651.60/ Building \$87.00

Jan. 14, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,613.00/ Building \$10.00



**January Anniversaries**

28 Larry & Glenna Gamblian

**February Anniversaries**

05 Jim & Judy Moore (1966)

**January Birthdays**

- 15 Colter Richardson
- 15 Treva Stuck
- 16 Dona Jones
- 18 John Lexow
- 21 Brenda Hall
- 22 Charles Wilhite
- 26 Marie Kelley (1921)
- 26 Curtis Rhoades
- 26 Tyler Tilton
- 28 Sadj Davis
- 29 Ed Mercer, Jr.
- 29 Stanley Smith
- 29 Joe Witten
- 30 Robert White
- 31 Tim Norton
- 31 Kerry (Thornton) Willoughby



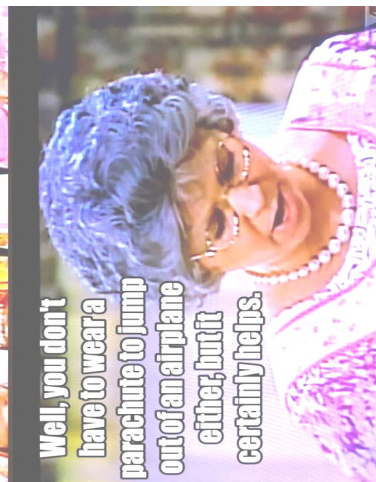
**February Birthdays**

- 10 Kat Dorcas
- 10 Steve Dorcas
- 10 Pauline Hall
- 12 Marlene Bowman
- 14 Rikki Sunderman
- 15 Margie Coffman
- 16 Royal Garnett
- 16 Norma Leonard
- 17 Mindy Williams
- 21 Guy Bacon
- 21 Barbara Wilhite
- 24 Kayla Fraley
- 25 Joshua Shumate
- 28 Roycean Garnett



**Mark these Dates**

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Wed. Jan. 17—ESU Begins Spring Semester
- Wed. Jan. 17—5 pm Worship Ministry
- Wed. Jan. 17—6:15 pm Board Meeting
- Thur. Jan. 18—Christian Ed. (rescheduled from last week)
- Fri. Jan. 19—DWU Friendship Coffee, Braum's W 6th Ave.
- Mon. Jan. 22 & Thur. Jan. 25—Evangelism begins "Coffee for Students" in the North Glass Enclosure
- Tue. Jan. 23—6:30 pm Chi Rho Mission Club meets
- Tue. Jan. 23—6:30 pm Elders meet
- Tue. Jan. 23—Bible Study
- Thur. Jan. 25—6:00 pm Girl Scouts
- Thur. Jan. 25—6:00 to 8:00 pm Family Promise at First Baptist Church. There will be a Poverty Simulation Event.
- Sun. Jan. 28—2:30 pm Presbyterian Manor Services



**Thoughts to Ponder**

Set a goal that makes you want to jump out of bed in the morning.

The staff of First Christian Church would like to thank you for the "Shop Emporia First" Chamber Gift Certificates. They are greatly appreciated. Thank you for thinking of us.

Also for all the wonderful baked goods, snacks, cookies and candy. We loved them all!





## Lectionary Schedule January 21 – February 25, 2018

### January 21, 2018

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

### February 4, 2018

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### February 18, 2018

Genesis 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

### January 28, 2018

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

### February 11, 2018

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Psalm 50:1-6  
2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Mark 9:2-9

### February 25, 2018

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9



### **Elder News**

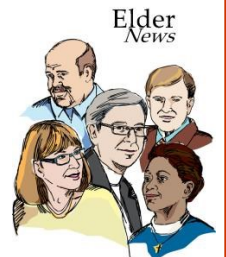
Since the loss of Vel and LeRoy and our desire to show our respects to them and their families, and since there are only a few months left in this year and after discussion with Pastor Lorraine and other key leaders, it has been decided to not replace these two cherished Elders. So those of you affected by the loss of your Elder will be added to the Care List of one of the remaining five Elders.

At our January Elders Meeting the Care Lists that these two had so diligently and lovingly overseen will be reassigned to one of the five remaining Elders until June when the new Elders take office.

**If in the meantime, those of you affected by these losses and have a need for an Elder contact, please contact Anita Imhoff (620)343-2994, or the Church office (342-1582). Anita will select an Elder to assist you.**

We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time of transition. We hope to make this transition as smooth and quickly as is possible.

In Christian Love,  
Anita Imhoff  
Elder Chairperson



### **It's a "Big" Birthday—99 of them in fact!**

Please help Curtis Rhoades celebrate his 99th birthday on January 26 with cards — 99 of them to be exact. We are sending out the word so we can collect at least 99 cards by Friday, January 26. There is a basket on the parlor table for them or if you would rather mail one, his address is 127 E. 11th Ave., Emporia, KS 66801. Thanks for helping Curtis celebrate this fantastic birthday.

**Boy Scout Troop #157**

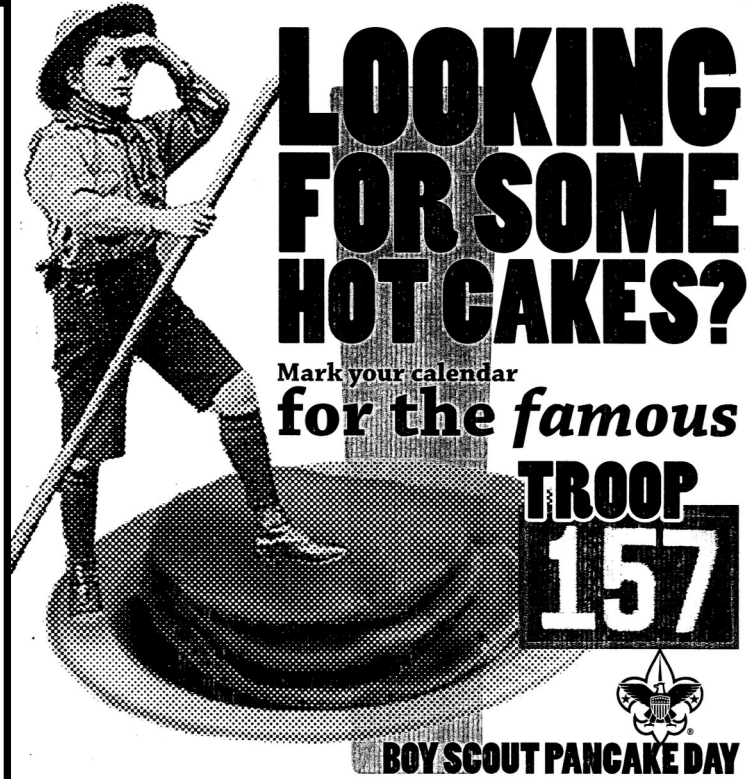
**Annual Pancake Day Fundraiser**

Proceeds from this fundraiser help offset the cost of the Troops High Adventurer program and summer camp fees for the scouts.

This year we are also doing an event to help stock the Food Pantry at First Christian Church. Recently, LeRoy Gannett, long time church member, passed away. As a memorial to him, the scouts want to collect and donate to the church food pantry in his memory.

LeRoy was a hero of the Vietnam War, serving as a Green Beret with the Special Forces. He was also the recipient of the Purple Heart as well as honored with both the bronze and silver star medals for heroism. So to help boost the pantry collection, those who bring in a non perishable food item at this pancake fundraiser, the donors name will be placed in a drawing for prizes including a \$25 Emporia Chamber gift certificate as well as troop hats and t-shirts. You don't have to present to win in the drawing. So, come enjoy breakfast out, help boost the food pantry collection and help our local scouts at the same time.

Hope to see you there!



All you can eat Pancakes with 3 Sausages, Coffee or Milk  
 • Extra Sausage 25¢ or 3 for 50¢ • Extra Milk 50¢ • Kids under 5 eat free

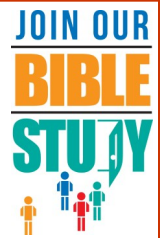
**Saturday, Feb. 10**

**First Christian Church \$5**  
**202 East 12th Ave.**

Serving from 6:00am to 12:30pm

**Bible Study**

The Bible Study that began last fall, took a break for the holidays, is beginning again starting Tuesday, January 23 and will continue for six weeks. We use continue to use Max Lucado's book *The Gospel of Mark*. This study is being led by John Lexow. All are welcome.



**The IHOP Dividend**

Thank you for eating at the IHOP Restaurant and turning in your receipts. Please continue to save and collect them and turn them in to the office (we have an envelope on the counter) or put them in the collection plate. Also, ask your friends and neighbors to save them for you too. The more we have the more we receive back.

This is an **easy way to earn money for our church food pantry** and also have a good time eating out with friends and family.



**First Christian Church**  
**Lorraine W. Bailey,**  
**Transitional Minister**



*“The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”*

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**Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

**Office Hours**  
**8 a.m. until Noon, Monday through Friday.**  
**Pastor Lorraine—9:00 am to Noon, Tuesday through Friday. Afternoons by appointment.**

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**Next Newsletter Deadline**  
**Jan. 29 & Feb. 12, 2018**



## January 2018

14 ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Newsletter Deadline NO USD 253 Time Sheets Due ● 7pm Boy Scouts	16 ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:15pm Sertoma Meets	17 ESU Begins Spring Semester ● 5pm Worship Ministry Meets ● 6:15pm Board Meeting	18 ● 6:30pm Christian Ed.(rescheduled)	19 ● 8:30am CWU Friendship Coffee-Braum's ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	20 ● 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut
21 ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service	22 ● 8am ESU Coffee for Students ● 7pm Boy Scouts	23 ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Chi Rho Mission Club ● 7pm Elders Meeting 7:30 Bible Study	24	25 6pm Family Promise-1st Baptist Church ● 8am ESU Coffee for Students ● 6pm Girl Scouts	26 ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	27 ● 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut
28 ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service ● 2:30pm Presbyterian Manor Service	29 KANSAS DAY Newsletter Deadline Time Sheets Due ● 7pm Boy Scouts	30 ● 6pm Choir Practice 7:30 Bible Study	31 ● 5:30pm Facilities Meeting	Feb 1 NO USD 253 ● 9:30am CWU Choir Practice ● 5:30pm Youth Choir	2 NO USD 253 ● 9:30am CWU Coffee & Program at FCC ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	3 ● 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut

### Who Me, An Elder?

Information for this article came from *Your Calling as an Elder* by Gary Straub, p.12. Here is Straub's continued brief interpretive summary of the biblical qualifications for elder leadership:

#### 5. Self-controlled. Titus 1:8

“This refers to the ability to exercise judicious and appropriate restraint without giving vent to frustration in ways that do disservice to the gospel. Self-control has to do with allowing God’s spirit to develop appropriate and healthy boundaries within the soul as restraints against impulsive actions and reactions. The moral strength to curb sinful desires, habits, attitudes, and appetites is also a fruit of the Spirit abiding within (Gal. 5:22). The ability to simply ignore the door when temptation knocks is an enormous grace, but letting Christ answer the door may be an even greater grace.

#### 6. Sober-minded (Prudent). Titus 1:8

“An elder is one who chooses to live centered in God, and therefore not excessively distracted by ego attachments to emotions, earthly allegiances, or unworthy and lesser alliances. This attitude renders a soul sane, sensible, temperate, and discreet. In other words, someone who knows that being an elder is not ‘all about me.’ The selfish ego is ‘dead, buried, and out-of-the way’ so as to attend to God’s business cleanly, clearly, single-mindedly, and without distraction (1 Pet. 5:8).

### Who Me, A Deacon?

Information for this article came from *Your Calling as a Deacon* by Gary Straub and James Trader II, pp. 27-30. Straub uses John 3:3-11 as an example of Christian “servant-leadership lifestyle”.

“John’s upper room insights provide a guiding image that touches to the core of deacon’ work. In the midst of supper, between courses, Jesus rose from table because some critical need had been left unattended. Quite unselfconsciously, Jesus laid aside his outer garments and took a towel and tied it around his waist. Pouring water into a basin, he began to work his way around the foot of the reclining couches, washing each disciple’s dusty feet as he went and wiping them with the towel wrapped around his waist . . . “So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet . . . if you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.” (Jn. 13:14, 17)

Straub insists that Deacons follow James 1:22: “But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.” Deacons “must be” role models after which others can follow and design their own lives. “Deacons do whatever needs to be done to prepare and present God’s people for God’s service. Servant of the servants; deacons are nothing more, nothing less, and nothing else!”