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## BILL'S BITS -

### HELP FROM THE UPPER ROOM

Every Easter season we return to the upper room. We see the apostles gathered together with Jesus and recall the foot washing, Christ's words, and prayer. We see the cup and loaf on the table of the Lord.

Outside there was the clamor of the world. The plans of the Sanhedrin were coming to pass.

It may seem so long ago and so far away, but there is relevance for us.

1) There was power. This little group of disciples was gathered at the table in great fear. Christ here was strengthening them by His spirit. From that time on, each time believers gather around the table of the Lord, there is the promise that the lord died for us and was raised and that we will be raised again.

2) The relevance of judgment. Jesus places a basin at the feet of the disciples and begins to wash their feet. In taking the form of the servant He rebukes the pride and selfishness of the world by showing us the true spirit of greatness is the serving of Christ by serving others.

3) Here is the power of eternity. How was Christ able to carry out this last supper with the greatest assurance that anyone could have? He was certain He was doing the will of God and that He was looking beyond the shame and suffering of the cross and looking to the joy that would be ours.

This we recall each time we gather at the table of the Lord.

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**

4:00 pm Grades 6-12 Youth Group

#### **Wednesday**

5:30-7:00 pm Family Fellowship Supper

5:30-7:30 pm Youth Meetings

6:00-6:30 pm K-6<sup>th</sup> Program

6:30-7:15 pm Adult Bible Study

#### **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

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**Office Hours: M-F**

#### **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

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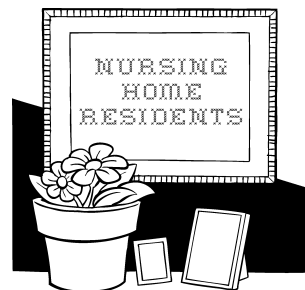


...to the family and friends of Pollie Stalcup  
...to Stan and Natalie Towns and family upon the loss of Stan's dad, Duane Towns.  
...to the family and friends of Mildred Lang  
...to Ron Mink and family upon the loss of Ron's dad, Ronald Victor Mink  
... to the family and friends of Mildred Boepple



### Serving Our Country

**Susi Bargainear**, LaDonna Moore's niece - Afghanistan  
**Lt. Col. Ken Bellinger**, Army Chaplain, Cliff Bellinger's son - Iraq  
**Josh Gieger**, Army, Roger Marshall's fraternity brother's son - Iraq  
**Cameron Glendenning**, Army Green Beret, friend of Jim & Susan Debes - Iraq  
**Steven McGee**, son of Mystie (Svatos) McGee - Afghanistan  
**Chris Scheuerman**, Cliff & Lynne Scheuerman's son, Bud & Vi Black's grandson-Al Fujairah, United Arab Emirates  
**Delbert Wells**, nephew of Hap Donecker - Iraq



#### **Great Bend Health & Rehab**

Marjorie Keller

Viola Schwein

#### **Kansas Christian Home**

Louise McCullum

#### **Cherry Village Nursing Home**

Martha McKown

#### **Sterling House of Great Bend**

John Richardson

Lela Wilson

#### **Woodhaven Care Center - Ellinwood**

Esther Burhenn

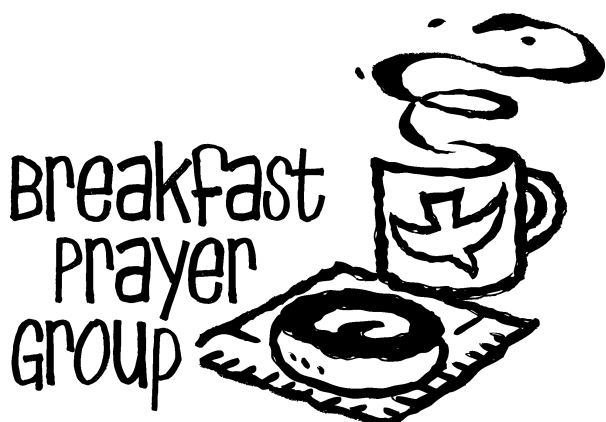
Please notify the church office if you would like to have yourself or your loved one included in our prayers. [fcc@cck.kscoxmail.com](mailto:fcc@cck.kscoxmail.com) or 793-660

## March Attendance and Gifts

	1	8	15	22	29
<b>Sunday School</b>	81	63	59	48	N/A
<b>Early Service</b>	42	39	39	42	N/A
<b>Late Service</b>	137	153	159	137	N/A
<b>Children's Church</b>	6	10	8	8	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>General Offering</b>	3,980.05	7,080.76	4,579.80	4,405.50	N/A
<b>Bldg. Offerings</b>	1,712.50	1,580.00	2,757.50	2,290.00	N/A
<b>Special Offerings</b>	3,193.39	498.30	496.20	242.20	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,885.94</b>	<b>9,159.06</b>	<b>7,833.50</b>	<b>6,937.70</b>	<b>N/A</b>

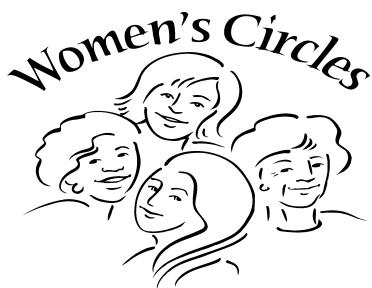
\* Special Offerings include Memorials for Mildred Lang, Pollie Stalcup, John Roy Evans, Dorothy Thornton, Duane Towns, and Dearl Brown, FCC food bank, funeral dinner donations, Week of Compassion, proceeds from garage sale to go towards building fund, Becker Coupons, Wed Night Dinners, and wedding deposit

**Cabinet – April 1 – 7:30 pm**  
**(March) Board Meeting – April 1 – 8:00 pm**  
**Elders/Deacons Meeting – April 8 – 8 pm**  
**Board Meeting – April 15 – 8 pm**



### FCC Men's Breakfast Club!

1st Saturday of each month  
 Highland Hotel  
 8:00 am



#### Martha Group

Hostess: Ione Strohm  
 Program: Ruth Miller  
 April 15, 2009, 1:30 pm

#### Lunch Bunch

April 15, 2009 - 11:30 am  
 The Highland

#### Joy Group

Hostesses: Dorothy Alefs/Marie Rogers

Program: Patsy Hiss  
 April 28, 2009, 12:00 pm (Noon)

#### New Day Group

Hostess: Donna Marston  
 Program: Mary Hunter  
 April 27, 2009, 7:00 pm  
 Friendship Classroom



Congratulations to Chris and Allison French upon the birth of their daughter, Ellie Anna French. Ellie was born on March 4, 2009, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long. Her proud grandparents are Gary and Sheryl French.

Proud grandparents, Derry and Dru Dougan, Larned, are announcing the birth of their grandson, Dashle Aaron Reed. Dashle was born March 5<sup>th</sup> to Adam and Lyndsey Reed of Georgetown, Texas. Dashle weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20  $\frac{1}{4}$  inches long.

## Lent and Repentance

Lent is a season of repentance. But for many of us, "repentance" is an offensive word. It sounds so remorseful.

In reality, it isn't remorseful at all. The root word for "repentance" is the Greek word *metanoia*, from which our word "metamorphosis" comes. The great image of this is the butterfly emerging from its cocoon; the caterpillar being transformed into new life.

No one is remorseful about that! Nor should we be with repentance, which involves leaving the past and emerging into new life.





Dear Church Friends,

My sincere appreciation for the prayers, love and compassion shown for Bob during his 4 ½ months stay in Wichita. We are thankful to have him home.

Lois and Bill for the countless hours you were with us, Mary hunter for the shawl our family shared, cards, calls - to say "Thank You" seems not enough.

Please continue to keep Bob in your prayers as he still has another procedure when and if he is strong enough.

In Christian Love,  
Sharon and Bob Engle and the Engle

Family

Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the shawl you gave me. A special thank you to Janis Fairchild for making it! It was and is a great comfort to me!

Sincerely,  
Ione Strohm

Stan, Nathan, and I would like to thank you for the cards that were sent and for Pastor Bill's call after we lost Stan's Dad on February 14<sup>th</sup>. It is tough to lose a parent even when you know that they have gone to a better place. Stan's Dad was a wonderful Father, Father-in-law, Grandfather and Friend and we will miss him. Your concern was appreciated.

The Towns Family'  
Stan, Natalie, and Nathan

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, I was reminded that Bill is truly the "Shepherd of his flock". At 7:00 am, Bill and Lois walked through the door of the Kansas Heart Hospital where I was to have minor surgery. Your presence and prayers with my family was greatly appreciated. Thanks, Bill and Lois, for your Christian Love!

Fred Behrens

Our sincerest thank you for each of you who prayed, sent a card, or called to inquire how we were fairing during our recent illnesses.

Thank you so much for being the caring church family that you are!

May God bless you!

Durward and Mickey

Smith

Thank you to everyone who has donated toward the University of Kansas Medical Center international Outreach's trip Belize. I am so

blessed to have such a giving church family. A special thanks to the quilting ladies and Edith Treece for their donation. Thank you again for all the support and prayers.

Dani McCaulley



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## Resurrection Means Reconciliation

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Jesus' resurrection is the very foundation of Christianity. If Christ had never been raised from the dead, we'd have no Christian religion.

God's power was at work in Christ's death and resurrection. "It was on the resurrection fact that the church was built," said New Testament scholar James Stewart.

Paul understood that the resurrection was the bedrock of our Christian faith. "If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain," he wrote to the Corinthian church (I Corinthians 15:14, NRSV). The apostle went on to say, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (verse 17).

The resurrection proves that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Its authenticity means that by faith in Christ, we are reconciled with God.

Billy Graham said the risen Christ is the bridge between us and God. "One of Christ's hands holds the hand of God; his other hand holds ours," said the evangelist.



**7:30 PM**

**APRIL 9, 2009**

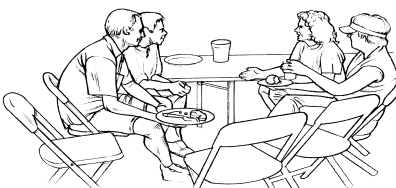
A 24-hour Prayer Vigil will begin following the Maundy Thursday Service. Please sign up in the narthex.

**EASTER SONRISE SERVICE**

**7:30 am**

**APRIL 12, 2009**

Breakfast will follow the service.



**Fellowship Meals**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER SCHEDULE**

**April 1st - POT LUCK**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** - Group V, Julie Ford, Bill/Janis Fairchild, Vivian Chalfant, Betty Ferrell

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** - Group VI, Sue Wells, Mattie Begg, Marilyn Deason, Dolores Westfall, Carrol Jaco, Vi Black, Nelva Grimes

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Group I, Russ/Rachel McCaulley, Randy/Annette Goering, Clark/Donna Rusco, Brad/Karen Searle, John/Vicki Sheets

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** - POT LUCK

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** - Group II, Donna Marston, Lois Johnson, Ted/Susan Brown, Glen/Dixie Hughes, Morna Jordan

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** - Group III, Mickey/Danielle Hoskins, Rebecca Burton, Mary Drake, Ruth Behrens, Jennifer Cauley, Louise Gunn

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Group IV, Roger/Leesa Butler, Lane/LaDonna Moore, Bob/Patsy Hiss, Dee Holman, Mike/Tammy Nicholson