



July 15, 2019

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

VBS

- Welcome Braxton
- SS Recognition
- Tour Schallenkamp

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Reflections

As we continue to look at Robert Schnase's *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (2018). Chapter 3, "The Practice of Passionate Worship" (pp. 50-52). I hope you use his ideas to broaden your perspective. It's important to measure new ideas with our own as we continue to seek God's guidance along our journey of encountering God through our worship experiences.

Schnase explains that through worship, new life is breathed into the gathered community. "Worship forms communities, shapes souls, corrects self-interest, and binds people to God and to their neighbor." Through the common worship experience, "God pardons sins, restores relationships, and changes lives."

The act of worship was practiced from the earliest times. The Israelites worshipped in synagogues out in the wilderness. "*Synagogue* means 'to bring together,' and the Greek word for church, *ekklesia*, means 'called out of the world,' and refers to the calling of people from their ordinary life to gather together in sacred time and space . . . Worship defines God's people."

We are creatures of worship and meant to worship God. Exodus 8:1 gives the reason that God liberated the Hebrews from Egypt: "Let my people go, so that they may worship me." When we worship we become reconnected with God and God expects us to love God more every time we worship.

Schnase illustrates one pastor's objectives for worship. What do you think about these practices?

This pastor helps his people understand more about God, Jesus, the stories of scripture, the practice of the faith, and the world around them. **Worship changes minds.** The pastor also engages the heart, reaching the interior life of worshippers. The intimacy of worship helps people know mercy, grow in hope, sense the Holy Spirit, and offer and receive forgiveness. **Worship opens hearts.** Finally, the pastor seeks to engage people with a practical challenge to do something differently in their family, community, and world because of their faith in Christ.

Worship changes us. (*Bold emphasis are mine*).

What adds meaning to worship for you? What distracts you from finding deeper connection? This is a spiritual journey for all of us as we continue to ask questions, seeking for more meaningful ways to engage each other with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Many blessings along the Way,

Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule



July 21, 2019—6th Sunday after Pentecost

Young Disciples' Moment ~ Barb Gimple
Diaconate Captains for July

Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett

Elder ~ Jaylene Arnett

Greeters ~ (N) Tammie McDiffett
 (S) Joy Wonsler

Nursery ~ Marie Harding

Worship Leader ~ Nancy LeClear

July 28, 2019—7th Sunday after Pentecost

Young Disciples' Moment ~ Barb Gimple
Diaconate Captains for July

Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett

Elder ~ Cameron Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Sonya Ihde
 ~ (S) Jill McGrath

Nursery ~ Briana Becker

Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller

August 4, 2019—8th Sunday after Pentecost

Young Disciples' Moment ~ Nancy LeClear
Diaconate Captains for August

Jill McGrath & Janece Bacon

Elder ~ Robert Chatham

Greeters ~ (N) Carl Headrick
 ~ (S) Rita Headrick

Nursery ~ John Lexow

Worship Leader ~ Janece Bacon

August 11, 2019—9th Sunday after Pentecost

Young Disciples' Moment ~ Cameron Moore
Diaconate Captains for August

Jill McGrath & Janece Bacon

Elder ~ Marlene Hanson

Greeters ~ (N) Guy Bacon
 ~ (S) Janece Bacon

Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons

Worship Leader ~ Jill McGrath

So far in July we have helped **30 families**, consisting of **94 people** with food, plus **12 dozen eggs** and various miscellaneous donated items. Of those families, **13 were new to us**. Thank you for supporting your food pantry.



Don Allen (*tumor*); Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); Lynn Cress (*heart attack*); Brooke Franklin (*cancer*); Brad Jones (*heart problems*); Jan Jones, (*broke hip*); Gale Kelley (*hospice*); Joyce Kellison (*health issues*); Steve (*broken neck*) & Ramona Langley (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); Joe Lozier (*brain tumor, Father of Jen Dalton*); Steve Martin (*stem cell cancer treatment*); Jeanice Miller (*sciatic nerve pain*); Pam Scheve (*health problems*); Andrea Vandruff (*kidney issues*); Liam Wagner, (*open heart surgery*); Aubrey Wescott (*stomach & digestive problems*); plus those affected by the floods and tornados.

Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)

Enroll by Friday, July 26, 2019
Forms on Parlor table



DISCIPLES
CONNECT & EQUIP
Kansas Disciples Regional Gathering

9 a.m. Saturday, August 10 - Closing by 3:30 p.m.
 Disciples Center at Tawakoni

SAVE THE DATE!

Workshops ... Worship ... Food Court ... Swimming ... Archery
 Jones Lodge ground breaking
 KLC Leadership Training and MORE!

Attendance and Giving Record

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July 7, 2019 SS 14 / Worship 55
July 14, 2019 SS 10 / Worship 51

GIVING RECORD

July 7, 2019~Offering \$1,836.60 / Building \$82.00
 July 14, 2019~Offering \$1,728.00 / Building \$10.00



July Anniversaries

13 Jake & Jennifer Dalton

August Anniversaries

07 George & Jaylene Arnett

07 Bob & Margi Colerick (1970)

07 Alan & Betty Richardson

31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff (1964)

July Birthdays



13 Jill McGrath

15 Nicolas Kuhn

18 Lola Walker

18 Sarah Wyrick

21 Adrian Ingles

24 Joy Frevert

25 Addison (Garnett) Oulette

25 Corey Giger

26 Ty Michael Barrett

26 Jared Johnson

26 Brayden Dill

28 Dorothy Boyce

28 Melissa Tilton

29 Jeremy Dalton

30 Lorraine Bailey

30 Ashley Garnett

Mark The Dates

Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open

Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut

~~Thurs. at 6:00 pm~~—Choir practice—Summer break until Aug. 22

Fri. July 19—8:30 am CWU Friendship Coffee at Braum's W 6th

Sat. July 20—Wed. July 24, 2019—General Assembly, Iowa

Fri. July 26—Last day to Enroll for Disciples Connect & Equip

Sat. July 27—Tour Schallenkamp Hall, ESU new dorm from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Sun. July 28—6:00 pm Movie Night "Hunchback of Notre Dame" in Sanctuary

Aug. 10—9 am to 3:30 pm, Tawakoni; Combine New Vision & KS Leadership Center Training

Aug. 25—6:00 pm Game Night in FH—Board, card etc.

Sept. 27-28—5 pm to Noon, Tawakoni; Disciples Men's Retreat

Sept. 28—7:00 pm, Tawakoni; Men's Odyssey

Oct. 2-4—Women's Fall Retreat (midweek) at Tawakoni

Oct. 4-6—Women's Fall Retreat (weekend) at Tawakoni

Nov. 8-10—Youth Conference, Grades 6-12 at Hutchinson Conference Center

March 28, 29, and April 4, 2020—Spirit Fest



Welcome Braxton Pauls

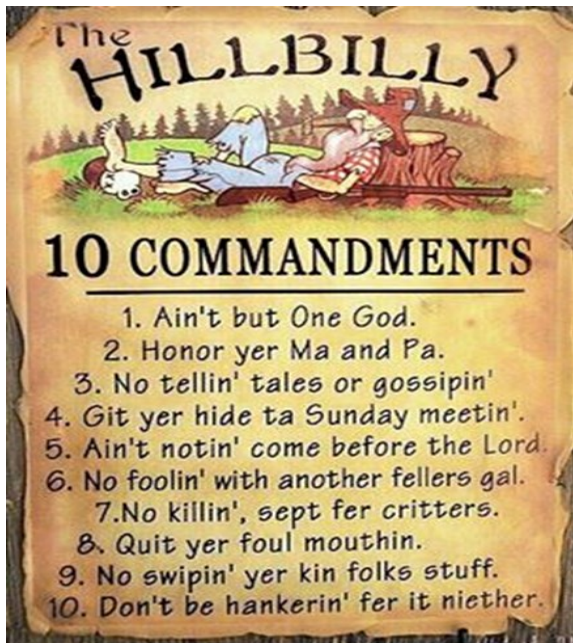
Welcome organist, Braxton Pauls. Braxton is a native Emporian, the son of Eric and Kristy Pauls and grandson of Leo and Karen Pauls. He graduated from Emporia High School in 2018. He is a music education major at Emporia State University.

We were blessed that he could step right in after the death of long time organist, Sandy Heller. You just don't find people that play the pipe organ anymore. Sandy felt Braxton was such a talented young man and was so enamored with his potential that she wanted to share and give her collection of music to him.

Braxton practices nearly every day and the church staff is blessed with their own private concert. What an added employment perk that is.

Now that you have heard him play our organ for several months, plus heard him sing; we are very blessed to share the talents of this young man as he plays for the church.

From Susan, the Secretary





Lectionary Readings



General Assembly

**Lectionary Schedule
July 21—August 18, 2019**

July 21, 2019—6th Sun. after

Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 10L25-37

July 28, 2019—7th Sun. after

Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16
Luke 9:51-62

August 4, 2019—8th Sun. after

Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17
Psalms 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

August 11, 2019—8th Sun. after

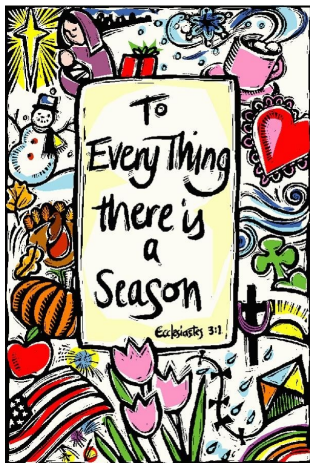
Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 18, 2019—5th Sun. after

Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly is coming! July 20-24: at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, IA

Join our brothers and sisters in Christ this summer in:

Worship: engage in powerful preaching and inspiring music.

Bible Studies: to dig into scripture (John 15:1-5).

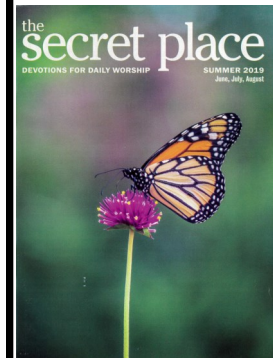
Educational Workshops: for both lay and clergy leaders.

Luncheons and dinners: to share in and to learn about ministries and missions of the church.

Coming together at the Lord's Table: in worship, luncheons, and dinners.

An Experience for Everyone in our Church Family to Share!

IT'S TIME TO START
**READING THE
MORNING
PAPER AGAIN**



Located
on
the
hall
table.



While praying one day a woman asked, 'Who are you, God?' He answered, 'I Am'. But, 'Who Is, I Am?' she asked, He replied, 'I Am Love, I Am Peace, I Am Grace, I Am Joy, I Am Strength, I Am Safety, I Am Shelter, I Am Power, I Am The Creator, I Am The Comforter, I Am The Beginning and The End, I Am The Way, Truth, and The Light'. With tears in her eyes she looked toward Heaven and said, 'Now I understand. But, who am I?' God tenderly wiped the tears from her eyes and whispered, 'You Are Mine'.



Tour Schallenkamp Hall

We have watched Schallenkamp Hall being built from the beginning. Now, plan to tour the completed building before ESU students move in this August.

Plan to get in line **Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm** to tour this new ESU dorm that is just north of our church playground.



Braxton Pauls, Organist

Bio



Braxton Pauls, an Emporia native, is currently a Sophomore at Emporia State University pursuing a degree in Music Education with an emphasis in Choral Education. He is currently studying voice with Dr. Scott Wichael and the organ with Mr. Michael Duryea. Braxton also enjoys performing with the A Capella Choir. Last May, he traveled with the choir to perform the Faure Requiem with Simon Carrington and the New York Philharmonic.

An active church musician since age 15, Braxton recently has had the pleasure of playing for a variety of worship services at many churches in the Emporia area. Most recently, he has accepted a position as the Assistant Organist at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.

As a soloist, Braxton recently performed in three scenes with the Emporia State Opera Department. He was seen as Don Octavio in *Don Giovanni*, El Remandado in *Carmen*, and Adam in *Eve's Odds*.

Outside of music, Braxton enjoys a successful career as a referee for the United States Soccer Federation. His most recent honors include being selected for a final at the 2019 USYS Midwest Regional Championships, multiple USL2 and NPSL semi-professional assignments, and appointment to referee at the 2018 U.S. Soccer Girls Development Academy Summer Showcase and Playoffs.

Sunday School Recognition

Sunday School Recognition will be held during Church Worship on Sunday, August 4, 2019. Some youth will be promoted, and teaching staff will be recognized. This will kick off the Fall Christian Education Programs.



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

First Christian Church is participating with Emporia Presbyterian, First Baptist, First Congregational, New Life Christian, St. Andrew's Episcopal and St. Mark's Lutheran Church for VBS July 14 through 17, 2019 at the West Presbyterian Campus. The Theme is "Who Is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus". Brayden Dill and Jack Dalton are registered to attend. Pastor Lorraine is leading the Opening and Closing Music each day. First Christian is providing Sloppy Joes for the Monday night meal. Jaylene Arnett, Lisa Rickabaugh, Christine Kellum, Joy Frevert, and Jennifer Dalton will serve the meal.



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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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 29 & Aug. 12, 2019



July 2019

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Sunday Scho 10:30am Worship Ser 5:30pm Bible School- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 5:30pm Bible School- 7pm Boy Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Bible School- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Bible School 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am CWU Friends 3pm Clothes Closet & 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Assembly 9am Clothes Closet & 10am Thomas Family
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2	3
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Spotlight on Disciples

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 411-413.

A Crusade for a Christian World

Post World War II brought a renewed feeling of expectation to Disciples. A new cooperative program was designed to encompass the total life of the church. A new excitement was in the air and caught the imaginations of those who attended the 1946 International Convention. Out of their new commitment to the “faith, life, and work of the church universal” came the idea for the largest program ever attempted by Disciples, “A Crusade for a Christian World.”

From 1947-1950, emphasis was given to the creation of 200 new congregations, new members, recruitment for ministry and mission fields. A campaign to raise \$14,000,000 was begun. As the “Crusade” found its footing, Orman L. Shelton (dean of Butler University) wrote an important book, *The Church Functioning Effectively* (1946), which outlined seven functional committees within the church: membership development, worship and devotional life, Christian education, missionary outreach, finance and stewardship education, evangelism, and property. The Home and State Missions Planning Council later published manuals on each of the functional committees and their duties. Many Disciples congregations adopted the functional approach.

A Crusade for a Christian World, gave the denomination a lift. Renewed meaning and was breathed into the Christian life of Disciples and inspired them to move forward.