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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Recognition Sunday
August 4
DWF Planning Meeting Aug. 14

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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. 50-55), Schnase asks the question, "Why Passionate?"

Engaging in passionate worship keeps it from becoming dry, routine, boring, and predictable, and lacking in spirit. Schnase suggests that worship "should express our devotion, our honor and love of God." He frames the worship experience with the term passionate and gives definition to this type of worship.

Passionate is described as "an intense desire, an ardent spirit, strong feelings, and the sense of heightened importance . . . an emotional connection that goes beyond intellectual consent."

Therefore, Passionate Worship:

- fosters a yearning to authentically honor God with excellence and with an unusual clarity about connecting people to God
- is alive, authentic, fresh, and engaging
- leads people to be honest and open to God's presence, truth, and will
- so opens people's desire for such worship that they reorder their lives to belong
- fills the empty places in people's souls
- provides a compelling sense of belonging to the body of Christ

Schnase proposes that in spiritually alive communities, "there's a palpable air of expectancy as people gather, a vibrant curiosity about how God's presence will become known." This happens with prepared worship: musicians, readers, greeters, and other hosts arrive early—preparing and encouraging each other.

While the worship leaders prepare to lead, Schnase also mentions later in the chapter that **worshippers also have a responsibility to spiritually prepare for worship**. One way to do this is to read the scriptures listed in the newsletter for each week. "Nothing reinforces the practice of community worship better than a vibrant personal devotional life" (p. 69).

I'll leave you this week with Schnase's question: "What creates a sense of expectancy for you as you prepare for worship?"

We have much to consider as we continue to re-imagine and re-create our worship experience together. Please keep our diligent worship leaders in prayer.

Many blessings along the Way,
Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule



August 4, 2019—8th Sunday after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Gavin LeClear
- 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

- Candlelighter** ~ Marie Harding
- 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

August 18, 2019-10th Sunday after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Mikinzi Simmons
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Joy Frevert
- Diaconate Captains for August**
Jill McGrath & Janece Bacon
- Elder** ~ Jean Miller
- Greeters** ~ (N) Karen Garnett
(S) Debbie Hubert
- Nursery** ~ Rita Headrick
- Worship Leader** ~ Judy Moore

August 25, 2019-11th Sunday after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Karen Garnett
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Judy Moore
- Diaconate Captains for August**
Jill McGrath & Janece Bacon
- Elder** ~ Cameron Moore
- Greeters** ~ (N) Jim Tilton
~ (S) Melissa Tilton
- Nursery** ~ Richard Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ Marlene Hanson

So far in July we have helped **46 families**, consisting of **133 people** with food, plus **17 dozen eggs** and various miscellaneous donated items. Of those families, **19 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*)



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 21, 2019 SS 16 / Worship 51
July 28, 2019 SS 12 / Worship 53

GIVING RECORD

July 21, 2019~Offering \$800.00 / Building \$10.00
July 28, 2019~Offering \$2,131.00 / Building \$200.00



August Anniversaries

- 07 George & Jaylene Arnett
- 07 Bob & Margi Colerick (1970)
- 07 Alan & Betty Richardson
- 31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff (1964)

July Birthdays

- 28 Dorothy Boyce
- 28 Melissa Tilton
- 29 Jeremy Dalton
- 30 Lorraine Bailey
- 30 Ashley Garnett



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
- Thurs. at 6:00 pm—Choir practice—Summer break until Aug. 22
- Aug. 4—Recognition Sunday during Worship
- Aug. 6—Youth Choir practice at 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 7—Emporia Place Service at 3:00 p.m.
- Aug. 8—5:00 p.m. Elders Study
- Aug. 10—9 am to 3:30 pm, Tawakoni; Combine New Vision & KS Leadership Center Training
- Aug. 13—6:30 p.m. Christian Ed. meets
- Aug. 14—10:30 a.m. DWF Planning Meeting—Parlor
- 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

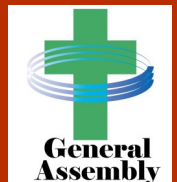


Thoughts to Ponder

Love people. Use things.
 Cross-eyed people have the best vision.
 Manufacturer's recall coming soon.
 Treat everybody like it's their birthday.
 You can't walk with God while you're holding the devil's hand.
 We've all got dirty laundry hanging on the line.
 Don't leave the key to your happiness in somebody else's pocket.
 Don't clip the wings of an eagle just to feather your own nest.
 Never miss a good chance to shut up.
 Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet.
 Google can't satisfy every search.
 It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it.
 People who wonder whether the glass is half full or half empty are missing the point. The glass is REFILLABLE.



Lectionary Readings



General Assembly

**Lectionary Schedule
August 4—Sept. 1, 2019**

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—9th 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—10th Sun. after Pentecost

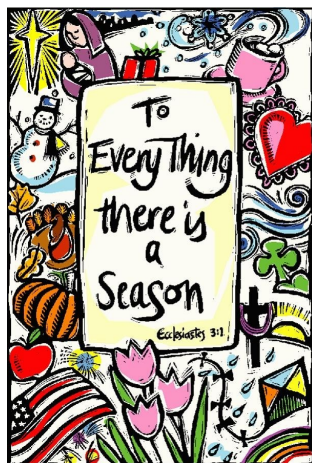
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 25, 2019—11th Sun. after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Sept. 1, 2019—12th Sun. after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

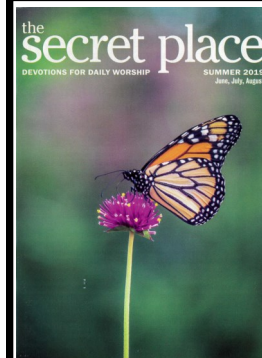


How to pray for the new teacher in your child's life

1. Pray for the teacher as she looks at her summer to do list; she might not've had a vacation or success in taking care of needs.
2. Pray for the teacher as she needs to be refreshed and healthy; her summer may've included loss, grief, disappointment, or trial.
3. Pray for the teacher as she has concerns about how her relationships will change with the school year starting; daycare, marriage, family, needy children.
4. Pray for the teacher as she gets her classroom ready; she may have to move rooms, may not have supplies yet, or might have issues to address.
5. Pray for the teacher as she attends staff development and meetings; she may have requirements to meet or assignments to finish.
6. Pray for the teacher as she re-connects with fellow staff & faculty; some working relationships might be challenging.
7. Pray for the teacher as she sorts through curriculum; a change in grade level, publisher, or requirements can be difficult.
8. Pray for the teacher as she begins to do her planning; teachers have so much to pack in, and the unexpected will enter in.
9. Pray for the teacher as she receives information about her students; she needs openness, insight, wisdom, and compassion.
10. Pray for the teacher as she meets a whole new group of parents; parent relationships are crucial to the success of students & teachers.

Every teacher is a real person who goes to the grocery store, does laundry, has dinner with friends, cries, hurts, and worries. She needs the Kleenex and the hand sanitizer, but most of all, she needs your prayers.

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



Located
on
the
hall
table.

Save the Date

Saturday, August 24
5:30 pm

Hillside Christian Church
8330 East Douglas Wichita, KS 67206

**Legacy of John
Benefit Dinner**



Come Join in the Fellowship!



- WHAT:** Disciple Women's Fellowship (DWF)
- WHO:** You, and other women who might be interested
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, August 14, 2019; 10:30 a.m.**
- WHY:**
- For Fellowship and planning for the coming year
 - Review a proposed budget
 - Brief introduction to the Study
 - Reminder—Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month

Need a ride or willing to pick someone up, call 342-1582



Janece Bacon & Janet Lostutter, Co-Leaders



New Books in the Library

We have added the following new books to our church library: *"O Holy Night—Christmas with the Boys Choir of Harlem"*; *"Faith of My Fathers"* by John McCain; *"Wind in the Trees"*, Poems by Jeanne W. Canady; *"Cactus Tracks & Cowboy Philosophy"* by Baxter Black and *"Time Life Books—The Loggers"*. Check them out!

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.

Movie & Game Night



On Sunday, July 28, 2019 movie night we watched *"The Hunchback of Notre Dame"*. We had a good crowd to enjoy the movie and we loved the popcorn.



Next month, **August 25, 2019, 6:00 pm will be Game Night**. There will be card games, board games, etc. for the entire family to enjoy. Plan now to attend.

The last Sunday of each month we alternate with having movie night or game night so mark your calendars and get ready.

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. 12 & 26, 2019



August 2019

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU Aug 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Diaconate Meeting 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 2pm Presbyterian Meeting 6pm Movie Night-HU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 7pm Boy Scouts 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Leadership Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Clothes Closet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Clothes Closet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition Sunday 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Boy Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Youth Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Emporia Place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Elder's Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Clothes Closet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Vision & KS Learning 9am Clothes Closet
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship--Re 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESU & FHTC School Beginning 6pm ESU Block Party 7pm Boy Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm ESU P/T Job Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Worship Ministry 6pm Meal before board 6:15pm Board Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Elder's Meet 6pm Choir Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Clothes Closet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Clothes Closet 5:30pm Legacy John
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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. 413-419.

Expanded Services

After World War II, the advisory work of the International Convention became more important. Disciples continually worked on the issue of identity and at the 1956 International Convention of Disciples of Christ, the name was changed to the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). The development of *Christian Worship: A Service Book* brought a standardized form of worship in hundreds of congregations. Two meeting grounds were purchased, one near Black Mountain, North Carolina and one near Portland, Oregon. New agencies and committees formed and reported to the International Convention such as a Long-Range Program for the 1950-60 decade, and the National Church Program Coordinating Council bringing a means to review all program plans for the first time. The Christian Woman's Board of Missions developed their interests more broadly. The functional committee approach led women to become more involved in all phases of the church's program and ultimately led the way to the creation of Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF). By 1952, CWF met as an international group and in 1957, the first CWF Quadrennial Assembly was held on the campus of Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. The men also organized by 1948 and became Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) in 1955. Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) began in 1944. In 1969, new joint curriculum was developed for CWF/CMF programs, group studies, and retreat materials.