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## BILL'S BITS -

### Text: II Corinthians 3:2

From time to time you may see on the streets or in the movies or in print, someone who is a walking sign for a business. You, as a Christian, are a walking letter according to Paul the Apostle. It is sobering to think that I or you may be the best Christian someone else knows. In fact, you or I may be the only Christian someone knows.

As believers in Christ, we become the letters of the Holy Spirit, and someone else is reading us. In other words, there may be some child or youth, or fellow-worker who lives nearby or in close relation with you, who never reads the book of James, John, or the Gospels at all. These same people, whoever they are, may never, never have been introduced to a single great saint of the Bible. The only revelation of God's message is **YOU!**

When I sit down and think about this far reaching fact, it can be a bit scary. The question is, what kind of message is that person getting. Are our lives inviting someone to check out the faith? How do we talk? How do we treat people who are unpleasant as well as pleasant? How do we do our job? How do we speak of those who are absent? How do we treat our mates? Do we participate regularly in church? These issues are just the beginning.

Then what can we do? 1) Live faithfully as the people of God. Show Christ-likeness in every area of our life. 2) When an opportunity presents itself, invite that person to church or to receive Christ in their lives.

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**

6:30-8:30 pm Youth Meetings

#### **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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...Josh Lee upon the loss of his grandmother, Geneive Keller

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  
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**Cherry Village Nursing Home**

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Martha McKown

**Sterling House of Great Bend**

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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 793-6603.

## August Attendance and Gifts

|                          | 2                | 9               | 16              | 23              | 30         |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| <b>Sunday School</b>     | 33               | 39              | 57              | 53              | N/A        |
| <b>Early Service</b>     | 40               | 43              | 39              | 47              | N/A        |
| <b>Late Service</b>      | 161              | 97              | 120             | 129             | N/A        |
| <b>Children's Church</b> | N/A              | N/A             | N/A             | N/A             | N/A        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>201</b>       | <b>140</b>      | <b>159</b>      | <b>176</b>      | <b>N/A</b> |
| <b>General Offering</b>  | 7,539.35         | 3,578.50        | 2,882.51        | 3,713.00        | N/A        |
| <b>Bldg. Offerings</b>   | 4,145.00         | 1,012.50        | 730.00          | 198.80          | N/A        |
| <b>Special Offerings</b> | 0.00             | 446.50          | 1,127.00        | 1,760.00        | N/A        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>11,684.35</b> | <b>5,037.50</b> | <b>4,739.51</b> | <b>5,617.80</b> | <b>N/A</b> |

\* Special Offerings include Memorials for Earl Lee, Youth Week Donations, VBS Donations, Wed Night Dinner, Becker Coupon, and FCC Scholarship Fund

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

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

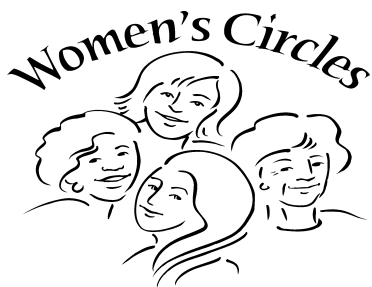
The new men's fellowship breakfast is here! We will meet this month at FCC at 8:00 am. You are invited to attend for breakfast, a short devotional, and plenty of fellowship time. A sign-up sheet will be out in the Narthex. Come and join us for a morning of good 'ol fashioned "Man Time"!

Hostess: Jenny Colglazier

Program:

September 28, 2009, 7:00 pm

Friendship Classroom



#### Martha Group

Hostess: Louise Gunn

Program: Ruth Miller

September 16, 2009, 1:30 pm

#### Lunch Bunch

September 16, 2009 - 11:30 am

The Highland

#### Joy Group

Hostesses: Vi Black/Dolly Gaede

Program: Dorothy Alefs

September 22, 2009, 12:00 pm (Noon)

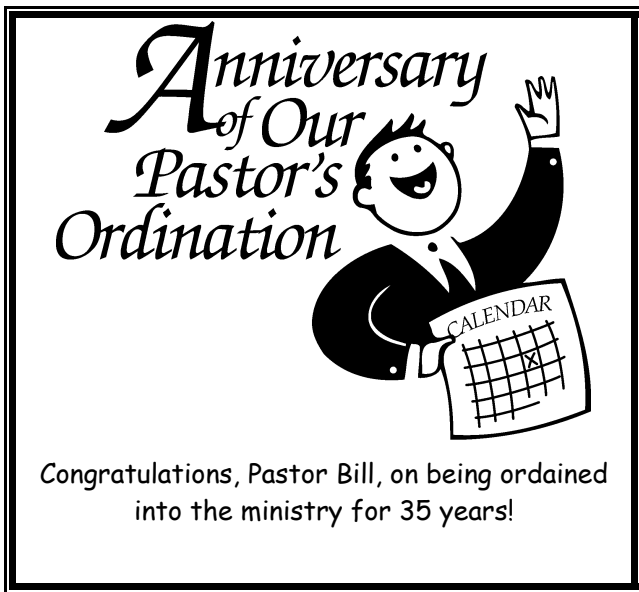
#### New Day Group



Everyone is invited to a baby shower for Andrea Reinhart and Mac Holman on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm in the church parlor.

### NOODLE TIME IS HERE AGAIN!

Our very talented ladies will be making noodles again on September 21<sup>st</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>, and November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please call the church office (620-793-6603) with your orders. The cost is \$3.00 per pound. Thank you!



*Thank You!*

Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital. A special thanks goes out to Pastor Bill for his daily visits. We all appreciate your care and concern.

Terry Hoff

To Our Church Family:

All the thoughtful things the church has done and continues to do day to day has an accumulated effect on all my tomorrows. Thank you for being wonderful friends to both Earl and I.

Always,  
Gayl Lee

I would like to thank Rev. Bill for his visits while I had my surgery and during my recent illness and recovery. Also, thanks to my kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids for all they have done during these times.

God Bless You All!  
Myrna Campbell

Thanks, Young People!

Lois and I were very touched by the work project at the parsonage during youth week. We are grateful to the Fraziers, kids, and adults for the beautiful landscaping in the front yard. It included beautiful concrete trim, mulch, hose reel box, and solar lights lining the concrete trim. Mulch was placed around two trees in the front yard.

Thanks again and God Bless!

Bill and Lois Johnson

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all of the cards, phone calls, and remembrances on our 42<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary. It is great to have a wonderful church family.

Love, Bill & Lois

**Financial Peace University**  
**Class**  
**Is Coming Soon!**

The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Class will begin on Monday, September 14, 2009, at 7:00 pm in the church parlor. The class will run on Mondays for 13 weeks. A preview of the class will be available two different evenings: August 30<sup>th</sup> and September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the church parlor. It lasts about 20 minutes. If you have any questions, please see or call Randy Goering (620-793-5107), Clayton Noffsinger (620-617-3364), or Debbie Noffsinger (620-793-0604).

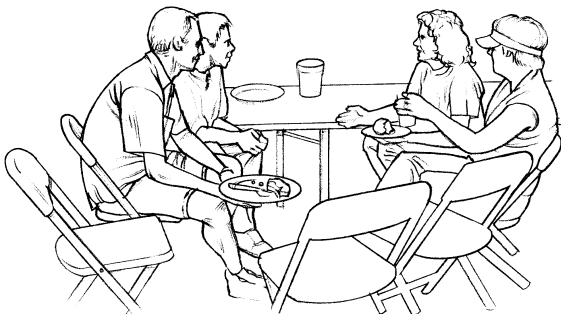


Grandparents Day

## **GRANDPARENTS** **SUNDAY**

On Sunday, September 13, we will recognize and honor all grandparents in our two services. We would like to honor those with the most grandchildren present in the service and those who have a grandchild who traveled the farthest. Also, we will recognize the grandchild who has a grandparent present who doesn't attend our church.

Please join Sally Bateman in celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, September 19, 2009, with an open house at Sally's home, 2812 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Great Bend, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Hosting this great event will be her children: Jim Bateman, Kelley Witmer, Joe Bateman, and Karen Reddig.



## Fellowship Meals

Wednesday Night Family Fellowship Dinners are back! Beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm, make plans to attend for a time of good food and fellowship!

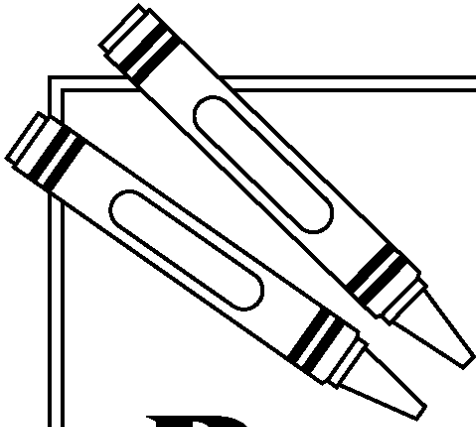
The first dinner will be POT-LUCK.

Last names beginning with A-L, please bring a dessert or salad!

Last names beginning with M-Z, please bring a main dish!

Hope to see you there!





# Just for **KIDS**

## Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (\*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

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"Do not \_\_\_\_\_ any longer to the \_\_\_\_\_  
of this \_\_\_\_\_, but be \_\_\_\_\_  
by the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_. Then you will be able  
to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_\_' will is — his good,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will." *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, test, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect