

Reflection

Dear Friends,

Word of mouth remains one of the most powerful communication tools that exists in any community. A contemporary expression of “Word of Mouth” is social media including platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. We share birthday wishes, news stories, family happenings, and just about anything else in these social media forums. This contemporary “word of mouth” communication offers each of us an opportunity to invite others to join us for Easter morning worship.

How are you inviting others to experience the resurrection and worship as Easter approaches?

Peace,
Dale

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Join us for Worship
In Person Worship

We are meeting at the church for worship at 10:40 a.m. on Sunday mornings! We are using pre-packaged communion. We hope to see you Sunday!

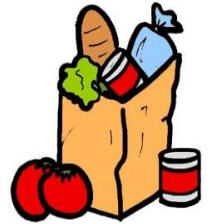
At Home Worship on Facebook/Vimeo



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 April, the food pantry helped **70 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **2 doz. eggs.**



Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for those in our community.

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

Mark Davis, **Marilyn Dalton's** Cousin

Joy Frevert's Friend

Glenn Gimple

Dick Hubert

Marla, Friend of **Anita's**

Max- **Janece Bacon's** Brother

Jennifer & Michael

Jeanice Miller, Kenny Miller

Jacob Ramirez Son of Sonya Ihde

JoAnn Rincon, Friend of **Marilyn Dalton**

Dee Thompson & Bill Simpson

Brooklyn Quick, **Jeanice Miller's** Great-Granddaughter

~The church as we go through the transition process with Pastor Dale Matherly~

Upcoming Serving Schedule

April 9th, 2023

Elder~ Marlene Hanson

Worship Leader~ Barb Gimple

April 16th, 2023

Elder~ Marie Harding

Worship Leader~ Jaylene Arnett

Attendance and Giving Record

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March 26th, 2023 ~ SS 7/38 AH & IP Worship

April 2nd, 2023 ~ SS 9/49 AH & IP Worship

GIVING RECORD

March 26th, 2023 ~ Offering \$725.00

April 2nd, 2023 ~ Offering\$1,225.00



Birthdays and Anniversaries

April ANNIVERSARIES

16 Reese & Breann Johnson
17 Nik & Sarah Roth

April BIRTHDAYS

07 Briana Becker
15 Gavin LeClear
18 Diana Solis

Mark The Dates

Sundays at 9:30am— Sunday School

Sundays at 10:40 am—Worship Service
via In Person & Facebook Live

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

Mondays at 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

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

Saturdays from 9:00 am—12:00 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut

April 9, 2023—Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023 9:00am—Easter Brunch

April 10, 2023 2:00pm—Christian Ed. Meeting

April 11, 2023 10:00am—John Study

April 12, 2023 1:30pm—DWF Group

April 12, 2023 4:00pm—Stewardship Meeting

April 17, 2023—Newsletter Deadline

April 18th, 2023 10:00am—John Study

April 19th, 2023 6:00pm—Board Meeting

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



Lectionary Schedule April 9th, 2023— April 30th, 2023

April 9th, 2023

Isaiah 25:6-9
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Luke 24:12-49
Psalm 114

April 16th, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
Psalm 16

April 23rd, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

April 30th, 2023

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10
Psalm 23



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Food Pantry
202 E. 12th Ave.
Mondays, 9-11am
Masks are encouraged!!

Helping families in our community!

First Christian Church
202 E. 12th Ave.

Clothes Closet and Household Hut

FRIDAYS, 3-6PM
SATURDAYS, 9AM-12NOON
FACE MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED!

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUMMER CAMPS 2023 SUMMER CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

This summer's theme is how do we have FruitFULL faith. Campers will explore the fruit of the Spirit in everyday life. Camp is empowering for our youth to see how the Kingdom of God can be lived out.

CAMP SESSION	DATES	GRADES	PRICE
Discovery/Primary	July 5-7	K-3	\$301
Junior	June 19-23	4th-5th	\$475
Chi Rho	July 10-15	6th-7th	\$562
Pre High	July 10-15	8th	\$562
CYF	July 24-29	9th-12th	\$562
Grand Camp	July 7-9	All Ages	\$214 Adult/\$160 Child

All camps are at Tawakoni and begin at 1:00pm of the first day of camp and end at 10:00am on the last day.

Our church does pay part of registration costs. Online registration is www.tawakoni.org/2023-cck-camp-registration/

WEDNESDAY
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WE WILL BE
GLAD
TO SEE YOU!

DWF MEETING
IN PERSON
APRIL 12TH
1:30 PM

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

NURSERY
(Infant-Age 2)

- 9:30am-10:25am
- Church Nursery

PRE-SCHOOL
(PreK-Kindergarten)

- 9:30am-10:25am
- Church Nursery

LOVE STATION
(Grades 1-5)

- 9:30am-10:25am
- 2nd Room on South Side of Top Floor

YOUTH CLASS
(Grades 6-10)

- 9:30am-10:25am
- Basement Behind Stage

JOHN GOSPEL

Wisdom From Ephesus Study

Tuesdays - 10:00am
Church Parlor
Beginning on April 11th - May 30th



There will be eight lessons for us to explore the Gospel of John written by John the “beloved disciple” in Ephesus. Although Ephesus is in ruins, through video we will see remnants of buildings and parks that existed when John was living there. As we pass through the ancient streets and ancient ruins of the city we will gain helpful insights into the life and times of our Savior. Temples. Libraries, Homes. City Centers. They all help us get a better picture of the people John pastored in Ephesus and the atmosphere out of which he penned John, the fourth of the New Testament Gospels. We will read the gospel anew and be engaged with it to get helpful insights into the life and times of our Savior.

* Study Guides will be provided for participants. Sign-up Sheet is available on table outside the Church Office.

* Study Leader: Jaylene Arnett

First Christian Church

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“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.”

Office Hours

Monday- 8:00-12:00

Tuesday- 8:00-12:00

Wednesday- 8:00-12:00

Thursday- 8:00-12:00

Friday- 8:00-12:00



Next Newsletter Deadline

April 17th, 2023 & May 1st, 2023



April 9th—April 12th, 2023

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

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

Saturdays from 9:00am-12:00pm~ Clothes Closet & Household Hut

*Even through troubled waters
God is with you*
Isaiah 43:2

Sunday 9

Easter Sunday
9:00am ~ Easter Brunch

Monday 10

2:00pm ~ Christian Ed. Meeting

Tuesday 11

10:00am ~ John Study

Wednesday 12

1:30pm ~ DWF Group
4:00pm ~ Stewardship Meeting

APRIL



INSTALLATION INVITATION

You are cordially invited to the installation of Rev. Tom Stanley as our Co-Regional Minister and President. Tom and Sandy make their home in Topeka and are members at First Christian Church of Topeka.

The installation will take place at the First Christian Church, McPherson on April 29, 2023, at 2 pm.

A live stream of the service will be available through the regional website, www.kansasdisciples.org, for those unable to attend in-person.

There will be a number of special guests and our preacher for the worship service will be the Rev. Dr. Terri Hord-Owens, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

A reception will follow the worship service.