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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Donations Needed
- Teaching Position
- Acts Bible Study
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Diaconate Team

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Reflections

The hymn, "His Eye is On the Sparrow" keeps singing in my heart these days. Somewhere in the day, I find myself singing some portion of it like, "Why do I feel discouraged?" or "Let not your heart be troubled" or "his eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me." I decided to look up information about the author and I think you, too, will be pleasantly surprised by what you read. Enjoy!

Civilla Durfee Maring Martin, was married twice—first to Rev. John F. Gaddes, a Congregational minister (1891), and second to Walter Stillman Martin, a Baptist minister (no date). In 1916, the Martins' became members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). They had one son, A.G. Martin. In her writing, she used only her initials, "C.D." rather than her full name of that of her composer-husband. She is reputed to have written several hundred hymns and religious songs. Her first one, "God Will Take Care of You," written in 1904 became world-famous. Her husband wrote the music for this and many of her other hymns. "His Eye is on the Sparrow" written in 1906 and set to music by Charles H. Gabriel, has also received wide acclaim. Following her husband's death in 1935, Civilla spent the last 29 years of her life as a member of First Christian Church in Atlanta Georgia (Hymnary.org).

His Eye is On the Sparrow

1) Why should I feel discouraged?
 Why should the shadows come?
 Why should my heart be lonely
 and long for heaven and home,
 when Jesus is my portion?
 My constant friend is he:
 his eye is on the sparrow,
 and I know he watches me;
 his eye is on the sparrow,
 and I know he watches me.

Refrain:
 I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy)
 I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)
 for his eye is on the sparrow,
 and I know he watches me.

2) "Let not your heart be troubled,"
 his tender word I hear,
 and resting on his goodness,
 I lose my doubts and fears;
 though by the path he leadeth
 but one step I may see:
 his eye is on the sparrow,
 and I know he watches me;
 his eye is on the sparrow,
 and I know he watches me. [Refrain]

3) Whenever I am tempted,
 whenever clouds arise,
 when song gives place to sighing,
 when hope within me dies,
 I draw the closer to him;
 from care he sets me free:
 his eye is on the sparrow,
 and I know he watches me;
 his eye is on the sparrow,
 and I know he watches me. [Refrain]

Shalom,
Pastor Lorraine



August Anniversaries

31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff

August Birthdays

10 Owen Hopkins
 12 Dee Holmes
 14 Wade Miller
 15 Novella Merry
 16 Carol Hopkins
 20 Ed Dalton
 23 Doris Baird
 23 Nicole Dalton
 26 Marilyn Dalton
 27 Carl Richardson



Mark The Dates

Until further notice, the method of meeting (In Person, via Zoom, E-mail, etc.) will be determined on a meeting by meeting basis.

Sundays at 10:30 am—Worship Service— In Person, via Facebook Live, & E-mail

Wed. August 12, 2020 11:30 am—DWF “Bring Your Own” Luncheon & Organizational Meeting

Thur. August 13, 2020 4:00 pm—Elders’ Study

Wed. August 19, 2020 5:00 pm—Worship Ministry Meets

Wed. August 19, 2020 6:15 pm—Board Meeting

Thur. August 20, 2020 5:00 pm—Christian Education

Mon. August 24, 2020—Newsletter Deadline

Wed. August 26, 2020 5:30 pm—Facilities Meeting

Thur. August 27, 2020 4:00 pm—Elders’ Meeting

Wed. September 2, 2020 10:30 am—DWF Day Group

Thur. September 3, 2020 4:00 pm—Leadership Team

Fri. September 4, 2020—Newsletter Deadline

Mon. September 7, 2020—Labor Day

Tues. September 8, 2020—Acts Bible Study

Upcoming Serving Schedule



August 16, 2020—11th Sunday after Pentecost

Elder ~ Nancy LeClear

Worship Leader ~ Judy Moore

Children’s Message ~ Marie Harding

August 23, 2020—12th Sunday after Pentecost

Elder ~ Marlene Hanson

Worship Leader ~ Jaylene Arnett

Children’s Message ~ Barb Gimple

August 30, 2020—13th Sunday after Pentecost

Elder ~ Marie Harding

Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

Children’s Message ~ Lorraine Bailey



Thoughts to Ponder

- The one who falls and gets up is so much stronger than the one who never fell.
- Nothing in nature blooms all year. Be patient with yourself.
- When life gets blurry, adjust your focus.
- Look at life through the windshield, not the rearview mirror.
- The power of the Lord never goes out in a storm.

Lectionary Schedule**Aug. 16—Sept. 20, 2020****August 16, 2020—11th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

**August 23, 2020—12th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

**August 30, 2020—13th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

**September 6, 2020—14th Sunday
after Pentecost**

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

**September 13, 2020—15th
Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm 114

or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

**September 20, 2020—16th
Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Donations Needed

The Outreach Committee is collecting hand sanitizer and Kleenex to donate to William Allen White School for the upcoming school year. If you would like to donate, you can bring your donations to the church and place them on the table in the sanctuary.

**Emporia Christian School
Teaching Position**

Emporia Christian School currently has an opening for a 1st/2nd grade teaching position. Interested applicants may call the school at 620-342-5353.

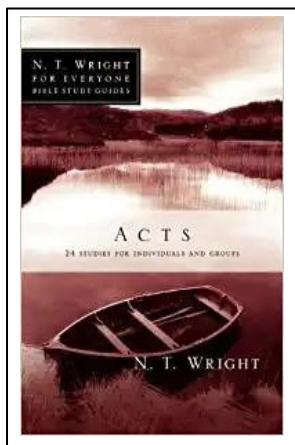
**Having Trouble Accessing Our Worship
Service At Home?**

Did you know that you can still watch our services on Facebook even if you don't have a Facebook account?

All you need to do is go to our website (fccemporia.org) and click on the Facebook icon in the top right corner. It looks like this:



Just click on this icon on our website, and it will take you directly to our Facebook page, where you can find our worship services!



Come Join Us for Bible Study!
Acts of the Apostles Study (Lessons 1-8; 8 weeks)
Tuesdays, September 8 – October 20
(via Zoom or Hybrid with In-person and Zoom)
Acts: 24 Studies for Individuals and Groups by N.T. Wright
(For Everyone Bible Studies).

The book of Acts follows the early apostles' journeys in spreading the gospel from Judea to the Greco-Roman world.

Come join us on this exciting adventure with Peter, Paul, and the rest of God's empowered witnesses of the faith!

Please control+click on this link, then click on the picture of the book to pre-view:

https://www.amazon.com/Acts-Wright-Everyone-Bible%20studies/dp/0830821856/ref=sr_1_2?crid=SB1G1CZ4OBD3&dchild=1&keywords=n.t.+wright+acts+for+everyone&qid=1596548953&sprefix=N.T.+Wright+Acts%2Caps%2C292&sr=8-2#reader_0830821856

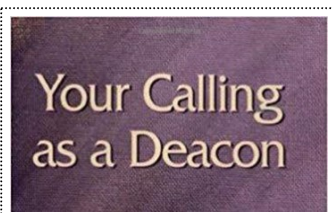
Please notify the church office before August 21st to register:
 620-342-1582 or fccoffices@yahoo.com.



New Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls are beautiful creative gifts that provide warmth, comfort, and solace as they wrap and enfold a person in need of prayer. They are created with love and prayer and then blessed and sent out. We have some who are crocheting and knitting shawls and lap robes to give to those in need of comfort and prayer. Our finished prayer shawls will begin to go out this week. Please keep our home-bound church family in prayer.

If you like to knit, crochet, or quilt, we need you! Our Prayer Shawl Group: Janece Bacon, Tammie McDiffett, Barb Gimple, Judy Moore, and Diana Solis invite you to join in creating these gifts of prayer and love. If you would like to join this group or would like to donate yarn, please contact the church office.



Our new Diaconate Team met last week for orientation. Our focus this year will be to explore the service that God calls us to do. Please keep our new Team in prayer: Carl Headrick, Janece Bacon, Lisa Rickabaugh, Nik Roth, Jim Tilton, and Melissa Tilton.

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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8 a.m. until Noon, Monday through Friday.
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Next Newsletter Deadline
Aug. 24, 2020 & Sept. 4, 2020



August 2020

9	10	11	12	13	14	15
• 10:30am Worship Service	Newsletter Deadline • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite		• 9:30am NE KS Clergy-Topeka • 11:30am DWF 'Bring Your Own' Lunch	• 5pm Elder's Study		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
• 10:30am Worship Service	• 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite		• 5pm Worship Ministry Meets • 6:15pm Board Meeting	• 5pm Christian Ed.		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
• 9:30am Sunday School • 10:30am Worship Service	Newsletter Deadline • 9am Food Pantry • 7pm Boy Scouts - Offsite		• 5:30pm Facilities Meeting	• 5pm Elders Meeting		

Spotlight on Disciples

Information for this article came from the book, *Disciples: Who We Are & What Holds Us Together* (2019) by Michael Kinnamon and Jan Linn, St. Louis: Christian Board of Publication, pp. 22-24.

Covenant: Freedom with Accountability (part 6)

In this section on accountability, Kinnamon and Linn briefly describe the regional and general manifestations' responsibilities within church structure. Both are considered "to be the church together in that place." Regional leadership holds congregations accountable to their comments while keeping congregations in prayer. The General Church is the body that represents the whole church. The General Assembly is an inclusive gathering that is "to manifest the wholeness and unity of the church." Its accountability lies in its authoritative teaching. Congregations have a voice in decisions and need to send voting representatives who are prepared and then report results and invite discussion about Assembly actions.

More next time on the meaning of covenant. . .