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BILL'S BITS -

PAID UP

As I understand it, this incident happened in Chicago. The blizzard made travel difficult, and the pretty young woman was standing at the curb. She extended a dainty foot toward the slush in the street, then hastily withdrew it.

The big Irish policeman noticed her problem. He promptly blew his whistle, stopped the traffic, walked over, scooped the young woman up in his arms, and deposited her carefully on the other side of the street.

The young lady, indignant and obviously unappreciative, slapped the policeman sharply across the cheek. Without a word, the big policeman once more swept her off her feet and carried her, kicking and complaining, back to her original position. Then he released the traffic.

Try to be appreciative of the good deeds people send your way, especially the ones you didn't ask for. If you are looking for a helpful "word of the day," everyday, here is a good one - thanks!

Our word today is **THANKS**. I once picked up a book entitled "A Million Thanks". The pages of the book were filled with nothing but the word thanks. I didn't count the words to see if it added up to a million thanks; it wouldn't have surprised me if it had.

We give a continual praise of thanks to God on this occasion of our Thanksgiving issue of our church paper. If you haven't heard, the debt is paid! We now own the building completely. The debt is paid. Praise and thanks to God and a million thanks to all who have made this celebration possible. There were advance gifts, memorials, noodle projects, suppers and lunches of all kinds, a mile of pennies by our kids, a regular giving by members, and countless projects carried on to pay the debt.

When I was growing up our home church built a new building. I never dreamed in all my life that I would ever pastor a church that would go through a building program.

Thanks to each and every person who shared in this venture in any way. Amen. - 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

Wednesday Activities

- 5:30 pm Family Fellowship Dinner
- 6:00 pm Pre K-2nd, JYF (Grades 3rd-5th)
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 7:30 pm CYF & Chi-Rho (Grades 6-12)

Opportunities for Service and Growth

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| 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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| 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 |
| Arlon Johnson..... | Custodian |
| Tammy Garrison..... | Nursery Attendant |

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8:00—12:00 1:00—3:00

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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.



....Patricia Hassman and family upon the loss of her mother, Jean Hassman
....the family of Phil Flood, Helen Standley's son-in-law
....Marvin and Kathy Rose and family upon the loss of Marvin's father, Irvin Rose



Remember Those
in the Military

Shane Agosto, Army, Melissa Hittle's former student - Afghanistan
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
Jesse Freeman, Jessica Marston's friend - Camp Pendleton, CA
Steven McGee, son of Mystie (Svatos) McGee - Afghanistan
Josh Prewitt, Marines, Roger & Laina Marshall's nephew - Afghanistan
Steve Rice, Lt. Colonel, Air Force, Melissa Hittle's former classmate - Afghanistan
Jen Simmons, Noffsinger's friend's daughter - Iraq



Cherry Village Nursing Home

Cliff Bellinger

Martha McKown

Great Bend Health & Rehab

Viola Schwein

River Bend Assisted Living

Ione Strohm

Sterling House of Great Bend

Darlene Biggs

Lela Wilson

Woodhaven Care Center - Ellinwood

Esther Burhenn

October Attendance and Gifts

	03	10	17	24	31
Sunday School	46	54	59	67	N/A
Early Service	40	53	40	50	N/A
Late Service	117	131	131	140	N/A
Children's Church	7	0	8	15	N/A
TOTAL	164	184	179	205	N/A
General Offering	5,446.35	3,500.00	5,747.09	2,804.75	N/A
Bldg. Offerings	6,355.00	537.50	1,218.00	39,250.00	N/A
Special Offerings	1,306.99	2,791.15	102.00	4,349.95	N/A
TOTAL	13,108.34	6,828.65	7,067.09	46,404.70	N/A

* Special Offerings include Memorials for Betty Sloan, & Hap Donecker, FCC Food Bank, DMF Reconciliation, Asst. to Needy, Ski Trip Deposits, Wed. Night Family Dinners, Pumpkin Patch, Children's Cookbooks, Wedding Fees, & Operation Christmas Child

Board Meeting Dates: November 17 & December 15



**Disciples Men Fellowship
November 6th at 8:00 am**



COME ONE! COME ALL!
AN EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES
NOVEMBER 7th
6:00 PM
CHURCH PARLOR
Bring your games!
A good time will be had by all!



Martha Group
Hostess: Earlene Arnold
Program: Ione Strohm
November 17, 2010, 1:30 pm

Lunch Bunch
November 17, 2010, 11:30 am
The Highland

Joy Group
Hostesses: Nelva Grimes/Dorothy Alefs
Program: Bob Behrens
November 16, 2010, 12:00 pm

New Day Group
Hostess: Lois Johnson
Program: Julie Ford
November 29, 2010, 7:00 pm

COUPON TALK

For those of you who missed Jennifer Cauley's coupon talk or for those of you who want to hear it again, you are in luck! Jennifer will present her coupon talk again on Thursday, November 4th, at 7:00 pm in the church parlor.



Fall Back
Daylight Saving Time Ends
Be sure to turn your clock back 1 hour before going to bed Saturday night, November 6th.

HELP US PAY FOR THE NEW ROOF!

The Fellowship Sunday School Class will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, November 7th. No need to feel like you are getting up at the crack of dawn to join us, as the time change happens the night before, and you will gain an hour, so spend the extra hour with us!! We will serve pancakes, sausage, Mexican quiche, fruit, orange juice, milk and coffee. This yummy start to the day can be yours with only a donation to the roof fund, so join us before or after (depending on your choice of service). We will serve from 9:00 am - 9:45 am. See you there!



Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 21st, 2010, immediately following the 10:20 am service. Turkey, dressing, potatoes, rolls, and drinks will be provided.

Last names beginning with **A-L**, please bring a side dish or salad.

Last names beginning with **M-Z**, please bring a dessert.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

BABY SHOWER



The ladies of the church are invited to a baby shower November 28, 2010, at 2:00 pm in the church parlor for Anistyn Faith Foster, daughter of Brandon and Abby (Williamson) Foster. Anistyn is the granddaughter of Kim Guesnier and the great granddaughter of Merlin and Nelva Grimes.

Thank You!

OUR CWF SOUP LUNCHEON was a great success thanks to all of you! If you helped in the kitchen, furnished a cake, helped set up or clean up, we say "Thank You"! It was nice that the weather turned cooler so everyone was ready for soup. CWF was needing money to meet their budget so we appreciated everyone's help. We made a profit of \$850 and gave 1/3 to the building fund.

To Our Loving Church Family,

For the many, many acts of kindness, love and support: the cards, the beautiful flowers, the hugs and the tears, the phone calls, the visits, the food and for lifting us up in prayer, we say thank you very, very much!

Pastor Bill, the funeral was excellent! Your words captured what Irvin was all about. He was proud of his family, proud of being a farmer, and proud of having served his country. He truly enjoyed all of the hymns that were sung every Sunday morning!

Thanks to all of you for helping us get through this difficult time.

In Christian Love,
Joyce Rose

Marvin & Kathy Rose & Family,
Marilyn & Gerard Holinde & Family,
Nancy & David Rice & Family

THANKS, GUYS!

Thank you to all the guys for covering my fee for the trip to the shooting club at Larned last weekend. A great time was had by all!

Thank you again!

Yours in Christ,
Bill Johnson

Dear Christian Friends,

Last Sunday morning, we sang "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" for the opening of our morning worship service. It was a blessing to hear the building debt was paid.

The showers continued with the beautiful card, gifts, and show of appreciation for Minister's Week. All of you have our eternal gratitude for the gifts and cards for Minister's Week and all other occasions.

Best wishes to all and thanks again!

Yours in Christ,
Bill & Lois Johnson



Fellowship Meals

2010-2011 WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNERS

GROUP I

Ruth Behrens (Contact Person)
Louise Gunn
Rebecca Burton
Amy Karst
Jennifer Keener
Randy & Annette Goering
Lew & Jan Embrey
Anneliese Ward

GROUP II

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

GROUP III

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

GROUP IV

Julie Ford (Contact Person)
Bill & Janis Fairchild
Betty Ferrell
Melissa Hittle
Debbie Batchman
Nancy Baldwin
Roger & Cal Marshall
Randy & Jolyn Bartz

GROUP V

Merlin & Nelva Grimes (Contact Person)
Sue Wells
Mattie Begg
Marilyn Deason
Dolores Westfall
Bud & Vi Black
Doris Berkley
Carrol Jaco

November 3rd- POT LUCK
November 10th - Group IV
November 17th - Group V
November 24th - NO DINNER

December 1st - POT LUCK
December 8th - Group I
December 15th - Group II
December 22nd- NO DINNER
December 29th - NO DINNER

January 5th- POT LUCK
January 12th - Group III
January 19th - Group IV
January 26th - Group V

February 2nd - POT LUCK
February 9th- Group I
February 16th - Group II
February 23th - Group III

March 2nd - POT LUCK
March 9th - Group IV
March 16th - Group V
March 23rd - NO DINNER
March 30th - Group I

April 6th - POT LUCK
April 13th - Group II
April 20th - Group III
April 27th - Group IV

May 4th - POTLUCK

May 11th - Group V

May 18th - Group I