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The Vision of First Christian
Church of Garnett, KS

is to enlarge globally the
Kingdom of God by striving to
be a Christ oriented, Family
oriented, Community oriented
Church for all.

PASTORS NOTES:

As I sat in my study early Sunday, going over the morning's sermon, I heard a bloodcurdling cry. I knew immediately what it was so I jumped out of my chair and moved towards the hallway. Before I got there, one of our cats, the youngest named Skeeter, went by in a flash and disappeared under the bed not to be seen for another hour. It was he who let out this agonizing cry. What had happened to him wasn't his fault though. It was the consequence of one of our dog's actions.

As happens with a lot of dogs during the 4th of July, Jesse (our dog) was very disturbed with all the bangs, pops and whistles associated with this holiday. In her mind she felt she would be better off outside of her yard which is surrounded by a chain link fence. Of course we knew there was no place she could go to get away from all the noise but she was bound and determined to find such a place.

After being out several times and after the holiday passed, Jesse decided she liked roaming the neighborhood at her leisure. This of course did not set well with us. It is not in her best interest or our neighbors for her to roam around all night.

So Saturday we took steps. We put a low voltage hot wire around the interior of our fence, something we had to do in years past. The difference today is that our cats have never been *introduced* to a hot wire.

I really felt sorry for Skeeter when he did finally come out. I was glad to see he was alright but boy was he sheepish. He came in the study walking softly and you could tell he was spooked. The sad thing was it wasn't his fault. He didn't create the problem but yet he paid the price. He was *bit* by the hotwire. He entered into the consequences of Jesse's actions.

So it is in life when we step out of the Spirit and into the flesh. The decisions we make, the words we say, the actions we take can have a lasting effect on all those around us. Skeeter has ventured outside again but not beyond the deck and nowhere near the fence. I suppose he will eventually but he now has to adjust his life to this new reality.

How many people are you requiring to adjust to a new reality because of your actions? In Sunday's sermon I referred to David and a decision he made that was not in line with the will of God. The consequences were disastrous for those around him. You can read about it in 1 Chronicles 21:1-14. Sometimes like David we make decisions which seem minor but the consequences for those around us can be major.

How do we protect those around us and ourselves from the consequences of poor choices? The easy answer is to "...walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." (Galatians 5:16) How do we do this, walk by the Spirit in order to avoid problems? "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests..." (Ephesians 6:18) Be intimate with and pray to God 24/7 in and for *all occasions* and He will protect you and those around you from getting *bit* from consequences.

In much love, Pastor Darrel

First Christian Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Early Worship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Late Worship
10:30 a.m. Children's Church in Annex
5:00 p.m. Legacy Youth in Fellowship Hall

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First Christian Church



of Garnett, KS

OFFICE HOURS

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Monday – Thursday
Office is closed on Friday

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Craig Cole	Dan Dulin
Greg Gwin	Leroy Hamilton
Karl Hurt	Dan Kasprzak
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August 18, 2013

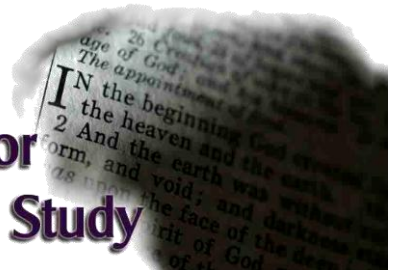
General Fund: \$3003.30

Worship Service Attendance: 8:00 a.m.: 62 10:30 a.m.: 141 Total: 203
Nursery: 0 Beginners: 7 Primary: 4 Juniors: 5 Jr High: 7 Sr High: 10
Pastor's Class: 19 Great Expectations: 15 SOS Class: 19 Opportunity Class: 9
Sunday School Attendance Total: 95

Adult Sunday School Classes



.... A Place for Bible Study



The **Opportunity Class** opened with prayer led by Rosie Jordan. Sunday they had 4 daily Bible readers and 5 who had their Bibles with them. Their prayer requests and concerns were for: Sylva Apperson, Marie Donaldson, Jean Brown, Esther Lantis (sister of Alice Valentine); Vi Davin, Ruth Gorrell, Olive Kline, Jim & Rosie Jordan, Donald & Mae Thomas, Mae's step mother Martha, Bill & Lola Thornton, Lloyd Sumner & Laurel Wichman (daughter of Opal Meyers) & Andrea Wichman (granddaughter of Opal Meyers) and our nursing home residents. Their Sunday School Lesson, "Dedication of the Wall," taken from Nehemiah Chapter 12 was presented by Marilyn Artherton who also closed with prayer.

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The **SOS Class** had 15 today who had their Bibles and 12 were daily Bible readers. Prayers were requested for Sylva Apperson, Juanita Kellerman, Harold Demoret & Don Ferguson (brother of Darlene Jenkins). Bob Meliza opened the class with prayer. Lois Gebert presented the lesson in the study Abiding In Christ, "Hope for the Future," from 2 Peter 3:3-14. The class closed with the "Lord's Prayer."

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The **Pastor's Class**: We finally finished the Purple Book!! Karen Brinkmeyer had dated hers when we started and that was October 2011 - so almost 2 years! But we all learned and grew together through our many Bible searches and discussions. This last week we talked about Heaven and the two judgment seats people will face, one to separate the saved from the unsaved and the last for the saved to be judged on the life they led while here on earth, this one to determine our eternal rewards. Next we will do a short study entitled "What Does it Mean to be a Disciple?". This is as it applies to us today - as we are all called to be Christ's disciples.



Aug 25, 2013 Reminders

Elder for Offertory:

James Dodd

Elder for Communion:

Roger Adams

Deacon Usher:

Mike Burns

Deacons:

Lynn Wilson, Dave Schuster,

Karl Hurt, Jason Mills

Dan Roberts & Jr Deacon

Grady Schuster

Greeters:

Denise Scheibmeir

Visual:

8:00 a.m.: Joyce Benton

10:30 a.m.: Barb Velvick

Audio:

8:00 a.m.: Carol Jane Long

10:30 a.m.: Jay Velvick

Pianist:

8:00 a.m.: Nancy Horn

10:30 a.m.: Doris Wilson

Communion to the Shut Ins:

Elder: Burke Rogers

Deacon: Jason Miller

Communion for August:

Carol Jane Long & Betty Penn

George and Jeanine Zentner

Special Music:

Gary Benjamin

Song Leader 10:30:

Michal Herde

First Christian Church of Garnett

Check us out on Face Book?

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, August 21

7:00 a.m. Walking with Marilyn at High School

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:30 p.m. Sisters in Prayer (Annex)

THURSDAY, August 22

6:30 p.m. Monthly Hymn Selection Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY, August 23 - Office Closed

7:00 a.m. Walking with Marilyn at High School

SATURDAY, August 24

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Devotion

SUNDAY, August 25

Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Services:

Worship Committee Meeting

2:00 p.m. Legacy Fall Kickoff at Burns Lake

MONDAY, August 26

7:00 a.m. Walking with Marilyn at High School

7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship (Annex)

TUESDAY, August 27

10:00 a.m. Christian Crafters

6:30 p.m. Tuesday Evening Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY, August 28

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:30 p.m. Sisters in Prayer at Annex

4:45 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal (till 6:15 p.m.)

7:00 p.m. Haiti Missions Meeting

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

Worship Services for Nursing Homes

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6th THRU SUNDAY, SEPT 8th

Fall Family Weekend at North Lake Camping Area

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13th - & SATURDAY, SEPT. 14th

Ladies Retreat at Hidden Haven Christian Camp

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Biblesta in Humboldt

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th

Women's Conference



Get involved

Men's Bible Study



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Led by: Jason Mills

When: Monday mornings at 7:00 am

Where: At the Church Annex

There is no better way to start your day or week than with your brothers in Christ.



*"She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and on her tongue is the law
of kindness."*

(Prov. 31:26)

SISTERS IN PRAYER

Led by: Michal Herde

Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

At the Church Annex

Ladies Welcome!



MARILYN ARTHERTON AND CHRISTIAN CRAFTERS

meet at the Church Annex every
Tuesday morning at 10:00 am

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY EVENING MEALS

OPEN HEARTS & OPEN DOORS

Beginning at 4:45 p.m.

Ending at 6:15 p.m.

August 28th

September 11th and 25th



TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER

GROUP led by Pastor Darrel
meet in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

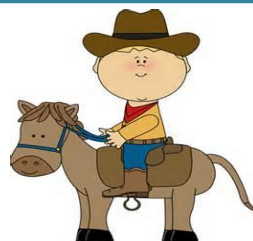


MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST AND DEVOTION TIME

beginning at 7:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall



**LEGACY FALL KICKOFF
AT THE BURN'S LAKE**
CALLING ALL 6TH-12TH GRADERS!
Date & Time: Sunday Aug. 25th, 2013
Please meet at FCC @ **2:00 Pm**
We will return by **9:30 Pm**



Destination: Mike and Eileen Burn's Lake

What to Bring: Appropriate clothing and equipment for horse riding, fishing, swimming, and cooking out!

You should bring a towel and maybe a chair.

Make sure that you bring a friend...and most important... you must all have a permission slip! See Chris for one. **Cost: One Potluck Side Dish & Two-liter of Soda**



WEDNESDAY EVENING COMMUNITY MEALS
EVERY OTHER WEEK ARE BACK!
BEGINNING THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28!

Serving time will begin at 4:45 pm and end promptly at 6:15 pm. We also welcome with open arms anyone who would like to be involved in any part of this much needed service. If interested please contact Cathy Hoke



WORSHIP SERVICES FOR NURSING HOMES

Sunday, September 1, 2013 is our scheduled time for FCC to be in charge of the Worship Services at our local Nursing Homes. Please be in prayer and consider joining us as we share our Christian friendship with those who have given so much to us. Any questions please contact Marilyn Artherton.

**Schedule: Guest Homes at 2:30 pm, Long Term Care at 3:15 pm
& Golden Heights at 4:00 pm.**

FCC FALL FAMILY WEEKEND
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 7th & 8th
AT THE NORTH LAKE

There will be games...food and talent show

Leroy and Sandra Hamilton, Special Events coordinators, are looking for all those who would be interested in being a part of the talent show to please sign the flap on the bulletin on Sunday or call the church office and they will contact you. You may do a skit, poetry reading, singing, banjo playing etc. **Reminder:** For those of you, who are bringing your camper out, **please pay the church office prior to the campout.** The sites are \$12 per night. Tent campers (free) are encouraged to set up on Friday night.



EXERCISE TIME

The perfect time and the perfect place....to walk! We meet at the High School from 6:30 till 7:00 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You can walk at your own pace, with friends or all by yourself. All are welcome to join us for any of these days. Call the church office or Marilyn if you need a ride out to the high school!



What: LADIES RETREAT

When: FRI. SEPT. 13 AND SAT. SEPT. 14

Where: HIDDEN HAVEN

This year's speaker is a godly woman who most of you have heard before. She is a former OCC professor: Jackina Stark. Registration starts 5pm on Friday and 7:30 am Saturday.

If you need a registration form for the Ladies Retreat, we have some available in the church office. If you are ordering a T-Shirt, the form needs to be returned with the money by September 6th.

The cost for the retreat is Fri / Sat: \$20 Fri only \$10 Sat only \$10

T-Shirts are Small thru XL \$10 and 2X or 3X are \$11.

ROOTS Children's Program is almost here:

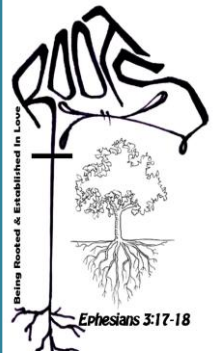
KEEP THESE DATES:

September 25th, 2013 from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Annex for an all Roots Staff meeting.

October 2nd 2013 **ALL STUDENT KICKOFF!!!**

If you are interested in being a part of this powerful ministry please contact Chris Goetz @ [503-474-7965](tel:503-474-7965). God has really boosted the growth of our children's programs and we are really in need of willing people to serve! Please if you have the ability to make yourself available Wednesday nights, while school is in session, it would be a real honor doing ministry with you!

Thanks, Education Committee



"Loving God,

Thank you for the gift of life and for bringing Leo safely into this world. May You bless him and keep him, helping him to grow loving, strong, and healthy in Your love, now and always. Amen."

Congratulations on the birth of Leo Francis Huza, born Thursday, August 15, 2013. His parents are Brian & Andrea Huza of Appleton WI. Grandparents are Gregg & Diane Huza and Charlie & Becky Allen and the Great Grandmother is Ruth Allen.



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE OCTOBER 19TH

The wheels have been set in motion as we start to plan a day for the women to gather for fellowship and a time of learning & sharing with Gayle Durham. This will include a luncheon served by our men! Gayle has been a missionary in Haiti many years with her husband Jim. She has also been Chaplain for women at a Federal penitentiary. A very interesting life given over to the Lord and rich in wisdom to others! Gayle's topic for the day is Session 1) The Cost of

Discipleship, and Session 2) Grace for Discipleship. A time for questions and answers will be provided following the luncheon. Cost will be \$10 and a nursery will be provided. Plan on inviting friends and family! We will have tickets available for purchase starting in Sept.



FCC SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION!

On behalf of the Education Committee I would like to thank all the people who made our Sunday festivities possible! We started off in the main room of the Annex with all the teachers and students. We recognized the teachers for their wonderful service to the FCC Sunday School program, introduced the students to their new teachers and dismissed them to have a meet-n-greet time in their class rooms.

Then the high school Sunday school class served all the other children's classes coffee cake, snack mix, grapes, muffins, and juice! The teens had a great time serving and the other students got to enjoy being served! Special thanks to the Sunday School teachers for providing the snacks, the HS class for serving the snacks and to Stacy Gwin for organizing the morning. The students present for promotion and the promotion they made:

K-1st: Breanna Finn

5th/6th -7th: Blake Hess, Brooke Schettler, Lilly Spring, Micci Aldrich

8th-9th: Adrian Gwin & Caleb Anderegg

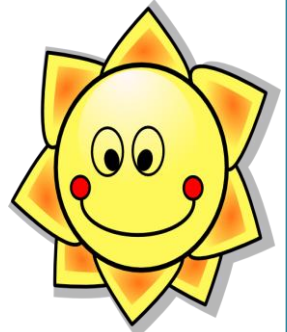
Thanks to all who helped make this a special day!!!

Many blessings, Chris & the Education Committee

Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam

**Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, to shine for him each day.
In every way try to please Him, at home, at school, at play.**

**A sunbeam, a sunbeam, Jesus wants me for a sunbeam.
A sunbeam, a sunbeam, I'll be a sunbeam for Him.**



THE PEACEMAKER CORNER

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Don't Fight Fire With Fire

In responding to an angry reaction, remember that "a gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Prov. 15:1). Respond to anger with a gentle voice, relaxed posture, and calm gestures. Communicate in every way that you take the other's expression of anger seriously and want to help resolve the problems that prompt it. Plan ahead how to respond to possible objections and deal with them specifically and reasonably.

Taken from [The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict](#) by Ken Sande, Updated Edition (Grand Rapids, Baker Books, 2003) p. 178.

Food for Thought

If you're counting on excellent self-control or a naturally sunny disposition to keep you from responding harshly to a burst of anger from someone else today, you're drawing from an awfully shallow well. Chances are your "well of gentleness" will run dry ... at exactly the worst moment.

The source of the "gentle answer" to anger that's recommended in Proverbs isn't you at all. It is none other than Christ, as he desires to make an appeal through us precisely at the moment that another unloads anger. As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:18-19, "All this"--including the ability to respond to anger with a gentle answer--"is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."

So if you find yourself on the receiving end of a blast of anger today, don't rely on yourself to respond gently. Instead, pray briefly, then invite Christ to make his appeal through you. As Paul notes, God has committed the message of reconciliation to you; it is your birthright as a Christian. Far more reliable than your own pleasant demeanor, it is a constant within you.

Pray for God's guidance to draw upon it even in the most trying circumstances.

ARE ANY OF YOU SICK?

There is a passage in James that shares with believers what they are to do if they desire God's healing touch. *James 5:14-15*, "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up..."

In this verse we see some pretty specific steps to receive the full healing God desires to give.

1. Call the Elders
2. Let them pray over you
3. Be anointed with oil

The results of the prayers offered in faith?

1. The sick person is made well and the Lord will raise them up.
2. The Lord will raise them up

The Elders of FCC would love to provide this service to you, there is only one condition; you must make the call. Are Any of You Sick?