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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

“The Escape”
BS Biscuits & Gravy
Membership Record
90th BD Celebration

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Reflections

Remember Jeremiah? Moses? Paul? Although Jeremiah was called as a prophet while in the womb, he resisted God’s call, like Moses when he was called at the burning bush. Paul, too, did not want to be an apostle. He wanted to be a clever and appreciated young Jewish scholar, and resisted God’s call—only to be blinded to get his attention.

And so, we are called to transformation. And like the Israelites, who were called to wander in the desert for 40 years, we find it hard to trust God at times because it has been a long journey so far. The point of the wandering “wasn’t that it took forty years to get Israel out of Egypt . . . rather, the wilderness time was necessary because *it took forty years to get ‘Egypt’ out of the Israelites* . . . it took forty years to break their old identity and create a new relationship with God and each other. A whole new generation grew up in the desert—those that had actually done the work under slavery would die before the Israelites would be allowed to enter the Promised Land. Even Moses wasn’t allowed to cross the river!” (Alan Roxburgh)

“Transformation is not an event, it’s a journey—an unfolding process of letting go of the old to make room for the new” (from *And Still We Rise* by H.B. Bohren, S.R. Jha, and P.B. Pociеча). Just as the community of the Israelites were made up of individuals, each making their own transformations, we are the community of faith, each needing to make our own transformations. This is a huge task for us, because in order for our church to transform, we each need to transform [make new] our relationship with God—finding our own way out of Egypt. Bohren (et.al.) tells us, “. . . we have to be willing to stay in the wilderness until we have changed the way we think about things and have given up previous definitions of who we are and what our limits are before God can bring us into the promised land. There is no shortcut. There is no bargaining. There is only trust and perseverance.”

We hopefully recognize that our congregation has moved into the transformational wilderness. What is our response? Do we feel stuck? Are we resisting? How do we feel about all this wandering? As we travel through the wilderness we continue to explore our perceptions and feelings together. In the meantime, let us trust God through prayer and contemplation.

Together on the journey,

Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule

June 24, 2018—5th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Jack Dalton
- Children’s Message** ~ Cindy Lexow
- Diaconate** ~ Larry Gamblian*, Joy Wonser
Cameron Moore, Carol Rhoades
- Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- Greeters** ~ (N) John & Cindy Lexow
~ (S) Marie Harding
- Nursery** ~ Nikki Simmons, Mikinzi Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ Cameron Moore
- Children’s Church** ~ Volunteer

July 1, 2018—6th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Juliana Martinez
- Children’s Message** ~ Sandy Heller
- Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons*, John Lexow
Joe & Bonnie Denson
- Elder** ~ Robert Chatham
- Greeters** ~ (N) David & Carolyn Meierhoff
~ (S) Wilma Lindsey
- Nursery** ~ Richard Becker, Briana Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ Barb Gimple
- Children’s Church** ~ Rita Headrick, Nikki Simmons

July 8, 2018—7th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Jaiden Kurzen
- Children’s Message** ~ Barb Gimple
- Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker*, Laurie Kurzen,
Alan & Betty Richardson
- Elder** ~ Jean Miller
- Greeters** ~ (N) Jim & Melissa Tilton
~ (S) Joy Wonser
- Nursery** ~ Volunteers
- Worship Leader** ~ John Lexow
- Children’s Church** ~ Volunteer

July 15, 2018—8th Sun. after Pentecost

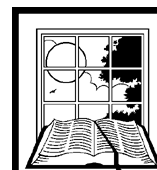
- Candlelighter** ~ Jayden Johnson
- Children’s Message** ~ Marie Harding
- Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton*, Joy Wonser
Carl & Lana Richardson
- Elder** ~ George Arnett
- Greeters** ~ (N) Carl & Lana Richardson
(S) Judy Moore
- Nursery** ~ Volunteers
- Worship Leader** ~ Judy Moore
- Children’s Church** ~ Volunteer

So far in **June** we have helped **20 families**, consisting of **52 people** with 20 bags of food plus 9 dozen eggs. Of these 20 families, **6 families were new to us.**



Voices of the people you have helped this month—
“Does that bag have soup?” Yes “Good, I love having the soup. I am so glad you have that in the bag.”

Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Chandler Bolen** (*health issues*); **Denise Calvert**; **Joyce Cress** (*cancer & recovery*); **Bonnie Denson** (*stone in neck*); **Ana Gonzales** (*broken back*); **Amy Hossfeld** (*brain tumor*); **Luella Hush**; **Grace Hyatt** (*Betty Pearson’s mother*); **Myrna Jensen** (*sister of Sharon Ball, cancer surgery*); **Brad Jones** (*son of Jan Jones, heart problems*); **Gale Kelley** (*hospice*); **Joyce Kellison** (*health issues*); **Steve** (*broken neck*) & **Ramona Langley** (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); **Mike LeClear** (*foot wound*); **Nathan McDonald & Family** (*motorcycle accident*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Juliana Martinez** (*health issues*); **Nathaniel Pearson** (*friend of Tammie McDiffett*); **Pam Scheve** (*daughter Jan Weeks, health issues*); **Sharon Shannon** (*back surgery*); **Betty Smith** (*mother of Rita Headrick, hip surgery*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*health issues*); and **Elizabeth Wells** (*cancer & recovery*).
Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)



THE SECRET PLACE

Devotions for Daily Worship
 The Summer 2018
 (June, July, August)

Secret Place daily devotional books

have arrived and are located on
 the hall table.

Still only **\$1.00 per copy** so get yours today!

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

June 10, 2018 SS 13 / Worship 61
June 17, 2018 SS 14 / Worship 55

GIVING RECORD

June 10, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,669.10 / Building \$87.00
 June 17, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,979.50 / Building \$15.00



June Anniversaries

- 20 Jim & Joyce Cress (1965)
- 21 Carl & Lana Richardson (1975)
- 29 John & Marie Harding (1962)
- 30 Joe & Dana Witten

July Anniversaries

- 13 Jake & Jennifer Dalton

June Birthdays

- 19 Michael Lexow
- 20 Mary Ann Law
- 22 Carol Rohling
- 22 Joy Wonsler
- 24 Cody Kuhn
- 24 Andrea (Williams) Boyce
- 28 Jake Dalton
- 29 June Rochat



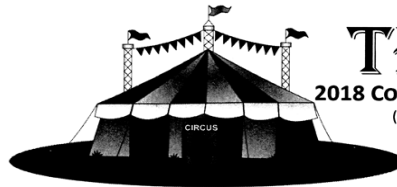
July Birthdays

- 01 John Harding
- 01 Joyce Kellison
- 02 James Ayers
- 02 Bronte Bailey (1994)
- 02 Allison Harding (1994)
- 02 Janet Lostutter
- 05 George Ford
- 07 Suzanne MacGregor
- 07 Alan Richardson
- 08 Seth Tilton
- 08 Judy Moore
- 09 John Kuhn
- 13 Jessica Alexander
- 13 Jill McGrath
- 15 Nicholas Kuhn
- 18 Lola Walker
- 18 Sarah Wyrick



Mark The Dates

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Wed. June 20—3:00 pm Emporia Place Service
- Wed. June 20—5:00 pm Worship Ministry meets
- Wed. June 20—6:15 pm Board Meeting
- Thur. June 21—9:00 am "Discovering Disciples"
- Saturday, June 23—6:00 am Boy Scouts Biscuits & Gravy
- Sunday, June 24—2:00 pm Presbyterian Manor Services
- Tue., June 26—6:00 pm Elders meet
- Wed., June 27—5:30 pm Facilities meets
- Thur., June 28—9:00 am "Discovering Disciples"
—6:30 pm Christian Ed meets
- Sat., June 30—2:00 to 4:00 pm 90th Birthday Celebration in FH
for June Rochat
- Sun., July 1—2:00 pm Retirement Party in FH (N. Simmons)
- Mon., July 2—Newsletter Deadline



THE ESCAPE!

2018 CONGREGATIONAL ESCAPE AND MISSIONFEST
(The event formerly known as Regional Assembly)

Saturday, August 11
Disciples Center at Tawakoni
Between Andover and Augusta
Under the Big Top

Disciples Men & Women Fellowship Dinner:

6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 10
Hillside Christian Church, 8330 E Douglas
Taco Salad and Ice Cream
Cost: \$8

Admission:

Gates open — 9 a.m.
Opening — 9:45 a.m. Closing by 3 p.m.
\$10/person, \$25/household
Registration opens in early June at kansasdiscalples.org
Food booth donations go to
Disciples Men Cooking for Mission.

Lodging:

The Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, (316-651-0333)
9100 E Corporate Hills Drive — \$89/night
Comfort Inn (316-686-2844)
9525 E Corporate Hills Drive — \$79/night
RV Parking (limited)
Call each hotel for reservations. Group rates reserved
under "Mission Fest." The deadline is July 27.

Activities:

- Bouncy Castle
- Displays
- Fair food
- Mission Grant Awards
- Swimming
- Voting booth
- Workshops
- Worship

Children:

This is a family-centered event. A cooling and napping area will be in the Training Lodge with attendant available during workshops. Play area will not be supervised.



Worship Design Studio's Marcia McFee will lead opening worship and a workshop. Renew your worship skills and connect with visitors, new members, and new Christians. With support from Kansas Bible Chair, this will launch a 1-year partnership between the region and local churches to subscribe to the Worship Design Studio's webinar service.



Thought to Ponder

Jesus was an undocumented refugee.

Lectionary Schedule June 24 — July 15, 2018



| <u>June 24</u> | <u>July 1</u> | <u>July 8</u> | <u>July 15</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Samuel 17:32-49 | 2 Samuel 1:1 | 2 Samuel 8:1-5,9-10 | Psalm 24 |
| Psalm 9:9-20 | 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 | Psalm 48 | 2 Samuel 6:1-5,12-19 |
| 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 | Mark 5:21-43 | 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 | Mark 6:14-29 |
| Mark 4:35-41 | Psalm 130 | Mark 6:1-13 | Ephesians 1:3-14 |

90th Birthday Celebration

You are invited to a come and go birthday celebration for **June Rochat** on Saturday June 30, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall at First Christian Church. No gifts please, but come and share your stories with June.

Happy Birthday June Rochat



Boy Scout Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast

Too hot to cook? Ready for breakfast out? Treat yourself to the Boy Scout Troop 157 annual biscuit and gravy breakfast this Saturday, June 23, 2018. They will be serving from 6:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$6.00 at the door. A free will canned goods donation will be accepted for the church food pantry in memory of long time member LeRoy Garnett.



Who Me, An Elder?

Information for this article came from Your Calling as an Elder by Gary Straub, p. 19. Here is Straub's continued brief interpretive summary of the biblical qualifications for elder leadership:

Six Negative Traits

When calling persons for eldership, matters of six negative traits need to be taken into careful consideration *before* the call is made. "The point is: Elders need to exhibit balanced spiritual maturity that allows them to contribute their unity to the bond of peace that holds at the core of the congregation." Every elder's wisdom needs to be part of the solution rather than contribute to the problem.

6. Not Addicted to Wine. Titus 2:3

"Addictions that are unacknowledged, unchecked, and untreated contaminate a person's thinking process, compromise clear-minded decisions, and make for relationships that have boundary problems . . . It may be wise for one in a twelve-step program to be given more time to mature in other leadership roles before they are asked to bear the full weight of eldership."

Who Me, A Deacon?

Information for this article came from *Your Calling as a Deacon* by Gary Straub and James Trader II, p. 67-68.

Five Forms of Encouragement

1) Encourage by welcoming.

A Deacon can invite others into the family of God—"welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7).

2) Teaching

Another way deacons can encourage is through teaching. Look to Jesus as the model. Others look up to us as we live our lives for God.

3) Warning

Deacons can come along beside another and speak the truth about danger.



**Who
Me?**

Have You Filled Out One of These?

We are in the process of updating members records and contact information, so if you haven't filled one of these out, please do so and leave it in the membership box in the parlor or return to the office. Thanks

Individual Membership Record

(C=cell, H=home, W=work. Please circle where appropriate) Record Updated _____

Full Name _____

Phone _____ (C) (H) (W) Phone _____ (C) (H) (W)

Phone _____ (C) (H) (W) Phone _____ (C) (H) (W)

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email _____ (H) (W) Email _____ (H) (W)

Name of Employer _____

Birthdate _____ Birth Place (City, State, Country) _____

Baptism Date _____ Place of Baptism (Church, City, State) _____

Date Joined First Christian Church, Emporia _____

Marital Status: Married _____ Single _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____

Full Name of Spouse _____ Birthdate _____

Anniversary Date _____ (Date of Spouse's death) _____

Mother's Name (Maiden) _____

Father's Name _____

Child's Full Name _____ Birthdate _____

Child's Full Name _____ Birthdate _____

Child's Full Name _____ Birthdate _____

Child's Full Name _____ Birthdate _____

Child's Full Name _____ Birthdate _____

Emergency Contact Information

| Name | Relationship | Address/Phone |
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Church Involvement

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.”

202 East 12th Avenue
 620-342-1582 Church Office
 Web Page www.fcemporio.org
 Email Office fccoffices@yahoo.com
 Email Pastor Lorraine Bailey at
pastorlorraine@gmail.com

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—8:00 am to 11:00 am, Tuesday through Friday. Afternoons by appointment.



Next Newsletter Deadline
July 2 & 16, 2018



June/July 2018

| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| Father's Day Pastor Lorraine gone ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Serv | Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts | ● 1:30pm Grief Share Tr | ● 3pm Emporia Place Se ● 5pm Worship Ministry ● 6:15pm Board Meeting | ● 9am Study-Discovering | Natl Teachers Hall Fam ● 3pm Clothes Closet & ● 6pm BS Set up for Bisc | ● 6am BS Biscuit & Grav ● 9am Clothes Closet & |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Serv ● 2pm Presbyterian Man | ● 7pm Boy Scouts | ● 1:30pm Grief Share Tr ● 6 pm Elders Meeting | ● 5:30pm Facilities Meet | ● 9am Study-Discovering ● 6:30pm Christian Ed. | ● 3pm Clothes Closet & | ● 9am Clothes Closet & ● 2pm 90th BD Celebrat ● 5:30pm Set up for Sim |
| Sun Jul 1 | Mon 2 | Tue 3 | Wed 4 | Thu 5 | Fri 6 | Sat 7 |
| ● 9:30am Sunday Schoo ● 10:30am Worship Serv ● 2pm FH-N. Simmons | Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts | ● 1:30pm Grief Share Tr | Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED TODAY | ● 9am Study-Discovering | ● 3pm Clothes Closet & | ● 9am Clothes Closet & |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| ● 9:30am Sunday Schoo ● 10:30am Worship Serv | ● 7pm Boy Scouts | PDGA Jr. Disc Golf Worl ● 1:30pm Grief Share Tr | PDGA Jr. Disc Golf Worl ● 6pm TX Scout Troop S ● 6:15pm Stewardship C | PDGA Jr. Disc Golf Worl | PDGA Jr. Disc Golf Worl ● 3pm Clothes Closet & | PDGA Jr. Disc Golf Worl ● 9am Clothes Closet & |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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SPOTLIGHT ON DISCIPLES

Discord Leads to Division (part 1)

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 233-242.

After the Civil War and after Alexander Campbell's death in 1866, the Disciples were not prepared for what would become an era of "transit and tension." Thomas Campbell's slogan, "Where the Scriptures speak, we speak; where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent," opened an argument that would be a sore spot for another 40 years. Some held that the motto meant that if the Bible does not specifically teach something, then it is prohibited. Other progressive Disciples felt that the silence of the New Testament was permissive rather than restrictive.

The argument penetrated beliefs around the practices at the Lord's Table. Some with views akin to Campbell's early views felt that only believers that were immersed were invited to the Table. Others took the more moderate view of Stone (and later Campbell) and welcomed all baptized believers.

The battle continues on . . .