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BILL'S BITS -

Once again, Lois, Eric, and I thank everyone who helped in the move to our new home. Thanks to all of the help we had, the whole house moved from one to another in about 3 ½ hours except for several appliances. Cooperation and team work is indeed an amazing force in the world.

As we move from the summer to the school year and get on with our lives, we may be wondering how we will get it all done and wonder about the various stresses in our individual lives. What can we do to deal with the stress in our lives? 1) Set a purpose in your life that reflects God's will for you. No one person can possibly do everything with their lives. Part of every Christian's life is understanding that God has purpose for us and our total life regardless of what we do for a living, be it a clerk, teacher, farmer or business person. Knowing God's will makes life easier deciding what is important to do or not. 2) Have a positive attitude. Positive people see the glass half full rather than half empty and they have a way of talking to themselves in positive ways. 3) Remember a certain amount of stress can be helpful. Walking or jogging puts stress on the body that is needed for short periods of time. The stress of the flight or fight reaction can help us through some tough moments. 4) When confronted with a problem, sit down and define the problem and brainstorm for solutions. 5) Understand there is only so much we can do in a day. That is why we need a deep understanding about what God's will is for our lives. Do you have things to do, errands to run, children to get to school, three telephone calls to make, a doctor's appointment after the luncheon engagement, a racquetball reservation, and too many bills to pay for the balance in your checkbook? It gets overwhelming at times, doesn't it? Things come from all directions and we seem to lose control. Organization and a relaxed attitude are the keys to stress control. Stop and think. Keep calm and take things in order-one at a time. Pick the most essential item on your list and do that first. Then, move on to the second. Some things are absolutely essential; others are merely important. Do the essential ones immediately; leave the important ones until later. Many of them are things you want to get done but can actually wait until tomorrow. A cardiologist in Nebraska gives some good advice: "If you can't fight and you can't flee, flow." Much of life is like that. Learn to flow. 6) Seek help and always look to God. 7) Take breaks and learn to relax. Above all, develop and maintain a relationship with God. - 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 JYF (Grades 3rd-5th)

6:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30 pm IMPACT

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Opportunities for Service and Growth

Adult and Children's Choirs

Vacation Bible School

Men's Groups

Sunday school for all ages

Regional Assembly

Bible Studies

Mission Projects and Trips

Special Services

Promise Keepers

Disciples' Men

Women's Groups

Kansas Disciple Women

Junior and Senior High Youth Group

Youth Ski Trip

Social Events

Educational seminars/workshops

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Rev. Bill & Church Family,

Thank you all so much for your thoughts and prayers during and after Tim's hospital stay. Bill, a special thanks to you for coming to the hospital. I don't know if I could have managed without you.

God Bless,
Tim, Teri, & Zachary Clothier

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for the prayers, cards, gifts, and visits during my recent hospital stay.

Thanks to the church members who were so caring while I was in the hospital. Knowing someone cares is one of the biggest helps. Also, thanks to Nelva for working with Joy Group while I've been gone.

Thank you!
Colleen Riegel

Thank you for your continued support of the roof fund! It is greatly appreciated!

The Property Committee



.... Leroy Keith & Family upon the loss of his precious wife, Stella

....Marvin Sittner & Family upon the loss of his beloved wife, Arlene



Cherry Village Nursing Home

Martha McKown

Great Bend Health & Rehab

Viola Schwein

River Bend Assisted Living

Lola Donecker

Ione Strohm

Sterling House of Great Bend

Darlene Biggs

Lela Wilson



Susi Bargainear, LaDonna Moore's niece - Korea

Chris Batchman, **Army Reserve Recruiter**, Debbie & Richard Batchman's son - Olathe, KS

Lt. Col. Ken Bellinger, **Army Chaplain**, Cliff Bellinger's son - Germany

Malcolm Deason, **Army**, Nelson Deason's son, Marilyn Deason's grandson - Afghanistan

Jesse Freeman, Jessica Marston's friend - Japan

Joe Johns, **Army Reserves**, Kathy Foster's nephew-in-law

Steven McGee, son of Mystie (Svatos) McGee - Afghanistan

Josh Prewitt, **Marines**, Roger & Laina Marshall's nephew - Afghanistan

August Attendance and Gifts

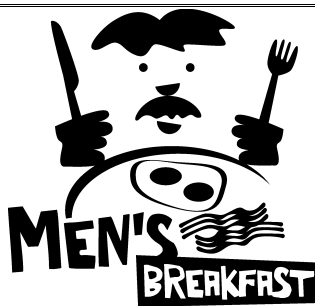
	07	14	21	28	AVG
Sunday School	34	36	52	61	46
Early Service	34	36	41	51	41
Late Service	137	137	130	114	130
Children's Church	16	17	7	15	14
TOTAL	190	190	178	180	185
General Offering	10,989.86	3,453.98	3,896.02	2,985.10	5,331.24
Roof Fund	1,562.50	437.50	712.50	2,907.50	1,405.00
Special Offerings	0.00	626.90	0.00	2,500.00	781.72
TOTAL	12,552.36	4,518.38	4,608.52	8,392.60	7,517.96

* Special Offerings include Memorials for Bud Black, Wedding fees, Funeral Dinner Donations, Children's Ministry

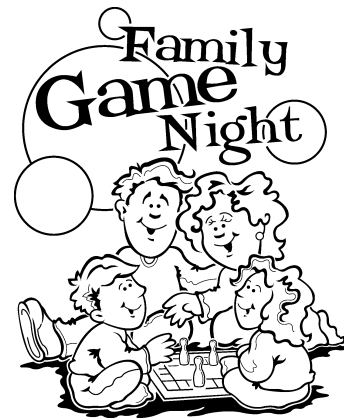
General Fund:

Year-to-Date Needs	211,038.70	217,846.40	224,654.10	231,461.80	238,269.50
Year-to-Date Giving	169,794.02	180,783.88	184,237.86	188,133.88	191,118.98

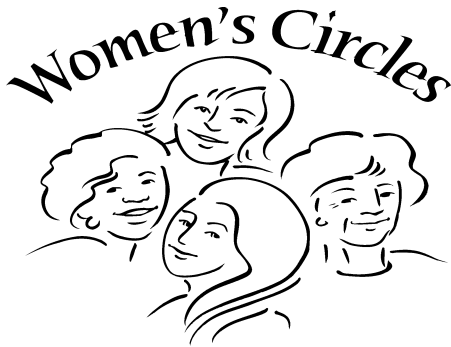
Board Meeting Date: September 21, 8:00 pm



Disciples Men Fellowship
Saturday, September 10th
8:30 am



COME ONE! COME ALL!
 AN EVENING OF FUN AND GAMES
September 4th
 6:00 PM
 CHURCH PARLOR
 Bring your games!
 A good time will be had by all!



Martha Group
 Hostess: Lois Johnson
 Program: Earlene Arnold
 September 21, 2011, 9:30 am

Lunch Bunch
 September 21, 2011, 11:30 am
 The Lone Wolf Restaurant
 106 N Main Street
 Ellinwood, KS

Joy Group
 Hostesses: Louise Gunn/Lois Johnson
 Program: Alice Arnett
 September 27, 2011, 12:00 pm

New Day Group
 Hostess: Jenny Colglazier
 Program: Mary Hunter
 September 26, 2011, 7:00 pm



PLEASE NOTE!

The Lunch Bunch will be eating out of town in September. We will be eating at The Lone Wolf Restaurant, 106 N Main Street, Ellinwood, KS. All women are invited. Please meet at the FCC parking lot at 11:15 am on Wednesday, September 21st. We will all go together.

*CHOIR PRACTICE
BEGINS AGAIN*

September 7, 2011

7:00 pm

Come join us!

Remember



Grandparents Day

September 11, 2011


Come Join
Bell Choir



Practice beings

September 14, 2011

6:15 pm



PUZZLE

GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

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Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

A clean slate



One of the best things about heading back to school is the chance for a fresh start. A new year, new teachers, perhaps even a new school offer students the opportunity to try a little harder and do a little better than the year before.

Praise God that he allows us to always start over. Jeremiah writes that the Lord's mercies "are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23a). With God's help we can begin each day with a clean slate and a new attitude, determined to make some changes for the better.

Labor of love

During Labor Day weekend worship, many congregations bless members of various occupations. From painting to parenting, from truck driving to teaching, from farming to pharmaceutical research, work is honored as holy.

Some might believe that certain jobs – pastor, missionary, bishop – are holier than others. But in his classic book *The Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence, a 17th-century Carmelite monk, tells of performing even the most common, tedious tasks as holy service to God: "I turn the cake that is frying on the pan for love of [God]," he wrote. "It is enough for me to pick up but a straw from the ground for the love of God."

No matter your field of work, remember that any task done in God's name and to his glory is holy.

