THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK...Marilyn Artherton

Do you like word games? There are all kinds of Word Searches out there. Can you find the word "trials" hidden in these letters? It's pretty simple. All you have to do is put a circle around the "T" and then the "R" and then the "I" and then skip over to find the "A" and then skip some more to the "L" and then circle one of the "S"s.

And you're done! It's easy when you have step-by-step instructions. Wouldn't it be nice if we had step-by-step instructions for solving all of our problems? We do! Whatever the problem, the answer is in God's word. But you may say, "There are so many pages in the Bible. Where do I start?" Maybe it's not so important where you start but just that you do start. Let the Holy Spirit lead you. When I was reading scriptures the other day, I stumbled upon something I haven't read in a long time. I was looking in Matthew, Chapter 5. We call these passages the Beatitudes. Each Beatitude tells us how to be blessed by God. Oh boy, I'd like to be bountifully blessed and not have any trials in my life to worry about! But we must realize the Beatitudes don't really promise that our lives will be filled with only laughter, pleasures and earthly prosperity. If we are living in a sin-filled world, we will face trials. Being blessed by God means we don't need to experience them alone. We can experience joy and hope in all circumstances because God is always with us. Even in the midst of our trials, God provides for us. We must keep our focus upon Him, and we will find those hidden blessings. Oh by the way, take a minute to notice the letters from above that you didn't use before. Have a great week!

FCC Vision Statement:
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.

COMMUNITY DINNER SCHEDULE
Wednesday, March 30

VBS is coming to First Christian Church…
June 6th thru 10th for age 4 thru 5th grade.
You won't want to miss it.

Message Sunday, March 20 – Pastor Gary Benjamin
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10-15
Sermon: "A Spiritual Spring Cleaning"
THE COOPER FAMILY IN CONCERT

This musical family will be sharing their love of the lord and their considerable talent, Sunday evening March 20th, 6:00 pm at the First Baptist Church at 417 South Walnut St. Mom, Dad and children will be playing a number of musical instruments as well as vocal numbers. There is no charge, but a free will offering will be received. Fellowship and refreshments will follow. The public is cordially invited. For more information call 785-448-5749.

THANKING OUR SOLDIERS

On Friday, March 25th, we will be having another Ladies’ Night Out here at the church. We thought it would be nice if those gathered would use our church kitchen facilities to make homemade cookies for our soldiers that night. Depending on how many can be here, we may even be able to go ahead and pack boxes that evening for our soldiers. If we don’t have enough to both make cookies and pack boxes, we will at least make the cookies and wait until Monday, March 28th to actually pack the boxes. If you wanted to contribute something other than cookies for the boxes, please bring the items to the church any time before Friday, March 25th. If you have questions, please call the office (448-3452) or Marilyn (448-6449). Thank you so much for helping to be that "contact from back home" for our young men so far away.

LADIES NIGHT OUT IN SOCIAL HALL ON FRIDAY MARCH 25

The Ladies Night Out will meet on Friday, March 25 at 6:30 pm. We will start with a taco meal and then we will make cookies for Marilyn to put in the soldier’s boxes. We are asking that you bring your cookie dough ready to bake. The meal will be provided. This is open to all women young and old. Tasha and Becky

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ALL-CHURCH SPRING CLEANUP DAY

The Buildings and Grounds have set the date of Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 a.m. for the All-Church Spring Cleanup Day. For anyone wishing to clean prior to April 9, a list will be hanging in the Fellowship Hall. As you complete a task, please cross it off the list. More details will be coming soon.

WITH OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

Those who have gone before us are blessed for eternity, and we’re graced with their presence each day that we live through the gift of sweet memories.

Please be in prayer in the coming weeks for the families of LaJune Bodenhamer, age 77, of Garnett, KS, who passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Anderson County Hospital in Garnett and Marjorie Ahring, age 90, of Garnett, KS who passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Golden Heights Living Center, Garnett.

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR NURSING HOMES

Thank you for sharing God’s word and Christian friendship on Sunday at the Worship Services for the Nursing Homes. Those who attended were Carmen Powls, Marilyn Artherton, Derek & Amy Aldrich and Micci, Betty Jasper, George & Jeanine Zentner, Orville & LaVerne Cole, Burke Rogers, Betty Penn, Ruth Gorrell, Billie Burcham, Doris Null, Marge Thomas, Marie Donaldson and Jean Brown for attending the worship services for nursing homes. A special thank you to Micci Aldrich for the special she sang at Guest Homes Estates.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING

FCC sincerely thanks you for sharing the beautiful flower arrangement Sunday in memory of Earl Meyers.

GUESTS AT FCC

Guests / Visitors on Sunday, March 6 (I apologize for the oversight) Denver Johnson with Tom Woosley family of Garnett & Jacoby Greenwood from Osawatomie, KS with Marcus Watson of Greeley Ks

We had Guests / Visitors on Sunday: Jessica Miller & Jalyssa Brummer with Jim & Jayne Miller; Holly Meliza, Paola, KS with Bob & Franque Meliza; Kevyn Jacobus, Sabrina Choma with Becky Allen; Jerry Gettler, Jr; Marlene Woolsey with Milt and Shirley Greiner; Tom & Sheila Woosley, & Alfred & Roberta Gigstadt of Nebraska City, NE with Bob & Marti Gigstadt of Garnett...WELCOME!
PLEASE PRAY FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL:

**Serving in Afghanistan:**
Jeremy Wilson, 3rd deployment, a Kellerman kin
_CPL Matthew Brownback_, grandson of Robert & Nancy Brownback & Nephew of Franklin & Deloris Baldwin
_PVT Jason Meeker_, Great Nephew of Curtis & Mary Ann Umbarger
_Pat Garber_, Son of Les & Shannon Garber
Kyle R Griffeth, son of Beth Griffeth

**Serving in Northeast Africa:**
_SGT Chris Benjamin_, Son of Dan & Linda Benjamin & Grandson of Claron & Sherry Benjamin

**Serving in Japan:**
_Jake Gadelman_, Son of Dean Gadelman & Son of Jeanette (Buckley) Gadelman

**Serving in South Korea:**
_E4 Cliff Lambert_, Husband of Tara (Lewis) Lambert & Son-in-Law of Kevin & Sandy Lewis

**Serving in Iraq:**
_Lt Craig Richardson_, Grandson of Reed & Carol Richardson
_E4 Levon Comer_, Grandson of Lillian Cash & Great Nephew of Wilma McIntosh
_Mathew Dreas_, Marcene Jasper's granddaughter's husband

**Serving in Military:**
_CW4 Kevin Harsch_ – kin to Wawrzewski

REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES IN NURSING HOMES

**Golden Heights:** Roger Sapp, Max Ratliff, Pat Draves, Olive Kline, Marie McBride, Tena Johnson & Jeanne Higginbottom
**Richmond:** Robert Hunsperger
**Moran Manor:** Goldie Hardesty
**Guest Homes Estates:** Shelda Sapp, Lorraine Hulett
**Long Term Care:** Charlie Hiestand

IN HOSPITAL: Mary Martin is at Anderson County Hospital for rehab following surgery. Clarence Hermann is in Providence Hospital until April 10.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Health:** Sylva Apperson, Marie Barndt (sister of Bob Meliza), Jon Covault, Jim Cox, Michelle Cox (daughter of Claron and Sherry Benjamin), Dale Douglas, Jan Fagg, Lois Gebert, Ralph & Dela Hamilton, (parents of Leroy Hamilton), Cheryl Harford (a cousin of Gayla Corley), Clarence Hermann, Lisa Hess, Robert Hunsperger, Ora Marler, Mary Martin, Wilma McIntosh, Karen Miller, Martha (Bun) Miller, Patty Miller, June Mowat, Ivo Pickert (uncle of Mary Graham), Nelda Potter, Charlene Rogers, Daniel Shephard, Shirley Smith, Madi Smith (a friend’s daughter of Amy & Derek Aldrich), Shirley Smith (sister-in-law of Sylva Apperson), Lloyd Sumner, Pete & Betty Sumner, Grady Joseph Thomas (grandson of James and Becky Dodd), John Thomas, Lola Thornton’s youngest sister, Alexandria Umphenour (niece of Deanna Fuhrman), Seatta Van Donge (mother of Cheryl Varvel), Barb Velvick, Marilyn Walsh (sister of Doug Linder), Raymond White (father of Cathy Hoke) & Averi Wilson (daughter of Dr. Lynn & Jenny Wilson).

**Strength & Healing:** Prayers and support for the Elders and Deacons & our church, the family of Marge Ahring & the family of LaJune Bodenhamer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

_Opportunity Class_ opened with prayer led by Jean Brown. Prayers for Lloyd Sumner, the family of Marge Ahring and Pete & Betty Sumner were requested. Ruth Gorrell presented the lesson on “Leadership Qualities.” Scripture referenced was 1 Timothy 3. The class closed with prayer.

_SOS Class_ opened with prayer led by Burke Rogers. The class welcomed Holly Meliza as a guest on Sunday with her dad Bob Meliza. Prayers for Shirley Smith, the family of Marge Ahring, Karen Miller, Cheryl Harford (a cousin of Gayla Corley), Ora Marler, Seatta Van Donge, Jan Fagg, John Thomas, Jon Covault, Dale Douglass, Charlene Rogers, the family of Lajune Bodenhamer, Nelda Potter and Lois Gebert were requested. Burke Rogers presented Sunday’s Lesson, “Suffering For God.” Scripture referenced was 1 Peter 3:13-4:6. The class closed with “The Lord’s Prayer.”
This Week at FCC

Thursday, March 17
7:00 pm  Chimes Practice

Sunday, March 20
Pastor Gary Benjamin
8:00 am  Early Worship Service
9:15 am  Sunday School
10:30 am  Late Worship Service
10:30 am  Children's Church at Annex
Following the 10:30 am Worship Services
  Education Committee Meeting
  2:00 pm  Elders Meeting in the Library
  6:00 pm  Legacy in the Social Hall

Monday, March 21
7:00 pm  Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, March 22
10:00 am  Christian Crafters at the Annex

Wednesday, March 23
7:00 pm  Choir practice

March 13, 2011
Attendance
Worship Service
8:00 a.m.  43
10:30 a.m.  98
Children’s Church  17
  Total     148

General Fund Offering:
$1968.01

Sunday School: Total
Opportunity Class – 13 present
  10 daily readers and 5 with Bibles
SOS – 22 present
  8 daily readers and 18 with Bibles
Great Expectations – 9 present
New Creations – 0 present
Nursery – 6  Beginners – 6
Primary – 4  Juniors – 3
Jr & Sr High – 5

Sunday Schedule
Early Worship: 8:00 am
Sunday School: 9:15 am
Late Worship: 10:30 am
Children’s Church: 10:30 am
  at the Annex
Legacy Jr. High and Sr High
  Youth Church
  In the Social Hall
  6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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