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Reflection

The other night, Nugget had a rough time with nightmares so I was sitting on his bed rubbing his back as he fell asleep, when a sign in his room caught my attention. I am not sure why it struck me so much on that particular night, since I am the one who picked it out and bought it, but I surmised that God was speaking to me that night through that sign. The sign says, *in baseball as in life, the important things happen at home.*

As I started meditating on what God was trying to say to me through this sign, I began thinking of the church as a home. Church is home for so many of us. A home we have missed during the down times of the pandemic. Our church home grounds us. Our church home and church family are a constant reminder of God's compassion and love. When I think of some of the most important times in my life, they happened in and around my various church homes.

First Christian Church is home to us. It is a home where we have the freedom to wonder, to question, to celebrate, to grieve, to laugh, to cry, and to pray. I pray you feel all of that in your church home. If it has been awhile, we hope you will join us at our home for worship or one of our many education and fellowship opportunities. *Some of the most important things happen at home.*

Shalom,
Pastor Tara

Join us for Worship

In Person Worship

We are meeting back at the church for worship at 10:40 a.m. on Sundays! We care about the safety of our congregation and have taken many precautions during this time.

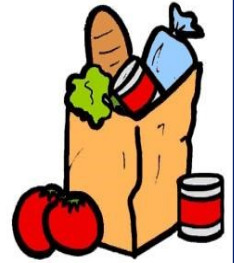
Our protocol has been updated and masks are optional for worship and all church activities. Masks are available should anyone need one. Please continue to social distance and use hand sanitizer.

We have resumed singing during worship. We will continue to use prepackaged communion. We hope to see you Sunday!

At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo

Find us on Facebook at **First Christian Church—Disciples of Christ of Emporia, KS.** to join us for worship at 10:40 a.m. on Sundays. Leave a comment on our worship service to let us know you are with us! Find us on Vimeo at **First Christian Church— Emporia.**

During the month of March, the food pantry helped **118 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **91 doz. eggs**.



Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for those in our community (masks are required).

During this time, we have implemented a no contact method for providing food to the community and have reduced our food pantry hours to Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Church Family Prayer List

- Lonnie Atchison
- Guy Bacon**
- Wanda Davis**
- Bonnie & Joe Denson**
- Brooke Franklin
- Karen Garnett**
- Joe Lozier
- Tammie McDiffett's Friend**
- Jeanice Miller**
- Pastor Tara's Uncle Mike Brown & Family**
- Brooklyn Quick- Jeanice Miller's Great-Granddaughter
- Suzanne Vanderslice
- ~ Sympathy to the family & friends of David Morris on his passing~
- ~People of Ukraine~

Upcoming Serving Schedule

March 27th, 2022

- Elder**~ Janece Bacon
- Worship Leader**~ Diana Solis
- Young Disciples**~ Nancy LeClear

April 3rd, 2022

- Elder**~ Jaylene Arnett
- Worship Leader**~ Janece Bacon
- Young Disciples**~ Judy Moore

Attendance and Giving Record

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- March 13th, 2022 ~ SS 33/ 60 AH & IP Worship
- March 20th, 2022 ~ SS 21/ 52 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

- March 13th, 2022 ~Offering \$2,200.00/
Special Offering \$5.00
- March 20th, 2022~Offering \$4,010.22/Building \$10.00/
Special Offering \$100.00



MARCH Birthdays

- 29 Dorothy Matile
- 31 Mary Volland

Volunteers Needed!

First Christian Church is looking for volunteers on Sundays to help run the sound and PowerPoint for the church service. Training is available.

Please call 620-342-1582 or email fccoffices@yahoo.com if interested!

Thank You

Children and Youth Sunday School Classes

<p>Nursery (Infant-age 2) 9:30-10:25am Church Nursery Teachers: Michaela and Rachel (nursery attendants)</p>	<p>Pre-school (PreK-Kindergarten) 9:30-10:25am Church Nursery Teachers: Rilla Headrick or Sonya Lude</p>
<p>Love Station (Grades 1-5) 9:30-10:25am 2nd room on south side of top floor Teachers: Lisa Rickabaugh or Nichole</p>	<p>Youth Class (Grades 6-10) 9:30-10:25am Basement behind stage Teacher: Pastor Tara Thompson</p>

According to Church Covid Policy all persons over 2 will wear masks.

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 9:30am— Sunday School

Sundays at 10:40 am—Worship Service via In Person & Facebook Live (masks optional)

Mondays from 9:00—11:00 am—Food Pantry

Mondays at 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

Tuesdays at 12:15 pm— Noontime Prayers

Thursdays at 7:00 pm— Facebook Storytime

Fridays from 3:00—6:00 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut

Saturdays from 9:00 am—12:00 pm—Clothes Closet (Masks recommended for CC&HH) & Household Hut

Wed. March 23, 2022 6:00pm— Board Meeting

Thurs. March 24, 2022 10:00am— Lenten Study

Thurs. March 31, 2022 10:00am— Lenten Study

Mon. April 4, 2022 Newsletter Deadline

Tue. April 5, 2022 10:00am— Worship Ministry Meets

Tue. April 5, 2022 2:00pm— PRC

Wed. April 6, 2022 10:15am— Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance

Thurs. April 7, 2022 10:00am— Lenten Study



**Lectionary Schedule
March 27th—April 17th,
2022**

March 27, 2022

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Psalm 32

April 3, 2022

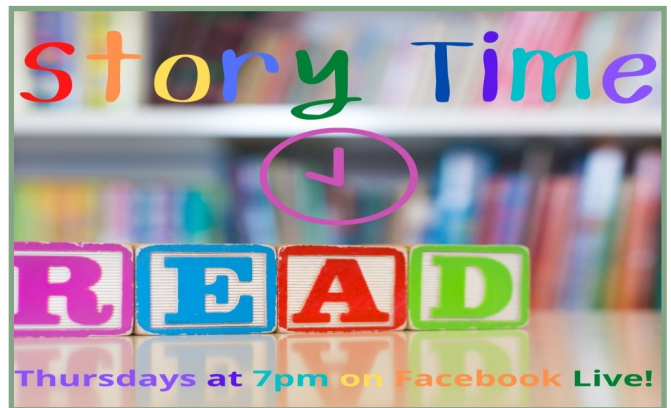
Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8
Psalm 126

April 10th, 2022

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 23:1-49
Psalm 31:9-16

April 17th, 2022

Acts 10L32-43
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



Family Promise of the Flint Hills is hosting a 5K Fun Run on Saturday March 26, to support and provide resources to families in the Emporia area who are experiencing homelessness.

Registration begins at 8:00 am and the Fun Run begins at 9:00 am!

Register by March 12th to guarantee a t-shirt!





Romans: The Letter that Changed The World

Romans is the 6th book in the New Testament. It was scratched on parchment during the first century AD by a Jewish convert to Christianity named Paul. This letter, which was directed to Christians who lived in the capital city of Rome, Italy, contained teachings and doctrines that would change the world. It was countercultural and revolutionary in a day when Rome ruled its citizens-both in Italy and throughout the Empire-with an iron fist. Romans is one of the most fascinating letters ever written.

You are invited to participate in a Bible Study titled Romans: The Letter that Changed The World beginning either April 19th or 21st with daytime and evening options offered. The sessions include bible study and a video segment plus sharing and prayer. Each study presents another new perspective on Paul's words, how they would have been received in his day, and how they still are to be applied today in our lives.

We need to know your interest in attending by Sunday, April 3. Please sign up on the sign up sheet by the church office with your attendance preferences or contact the church office. Jean Miller and Jaylene Arnett will be leading the study.

First Christian Church
Tara Thompson,
Senior 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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Office Hours

Monday- 8:00-11:30 Tuesday- 8:00-1:00
Wednesday- 8:00-12:00 Thursday- 8:00-11:30
Friday- 8:00-12:00

Next Newsletter Deadline

April 4, 2022 & April 18, 2022



Weekly Events

Sundays at 9:30am~ Sunday School

Sundays at 10:40am~ Worship Service

Monday's from 9:00am-11:00am~ Food Pantry

Mondays at 7:00pm~ Boy Scouts

Tuesday's at 12:15pm~ Facebook Live Noontime Prayer

Thursday's at 7:00pm~ Facebook Live Storytime

Fridays from 3:00pm-6:00pm~ Clothes Closet & Household Hut

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March 23—April 6, 2022

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Wednesday **23**

6:00pm~ Board Meeting

Tuesday **24**

10:00am~ Lenten Study

Thursday **31**

10:00am~ Lenten Study

Monday **4**

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday **5**

10:00am~ Worship Ministry Meets
2:00pm~ PRC

Wednesday **6**

10:15am~ Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance



DISCIPLES MEN

Kansas Disciples Men provides fellowship and encouragement, increase knowledge of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, broaden spiritual horizons and develop leaders of the church. We grow in loving relationship with God and others and become more Christ-like in all we are and do.

Odyssey Project

While originally conceived as a partnership journey for teen boys and their father figures, the vision for the Odyssey Project has grown to include any man who is tired of going through the motions of being a follower of Jesus. It is about learning to live a disciplined life that helps a man become what God created men to be: Respectful, Responsible, Reliable, Faithful, Compassionate, Generous, Humble, and Self-controlled.

Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat: is offered in September at the regional campground, Disciples Center at Takawoni, with a nationally known speaker. The retreats provide opportunities for workshops, service, fun and fellowship with men from across the region.

We are sharing with you the latest issue of the newsletter, **The Voice of Disciples Men**. The *The Voice of Disciples Men* connects men throughout the denomination. It is also used to inform men across the country of events taking place, suggestions about how to improve their men's group and resources for spiritual growth.