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BILL'S BITS -

THEY'RE HERE!

After many months of searching, praying, interviewing, and more praying, Kelli and Justin Frazier have arrived and already started programs for Christian Education and Youth.

What can we all do? We can jump in and help them out and stick with it.

How does a postage stamp get its value-not its price (which is always escalating), but its function, it's usefulness? A stamp is nothing more than a small scrap of paper with a little glue attached to it. The money we pay is not for the stamp itself but for the service we get. Without a stamp on the envelope, a letter does not go far. There's quite a lesson involved here. A stamp's usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it reaches its goal.

A similar philosophy can be helpful, very helpful in all we do especially in the Lord's work.

There are some very specific things we can do to carry our church on into the future and growth. 1) Pray. Everyone can pray. Even when we are at home and can't go across the street, we can pray for people. The Fraziers have called us to prayer on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm for the next six weeks. It is a step toward expanding our programs. 2) We can take advantage of the programs that are offered by the church. Now we have a Sunday School class for all ages. Sunday School offers an opportunity to cover the Word of God and Christian issues in depth. Sunday School and other face to face groups are great opportunities to form friendships and it helps to bring folks into the church. 3) Be ready to respond with a helping hand when you are called on for help. No organization is one person. A factory, for example, needs people to design products, make the products and sell the products on the market. Unless it is a tiny, tiny factory with a limited output, no one person can do all of that stuff. 4) Tell others about our church and programs. Bring others. It helps people who go to a new place for the first time, to go with someone who is a part of the church. We know how uncomfortable we can be if we have to go somewhere strange. 5) Look all round you and greet newcomers. Please don't assume someone else has greeted them. The more people who greet visitors the more likely the visitor will feel welcome. - adapted

See you Sunday! - Wild Bill

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Sunday Services

8:15 am Early Worship

9:00 am Sunday School

10:20 am Morning Worship

Sunday Activities

6:00-8:00 pm Grades 7-12 Youth Group

Wednesday

5:30-7:00 pm Family Fellowship Supper

5:30-7:30 pm Youth Meetings

6:00-6:30 pm K-6th Program

6:30-7:15 pm Adult Bible Study

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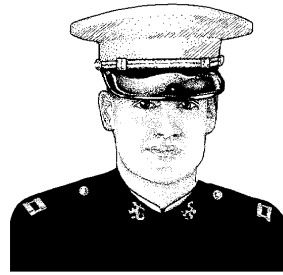
William Johnson.....Minister
Kelli Frazier.....Christian Ed Coordinator
Justin Frazier.....Youth Coordinator
Kathy Rose.....Secretary
Jerry Ford.....Music Director
Mary Hunter.....Bell Choir Director
Connie Weiser.....Organist
DeWayne and Brenda Wagner.....Custodians
Tammy Jording.....Nursery Attendant

Opportunities for Service and Growth

Adult and Children's Choirs	Promise Keepers
Vacation Bible School	Disciples' Men
Men's Groups	Women's Groups
Sunday school for all ages	Kansas Disciple Women
Regional Assembly	Junior and Senior High Youth Group
Bible Studies	Youth Ski Trip
Mission Projects and Trips	Social Events
Special Services	Educational seminars/workshops

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Please be
Praying for...



**PRAY FOR OUR
U.S. MILITARY**

Mike & Susi Bargainear, relatives of LaDonna Moore - Ft. Campbell, KY

Lt. Col. Ken Bellinger, Army Chaplain, Cliff Bellinger's son - Iraq

Josh Gieger, Army, Roger Marshall's fraternity brother's son - Iraq

Cameron Glendenning, Army Green Beret, friend of Jim & Susan Debes - Iraq

Chris Scheuerman, Cliff & Lynne Scheuerman's son, Bud & Vi Black's grandson-Al Fujairah, United Arab Emirates

Delbert Wells, nephew of Hap Donecker - Iraq



Great Bend Health & Rehab

Viola Schwein

River Bend Assisted Living

Marge Keller

John Roy Evans

Kansas Christian Home

Louise McCullum

Cherry Village Nursing Home

Mildred Lang

Martha McKown

Sterling House of Great Bend

John Richardson

Lela Wilson

Woodhaven Care Center - Ellinwood

Mildred Boepple

Esther Burhenn

Please notify the church office if you would like to have yourself or your loved one included in our prayers.
fcc@cck.kscoxmail.com or 793-660



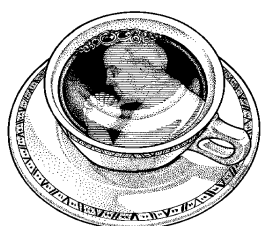
We want to welcome our newest member, James Jay Ortega who joined our church in January. Welcome to our family, James!

January Attendance and Gifts

	4	11	18	25	AVG
Sunday School	49	50	52	54	51
Early Service	40	46	46	39	43
Late Service	137	151	137	149	144
Children's Church	5	5	6	9	6
TOTAL	182	202	189	197	193
General Offering	6,061.75	3,310.40	4,157.20	2,209.90	3,934.81
Bldg. Offerings	6,107.50	8,257.50	582.50	4,690.00	4,909.38
Special Offerings	1,935.33	73.00	551.20	100.20	664.93
TOTAL	14,104.58	11,640.90	5,290.90	7,000.10	9,509.12

* Special Offerings include Family Life Ministry, Becker Coupons, Funeral Coffee, Memorial for Bob Twitchell, wedding deposits, and Wednesday Night Dinners

Cabinet Meeting – February 4 - 8 pm
Elders/Deacons Meeting – February 11 – 8 pm
Board Meeting – February 18 – 8 pm



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

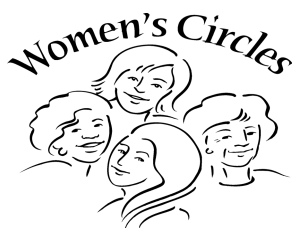
FCC Men's Breakfast Club!

1st Saturday of each month
 at the Highland Hotel
 8:00 am



Dani McCaulley, who is attending KU Medical School, is going on a medical mission trip to Belize over her spring break. They are looking for certain items as well as monetary donations. Some of the items needed for Adults, Children, and Infants are: Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, Aspirin, Naproxen; Vitamins; Antacids; Topical Creams like Hydrocortisone, Anti-Lice, Vaginal, Athletes Foot; Allergy Medicine; Old bed sheets/ blankets; Sandwich size Ziploc bags; Toothbrushes; Toothpaste; Floss; Children's toys (small/light) like stuffed animals, rubber balls, pencils, etc. Please give any donations to Rachel or Russ McCaulley.

Thank you!



Martha Group

Hostess: Anneliese Ward
 Program: Earlene Arnold
 February 18, 2009, 1:30 pm

Lunch Bunch

February 18, 2009 - 11:30 am
 The Highland

Joy Group

Hostesses: Donna Marston/Lois Johnson
 Program: Alice Arnett
 February 24, 2009, 12:00 pm (Noon)

New Day Group

Hostess: Janis Fairchild
 Program: Julie Ford
 February 23, 2009, 7:00 pm
 Friendship Classroom

THE NOODLES ARE COMING! THE NOODLES ARE COMING!

The ladies will be making noodles again on March 16th and March 30th. Please call your orders in by March 9th to the church office (793-6603). Thank you!

NEWADDITION IN THE SANCTUARY

Thanks to the family of Helen Standley, there is a new Assisted Listening System available in the sanctuary. Those that have used the system are very pleased with it. Check with the person in the sound booth for instructions on how to use them.

THANK YOU!
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To My Loving Church Family:

Thank you so much for the gift certificates that I received for Christmas. I appreciate them very much. However, even more than that I appreciate the chance to serve you and be a part of your congregation. I am constantly grateful for the loving welcome to be part of your family. "I thank my God for every remembrance of you-Philippians 1:3". Have a wonderful New Year!

Mary Hunter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you all so very much for the Christmas gift. Lois and I greatly appreciate it. We are grateful for your prayers, words of kindness, encouragement, and service to Christ throughout the year. We are looking forward to another year here at First Christian Church. Happy New Year to one and all. May God bless you.

Yours in Christ, Bill

Dear Friends,

I was pleasantly surprised to have a group of choir members and friends come on such a cold night and cheer me with their caroling. It reminded me of the times (long ago) when I went with the choir to sing for the shut-ins.

There may be members in our present congregation who as children went with Jean Nossaman and me when we'd take the Junior Choir Christmas caroling on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Nice memories.

Thanks for thinking of me with joyful songs and the generous gift card. Everything (including the memories) was much appreciated.

Love, Edith Treece

Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the thoughts and prayers while I was sick. Also, thanks for thinking of me at Christmas.

Jerry Ford

Dear Church Members,

I want to thank you for the visits, prayers and shawl. Also, without Rev. Bill's prayers and words of encouragement I would never have made it out of ICU. The past 2 months have been touch and go but with God's hands I am finally on the road to recovery. Thank you so much for everything.

Sincerely, Wayne Hanna

Thank you carolers. What a wonderful surprise when I opened my door to the beautiful music. My church family seems to know when I need a spiritual lift. Also, thank you for the gift card.

Mattie Begg

Dear First Christian Church Family,

My family and I want to thank you for the many cards of condolence. It has been a comfort to the entire family. My father will be deeply missed and your support and generosity during this difficult time is greatly appreciated.

Terry & Katie Hoff & Family

Thank you First Christian Church and Board Members! I really appreciated the gift certificates at Christmas. Working here for all of you is such a blessing to me. The certificates were just an added bonus!

Sincerely, Kathy Rose

To Julie Ford and the Youth:

Was so nice to have you all sing for me and thanks for the Gift card. What a nice surprise!

Marguerite Davidson

To the FCC Carolers:

I was surprised and greatly appreciated you caroling for me. I hope next year I am able to join you!

Sincerely, Louise Gunn



*... let us
run with
perseverance
the race
marked out
for us.*

Hebrews 12:1

Thanks to all who made pledges in the "Finish the Race" campaign for the purpose of paying off our mortgage.

41 pledge cards were received with a total pledge of \$122,000.

This pledge drive came up quite a bit short of our goal, but that does NOT mean it's over.

This will essentially cover our monthly mortgage payment, and leave us with a \$300,000 mortgage left on December 31, 2009.

The board will have to decide this fall on how to approach this situation.

Traditionally, more monies come in than are pledged.

Regardless, we will place this all in God's Good Hands.

On behalf of the board and trustees,
Glen, Merlin, Larry, and Roger



Fellowship Meals

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER SCHEDULE

January 28th - Group IV - Roger/Leesa Butler, Lane/LaDonna Moore, Bob/Patsy Hiss, Dee Holman

February 4th - POT LUCK

February 11th - Group V - Julie Ford, Bill/Janis Fairchild, Vivian Chalfant, Betty Ferrell

February 18th - Group VI - Sue Wells, Mattie Begg, Marilyn Deason, Dolores Westfall, Carrol Jaco, Vi Black, Nelva Grimes

February 25th - Group I - Russ/Rachel McCaulley, Randy/Annette Goering, Clark/Donna Rusco, Brad/Karen Searle, John/Vicki Sheets