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BILL'S BITS -

TALKING TO YOURSELF

We all may have wondered about people who talked to themselves. Is it okay to talk to yourself if you don't talk back? Now there is a way to talk to yourself. The prodigal son (Luke 15) would never have gotten out of the hog pen had he not "come to himself" and said, "How many hired servants of my father's house have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger. I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned. . . am no more worthy to be called thy son . . . make me a hired servant . . ." To begin with, healthy self-criticism is the best safeguard against neurosis. Our deepest psychological difficulties come when we make excuses for our failures rather than manfully shoulder responsibility for them. In a marvelous passage in "King Lear," Shakespeare has this to say, "This is the excellent foppery of the world, that we make guilty of our disasters the sun, moon and stars as if we were *villains by necessity, fools by heavenly compulsion, drunkards and adulterers by an enforced obedience of planetary influence.*" Laying the blame for our moral failures on outside circumstances is a most dangerous habit. It is about time we get ourselves in a corner and face the truth, say to ourselves: You are vain, hotheaded, self-centered, stingy, etc., etc. It won't be an enjoyable half hour, but it will be both rewarding and redemptive. By learning to talk to ourselves we can find a deadly weapon against self-pity! Young people complain about the raw deal they are getting from the others; business men complain about the encroachments of the government; luxury-loving ladies complain because they can't spend as much money as their neighbors; elderly people complain because they aren't as spry at seventy as they were at seventeen. Everything about them seems to say, "Come and cry on me." Have a good talk with yourself and you will be ashamed to complain when you are more fortunate than millions of others. Talking to yourself gives you self-confidence. Why is it that, among young men of equal opportunity and ability, some succeed while others fail? Is not the determining factor found in self-confidence or lack of it? Lay a plank a foot wide on the ground, and anyone who is sober can walk on it. Put it across the roof of two twenty-foot buildings and note how few people can walk it. They have lost confidence in their ability. When a man, confronted with a difficult situation, says to himself, "I can do it," he has gone a long way to making his dream a reality. The prodigal son would have died in the hog pen had he not said to himself, "I will arise and go to my father." Time off talking to yourself is time well spent. Try it! - adapted

See you Sunday! Bill

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Sunday Services

8:15 am Early Worship

9:00 am Sunday School

10:20 am Morning Worship

Sunday Activities

3:00 pm CYF (Senior High)

Wednesday

5:30-7:00 pm Family Fellowship Dinner

6:00 pm Pre-K - 2nd Grades

JYF (3rd- 5th Grades)

Chi-Rho (6th - 8th Grades)

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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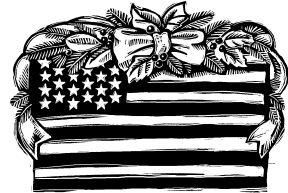
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.....Durward Smith and family upon the loss of his wife, Mickey

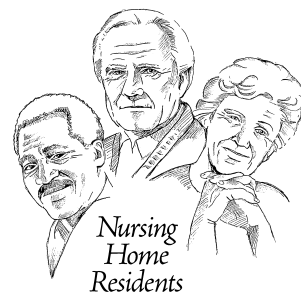


**Remember Those
in the Military**

- Susi Bargainear**, LaDonna Moore's niece - Fort Campbell, KY
- Bryce Batchman**, Air Force, Debbie & Richard Batchman's son - Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO
- Chris Batchman**, Army Reserve Recruiter, Debbie & Richard Batchman's son - Olathe, KS
- Lt. Col. Ken Bellinger**, Army Chaplain, Cliff Bellinger's son - Northern Italy
- Steven DeWhitt**, Doris Berkley's grandson-in-law - Iraq
- Jesse Freeman**, Jessica Marston's friend - Camp Pendleton, CA
- Joey Gardner**, Hap Donecker's great-nephew - Afghanistan
- Josh Gieger**, Army, Roger Marshall's fraternity brother's son - Iraq
- Steven McGee**, Mystie (Svatos) McGee's son - Afghanistan
- Marc Woodorth**, Donna Marston's cousin - Afthanistan

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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 793-6603.



Cherry Village Nursing Home

- Cliff Bellinger
- Martha McKown

Great Bend Health & Rehab

- Viola Schwein

Kansas Christian Home

- Louise McCullum

River Bend Assisted Living

- Ione Strohm

Sterling House of Great Bend

- Darlene Biggs
- Lela Wilson

Woodhaven Care Center - Ellinwood

- Esther Burhenn

February Attendance and Gifts

	7	14	21	28	AVG
Sunday School	71	60	37	N/A	N/A
Early Service	48	33	27	N/A	N/A
Late Service	134	155	88	N/A	N/A
Children's Church	16	11	2	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	198	199	117	N/A	N/A
General Offering	12,110.70	4,520.95	1,789.32	N/A	N/A
Bldg. Offerings	3,145.29	3,147.50	165.00	N/A	N/A
Special Offerings	260.40	157.00	1,273.00	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	15,516.39	7,825.45	3,227.32	N/A	N/A

* Special Offerings include Wed Night Dinners, DMF Offerings for Haiti, Youth Mission Trip, wedding deposit, and Memorials for Leon Deines

Board Meeting – To Be Announced

CALLING ALL MEN! Disciples Men Fellowship Saturday, March 6th 8:00 am

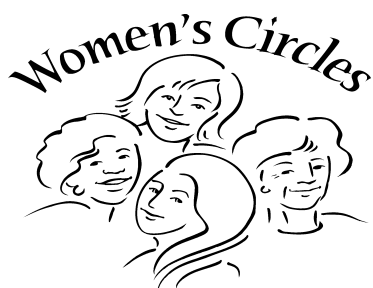
We will meet this month at FCC at 8:00 am. You are invited to attend for breakfast, a short devotional, and plenty of fellowship time. A sign-up sheet will be out in the Narthex. Come and join us for a morning of good 'ol fashioned "Man Time"!

Hostess: Louise Gunn

Program: Connie Brockhausen

March 22, 2010, 7:00 pm

Parlor



Martha Group

Hostess: Morna Jordan

Program: Anneliese WArD

March 17, 2010, 1:30 pm

Lunch Bunch

March 17, 2010, 11:30 am

The Highland

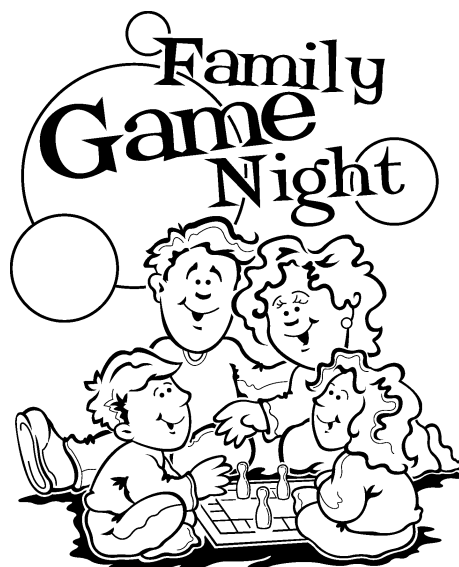
Joy Group

Hostesses: Nelva Grimes/Colleen Riegel

Program: Joe Boley

March 23, 2010, 12:00 pm

New Day Group



COME ONE! COME ALL!

AN EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES

1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

March 7th

6:00 PM

CHURCH PARLOR

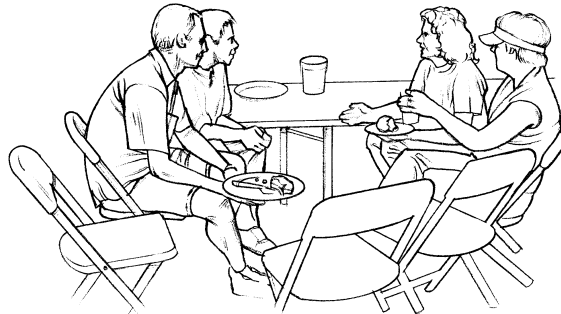
Bring your games!

A good time will be had by all!



Please give a warm welcome to Tom Keyse who transferred his membership to First Christian Church. We're glad to have you!

We also welcome Cody Kinsinger into our church family. We're glad to have you join us!



Fellowship Meals

2009-2010 WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER SCHEDULE

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

GROUP I

Ruth Behrens (Contact Person)
Louise Gunn
Rebecca Burton
Rachelle Sheets
Jennifer Keener
Randy & Annette Goering

GROUP II

Donna Marston (Contact Person)
Lois Johnson
Nadine Maier
Jennifer Cauley
Ted & Susan Brown
Morna Jordan
Glen & Dixie Hughes

GROUP III

Roger & Leesa Butler (Contact Person)
Dee Holman
Lane & LaDonna Moore
Bob & Patsy Hiss
Clark & Donna Rusco

GROUP IV

Julie Ford (Contact Person)
Bill & Janis Fairchild
Vivian Chalfant
Betty Ferrell
Melissa Hittle
Debbie Batchman
Nancy Baldwin

GROUP V

Vi Black (Contact Person)
Sue Wells
Mattie Begg
Marilyn Deason
Dolores Westfall
Nelva Grimes

March 3rd - POT LUCK
March 10th - Group II
March 17th - NO DINNER
March 24th - Group III
March 31st - Group IV

April 7th - POT LUCK
April 14th - Group V
April 21st - Group I
April 28th - Group II

May 5th - POT LUCK

May 12th - Group III

May 19th - Group IV



Dear Church Friends,

Thanks for all of the hugs, phone calls, visits and prayers after the death of my sister, Margaret Crowl. Your comforting words and prayers were much appreciated.

Bless You All! Doris Berkley

Cub Scout Pack 157 wishes to thank First Christian Church for allowing them to have their lock-in here. Everyone had a great time!

Thanks to Rev. Bill for his visits during my stay at the hospital and for all the cards and calls.

Love and Prayers, Floreine Blankenship

To My Church Family at FCC - Great Bend,

To say thank you does not seem adequate for the gratitude I feel for your prayers, words of comfort, the potted plant, and the wonderful meals brought to us on the death of my father. Your care given to me and my family during this time has meant a lot.

May God continue to bless you all! Ken Marston

Ms. Fairchild,

Just wanted to thank you for the prayer shawl. I use it every night! I really appreciate it!

Thanks so much, Julie Mermis

Shawl Ministry,

Thank you for the beautiful shawl and all the thoughts and prayers.

Love, Dawn Adam & Austin Swinford

Thanks so much for the Prayer Shawl. Not only is it beautiful but I feel the anointing of prayers - what a comfort! Bless you and the ladies in this ministry.

Jeri Huss

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl. It has brought me so much comfort and will continue to do so in the weeks and months to come.

Bless You! Mattie Begg

Dear Ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you very much for the beautiful shawl we received while expecting our little Lydia. It was so nice to have a piece of tangible evidence of God's goodness and a reminder that several of you were praying for our family when we were worried. Forgive us for not saying thank you sooner.

Thanks again, James & Stacy McReynolds

Daylight Savings Time

begins Sunday, March 14th.

Be sure to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 13th.



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
COME HEAR
LISA ARMSTONG
MISSIONARY TO HONDURAS
AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BOTH SERVICES: 8:15 AM & 10:20 AM**