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## BILL'S BITS -

### Father's Day: Being a Great Parent

A young father tells this story: My son's first day of school arrived. I walked with him to the bus and saw the cluster of little boys as they silently eyed my son, Michael. Michael's grasp tightened and I felt his apprehension. "Michael", I said in a loud voice, "now you come straight home after school *so we can skin that elephant*". I then turned and walked away. Suddenly I heard the babble of voices and the word "elephant." I glanced back. One little boy was holding Michael's book and another his lunchbox while yet another was helping him on the bus. The father concluded his story by saying that a great peace descended upon him. He had measured up to the responsibilities of fatherhood.

What are some things we can do as fathers for our children?

1. Model Christian behavior in your life.

There was a time in our world during both the First and Second World Wars when men and women who served their country would go off and many times would be gone four or five years before they ever came home. We're told that a good Marine serving his country went off to fight. When he left, his wife was expecting a child. That child was born and that child was a beautiful little girl. Because this was a special home, the mother would never let the little girl forget her father. Every day she talked of the girl's father and showed her pictures of her father. She talked about the father's love and care for her and about how someday her father would come home. When the little girl was 4 years old, she was playing in the front yard. A man came to the gate. She looked up. She looked into his eyes with love, and he looked into her eyes with love. Then she said, "Daddy, you're for real. Daddy, you are for real!"

What picture do you present to your children by the way you live? Remember what children see speaks louder than what we say. The greatest thing children can see in our lives is Christ.

2. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6) That is the supreme question for the child. It determines the kind of life that boy or girl will have that have been raised in the Lord.

How a child is raised up is an inescapable question for parents and grandparents. We all get caught up in the life of our children and grandchildren no matter how old the children are. How a child is raised up is a very important question in our society and the world in which we live. Children are the world now and the world tomorrow. What an investment we make when we train up children in the Lord.

3. How shall we live? Make God a part of your life by Bible study and church attendance. Remember not only do we have programs for adults, we also have programs for the children in Children's Moments, Children's Church, Sunday School and on Wednesday nights. - 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**

6:00 pm CYF (Senior High) & Chi-Rho (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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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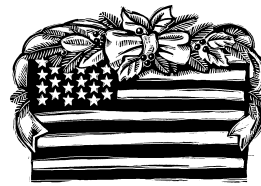
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Please notify the church office if you would like to have yourself or your loved one included in our prayers. [fcc@cck.kscoxmail.com](mailto:fcc@cck.kscoxmail.com) or 793-6603.



....to Virginia Cheeley upon the loss of her mother, Marie Butler  
....to the family and friends of Mary Louise McCullum  
....Pastor Bill and Lois upon the loss of Bill's mother, Clara E. "Betty" Johnson  
....to Esther Burhenn upon the loss of her daughter, Connie Sager



**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  
**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

**River Bend Assisted Living**

Ione Strohm

**Sterling House of Great Bend**

Darlene Biggs

Lela Wilson

**Woodhaven Care Center - Ellinwood**

Esther Burhenn

## May Attendance and Gifts

	2	9	16	23	30
<b>Sunday School</b>	60	53	52	48	N/A
<b>Early Service</b>	41	34	26	38	N/A
<b>Late Service</b>	127	167	149	130	N/A
<b>Children's Church</b>	11	10	7	10	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>General Offering</b>	8,215.40	8,688.00	5,374.70	2,771.80	N/A
<b>Bldg. Offerings</b>	1,902.50	2,550.70	1,102.00	560.00	N/A
<b>Special Offerings</b>	1,044.52	593.98	1,709.40	447.40	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,162.42</b>	<b>11,832.68</b>	<b>8,186.10</b>	<b>3,779.20</b>	<b>N/A</b>

\* Special Offerings include Men's Breakfast, Wed Night Dinners, VBS Donations, Van Fund, Youth Mission Trip, Memorial for Louise McCullum & Betty Johnson, wedding deposit, DMF Pentecost Offering

**Board Meeting Dates: July 7, August 18, September 15, November 17 & December 15**

### CALLING ALL MEN! Disciples Men Fellowship Saturday, June 5th 8:00 am

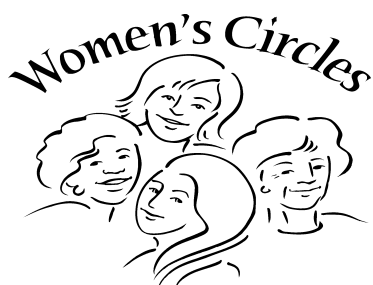
We will meet this month at FCC at 8:00 am. You are invited to attend for breakfast, a short devotional, and plenty of fellowship time. A sign-up sheet will be out in the Narthex. Come and join us for a morning of good 'ol fashioned "Man Time"!

Hostess: Jamee Dannebohm

Program: Morna Jordan

June 28, 2010, 7:00 pm

Parlor



#### Martha Group

Hostess: Louise Gunn

Program: Morna Jordan

June 16, 2010, 9:30 am

#### Lunch Bunch

June 16, 2010, 11:30 am

The Highland

#### Joy Group

Salad Luncheon

Program: Marilyn Kopke

June 22, 2010, 12:00 pm

#### New Day Group



**COME ONE! COME ALL!**  
AN EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES

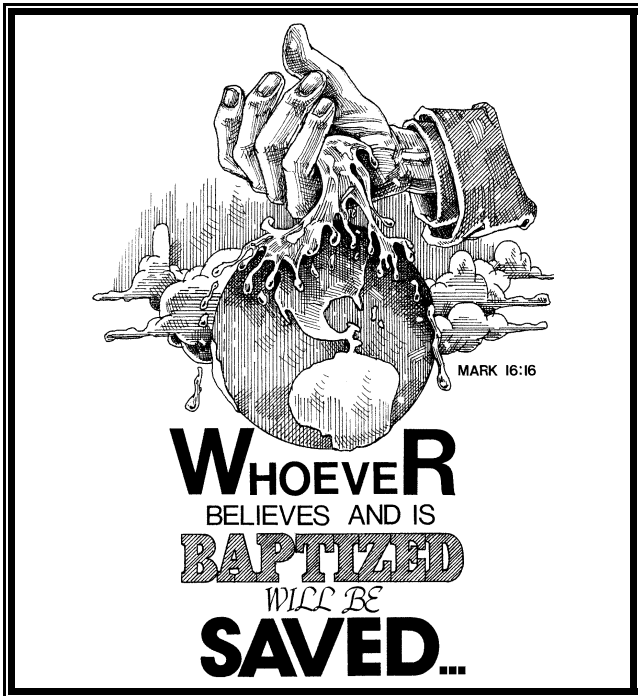
June 6th

6:00 PM

CHURCH PARLOR

Bring your games!

A good time will be had by all!



Congratulations to Autumn Jackson, Ashley Jackson, and Shelbie Deason for becoming part of God's family through baptism on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. We are glad to have you!

*Thank You!*

Thank you, Pastor Bill, for being with me during my surgery and the times you visited me at home. Thank you for all my church family and friends for the food, cards, telephone calls, thoughts, and prayers. A special thank you goes to Lane and LaDonna Moore for delivering the lovely shawl to me at the hospital in Wichita.

Maxine Puckett

Dear Ladies of First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the very nice baby shower. It was so special and it meant so much to me. You all were so wonderful and I enjoyed meeting all of you and hope to get to know all of you better. Thank you! Thank you!

Cindi Bates

Thanks to Rev. Bill for his visit prior to my recent knee surgery. Thanks to all for words of concern, calls, and visits. All the great food we received was so thoughtful.

In Christian Love, Vicki Sheets

Thank you to my church family for the Senior Graduates Recognition. The gifts of the cross necklace and the Bible Promises for Graduates I do appreciate so very much! I look forward to my college years and getting my degree to teach and coach. Thank you for the love and support. Please keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely, Robert Shewbart GBHS 2010

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your donation towards my summer mission. This journey would not be possible without all your love and support. It really means more to me than I can express in words. For updates during the eight weeks I will be in Costa Mesa, check out my blog at [www.kgoering.blogspot.com](http://www.kgoering.blogspot.com). Thanks again.

Love, Kendra

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*We mourn  
with you*



Rev. Bill Johnson's mother, Clara Elizabeth "Betty" Johnson, passed away on Saturday, May 22, 2010, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, after an illness.

Mrs. Johnson was born December 12, 1925, at Harviell, Missouri. She graduated from Neelyville High School and attended Bluff City Business College. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the First Christian Church and had worked many years as a file clerk and teller at the Bank of Poplar Bluff. She enjoyed being a wife and mother and spending time with her family.

On December 24, 1945, she was married to Cecil Robert "Cobb" Johnson. He preceded her in death on March 6, 1998.

Survivors include one daughter, Susanne Johnson of Dallas, Texas; four sons, William Franklin "Bill" Johnson and his wife Lois Ann of Great Bend, Kansas; John Robert Johnson and his wife Janice of Richmond, Missouri; David Allen Johnson and his wife Brenda of Colcord, Oklahoma; and James Boyd Johnson of Poplar Bluff; five grandchildren, Eric Johnson and his wife Audrey, Matthew Johnson and his wife Ashley, Christopher Johnson, Joshua Johnson and his wife Morgan and Samuel Johnson; six great-grandchildren, Derek, Courtney, Hollis, Amelia, Brady, and Riley and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Poplar Bluff with her children, the Rev. Bill Johnson, the Rev. John Johnson, Dr. Susanne Johnson and David Johnson officiating.

Condolences may be sent to Rev. Bill and Lois Johnson at 1936 McKinney Dr., Great Bend, Kansas 67530. Memorial contributions may be sent to the First Christian Church Building Fund, 5230 Broadway, Great Bend, Kansas 67530.



The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father who had cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 2010.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.

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### The grace of God

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A man was met at the gates of heaven by St. Peter, who said, "It will take 1,000 points for you to be admitted. The way you lived your life will determine your points."

The man said, "Unless I was sick, I attended worship every Sunday and sang in the choir."

That's 50 points," said St. Peter. "What else?"

"I gave liberally to the church," the man said.

"Twenty-five points," replied St. Peter. "Anything else?"

Realizing he had only 75 points, the man began to get desperate. "I taught Sunday school for several years."

"That's great work for God, but it's worth only 25 points," noted St. Peter.

The man became frantic. "You know," he said, "at this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

St. Peter smiled as he said, "That's worth 900 points! Come on in!"

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