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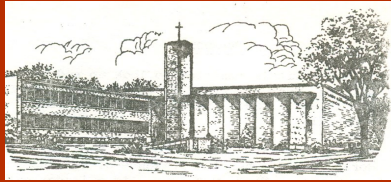
September 9, 2019

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST**

ESU BBQ-Parking Lot
Church Directory Here
Items for WAW School

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Reflections

In this last segment of our look at Chapter 3, "The Practice of Passionate Worship" (pp. 55-71) of Robert Schnase's *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (2018), I'd like to focus on the phrase, "For the love of God," and Schnase's discussion of what that means in relation to Christian worship.

Schnase discusses that time spent in preparation for worship, care taken for details, and the love we put into the preparation are all reflections of our love of God.

In this section of the chapter, Schnase offers suggestions to improve worship and the reason for the improvements are "for the love of God."

When looking at the list of suggestions, I find that we have made several of these improvements on our own! There is more to consider and more to do, all in good time.

Schnase suggests that it is the preparation we do for worship that impacts us most. When everyone comes to worship spiritually prepared, it makes for a more meaningful worship service. This includes the pastor, worship leaders, musicians, AND the congregation as a whole. The old saying, "You get out of it what you put into it" seems to fit.

Your Worship Team meets on a monthly basis, musicians meet with me several times a month, musicians practice their music before every service, deacons have begun meeting once a month, elders meet twice a month, and all leaders are informed of their duties before each service. We are looking to make our services more spiritually alive, more worshipful and meaningful for everyone with attention to the flow of the service. Your voice is important, too. What suggestions do you have?

What could you do to help in preparing for worship "for the love of God"? Would someone like to polish the candlesticks for the communion table? Little things like this would improve worship. A volunteer, rather than a leader, could make a difference for us. "It's all in the details," as they say.

Schnase also invites us to imagine how worship nourishes all other ministries. He suggests "asking each ministry, class, study group, fellowship, choir, band, mission team, member, guest, and volunteer to do something extra 'for the love of God' to strengthen community worship." Imagining could include prayer groups, retreats, updating our technical equipment and website, and funding continuing education for worship and preaching, among others (p. 68).

Each of us are invited to take a good look at what occurs each week in worship and to pay attention to who does what to make it happen. Questions to ask ourselves are, "How does what I do each week affect worship on Sunday morning?" "Am I participating in spiritual preparation before coming to worship?" "What am I doing to help prepare for worship each week for the love of God?"

Perhaps we can work together in creating imaginative ways for us all to participate in preparing for "Passionate Worship" for the love of God. It pleases God for us to be in deep relationship with our Holy Creator and to worship with all our hearts, souls, mind, and strength.

Many blessings as we seek to deepen our spiritual life together,

Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule



Sept. 15, 2019-14th Sunday after Pentecost

Candlelighter ~ Barb Gimple
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Barb Gimple
Diaconate Captains for September
 Carl Richardson & Richard Becker
Elder ~ Robert Chatham
Greeters ~ (N) Carl Richardson
 (S) Lana Richardson
Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons
Worship Leader ~ Cameron Moore

Sept. 22, 2019-15th Sunday after Pentecost

Candlelighter ~ Brayden Dill
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Marie Harding
Diaconate Captains for September
 Carl Richardson & Richard Becker
Elder ~ Marlene Hanson
Greeters ~ (N) Barb Gimple
 ~ (S) Christine Kellum
Nursery ~ Rita Headrick
Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

Sept. 29, 2019—16th Sunday after Pentecost

Candlelighter ~ Judy Moore
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Lorraine Bailey
Diaconate Captains for September
 Carl Richardson & Richard Becker
Elder ~ Jean Miller
Greeters ~ (N) Judy Moore
 ~ (S) Janet Lostutter
Nursery ~ Richard Becker
Worship Leader ~ Robert Chatham

Oct. 6, 2019—17th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday
Reconciliation Special Offering
Candlelighter ~ Kelsey Schull
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Jaylene Arnett
Diaconate Captains for October
 Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
Elder ~ Cameron Moore
Greeters ~ (N) Diana Solis
 ~ (S) Joan Shumate
Nursery ~ Briana Becker
Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller

In August we helped **49 families**, consisting of **114 people** with food, plus **17 dozen eggs** and various miscellaneous donated items. Of those families, **10 were new to us.**



In September (1 day, 9/3) we have helped **5 families**, consisting of **13 people** with food, plus **3 dz. eggs** and various garden produce. Of those, **0 were new to us.**

Thank you for supporting your food pantry.

Don Allen (*tumor*); Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); Dorothy Boyce (*dementia*); Lynn Cress (*heart surgery*); Wanda Davis (*hip surgery*); Bonnie Denson (*stroke*); Joe Denson, (*hip surgery*); Brooke Franklin (*cancer*); Brad Jones; (*heart problems*); 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*); Tammie McDiffett, (*broken leg, Rehab at Holiday Resort*); Jeanice Miller (*sciatic nerve pain*); Lisa Rickabaugh (*knee surgery*); Pam Scheve (*health problems*); Andrea Vandruff (*kidney issues*); Liam Wagner, (*open heart surgery*); Aubrey Wescott (*stomach & digestive problems*); Joy Wonser (*back surgery*).



Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)

New paper Church Directory are HERE!!



The church paper directory is done and on the parlor table.

Pick up your copy next time you are in.

Secretary Susan

Attendance and Giving Record

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September 1, 2019 SS 22 / Worship 60

September 8, 2019 SS 16 / Worship 57

GIVING RECORD

Sept. 1, 2019~Offering \$1,524.00 / Building \$20.00

Sept. 8, 2019~Offering \$1,313.60 / Building \$92.00



September Anniversaries

- 7 Matt & Kate Wiggins
(Congratulations—just married)
- 13 Steve & Kat Dorcas
- 14 Chad & Laurie Kurzen
- 30 Lane & Shelby Fuller(2017)

September Birthdays



- 09 Janelle Norton
- 09 Cheryl Smith
- 13 Paula Milner
- 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
- 30 David Rohling

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
- Sept. 10—5:45 pm Chi Rho Mission Club meets
- Sept. 11—9:30 am NE KS Clergy in Topeka
6:15 pm Stewardship meets
- Sept. 12—5:00 pm Elder's Study
- Sept. 14—ESU Welcome Back BBQ from 4:30 to 6:30 pm
- Sept. 17—6:30 pm Christian Ed. meets
- Sept. 18—5:00 pm Worship Ministry
6:15 pm Board Meeting
- Sept. 19—5:00-7:30 pm ESU Class, Cook Healthy, Eat Well in Fellowship Hall kitchen (E. Prouse)
- Sept. 20—CWU Friendship Coffee
- Sept. 22—2:00 pm Presbyterian Manor Services
- 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



The Church's sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Pauline Hall** who entered new life on Saturday, August 31, 2019.

Visitation was Thursday, September 5, 2019 with funeral services on Friday, September 6, 2019 at Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home with Pastor Lorraine Bailey presiding.

Thoughts to Ponder

- Prayer should be your first choice, not your last resort.
- God gives His best to those who leave the choice to Him.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- Preach the gospel at all times. . . If necessary, use words.
- How do you measure up to the Golden Rule?
- Some people attend church three times in their lives: when they're hatched, when they're matched, and when they're dispatched.
- Silence is sometimes the best answer.
- When life gives you lemons, God gives you water, sugar and a cold glass!



Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule
Sept. 15—Oct. 13, 2019**

Sept. 15, 2019—14th Sun. after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 22, 2019—15th Sun. after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Sept. 29, 2019—16th Sun. after Pentecost-Recognition Offering

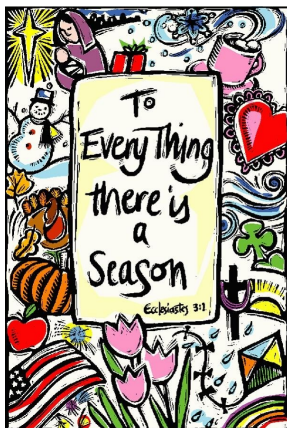
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Oct. 6, 2019—17th Sun. after Pentecost-World Communion Sunday-Reconciliation Offering

Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-26
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Oct. 13, 2019—18th Sun. after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19



JOIN THE CHOIR

The choir has begun practicing for a new session and you are invited to be a part of the group. If you like to sing, you will be welcomed with open arms. Adrian Ingles and Braxton Pauls share the choir director role. They have some wonderful ideas and bring a new excitement to the choir. **Come join us, you might like it!**

Collect for WAW School

During the month of September we will be collecting Kleenex and hand sanitizer for William Allen White School. There is a table in the parlor for the items.

Thanks—The Outreach Committee



The **FALL 2019** Secret Place for September, October, and November is on the hall table, ready for you to purchase and enjoy.

Happy Palindrome Week
(reads the same forward and backward)

9-10-19
9-11-19
9-12-19
9-13-19
9-14-19
9-15-19
9-16-19
9-17-19
9-18-19
9-19-19



DWF News—

Our DWF groups (Day and Night) will be collecting paper goods for Camp Tawakoni and new stuffed animals for the Child Advocacy Center. For those wishing to donate or those with questions please contact either Janece Bacon at 620-794-1668 or Janet Lostutter at 620-343-0337.

We have several ladies signed up to attend the Kansas Disciples Women Fall Retreat (DWF) in October and some planning to attend the partial (one day) sessions.

Everyone looks forward to the Fall Retreat for fun and fellowship with other Disciple Women.

Mark your calendars for the next meeting date—**Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 am for Day Group and 5:30 pm for the Night Group.**



Shaped to Serve

Devotional Reflections

Have you got your copy yet?

Answer key to the Bible Search from the 8/12/19 issue.

Bible Book Search

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing the banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving the puzzle so involved that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that will be real easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people will find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Hummana humbly puts it, the books are right there in plain view, hidden from sight. Those able to find them all will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. On revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you to compete really well against those who claim to know all the answers. Remember there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in the paragraph waiting to be found.



TO WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

You're invited to join us and enjoy FREE hamburgers and hotdogs to celebrate the semester start.

SEPTEMBER 14  4:30-6:30 PM

FOOD | FELLOWSHIP | FUN

 **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

202 EAST 12TH AVE.
EMPORIA, KS



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
Sept. 23 & Oct. 7, 2019



September 2019

| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
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| KS State Fair ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser | KS State Fair ● Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts | KS State Fair ● 1:30pm Grief Share ? ● 5:45pm Chi Rho Miss | KS State Fair ● 9:30am NE KS Clergy ● 6:15pm Stewardship | KS State Fair ● 5pm Elder's Study ● 6pm Choir Practice | KS State Fair ● 3pm Clothes Closet & | KS State Fair ● 7am Great American ● 9am Clothes Closet & ● 4:30pm ESU Welcom |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser ● 2pm Presbyterian Me | ● Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts | ● 1:30pm Grief Share ? | ● 5:30pm Facilities Me | ● 5pm Elders Meeting ● 6pm Choir Practice | ● 3pm Clothes Closet & ● 5pm Disciples Men's | ● 8am Disciples Men's ● 9am Clothes Closet & ● 7pm Men's Odyssey |

Spotlight on Disciples Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 425-426.

The Optimistic 1950s

The country was booming. Economic recovery was all but complete. The United States employment was almost full. The building of housing, public structures, and churches was unprecedented as the nation was making up for the lag over the last 20 years. Prosperity was high even though there was the real threat of nuclear war. African-Americans increased their resistance to discrimination and deprivation. Factories became more automated and the space race had begun. The Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) were concerned with all of these developments and met them with American optimism and belief in the future.

National Church staffs were enlarged, increasing services to congregations. Congregational staffs were enlarged and were provided benefits. New and larger church buildings and sanctuaries were erected on new properties making it possible for expanded programs. Downtown city churches considered moving to the suburbs where most of their congregations had moved.

The Korean War (1951-1953) slowed building progress down some. A small percentage of people were involved and some people wondered if the war was necessary. Disciples reserve chaplains were called to active duty briefly.

A two-year national recession (1959-1961) pinched the overexpansion of the 50s. The church felt the effects, yet there was a growing interest in a church structure that was more efficient and effective.