

# The Great Bend Christian



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## BILL'S BITS – "How to Have a Good Day Everyday in 2008"

The following article appeared in The Christian Caller in 2005 in Mountain Home. I think it is worthy of sharing. Thanks Lee Nirschl.

"How to Have a Good day Everyday in 2005" was the title of the sermon I shared with this church family on January 2, 2005. I have been asked to print a summary of the points of that message. I hope these five keys to having a good day everyday will be helpful to you in your Christian journey in 2008.

Key number one: Give God the first part of every day. When you wake up in the morning, turn your entire day over to the Lord. Remember, "This is the day the Lord has made and we are to rejoice and be glad in it: Psalm 118:24.

Key number two: Give God the first day in every week. The commandment says, "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." The Sabbath day for the Christian is Sunday. Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together with God's family for worship, study, and praise.

Key number three: Give God the first portion of your income. If we want to live an abundant, blessing filled life, it's important to give God first place in our giving and our living in 2008.

Key number four: In order to have a good day everyday in 2008 we also need to give God first consideration in every decision we make.

Key number five: To have a good day everyday in 2008 we need to let Jesus Christ have first place in our hearts, life and living. Christ gave us the key to success when he said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be yours as well."

My prayer for each of you and for our church family is that everyday will be a good day in 2008 as we put into action the five keys given above.

One final thought: Our most effective "Homeland Security" is keeping our churches healthy. I this New Year, please continue to love the Lord and each other.

Jesus loves you and so do I,  
-Lee

Adapted

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### Sunday Services

8:15 am Early Worship  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:20 am Morning Worship

### Sunday Activities

6:00–8:00 pm Grades 7-12 Youth Group  
6:30 pm – Men's Group

### Wednesday

5:30-7:00 pm Family Fellowship Supper  
6:30-7:15 pm K-6<sup>th</sup> Program  
7:00-8:00 pm Middle School Bible Study  
8:00-9:00 pm High School Bible Study

### 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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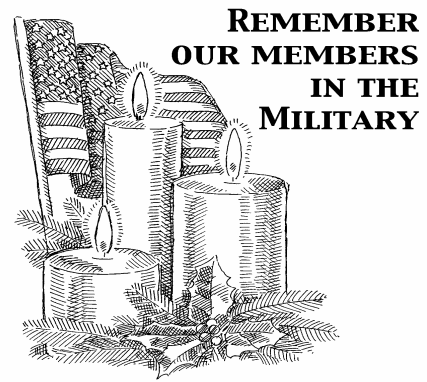
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**REMEMBER  
OUR MEMBERS  
IN THE  
MILITARY**

**Mike & Susi Bargainear**, relatives of LaDonna Moore - Ft. Campbell, KY  
**Staff Sgt. Ryan Barnes** - nephew of Connie Weiser - Iraq  
**Logan Bayless** - active duty - Army  
**Lt. Col. Ken Bellinger**, Cliff Bellinger's son - Washington  
**Brian Bird**, brother of Rhonda Jackson - Iraq  
**Delbert Wells**, nephew of Hap Donecker - Germany



**Great Bend Health & Rehab**

Gladys Wade  
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 George McKown  
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**Alterra-Sterling House**

Wilma Hauser  
 Truman Strong  
 Lela Wilson

**Woodhaven Care Center - Ellinwood**

Mildred Boepple



*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

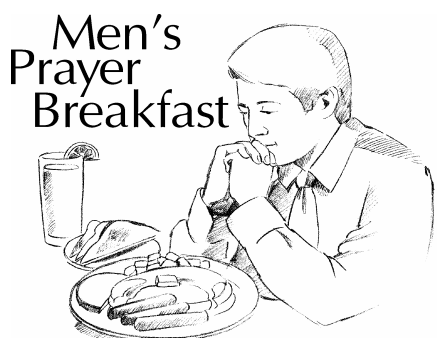
.....to the family and friends of Norma Schenk, Donna Rusco's mother  
 .....to the family and friends of Helen Witte  
 .....to the family and friends of Douglas Brown, Louise Gunn's brother

## December Attendance and Gifts

	2	9	16	23	30
<b>Sunday School</b>	49	31	72	25	48
<b>Early Service</b>	43	10	--	37	38
<b>Late Service</b>	122	99	190	184	121
<b>Children's Church</b>	4	4	--	3	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>General Offering</b>	6,841.11	3,356.00	2,750.85	3,939.52	8,366.00
<b>Bldg. Offerings</b>	567.50	3,826.59	832.50	2,932.50	19,415.00
<b>Special Offerings</b>	286.00*	234.75*	86.86*	3,148.67*	4,693.00*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,684.61</b>	<b>7,417.34</b>	<b>3,670.21</b>	<b>10,020.69</b>	<b>32,474.00</b>

\* Special Offerings include Wed Night Family Fellowship Dinners, FCC Food Bank, Memorials for Donna Rhodes, Helen Witte, Norma Schenk & Dwayne Bird, Family Life Ministry, Christmas Baskets, Sound System & DMF

**Cabinet Meeting – January 2 – 8 pm**  
**Elders/Deacons Meeting – January 9 – 8 pm**  
**Board Meeting – January 16 – 8 pm**



### FCC Men's Breakfast Club!

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

**Thank You!**  
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**Thanks Folks!**

Thank you to Roger and Leesa Butler, Erma Moore, Patsy Hiss, Louise Gunn, John Sheets and Bill and Lois Johnson for decorating the church for advent.

We appreciate the fact they spent much of their Sunday afternoon getting the church ready for the Christmas season!

**Dear Church Family,**

My thanks to all. A "special" thanks to Rev. Bill for the calls, cards, and prayers during my illness and surgery.

Anneliese Ward

**A Very Grateful Thank You** goes out to the Tutak family for generously providing the beautiful lighted Christmas tree that is in the parlor. It is a lovely addition to the church decorations. Thanks also to Patsy Hiss for using her time, talent, and expense to decorate the tree. The Christmas tree that had been in the parlor has been moved to the narthex to add a festive touch there. Thanks also to Lois Ann, Louise Gunn, Erma Moore and John Sheets for helping us decorate this Christmas. Your help is appreciated more than you know!

Roger and Leesa Butler,  
 Worship Department

**THANK YOU** to Harold and Virginia Langrehr for the lovely poinsettia in the narthex in memory of their parents, Paul and Marjorie Picking and Henry and Glenda Langrehr.

**THANK YOU** to the Community Bank for the lovely poinsettia in the narthex!

### Disciples Women's Fellowship

**Martha Group**

January 16 - 1:30 pm  
 Hostess: Louise Gunn  
 Program: Morna Jordan

**Lunch Bunch**

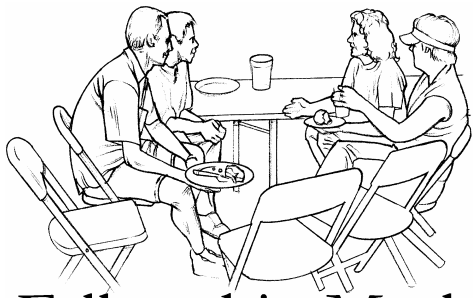
January 16 - 11:30 am  
 The Highland

**Joy Group**

January 22 - 12 noon  
 Hostesses: Patsy Hiss/Alice Arnett  
 Program: Mitch Webster

**New Day Group**

January 28 - 7:00 pm  
 Friendship Classroom  
 Hostess: Lois Johnson  
 Program: Morna Jordan



## Fellowship Meals

### Wednesday Night Family Fellowship Dinner

**5:30pm-7:00pm:** All Church Dinner

**6:30pm-7:15pm:** preK-6<sup>th</sup> grade - Praise, Bible lesson and crafts

**7pm-8pm:** Middle School Bible study and fellowship

**8pm-9pm:** High School Bible study and fellowship

#### Schedule for Wednesday Night Dinners:

January 2nd - None

January 9th - Pot Luck

(A-K: Main Course)

(L-Z: Dessert or Salad)

January 16th - ROTC

January 23rd - Friendship Class/Joy Group

January 30th - Men's Group

## Regional Elders and Diaconate Seminar

January 25-26, 2008

**SHARE ABUNDANTLY**  
II Corinthians 9:8

Hillside Christian Church  
8330 E Douglas Avenue  
Wichita, Kansas

Attention: Ministers and Chairpersons of Elders and Diaconate

The planning committee for this year's seminar is excited with the theme, Share Abundantly. Keynoter for this event will be Dr. Rick Lowery, interim dean of Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, KY. He is on loan to Lexington from the faculty of Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK.

Registration forms are available in the church office or on the table in the narthex.

## YOU ARE INVITED!

The Friendship Class would like to invite adults of ALL AGES to join us each Sunday morning at 9 AM for Bible study.

**Jan 2-Mar 30, 2008**

### **"Step by Step Through the Old Testament"**

Join us on our journey as we take a "quick" look at our Old Testament story, our history, God's history with his people. Come experience God through the pages of the Old Testament.

**April 6-May 11, 2008**

### **"Troublesome Bible Passages" (Just a few!)**

Come along with us as we take a look at some of the Bible passages that cause us to get that puzzled look on our face or scratch our head. Join us as we explore what they mean and how they relate to our lives today.

We also like to socialize, so occasionally we have the best potlucks in town. Come join us. We'd love to have you!



Congratulations to Dr. James and Stacy McReynolds on their birth of their daughter, Rachel Alice, on December 5, 2007. Rachel weighed 7lbs. 2oz.

MacKenzie Katherine and Nash Nels were born to Nels and Karen Lindberg on December 12, 2007. Nash, the older brother by 1 minute, weighed 4lbs. 8oz. and was 16½ inches long. MacKenzie weighed 5lbs. and was 17½ inches long. Congratulations!