



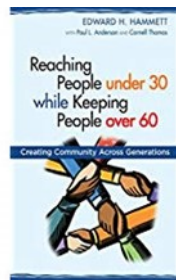
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Legacy John Dinner
Life Touch Photos
New Directory
Afterglow 9/30

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Reflections



Reaching People Under 30 While Keeping People Over 60: Creating Community Across Generations by Edward H. Hammett. TCP-Books.com., 2015.

Chapter 2: Church: A Hotel for Saints or a Hospital for Sinners?

Edward Hammett uses the example of the changes that the early church made to help us understand the changes the church needs to make in order to reach new people. He suggests that church folk become too comfortable, have turned their focus inward, and have left behind their "first love" of "going and making disciples" (Matthew 28:19-20).

We need to break out of this cycle and take the following risks:

- Be willing to risk: how will the church thrive?
- Experiment with change.
- Become restless with the status quo.
- Be bold.
- Have a bias for action: do things that nobody else is willing to do.

Hammett is adamant that there are two critical factors in *Reaching People Under 30 While Keeping People Over 60*:

1. Practicing proven principles of effective intergenerational ministry.
2. Practicing consistent leadership styles and practices that creates a pull more than a push strategy that deepens the faith and function of the body of Christ.

Pull is about what draws and compels people forward. *Push* is about feeling dictated to and by others.

Finally, Hammett builds upon the Great Commission in four steps:

Come and see: take time to be with people to build relationships. "[Meet them] where they are, rather than where we want them to be . . ."

1. *Come follow me*: be ready to answer questions about Christ.
2. *Come be with me*: become a mentor. Take someone under your wing and teach them about Jesus.
3. *Abide in me*: strive to be like Jesus

Questions to consider

- How can I be the presence of Christ in the midst of the world, family, job and community I live in?
- How can the Christ in me meet and address the need in the world?
- What does it mean to rest in God's care and vision for you now?
- How can you follow Jesus' example in your circle of friends and family?

Continuing the journey together,
Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule

September 16, 2018—17th Sun. after Pentecost

Candlelighter ~ Esai Gonzales
Children's Message ~ Sandy Heller
Diaconate ~ Carl Headrick*, Jill McGrath
 Tammie McDiffett, Nik Roth
Elder ~ Marlene Hanson
Greeters ~ (N) Carl Richardson
 ~ (S) Lana Richardson
Nursery ~ John Lexow
Worship Leader ~ Cameron Moore
Children's Church ~ Sonya Ihde

September 23, 2018—18th Sun. after Pentecost

Candlelighter ~ Nicole Dalton
Children's Message ~ Barb Gimple
Diaconate ~ Nikki Simmons*, John Lexow
 Bonnie Denson
Elder ~ Robert Chatham
Greeters ~ (N) Barb Gimple
 ~ (S) Christine Kellum
Nursery ~ Mikinzi Simmons
Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple
Children's Church ~ Jen Dalton

September 30, 2018—19th Sun. after Pentecost

Candlelighter ~ Jaiden Kurzen
Children's Message ~ Lorraine Bailey
Diaconate ~ Richard Becker*, Laurie Kurzen,
 Alan & Betty Richardson
Elder ~ Jean Miller
Greeters ~ (N) Judy Moore
 ~ (S) Janet Lostutter
Nursery ~ Juliana Martinez
Worship Leader ~ Robert Chatham
Children's Church ~ Rita Headrick & Nikki Simmons

October 7, 2018—20th Sun. after Pentecost

Candlelighter ~ Brayden Dill
Children's Message ~ Marie Harding
Diaconate ~ Jake Dalton*, Joy Wonser
 Carl & Lana Richardson
Elder ~ George Arnett
Greeters ~ (N) Guy Bacon
 (S) Janece Bacon
Nursery ~ Rita Headrick
Worship Leader ~ Janece Bacon
Children's Church ~ Faith Coleman

In August we helped **66 families**, consisting of **191 people** with bags of food plus **11 dozen eggs**. Of those 66 families, **26 were new to us**.



So far in September (1 day 9/4) we have helped **7 families**, consisting of **13 people** with bags of food. Of those 7 families, **none were new to us**.

Voices of the people you have helped this month—“I don't know how you find out all this stuff, but I sure am glad you do! Bless you.”

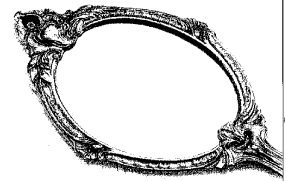
Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); Denise Calvert; Bonnie Denson (*recovery*); Joe Denson (*stroke/rehab*); Ana Gonzales (*back problems*); Amy Hossfeld (*brain tumor*); Grace Hyatt (*Betty Pearson's mother*); Brad Jones (*son of Jan Jones, heart problems*); Gale Kelley (*hospice*); Joyce Kellison (*health 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 Jones, health issues*); Sharon Shannon (*back surgery*); Andrea Vandruff (*kidney issues*); Bob Wayman (*potassium issues*); & Elizabeth Wells (*cancer & recovery*).



Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)

Save the Date
 LEGACY OF JOHN BENEFIT DINNER
 Saturday, September 15, 2018
 Fellowship 12:00 - 12:30 pm
 Dinner 12:30 pm
 Meridian Center
 Newton, Kansas

*Looking Back
 Moving Forward*



Attendance and Giving Record

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September 2, 2018 SS 19 / Worship 71
September 9, 2018 SS 14 / Worship 69

GIVING RECORD

Sept. 2, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,947.51 / Building \$10.00
 Sept. 9, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,753.60 / Building \$82.00



September Anniversaries

- 13 Steve & Kat Dorcas
- 14 Chad & Laurie Kurzen
- 30 Lane & Shelby Fuller

September Birthdays

- 15 Glenn Gimple
- 17 Blaze Witten
- 18 Nancy LeClear
- 19 Karen Monroe
- 20 Susan Iwert (Office)
- 23 Joe Denson
- 24 Glenn Boyce
- 24 Karen Shumate
- 26 Jeanice Miller
- 27 Justin Wilson
- 28 Alberta Brinkman
- 29 Ann McNeese Brown



Mark The Dates

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Tuesday's 1:30 pm—Grief Share group meets in the parlor
6:00 pm— Choir Practice
- Tue. Sept. 11 ~ 6:00 pm Chi Rho Mission Club
- Wed. Sept. 12 ~ 9:30 am NE Ks Clergy-Topeka
6:15 pm—Stewardship Committee
- Thur. Sept. 13 ~ 6:00 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Discovering Disciples class
- Sat. Sept. 15 ~ Noon—Legacy of John Dinner in Newton KS
- Tue. Sept. 18 ~ 5:30 pm Sertoma Board meets
7:00 pm Christian Ed.
- Wed. Sept. 19 ~ 3:00 pm Emporia Place Service
5:00 pm Worship Ministry meets
6:15 pm Board Meeting
- Thur. Sept. 20 ~ 6:30 pm Discovering Disciples class
- Fri. Sept. 21 ~ 8:30 am CWU Friendship Coffee
5:00 pm Spirit Gifts class
- Sat. Sept. 22 ~ 9:00 am Spirit Gifts class
- Sun. Sept. 23 ~ 2:00 pm Presbyterian Manor Service



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

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

The Church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Thought to Ponder

There will Always be:
A "LIE" in Believe
An "OVER" in Lover
An "END" in Friend
An "US" in Trust
and an "IF" in Life

Death takes the body. God takes the soul. Our mind holds the memories. Our heart keeps the love. Our faith lets us know we will meet again.

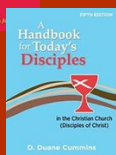
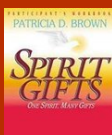
Psalm 23: Line by Line Meaning

The LORD is my shepherd = **RELATIONSHIP**
I shall not be in want = **SUPPLY**
He makes me lie down in green pastures = **REST**
He leads me beside quiet waters = **REFRESHMENT**
He restores my soul = **HEALING**
He guides me in paths of righteousness = **GUIDANCE**
For his name's sake = **PURPOSE**
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death = **TESTING**
I will fear no evil = **PROTECTION**
For you are with me = **FAITHFULNESS**
Your rod and your staff they comfort me = **DISCIPLINE**
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies = **HOPE**
You anoint my head with oil = **CONSECRATION**
My cup overflows = **ABUNDANCE**
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life = **BLESSING**
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD = **SECURITY**
Forever = **ETERNITY**

LG QuickMemo



Lectionary Readings



Lectionary Schedule
Sept. 16—Oct. 7, 2018

September 16
 Proverbs 1:20-33
 Psalm 19
 James 3:1-12
 Mark 8:27-38

September 23
 Proverbs 31:10-31
 Psalm 1
 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
 Mark 9:30-37

September 30
 Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
 Psalm 124
 James 5:13-20
 Mark 9:38-50

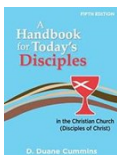
October 7
 Job 1:1, 2:1-10
 Psalm 26
 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
 Mark 10:2-16

New Spirit Gifts Class (2-part mini-retreat) Course Leader: Pastor Lorraine



Friday evening, September 21, 6:00-8:00 pm
and Saturday morning, September 22, 9:00 am-12:00 noon.
 Snacks and continental breakfast will be offered.

Have you ever wondered what your spiritual gifts are? This is the time to uncover them and find out how God intends for you to use them. As we name and claim our spiritual gifts, God can better direct our lives for mission service in the church and community. Come and see how the Spirit will lead you into more sufficient ways of serving God.



New Discovering Disciples Class Course Leader: Pastor Lorraine

Thursdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Whether you are a long-time member or a newcomer to our Disciples Tradition, this class will answer the questions you are asking about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). What do Disciples believe about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? Why do we practice communion and baptism by immersion? What are our roots? Will the church meet my needs? What about diversity? We have a rich heritage and an open table. Come discover who we are and where we are headed.

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

Pastor Lori Tapia will keynote. She 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. Lori serves with a passion for relevantly sharing Jesus and discipleship.

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.

Register on-line at <https://kansasdisciples.org/together-we-are-one-kdw-fall-retreat>

God makes me the person my dog already thinks I am.

Who Me, An Elder?

Who Me, An Elder?

Information for this article came from Your Calling as an Elder by Gary Straub, p. 23-24. 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.

9. Exercise Oversight. 1 Peter 5:2

When problems arise, Elders are proactive and rise to meet them. They “lay claim to their spiritual responsibility and draw an appropriate boundary, while offering grace at the same time.” Elders work with the pastor and offer creative solutions to anticipated problems.

10. Don't Lord It over the Flock. 1 Peter 5:3.

Be authentic. Elders demonstrate being a “‘real, down-to earth person’ who has spiritual ‘ups and downs’ like everybody else . . . and lead out of the power of . . . [their genuine] spiritual influence.”



This fall we will have **Life Touch Photography** come and take pictures to make a new pictorial directory for First Christian Church. 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, we just wanted you to know the dates.



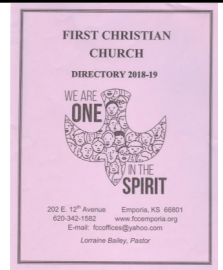
Remember These?

DWF is still collecting Best Choice labels as a fund raiser. So, cut the UPC code off any Best Choice can, bag or other Best Choice item and drop them by the office or put in the Best Choice Label Box in the parlor kitchenette. Thanks for your help. It's an easy fundraiser for us to do, with all of us saving, it counts up.



Need Boxes?

Is it time to pack up summer clothes? Do you have something you want to store and save? Need somewhere to stash away those school art projects? How about a place to store that extra quilt material? We have a solution for you. We have extra sturdy, 5 1/2" deep x 11" wide x 19 1/2" long to give away. They are located in the Kumjoinus Room so take as many as you want/need. We have some now and get at least two of these boxes per week, so take as many as you need.



Check the Hall Table or the Parlor Table for a copy of the Updated Church Directory



Saturday, **October 6, 2018** there will be an auction of the household estate of Jim and Joyce Cress at 2420 West View Terrace. There will be household items plus a garage full of tools. Plan now to attend. More information will be coming later.



Afterglow After Church Sunday, September 30

Come help a member observe the 75th anniversary of her 23rd birthday on Sunday, September 30, 2018. There will be an afterglow after church with family and friends. Refreshments will be provided by Judy and her crew and fellowship provided by you. Please be there.



Men and Missions

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp.263-268.

It took a few years, but the men finally came together to discuss foreign missions. They organized a prayer committee and by the 1875 General Convention, they had ready a tentative constitution that was adopted. The Foreign Christian Missionary Society (FCMS) was born. From there, interest in foreign missions grew. Disciples tried for a while to send missionaries to European countries rather than to non-Christian lands to set up congregations. "Children's Day" was established from children's Sunday School offerings. The excitement over this offering that was collected once a year and the struggling FCMS fund nearly doubled by 1882. Archibald McLean's work for FCMS was remarkable. His efforts in foreign missions helped to spawn home missions. More congregations were planted in the west and in Canada. Work in Sunday schools and children's and youth programs began to flourish.

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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 Pastor: Rev. Lorraine Bailey
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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
Sept. 24 & Oct. 8, 2018



September 2018

9	10	11	12	13	14	15
KS State Fair	KS State Fair	KS State Fair	KS State Fair	KS State Fair	KS State Fair	Brown-Ketchum Wedding
● 9:30am Sunday School	● Newsletter Deadline	● 1:30pm Grief Share	● 9:30am NE KS Clergy-To	● 6pm Girl Scouts	● L@Camp Tawakoni-Boun	● KS State Fair
● 10:30am Worship Servic	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Chi Rho Mission Cl	● 6:15pm Stewardship Co	● 6:30pm Discovering Dis	● 3pm Clothes Closet & H	● 9am Clothes Closet & H
		● 6pm Choir Practice				● 12pm Legacy of John B
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
KS State Fair	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 1:30pm Grief Share	● 3pm Emporia Place Ser	● 6:30pm Discovering Dis	● 8:30am CWU Friendship	● 9am Spirit Gifts
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		● 7pm Christian Ed.				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
● 9:30am Sunday School	● Newsletter Deadline	● 1:30pm Grief Share	● 5:30pm Facilities Meetir	● 6pm Girl Scouts	● Men's Odyssey Retreat	● Men's Odyssey Retreat
● 10:30am Worship Servic	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Choir Practice		● 6:30pm Discovering Dis	● 3pm Clothes Closet & H	● 9am Clothes Closet & H
● 2pm Presbyterian Mano		● 6:30pm Chi Rho Mission				
		● 7pm Elders Meeting				
30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5	6
● 9:30am Sunday School	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 1:30pm Grief Share	KDW Fall Retreat	KDW Fall Retreat	KDW Fall Retreat	KDW Retreat
● 10:30am Worship Servic		● 6pm Choir Practice	● 10:30am Lyon Co. Minis	● 5:30pm Youth Choir	● 12:30pm PEO Meeting-N	● WAW Book Award
● 11:30am Alberta Brinkm			● 1:30pm DWF Day Group		● 3pm Clothes Closet & H	● WAW Legacy Day
● 3pm Holiday Resort Ser			● 6:15pm DWF Night Grou		● 6:30pm EHS Homecomi	● 9am Clothes Closet & H



The Church's sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Betty Smith**, mother of Rita Headrick, grandmother of Nikki Simmons, great-grandmother of Parker and Mikinzi Simmons who entered new life Monday, September 10, 2018. Services will be held at Roberts Blue Barnett at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 2018.

SPOTLIGHT ON DISCIPLES

See Men in Missions