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BILL'S BITS -

SMALL GROUPS PAY

More than ever before, we have a wide variety of offerings for our small group ministries. They help to support the work of the church. I). **Take Sunday school for example.** Church school is important. Do you realize just how important church school is? The following figures present a general picture of most church schools: 75% of all church members come from the church school. 85% of all church workers come from the church school. 95% of all pastors come from the church school. But: 60% of all grade school children do not attend church school. 80% of all high school young people do not attend church school. 90% of all college young people do not attend church school. What a golden opportunity with a mission field right at our own back door! II). **Special groups like choir and bell choir.** The purpose of these groups is very obvious and they help to provide a music ministry to the church. Yet, here in our local church especially, they provide opportunities for fellowship. III). **Bible Studies.** Bible studies offer a chance to grow in the knowledge of the Bible which is part of our purpose here to provide Christian education for all age groups. IV). **Youth Groups.** We have outstanding leaders leading our youth group. Kids have a chance to grow in the area of Christian education as well as a chance to enjoy a whole host of activities on Sunday and Wednesday nights. V). **Fellowship Dinners.** Each Wednesday night during the school year, we enjoy great fellowship dinners as well as special occasions like our very famous Thanksgiving Dinner. VI). **Women's groups** such as the Martha Group, Joy Group and the Lunch Bunch meet monthly. This is another chance to enjoy study, food and fellowship. VII). **Men's group** meets monthly for a prayer breakfast. These are some of the groups that meet here in the local church. Small groups are very valuable in providing several things: 1). Points of entry for gaining and keeping new members. 2). A way of keeping members. Members feel more cared for and are most likely to be missed faster in a small group. 3). Groups have a way of making the church more attractive to visitors and prospects. - adapted

See you Sunday!

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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

6:30-8:30 pm Youth Meetings

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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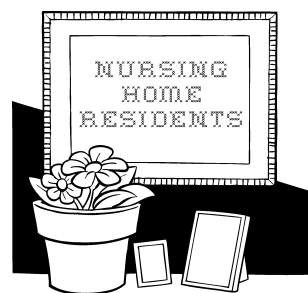


...to Floyd and Marie Rogers and family upon the loss of Marie's sister, Marjorie Keller
...to John and Marta Edmonds and family upon the loss of John's mother, Beth Edmonds
...to Donna Kincaid and family upon the loss of her husband, Tom
...to Edna Spangenberg upon the loss of her sister, Anna Marie Heinze

Remember
Our
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 in September
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

John Richardson
Viola Schwein

Kansas Christian Home

Louise McCullum

Cherry Village Nursing Home

Martha McKown

Sterling House of Great Bend

Darlene Biggs
Lela Wilson

Woodhaven Care Center - Ellinwood

Esther Burhenn

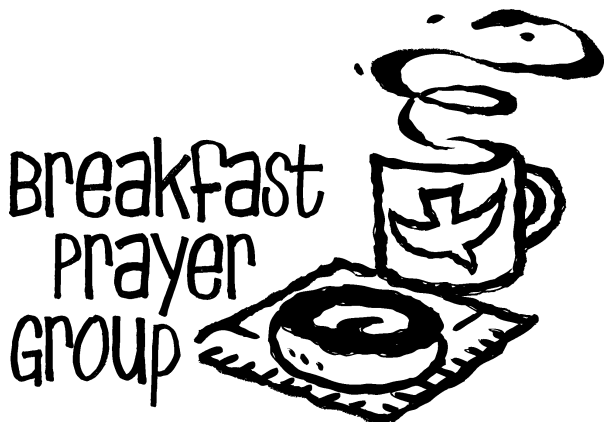
Please notify the church office if you would like to have yourself or your loved one included in our prayers.
fcc@cck.kscoxmail.com or 793-660

June Attendance and Gifts

	7	14	21	28	AVG
Sunday School	55	48	60	48	53
Early Service	53	45	40	35	43
Late Service	130	172	140	114	158
Children's Church	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	183	172	180	149	171
General Offering	5,103.42	3,429.29	4,451.93	2,476.72	3,865.34
Bldg. Offerings	1,062.50	545.00	1,005.00	1,162.50	943.75
Special Offerings	340.00	1,193.80	1,973.00	1,528.80	1,258.90
TOTAL	6,505.92	5,168.09	7,429.93	5,168.02	6,067.99

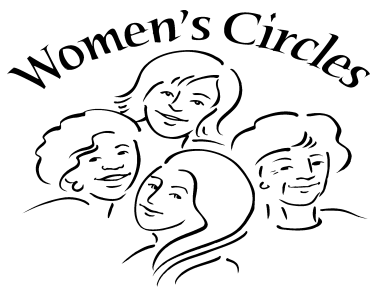
* Special Offerings include Memorials for Marjorie Keller & Tom Kincaid, Wedding Fees, Youth Mission Trip Donations, VBS Donations, Becker Coupons, and Pentecost Offerings

Elders/Deacons Meeting – July 8 – 7 pm
Cabinet/Board Meeting – July 15 – 7 pm



FCC Men's Breakfast Club!

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



Martha Group

Hostess: Morna Jordan
 Program: Ione Strohm
 July 15, 2009, 9:30 am

Lunch Bunch

July 15, 2009 - 11:30 am
 The Highland

Joy Group

Salad Luncheon
 Program: Dorothy Kopke
 July 21, 2009, 12:00 pm (Noon)

New Day Group

Hostess: Karen Searle

Program:

July 27, 2009, 7:00 pm

Friendship Classroom



John and Marta Edmonds are proud to announce the arrival of their twin granddaughters to their daughter, Kate Edmonds. Claire and Elise Edmonds were born on October 4, 2008. Claire weighed 3 lbs. 13 oz. and Elise weighed 3 lbs. 10 oz. Congratulations!

Brett and Kathy Foster are the proud grandparents of Luke Allen Kilgore. Luke was born to Kenny and Kacie Kilgore on May 21, 2009. Luke weighed

6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long.

Jennifer and Nathan Sullivan are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Levi Danny Sullivan. Levi was born on June 10, 2009, weighing 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. Levi's proud grandparents are Clayton & Debbie Noffsinger and Dan & Gayle Sullivan. Proud great-grandparents are Fred & Jean Berger, Virginia Noffsinger, and Ernestine Sullivan.



Mike Grauer says "Hi"! Mike is our new church custodian. Mike said he is very glad to be here and working for us. He has commented on what a beautiful church we have and wants to help keep it looking its very best! Be sure to give Mike a **BIG WELCOME!**



July 13-17, 9:00 am-11:00 am
For ages 3 years -5th grade (completed)

We will sing, play hand bells, and have a great time praising God all week, then perform at the worship service on Sunday, July 19th. Bring your friends! You can turn in your registration to the church office or Mary Hunter by Wednesday, July 1st. Call Mary Hunter for more information at (620) 285-9775. Volunteers needed!

YOU ARE INVITED!

The Friendship Class will be starting a Special Series about some troublesome questions: August 2 - "Does God Cause the Events of History?"; August 9 - "How Perfect Do I Need to Be?"; August 16 - "Where is the Kingdom of God?"; August 23 - "What is the Antichrist?"; August 30-November 22, 2009 - A Bible Study series covering: "Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, & 3 John, & Jude". Who is the high priest? Who is superior to the angels? Who gave us a better covenant? What do we need to do to have an enduring faith? What is the "royal law"? Will my works get me into heaven? What can I do when there is suffering all around me? How can I be sure I know Christ? Adults of all ages are invited to join us as we search the scriptures each Sunday to see how God leads us to be his disciples. Come join us in the fun!
