Clearly God is at work in this place at FCC right now! I hope and pray that you are in prayer with our FCC family as we all make a unified front against the attacks of the Devil! He is looking for footholds in this place and I feel the oppression of him around my family and see it in other families in the church! This comes as no surprise to me because when God is active, the Devil rears his ugly head in opposition! In light of the spiritual battle the Church is up against, please be careful how you use your words in the midst of our church family. Ephesians 4:29 “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” “Unwholesome talk” is a term which describes any word which is not true, uplifting, or useful to members of the church. With the devil looking for opportunities to mess things up in our church family, please be extra mindful about the words you use. If you have a beef with someone in our church, please follow the biblical mandate for Christians: Matthew 18:15-17a says “If your brother or sister sins (or wrongs you), go and point out their fault (In Love), just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.” 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church...” God gives us guidelines on how to have amazing relationships with people. He is even more specific when it comes to relationships among brothers and sisters in Christ. We must be mindful of the fact that we (the Church) are walking representatives of Christ.

People associate the words we say and the actions we put forth with Jesus. If we are using words or doing things that do present Christ or the Church in a good light, we need to consider a change in our behavior and thinking. Another thing we must keep in mind is that Jesus has set the example for how we should talk and act. Jesus demonstrated grace better than any other example in the Bible. He is grace. He is love. Many people wronged Him and He didn’t go start nasty rumors about them or heap insults on them. He demonstrated compassion and love and forgave them. That’s the amazing thing about forgiveness. It keeps us from becoming bitter and ineffective, and it also frees us up to love much more deeply and powerfully. If Jesus loves us enough to put our short-comings and mistakes behind Him, then shouldn’t we, the Church, be doing the same? I challenge myself and you to think about the words you speak and ask yourself if they are building others up or tearing them down. Are they full of grace and love or full of bitterness and envy? Let’s choose now to start over and represent Christ in all that we do and say! Chris
Communion Preparation for March: Tammy Clark
February Deacons: Bill Ratliff, Greg Gwin, Leroy Hamilton, Jason Miller and Nathan Wiehl
Offertory: Steve Spring
Communion: Kevin Lewis
Usher: Jeff Finn
Communion to Shut Ins: Jim Jasper & Cody Clark
8:00 a.m.: Pianist: Nancy Horn  Organist: Vicki Hulett
Audio/Visual:  8:00 a.m.: Ruth Peine / Cheryl Varvel
10:30 a.m. Pianist: Doris Wilson
Audio/Visual 10:30 a.m.: Jonathan Born / unknown
10:30 a.m. Song Leader: Burke Rogers
Greeter(s) (Front West Door): Orville & LaVerne Cole
Greeter(s) (Back East Door): Darwin & Mary Hamilton

Thank you all so much for filling out the informational sheet for us. Don’t forget if you have a picture that you would like to share in the updated directory please email it to Marsha Dulin at marsha@fcgarnett.org
JANUARY 2015 FCC GENERAL FUND
Weekly Average Need ~ $4460
January Monthly Need ~ $17840
January 11, 2015 General Tithe ~ $5055
My Offering for December ~ $622
January Monthly Giving to Date ~ $9232

Prayers for Our Church and Church Families
Phyllis Adams, Ce Ce Biery, Rusty Coons, Twyla Duryea, Lois Gebert, Clarence Hermann, Jim Jordan, the family of Loretta Lankard, Wilma McIntosh, Whitney Peine (daughter of Earl & Ruth Peine); Betty Penn, Charlene Rogers, Dorothy Schuster, Archie Smith and family and Steve Watkins

Prayers for Our Extended Family & Friends
Wesley Conard (grandson of Gayla Corley); Paul Fisher (friend of Ruth Peine); Jeannine Glidewell (requested by Becky Allen); Susan Grimes (requested by Diana Knox); Denise Hamilton (daughter of Darwin & Mary Hamilton); C.B. Harris, Keifer Haukings & family (Doug & Bev Farren); David Hoddy (requested by Darwin & Mary Hamilton); Nancy Lake (cousin of Gayla Corley); Shelby Lowe (cousin of Judy Tisor); Wilma McIntosh requests continued prayers for all her family; Jennifer Merz (granddaughter of Loydene West); Steve Richardson (son of Reed & Carol Richardson); Roger Rockers (requested by Mary Graham); Duane & Becky Roush (requested by Carol Hermreck), Jenny Smith (granddaughter of Alice Chase); Leroy Sobba (brother of Mary Graham); Paula Sulls (friend of Ruth Peine); Juanita Thompson (mother of Robin Williams); Sheryl Urquhart, Doug Walsh (brother in law of Doug Linder) & the leaders of our country & our veterans and troops.

PRAISE: I am thankful that I am a healthy and I have a very loving and powerful God. Archie Smith
PRAISE: Shelly Thomas for helping me on my journey back to the Lord. Charity Roelker

Prayers for Our Loved Ones in Care Centers
Guest Home Estate ~ Vernon & Goldie Hunt, Ruth Gorrell, Robert Young, Seatta Van Donge
Golden Heights ~ Vi Davin, Jean Brown, Olive Kline, Max Ratliff; Comfort Care Home ~ Birdie Zentner
Residential Living Center ~ Bill Young, Vera Wills (aunt of Phyllis Adams); Jeanne Logan (mom of Steve Spring); Cimarron Nursing Center ~ Lois Miller; Timberlake Care Center ~ Mike Crist;
ORV Village West ~ Ralph Hamilton (father of Leroy Hamilton)

Our Sympathy to the family of Loretta Lankard, age 78, who passed away Friday, February 26, 2016 at her home. Loretta was a member of First Christian Church and was active in the church where she was the head on the Funeral Dinners for several years. She will be greatly missed. Loretta’s Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2016 here at the First Christian Church. The family will greet friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Monday evening at the funeral home. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all her loved ones, as they go through this time and may God bless and give them the comfort they need now.
First Christian Church Committees Schedule
Finance Committee / Elder/Board ~ 1st Sunday
Pastoring ~ 2nd Sunday of the month
Education ~ 3rd Sunday of the month
Worship ~ 4th Sunday of the month

First Christian Church Care Team
3rd Thursday of every month
Fellowship Hall ~ 7:00 p.m.
Contact person Doug Meyer (785-909-7680)
Thursday, March 17, 2016

Emergency Food Assistance Program
4th Thursday of every month ~ 4:00 p.m.
Anderson County Fairgrounds
Quonset Hut Building
Thursday, March 24, 2016

First Christian Church Ladies Night Out
Last Friday of every month
Fellowship Hall ~ 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Contact person: Becky Allen (785-433-1338)
Friday, March 25, 2016

Anderson County Caregiver Support Group
4th Monday of every month ~ 1:00 -2:00 p.m.
Park Plaza Place North Club House
105 Park Place Plaza North, Park Road
Contact person: Area Agency on Aging
(785-242-7200)
Monday, March 28, 2016

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday Ladies Bible Study
Annex ~ 7:00 p.m.
Contact person Becky Allen (785-433-1338)

Monday Christian Woodworkers
Darwin Hamilton’s work shop ~ 1:30 p.m.
Contact person Darwin Hamilton (785-448-6526)

Tuesday Prayer Group
Annex ~ 6:30 p.m.
Contact person Cody Clark (785-448-8093)

Wednesday Roots
First Christian Church ~ 6:00 p.m.
Contact person Morgan Hurt (785-259-5332)

Wednesday Choir Practice
Following Roots in the Sanctuary
Contact person Jenna Wight (785-433-1319)

Thursday Christian Crafters
Annex ~ 10:00 a.m.
Contact person Connie Meyer (913-909-7164)

Friday Church Office Closed

Saturday Men’s Breakfast & Devotions
Fellowship Hall ~ 7:00 a.m.
Contact person Burke Rogers (448-5987)

Sunday Legacy
Fellowship Hall ~ 5:00 p.m.
Contact person Natasha Goetz (971-241-2520)

Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to Get Connected?
We have openings for…

- A visual person for the 1st and 2nd Sunday of every month at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Services.
- an audio person for the 4th Sunday of every month at the 8:00 a.m. Worship Services.

If you are interested or have questions contact Jenna Wight (785-433-1319)

- Song leaders to lead the worship songs for the 8:00 a.m. Worship services.

If you are interested or have questions contact Carmen Powls (785-448-5553)
A NOTE FROM BRETT...

Hey everyone! Hope your week is going great so far; I wanted to fill you in on some things that are happening in the near future.

~ Wednesday, March 16th there will be a Pajama/Movie night here at the church beginning at 6:00 p.m. The event will be over at 8:00 p.m. for parents to pick up your children. It’s going to be a lot of fun! And, if you want to see your 22 year old and 6’ 1” Youth Minister in a Sponge Bob onesie you can’t miss it! Please bring a snack to share with everyone. See you guys there.

~ We are continuing our Legacy series during Youth Church this next week. We will be combing through the life of Moses, and seeing how we can incorporate this man of Gods legacy into our own lives. Please be praying for our students as we go through some of the iconic people in the Bible to have their eyes, ears, and hearts open to what God has to say to them.

Thank you everyone for the support, myself and our youth love you all!! Brett

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This year “Silver Dollar City Young Christian Weekend” will be featuring The Neverclaim, Skillet, Flame, Kutless and others! **Sign up soon! Early Bird Signup is March 6th!**

**Young Christians Weekend 2016**

April 1st thru 3rd, 2016 we will be attending Young Christian’s Weekend at Silver Dollar City! If you are interested in this event please contact Brett Hartman, Youth & Children Pastor before March 6th for the early bird deadline.

- **Cost:** $70 per student unless you have a season pass ($30.00). **Each person must turn in a permission slip and $20.00 to hold a spot.** ($80 after March 6th)
- We will leave from FCC at 3:45 p.m. Friday, April 1st and return Sunday, April 3rd between 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. as traffic allows.
- If you have any other questions contact Brett at Phone: 620-215-1286 or Email: brett@fccgarnett.org

Currently 527 Goal 1000

**ROOTS KIDS NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE IS ROUNING DOWN...IT’S NOT TOO LATE**

We will continue to collect any non-perishable goods for our local ECKAN food pantry thru Wednesday, March 9. Donation boxes are located in the sanctuary by the stage or drop them off during the week to the church office. Thank you all for your support of our youth and ECKAN!
OUR FAMILY LIFE CENTER ABOUT TO HAPPEN

The FCC Building Committee has now received the Preliminary Construction Schedule from our architect and our project manager. It shows the construction contract being signed on March 28th (this assuming that the bid will be within our budget, which it is expected to be), with construction work beginning immediately thereafter. If everything goes like clockwork and according to plan, our multi-purpose addition will be completed by the end of August. Wow! We have work to do right away clearing out the East Wing (which will be totally renovated), cleaning out the attic, and finding a place to store all that stuff (Men’s Work Day?). Then, too, the Christian Education Committee will need to shuffle some classes around—there will be major inconveniences for us all while construction is going on—no doubt some parking issues as well. But what a joy it will be to see our dreams coming true. Praise the Lord! Meantime, we all need to keep praying that: 1. The process goes smoothly without any major hitches, 2. The bid comes in within our budget, 3. That building funds keep coming in and, in fact, increase (we estimate we have 90% of needed funding and pray that those waiting on the sideline to see us break ground before donating to the building fund will now contribute generously). Many of us now accept the time to build is now, even if not all the funding is in place and it becomes necessary to carry a small short term loan. The alternative is to wait and face higher building costs, while at the same time missing out on the benefit of using the new facility. This is indeed a leap of faith, but with the Lord’s help we can do this!

Welcome to the FCC Family on Sunday, February 28, 2016:

Gaylon & Heather Corley & Family

We are so happy to have you in our fellowship! Our hope and prayer is that God will help you to grow and mature in the faith here with our family as we seek the Lord together! We are so pleased to have you all! The address for the Corley family:

23173 NW Arkansas Road ~ Westphalia, KS 66093

Jonathan & Nicole Born

Jonathan & Nicole Born and their daughter Rebekah have also placed membership here at FCC and we had the blessing of dedicating Rebekah to be raised for the Lord! We are so pleased to have you in our fellowship! May God bless you and your families as we pursue the Lord together at FCC. The address for the Born family:

PO Box 324 ~ Garnett, KS 66032
Sunday, March 20 ~ Palm Sunday Services

**Matthew 21:6-11 (NIV)**  The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Sunday, March 27 ~ Easter Sunrise Services

Easter Sunrise services will be held at the Garnett North Lake Shelter House at 6:30 a.m. Come and celebrate the Resurrection!  
**John 19:30**  When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

**MARCH 25**

~ will be held at the First Christian Church beginning at 12:10 p.m.

**Romans 5:6-8 (NIV)**  You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Real Easter bunnies:

- **are white as snow** because Jesus takes all sin away (Isaiah 1:18b).
- **are gentle**, kind-hearted and forgiving (Ephesians 4:32).
- **have big ears** that are quick to listen (James 1:19).
- **have big eyes** to look carefully and choose what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21).
- **have no voice** for complaining or arguing (Philippians 2:13).
- **are quiet** in prayer, but hop with thanksgiving and rejoicing (Philippians 4:4-6).
- **have big feet** to go tell others about Jesus so they can be like Easter bunnies, too (Matthew 28: 19-20).
- **eat what is healthy** by filling up on God's word every day (Psalm 119:11).
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ELDERS
Roger Adams: 448-8172
Ron Jenkins: 204-1590
*Kevin Lewis: 204-2257
Doug Meyer: 913-909-7680
Burke Rogers: 448-5987
Steve Spring: 448-2491
Larry Varvel: 448-5794
Gene Watson: 408-205-3635

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH DEACONS
Ron Anderegg: 448-6366
Cody Clark: 448-8093
Dan Dulin: 204-1185
*Greg Gwin: 229-5105
Dan Kasprzak: 489-2513
Earl Peine: 448-6186
Danny Roberts: 448-8499
Nathan Wiehl: 204-2178
Mike Burns: 448-4603
Craig Cole: 448-4504
Jeff Finn: 620-431-8486
Leroy Hamilton: 204-2162
Jason Miller: 448-7110
Bill Ratliff: 248-3854
Jason Sjorlund: 448-7660
Mike Zentner: 204-1105