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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Church Committees  
BD Celebration  
Women's Fall Retreat  
Life Touch Pictures

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### Reflections

This is an important year in our "Transition" as a congregation. The following information will give you an idea of what to expect as we continue along our journey.

#### Kansas Leadership Center Conference Coming Up

Our Kansas Disciples Region has provided a grant for members of Kansas Disciples congregations to attend leadership training conferences at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. Our congregation is sending 5 people to 3 conferences beginning in August. We are very grateful to our insightful leaders of our region for providing this training for our Kansas Disciples. The hope is to equip leaders for the challenges of Transformational Ministry. This is a huge undertaking for the trainees. Please keep our people and this entire program in prayer.

The first conference, **Lead for Change**, is an extensive 7-day training in 2 sessions. Marlene Hanson, George Arnett, and Pastor Lorraine will attend **August 14-17 and October 23-25**. Each participant will have coach support as we work through the challenges of adaptive change.

Jennifer Dalton and Nik Roth will attend a 3-day training **November 7-9**. This class, **Your Leadership Edge**, will develop a new mindset to approaching tough problems associated with adaptive change.

Finally, Pastor Lorraine will attend **Equip to Lead, October 18-19**. This program is designed as a follow-up to the previous courses and will provide training for your pastor to equip our congregation to move forward through our transitional period.

Two others, Jean Miller and Laurie Kurzen, have received previous training through Kansas Leadership Center. Our circle of expertise grows with each person who understands these leadership concepts.

This training will be invaluable but is only the beginning of helping the entire congregation move forward. We need **EVERYONE** to take part in subsequent sessions. Please plan on attending congregational follow-up sessions designed to help us in becoming something new for God.

*"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19)*

Shalom,

*Pastor Lorraine*

# Upcoming Serving Schedule

## August 5, 2018—11th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Mikinzi Simmons
- Children’s Message** ~ Nancy LeClear
- Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker\*, Laurie Kurzen,  
Alan & Betty Richardson
- Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- Greeters** ~ (N) Guy Bacon  
~ (S) Janece Bacon
- Nursery** ~ Juliana Martinez
- Worship Leader** ~ Marie Harding
- Children’s Church** ~ Faith Coleman

## August 12, 2018—12th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Faith Ihde
- Children’s Message** ~ Cameron Moore
- Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton\*, Joy Wonser  
Carl & Lana Richardson
- Elder** ~ Robert Chatham
- Greeters** ~ (N) Carl Headrick  
(S) Rita Headrick
- Nursery** ~ Rita Headrick
- Worship Leader** ~ Jill McGrath
- Children’s Church** ~ Faith Coleman

## August 19, 2018—13th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Gavin LeClear
- Children’s Message** ~ Joy Frevert
- Diaconate** ~ Carl Headrick\*, Jill McGrath  
Tammie McDiffett, Nik Roth
- Elder** ~ Jean Miller
- Greeters** ~ (N) Karen Garnett  
~ (S) Debbie Hubert
- Nursery** ~ Nikki Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ Janece Bacon
- Children’s Church** ~ Jen Dalton

## August 26, 2018—14th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Juliana Martinez
- Children’s Message** ~ Judy Moore
- Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons\*, John Lexow  
Joe & Bonnie Denson
- Elder** ~ George Arnett
- Greeters** ~ (N) Jim Tilton  
~ (S) Melissa Tilton
- Nursery** ~ Richard Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Children’s Church** ~ Rita Headrick &  
Nikki Simmons

So far in July we have helped **49 families**, consisting of **115 people** with bags of food plus 10 dozen eggs and donated product. Of these 49 families, **17 were new to us.**



**Voices of the people you have helped this month—**  
*“The eggs are great!” “I haven’t been here for a long time, so I’m glad you are still open.” Thank You!!!*

**Lonnie Atchison** (*cancer*); **Chandler Bolen** (*health issues*); **Denise Calvert**; **Jim Cress** (*health issues*); **Bonnie Denson** (*stone in neck*); **Joe Denson** (*stroke*); **Ana Gonzales** (*broken back*); **Amy Hossfeld** (*brain tumor*); **Luella Hush** (*blood clots*); **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*); **Doug Law**, (*health issues*); **Nathan McDonald & Family** (*motorcycle accident*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **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*)



## Thought to Ponder

Don’t worry, be happy. Worrying about all the “what if’s” does not change the future and it wastes the present.  
 Worry is a misuse of the imagination.

## Attendance and Giving Record

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July 22, 2018 SS 16 / Worship 61  
July 29, 2018 SS 15 / Worship 82

### GIVING RECORD

July 22, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,086.00 / Building \$10.00  
 July 29, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,832.00 / Building \$110.00



**August Anniversaries**

- 07 George & Jaylene Arnett
- 07 Bob & Margi Colerick
- 07 Alan & Betty Richardson
- 31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff

**July Birthdays**

- 30 Lorraine Bailey



**August Birthdays**

- 05 Carl Headrick
- 05 Matthew Lexow
- 05 Lana Richardson
- 07 Jean Miller
- 08 Jayden Johnson
- 10 Owen Tyler Hopkins
- 12 Dee Holmes
- 14 Wade Miller
- 15 Novella Merry
- 16 Carol Hopkins
- 20 Ed Dalton
- 23 Doris Baird
- 23 Nicole Dalton
- 24 Lola Farr
- 26 Don Allen
- 26 Marilyn Dalton
- 27 Carl Richardson
- 29 Josie (Witten) Kindhart



**Mark The Dates**

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Aug. 2-11—Lyon County Free Fair
- Tue. Aug 7—1:30 pm Grief Share in the Parlor for FCC members
- Wed. Aug 8—Stewardship Committee meets at 6:15 pm
- Thur. Aug. 9—6:30 pm Christian Ed. meets
- Sat. Aug. 11—"The Escape" at Camp Tawakoni. Fun for the whole family at this one-day event.
- Mon. Aug. 13—Newsletter Deadline
- Tue.—Fri. Aug. 14-17—Leadership for Change @ KS Leadership Center in Wichita, KS
- Sun. Aug. 19—Promotion Sunday
- Mon. Aug. 20—ESU Begins Fall Semester
- Wed. Aug. 22—USD 253 Begins school year.
- Wed. Aug. 22—6:15 pm Board Meeting (Note date change)
- Sun. Aug. 26—2 pm Presbyterian Manor Service

The code to the back door has been changed. If you need it, stop by or call the church office. Thanks

**How Are You Willing to Serve This Year?**

Make sure you check out the parlor table for the various church committees and choose which one or ones you would be willing to serve on this year. The committees are:

- Stewardship
- Outreach
- Worship
- Facilities
- Christian Ed.
- Evangelism
- Communication



Each committee has room for at least 10 members, so make sure you share your time and talents on a committee this year.

They're Back! Those wonderful **Church Bulletin Bloopers!** Thank God for church ladies with typewriters.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.



Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule**  
**August 5—Aug. 26, 2018**

**August 5**

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a  
 Psalm 51:1-12  
 Ephesians 4:1-16  
 John 6:24-35

**August 12**

Psalm 130  
 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
 John 6:35, 41-51  
 Ephesians 4:25—5:2

**August 19**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
 Psalm 111  
 Ephesians 5:15-20  
 John 6:51-58

**August 26**

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43  
 Psalm 84  
 Ephesians 6:10-20  
 John 6:56-69



Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

**GriefShare** is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. There are three key parts to your GriefShare experience:

**Video seminar**

Encouraging, information-packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts.

**Support group**

Small group discussion about the weekly video content

**Workbook**

Journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

**Join Us**

GriefShare will begin on **Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 1:30pm** in the Multi-purpose Room. We are offering the class as a pilot program for our members free of charge. Join us for a 13-week cycle on "Your Journey from Mourning to Joy."

**Facilitators**

Nancy LeClear, Mary Volland, Lorraine Bailey

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GRIEF SHARE



The Church's sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Bertha Kelly**, who entered new life Thursday, July 19, 2018. Services were held Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at Roberts Blue Barnett Funeral Home.



***Who Me, An Elder?***

*Information for this article came from Your Calling as an Elder by Gary Straub, p. 21. Here is Straub's continued brief interpretive summary of the biblical qualifications for elder leadership:*

**The Biblical Duties of an Elder**

At least 14 responsibilities can be found in scripture specifically mentioned as duties of the office.

**3. Receive the Charge of the Holy Spirit. Acts 20:28**

Elders watch for and are open to each other's Spiritual gifts. The Spirit may be offering an individual elder to equip the church for a particular season of struggle or service. An elder may be responding to the Spirit to lead a service assignment or be empowered by prayer to guide the shepherds of the flock in special intercession. "Hollowing out a space for the Spirit requires receptivity and surrender."





This fall we will have **Life Touch Photography** come and take pictures to make a new pictorial directory for First Christian Church. So mark your calendar and plan time for both individual and family portraits either on **Thursday, October 18, or Friday, October 19 or Saturday, October 20**. There will be both day and evening times available.



**YOU ARE INVITED**

**Saturday, August 11, 2018  
to celebrate Novella Merry's  
95th Birthday  
from 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

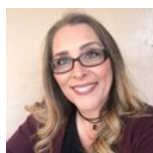
**at The Meadows in the south Reception Room  
1201 Martindale, Burlington KS**



If you can't celebrate with Novella in person, she would enjoy receiving cards at the above address. Just add Apt. E-4.



**Together We are One  
Kansas Disciples Women Fall Retreat  
October 3-5 (midweek) or October 5-7 (weekend)**



Pastor Lori Tapia will keynote.

Lori Tapia, National Hispanic Pastor-Disciples of Christ, Obra Hispana

Pastor Lori is the National Hispanic Pastor of Obra Hispana for the Christian

Church. She and her husband Martin are the founding co-pastors of Iglesia Alas de Salvacion, a bilingual church in Gilbert, Arizona. They began the church in their living room. Lori serves with a passion for relevantly sharing Jesus and discipleship. As a lifelong musician, worship through music is at her core as a songwriter and worshipper.

Join with other women in a variety of activities, such as a movie study on **Victoria and Abdul**, service projects including Fresh Start Bags and tied blankets, prayer stations, painting (additional \$30 workshop fee), and more!

**Registration cost** of \$100 includes lodging at camp, five meals and program expenses. **SAVE! Register before September 10 to save \$15. Register on-line** at <https://kansasdisciples.org/together-we-are-one-kdw-fall-retreat>

**New this year!** Those who register before September 10 have the opportunity to purchase a KDW Retreat t-shirt for \$10! Get your registration in early!



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

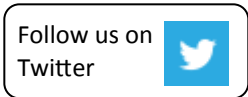


*“The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”*

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



**Next Newsletter Deadline**  
**Aug. 13 & Aug. 27, 2018**



**August 2018**

|                            |                            |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aug 1                      | 2                          | 3                          | 4                           |
| Scott T vacation           | Lyon Co Fair               | Lyon Co Fair               | Lyon Co Fair                |
|                            | Scott T vacation           | Scott T vacation           | Scott T vacation            |
|                            |                            | ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hou | ● 9am Clothes Closet & Hou  |
| 5                          | 6                          | 7                          | 8                           |
| Lyon Co Fair               | Lyon Co Fair               | Lyon Co Fair               | Lyon Co Fair                |
| Scott T vacation           | ● 7pm Boy Scouts           | ● 1:30pm Grief Share       | ● 6:15pm Stewardship Com    |
| ● 9:30am Sunday School     |                            |                            | ● 6:30pm Christian Ed.      |
| ● 10:30am Worship Service  |                            |                            |                             |
| 9                          | 10                         | 11                         |                             |
| Lyon Co Fair               | Lyon Co Fair               | "The Escape!" (Old Regiona |                             |
| ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hou | Lyon Co Fair               | ● 8am Worship CommCamp     |                             |
|                            |                            | ● 9am Clothes Closet & Hou |                             |
| 12                         | 13                         | 14                         | 15                          |
| ● 9:30am Sunday School     | Newsletter Deadline        | Lead for Change-KS Leader  | Lead for Change-Ks Leader   |
| ● 10:30am Worship Service  | ● 7pm Boy Scouts           | ● 1:30pm Grief Share       | ● 5pm Worship Ministry Me   |
|                            |                            |                            |                             |
| 16                         | 17                         | 18                         |                             |
| Lead for Change-KS Leader  | Leadership for change-KS I | ● 9am Clothes Closet & Hou |                             |
|                            | ● 8:30am CWU Friendship C  |                            |                             |
|                            | ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hou |                            |                             |
|                            | ● 6pm NE KS Clergy Cook O  |                            |                             |
| 19                         | 20                         | 21                         | 22                          |
| Promotion Sunday           | ESU Fall Sem begins        | ● 1:30pm Grief Share       | USD 253 begins              |
| ● 9:30am Sunday School     | ● 7pm Boy Scouts           | ● 5:30pm Sertoma Board     | ● 5:30pm Facilities Meeting |
| ● 10:30am Worship Service  |                            | ● 6pm Choir Practice       | ● 6:15pm Board Meeting      |
|                            |                            |                            |                             |
| 23                         | 24                         | 25                         |                             |
|                            | ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hou | ● 9am Clothes Closet & Hou |                             |

**SPOTLIGHT ON DISCIPLES**

**Discord Leads to Division (part 3)**

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 251-254

Division finally was the answer to the unrest over political, cultural, and theological differences intensifying throughout the post-Civil War period. The new movement, The Churches of Christ, was officially recognized in 1906 with 159,658 members. However, the process of separation had begun nearly 30 years before. The “Sand Creek Address and Declaration” repudiated the “many innovations” claiming to corrupting Disciples. Another declaration (1892) urged a statement in property deeds to prohibit instrumental music and “other equally defiling practices.” Thomas R. Burnett made clear in 1895 in the *Gospel Advocate* to not litigate over church property, but to build cheap and comfortable chapels to improve later. He said, “It is better to have one dozen true disciples in a cheap house than a thousand apostate pretenders in a palace who love modern innovations better than Bible truths.” In the meantime, the progressive James H. Garrison noted also in 1895 that “the organ and society questions were dead issues among the Disciples, ‘We have passed beyond them and are confronting vastly more important questions.’” And so, the Disciples moved ahead, founding a number of organizations and agencies at the national level in order to coordinate the work of congregations as the ‘brotherhood’ continued its rapid growth into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.