



BILL'S BITS -

JESUS AND JUDAS

During the years that Leonardo daVinci was painting the Lord's Supper, he lived in Milan, Italy. Before he could paint the thirteen figures, it was necessary to find men who could serve as models. Each model had to have a face that expressed the artist's idea of the man he would represent. Doubtless, this was not an easy task. One Sunday as he was worshiping in the cathedral, he saw a young man in the choir who looked as daVinci thought Christ would have looked. He had the features of love, tenderness, concern, innocence, compassion, interest, and kindness. Arrangements were made, and the young man sat as the model for our Lord.

Many months and even years went by, and the painting still was not finished. The artist had not yet found a model for Judas. He was looking for a man whose face showed wickedness, sin, greed, lust, and hopelessness. Ten years after he had painted the picture of Christ, he found a man in a Roman prison whose face seemed to have all the qualities of Judas that he had been looking for. Consent was given, and the man, Pietro Bandinelli, sat as the model for Judas.

The painter worked tirelessly for days. But as the work went on, a certain change seemed to come over the model. His face seemed to be filled with tension, and his bloodshot eyes were filled with horror as he looked upon the painted likeness of himself on the canvas. One day, Leonardo sensed the man's uneasiness so much that he paused in his work and asked, "My son, what troubles you so?"

The man buried his face in his hands and began to sob. After a long time he raised his head and asked, "Do you not remember me? Years ago I was your model for the Savior." This unfortunate man, like the prodigal son, had turned his life over to sin and the world and had been dragged down to the level of degradation. He no longer loved the things he had loved before. And those things that he at one time had hated and despised, now he loved. Where once there was love, now there was hate; where once there was hope, now there was despair.

The Easter season is a time above all other times to examine our lives in a spirit of examination, confession, and repentance. All this is to insure that we are drawing closer to Christ. My Friends, have you allowed anything or situation to come between you and Christ and his body, the church? Easter is always a good time to return to church or increase your participation. - 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

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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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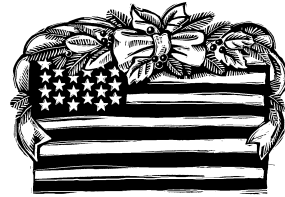
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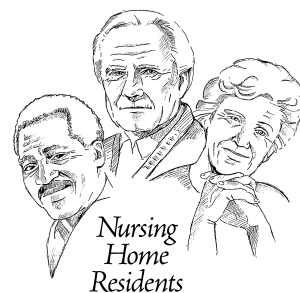


.....Lew and Jan Embrey and family upon the loss of their daughter-in-law, Janel
.....Craig and Annette Pangburn and family upon the loss of Craig's mother, Barbara Kaiser



**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
Jen Simmons, Noffsinger's friend's daughter - Iraq
Marc Woodorth, Donna Marston's cousin - Afthanistan



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

Please notify the church office if you would like to have yourself or your loved one included in our prayers.
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March Attendance and Gifts

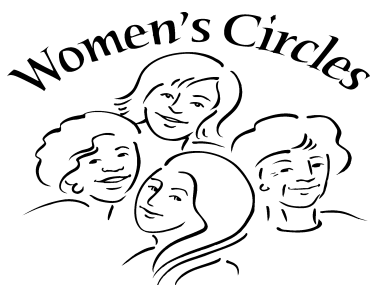
	7	14	21	28	AVG
Sunday School	60	57	50	69	59
Early Service	47	37	44	35	41
Late Service	150	141	146	164	150
Children's Church	8	9	7	26	13
TOTAL	205	187	197	225	204
General Offering	8,317.44	3,455.10	3,535.70	2,711.55	4,504.95
Bldg. Offerings	3,907.50	1,272.50	887.50	667.50	1,683.75
Special Offerings	1,575.44	277.50	193.73	259.00	576.42
TOTAL	13,800.38	5,005.10	4,616.93	3,638.05	6,765.12

* Special Offerings include Wed Night Dinners, Haiti Relief Kits, Honduras, Memorials for Mickey Smith, O.W. Huss, & Verna Varah, DMF Offering, Children's Cookbooks

Board Meeting – To Be Announced

Parlor

CALLING ALL MEN!
Disciples Men Fellowship
Is CANCELLED
For the Month of April
Be sure to join us May 1st!



Martha Group

Hostess: Earlene Arnold
 Program: Earlene Arnold
 April 21, 2010, 1:30 pm

Lunch Bunch

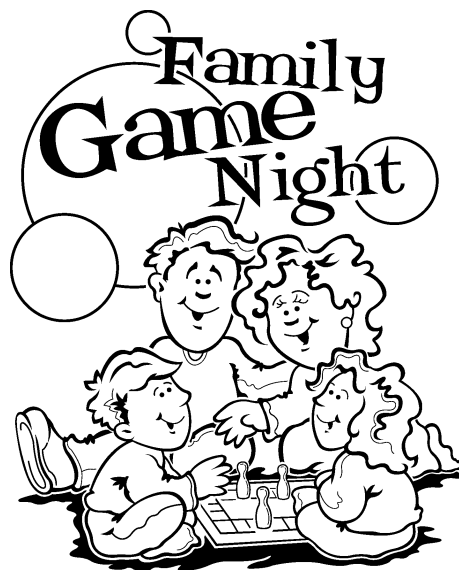
April 21, 2010, 11:30 am
 The Highland

Joy Group

Hostesses: Louise Gunn/Marguerite Davidson
 Program: Patsy Hiss
 April 27, 2010, 12:00 pm

New Day Group

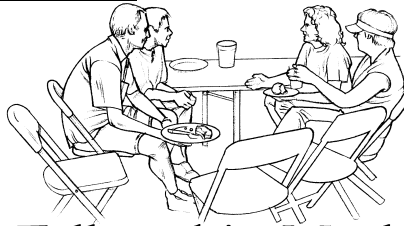
Hostess: Morna Jordan
 Program: Janis Fairchild
 April 26, 2010, 7:00 pm



COME ONE! COME ALL!
 AN EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES
April 11th
 (Because of Easter Sunday)
 6:00 PM
 CHURCH PARLOR
 Bring your games!
 A good time will be had by all!



Please give a warm welcome to Randy and Jolyn Bartz who transferred their membership to First Christian Church. We're glad to have you!



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)
Gym)
Sue Wells
Mattie Begg
Marilyn Deason
Dolores Westfall
Nelva Grimes

March 31st - Group IV

April 7th - Cancelled (Due to Garage Sale in

April 14th - Cancelled (Due to Garage Sale in Gym)

April 21st - Group I

April 28th - Group II

May 5th - POT LUCK

May 12th - Group III

May 19th - Group IV

All of the ladies of the church are invited to a Bridal Shower for Andrea Reinhart, fiancée of Mac Holman. It will be held in the church parlor on April 11th from 2-4 pm. Andrea and Mac are registered at E & E Glass and Gifts.





April 18th, after church, the New Day Group will have a bake sale in the Narthex to help raise money for some small campground improvements at Disciples Center to make the space more user-friendly for the adults that spend retreats at the Center. The first retreat was held last fall at the Disciples Center.

Suggestions for improvements were pathway lights around the campground, additional bed rails for the upper bunks and others. The bake sale is a Kansas Disciples Women's event.



The Durward L. Smith family wishes to return thanks to the First Christian Church and to Pastor Bill for the expressions and practice of Christian care and service throughout Mickey's illness and subsequent death. She appreciated the cards and visits she received. She especially took to the "prayer shawl", which provided her some warmth and comfort in her last month with us. She looked forward to the day she would be welcomed into her new home with Jesus. She helped plan her funeral service in anticipation of that celebration! The family is grateful for the way that the Holy Spirit used Pastor Bill, the soloist, readers and multiple others to share her testimony and Christ's love and grace with those present. Last but not least, the hospitality and food were exceptional and provided a great time of gathering.

 Thank you to all of you who sent cards and came to my birthday party. It is wonderful to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation. You made my day very special!

God Bless You All! Mayette

Keith



**THANKS
 FOR YOUR HELP!**

Your coupons really do help! The last part of 2009, \$890.29 worth of food was bought for our church food bank, but we only paid \$208.30 because of your coupons. So far this year, \$684.28 worth of food has been bought, but we've only paid \$254.22. Thank you for saving your coupons and giving them to the church!



**Prayer Shawl Ministry
Passes Milestone!**

The Prayer Shawl ministry started at First Christian Church, Great Bend, in November 2007. We have faithfully met the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the church parlor. Now more of our group knits or crochets at home, but a core group continues to enjoy our fellowship twice monthly in the parlor. Our yard is primarily supplied by donations to and through the New Day Group which saw the need and opportunity to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry at FCC. As of March 14, 2010, we have made 106 prayer shawls which are available to any members of FCC to give to family or friends who are having surgery, going through treatments or illness, have experienced the loss of a loved one, or are celebrating a milestone in their lives. Finished shawls are kept in the church library along with a list of the finished shawls. We ask that when you take a shawl for your loved one, that you match that shawl with a description (color, maker) on the list and place the date and name of the recipient on the list. We have started numbering the shawls as well, so look for the number on the back of the tag when matching things up. Thanks to everyone for making ministry so successful.

These were sent to the Prayer Shawl
Ministry:

Vicki,

Thank you so much for thinking of me. What a wonderful gift to receive!

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl. I wrap it around me daily and feel God's love.

Kathy McAtee



The Disciples Center at Tawakoni Camp is in need of cleaning for another camping season. Pack up your cleaning supplies and friends and meet at 3:00 pm on Friday, April 30th, for brief prayer and assignments, spend the night in Leadership Lodge and then finish the work by 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 1st. Contact Barb Runge by April 26th with a number of people from your church so they will be sure to have plenty of food!

THURSDAY
MAUNDY SERVICE
APRIL 1ST, 2010
7:00 pm
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A graphic for Maundy Thursday service. It features the words "THURSDAY" at the top, "MAUNDY SERVICE" on the sides, and "APRIL 1ST, 2010" and "7:00 pm" at the bottom. In the center, there are four square icons: a chalice, a face, a crown of thorns, and a white cloth.

“At the cross we understand what God means when he talks of loving us, begin to take it in that there is nothing that he will not do, no sacrifice he will not make, no suffering that he will shirk, if only he can help us. ‘He loved me,’ said Paul, standing upon Calvary and gazing in a stunned way at the cross, ‘I who was a persecutor, and a blasphemer, and injurious, and yet he loved me and he gave himself for me.’ And with that [Paul’s] heart broke, and the old life was gone.”

—Scottish preacher Arthur John Gossip, in a 1926 sermon titled “What Happens at Calvary”

Hey, Death! You lose!

The Master said it affirmatively: “Because I live, you also will live” (John 14:19, NRSV). William Sloane Coffin said, “We are on the road to heaven now if we walk with the Lord.”

Do you believe it? If you fully accept Christ’s resurrection, you can be assured that you, as a child of God and a follower of Christ, will live eternally.

If you were a gifted sculptor, would you, after working a number of years, grab a hammer and smash your masterpiece to pieces? Of course not! Just so, God wouldn’t allow death to triumph over us ... unless we arrogantly chose otherwise.

St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: “[I]f Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:14, NRSV). But then he affirmed: “In fact Christ has been raised from the dead” (verse 20). That will be true for all who call Christ Savior.

The real meaning of the cross

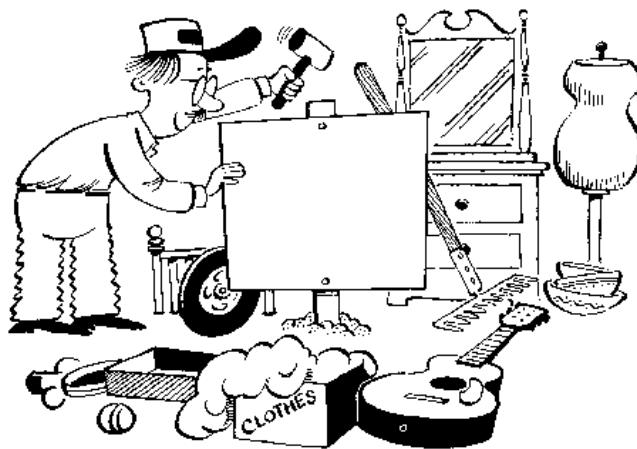


SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

JOIN THE YOUTH FOR A
SONRISE SERVICE

AT 7:30 AM

BREAKFAST WILL FOLLOW
THEN JOIN US FOR THE
10:20 AM EASTER SERVICE



It's Almost Here!

FCC GARAGE SALE

April 17th, 2010

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Start Bringing Your "Treasures" Monday, April 5th

East Door Unlocked 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

For Delivery of Items
