



BILL'S BITS -

MAKE THE YEAR COUNT!

By now, many of us have made New Year's resolutions. Our intentions are good, but time has a way of slipping by. Before we realize it, the year is gone, along with our resolutions and good intentions.

During the next twelve months, you have 8,760 hours at your disposal. If you work an average of forty hours a week and sleep about eight hours a day, that will take up around 5,000 hours, leaving you with 3,760 hours. That's a lot of time. What will you do with yours? Right now it is not too late to decide.

To make the year count is to remember God.

At midnight, we will begin a new year. But nothing will look especially different tomorrow morning. The scenery won't change. The people will be the same. But, still there will be that certain feeling of excitement knowing that today will be the last one of the year. We look forward to a feeling of newness and freshness, a chance to start over.

There is a Scripture that says, "Where there is not vision, the people perish. . . ." (Prov. 29:18, KJV). That is especially important as we begin a new year. We want and need a new vision. But let's make sure that vision is *God's* vision and not just *our* vision. Hour by hour, and day by day, we need His vision to enlarge our *more limited* vision. Do something different in the new year. Forget about doing as you please. Do what pleases Him. *God's* will, not ours, be done. (adapted)

Happy New Year! 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

3:00 pm CYF Youth Meetings

Wednesday

5:30-7:00 pm Family Fellowship Dinner

6:00 pm Chi-Rho Youth Meetings

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Kelli Frazier.....Christian Ed Coordinator
Justin Frazier.....Youth Coordinator
Kathy Rose.....Secretary
Jerry Ford.....Music Director
Mary Hunter.....Bell Choir Director
Connie Weiser.....Organist
Mike Grauer.....Custodian
Tammy Garrison.....Nursery Attendant

Office Hours: M-F

Opportunities for Service and Growth

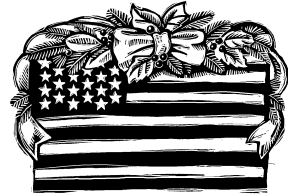
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| Adult and Children's Choirs | Promise Keepers |
| Vacation Bible School | Disciples' Men |
| Men's Groups | Women's Groups |
| Sunday school for all ages | Kansas Disciple Women |
| Regional Assembly | Junior and Senior High Youth Group |
| Bible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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



.....Jeri Huss and Family upon the loss of O.W. Huss



**Remember Those
in the Military**

Susi Bargainear, LaDonna Moore's niece - Afghanistan
Bryce Batchman, Air Force, Debbie & Richard Batchman's son - Afghanistan
Lt. Col. Ken Bellinger, Army Chaplain, Cliff Bellinger's son - Northern Italy
Steven DeWhitt, Doris Berkley's grandson-in-law - Iraq
Joey Gardner, Hap Donecker's great-nephew - Afghanistan
Josh Gieger, Army, Roger Marshall's fraternity brother's son - Iraq
Steven McGee, son of Mystie (Svatos) McGee - Afghanistan



Great Bend Health & Rehab

Viola Schwein

Kansas Christian Home

Louise McCullum

Cherry Village Nursing Home

Cliff Bellinger

Martha McKown

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.
fcc@cck.kscoxmail.com or 793-6603.

December Attendance and Gifts

	6	13	20	27	AVG
Sunday School	54	80	52	34	55
Early Service	38	46	--	29	38
Late Service	139	161	169	130	150
Children's Church	6	10	11	--	9
TOTAL	183	217	180	159	185
General Offering	6,391.39	4,797.90	6,779.75	3,962.42	5,482.86
Bldg. Offerings	3,167.50	687.50	1,735.00	12,317.04	4,476.76
Special Offerings	3,140.00	279.01	417.70	320.00	1,039.18
TOTAL	12,698.89	5,764.41	8,932.45	16,599.46	10,998.80

* Special Offerings include Wed Night Dinner Donations, Memorials for Helen Standley, John Richardson & O.W. Huss, Children's Cookbooks, Love Offering, Youth Mission Trip, DMF Christmas Offering, Christmas Baskets, FCC Food Bank

Cabinet/Board Meeting – To Be Announced

CALLING ALL MEN! Disciples Men Fellowship Saturday, January 9th 8:00 am

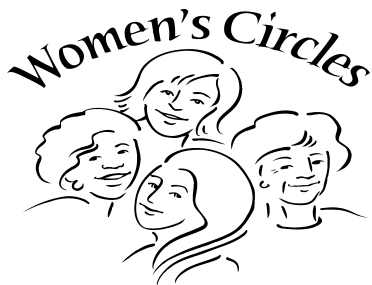
We will meet this month at FCC at 8:00 am. You are invited to attend for breakfast, a short devotional, and plenty of fellowship time. A sign-up sheet will be out in the Narthex. Come and join us for a morning of good 'ol fashioned "Man Time"!

Hostess: Connie Brockhausen

Program: Mary Hunter

January 25, 2010, 7:00 pm

Parlor



Martha Group

Hostess: Louise Gunn

Program: Morna Jordan

January 20, 2010, 1:30 pm

Lunch Bunch

January 20, 2010, 11:30 am

The Highland

Joy Group

Hostess: Vi Black/Doris Berkley

Program: Morna Jordan

January 26, 2010, 12:00 pm

New Day Group



We wish to welcome our new members, Tom and Tracy Beckwith to our church family. Tom and Tracy have 3 children: Chad, Morgan, and Cameron.

We're glad to have you!

New Building Fundraiser



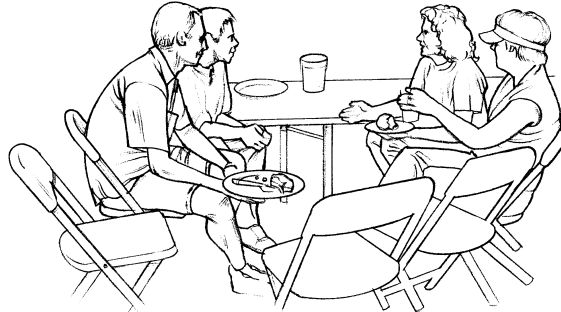
The New Day Group will be making and selling Bierocks and Ham & Cheese Pockets for \$2.25 each or \$26.00 a dozen. Orders must be in by January 2nd. The orders will be ready by Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th. An order sign-up sheet will be in the church library or can be made by contacting any New Day Group member. The proceeds will go towards the building fund. Thank you!



Congratulations to Lew and Jan Embrey upon the birth of their great-grandson, Gabriel Lee Embrey. Gabriel was born December 15, 2009, to Steven and Samantha Embrey, weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. His proud grandparents are Dennis and Janel Embrey.

Congratulations to Marvin and Kathy Rose upon the birth of their grandson, Lane Samuel

Grandclair. Lane was born to April and Wyatt Grandclair on December 17th, 2009, weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. Big sister Hadley anxiously awaited his homecoming and was ecstatic when she finally got to see and hold him!



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

February 24th - Group I

January 6th - POT LUCK
January 13th - Group I
January 20th Group II
January 27th - Group III

February 3rd - POT LUCK
February 10th - Group IV
February 17th - Group V

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 Friends at First Christian,

We wish to express our appreciation for your prayers, sympathy cards, calls, e-mails, your generous monetary memorials to FCC Building Fund and the Alzheimer's Association in our loved ones name Darrell D. Davidson. It has been a real comfort to all of us hearing from so many friends in one way or another. May God bless each of you. Thank you for your expressions of love and concern in Darrell's memory.

Verna, Joel and Karen Davidson,
Deanna, Steve Ross, and Families

Dear Friends at First Christian:

I want to say thank you again for remembering "another birthday" recently with receiving so many birthday cards from you. You really know how to lift up in support of a very special time in the year. May God bless you with good health and happiness.

In Christian Love, Verna Davidson

Dear Lois and Bill,

Thank you for the donation in Mom's name to the church. First Christian Church played an important part in the Standley family's lives. We will always be thankful for our church friends in Great Bend. Mom missed that part most of all after moving to Georgia. Please know she had a happy year here, though. We shared many happy times-even flew to California in June to hold her great granddaughter. We buried Mom's ashes next to my dad last month (October) with a small gathering. I think she would have like it.

Although she didn't write much, she missed her church friends dearly. Please let everyone know the cards and letters throughout the year were appreciated. I'm sure no one will be surprised to know she made many friends in her new home. They visited her all through her brief illness. They knew a special person just like we all did. Thank you again for loving Helen.

Donna Flood, Mary Ann Riney, and Susi Ware

We have some good Christian men in this church who help those in need. I thank you and appreciate you!
God Bless! Ione Strohm and Diana

Glen and I would like to thank the ladies from CWF for being so kind to my mother, Viola Schwein, in taking her the pretty blue throw. Also, we would like to thank Pastor Bill for all his visits and prayers as well as our entire church family for their support and prayers.

In Christian Love, Glen and Dixie Hughes