The Christian Visitor

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Check out our Facebook page? We post pictures and updates from time to time. "Like" us and "check-in" when you're here to stay connected with your church family!

www.facebook.com/fccatchison

<u>Under GROUPS check out: FCC Children and Youth Ministry</u>
<u>FCC Youth Group pages</u> and <u>FCC Young Adult Group</u>

https://www.facebook.com/AtchisonCountyFoodPantryatFirstChristianChurch

The Churches Website

Check it Out: www.fccatchison.net

Please Notify The Church Office:

- If anyone in your family goes into the hospital.
- When your group plans to have a meeting.
- When a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- When you're planning to move out of town or locally.
- When your phone number changes.
- When a new baby arrives in your family.
- When you feel the church can assist you in any way.
- When a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- When someone needs to be placed on, OR **taken off** of the Prayer List.

Dear Friends,

SO MUCH has happened over the past few weeks it's almost hard to believe. At times like this, it is easy to feel afraid and overwhelmed – I know because I have had to fight those feelings off too. The Bible is FULL of encouraging words to us in times of trial and seasons of struggle though. A passage that has been particularly powerful for me is this one from Isaiah-

Isaiah 41:10 - "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

No matter what happens, God is with us. Even in this very moment, He is strengthening us and helping us and holding us up. We can take comfort and find confidence in this promise.

Like many of you, I have had to navigate this past week day-by-day. Sometimes it has even had to be hour-by-hour. By the time this newsletter reaches your doorstep I know that much will have already changed. Here are a few things that will not change, however:

- 1) COMMUNICATION will remain vital in the weeks and months ahead. While some church information will be conveyed through Facebook and the Remind app (for Youth & Children), our number one means of communication will remain EMAIL. If Rosie does not have a current email address for you or your family, please let her know and she will add you to the list. Make sure that you are in communication with your family as well.
- 2) BE SMART & BE PREPARED. This situation is going to get worse before it gets better. We can all make a big difference regarding how things progress, however, by exercising caution (washing hands, staying home and contacting a physician if we are not feeling well, etc.). A lot of information is available on the internet along these lines (please consult trustworthy source like the CDC). Having basic supplies at home is also very important (water, food, hygiene, first aid, etc.) as these resources may become more difficult to obtain.
- 3) We are IN THIS TOGETHER! Please keep one another in your prayers. If you think of someone who could use a phone call, please reach out. Let's do our best to check on one another and encourage one another as well. As a church, we are in the early stages of figuring out how to reach the needs of our members and our community as they arise. Regardless of the plans we develop, they will require resources and volunteers. Please consider any ways you might be able to help. ALSO, if you find yourself in need, please contact the church office and let us know. We will do what we can to help.

I know this list is far from exhaustive, but being intentional about these 3 things will go a long way. Please know that I am praying – for all of us. WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS – TOGETHER.

In Christ, Pastor Matt

Congregational Meeting Results

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Approval to spend up to \$6,000.00 from trustee funds to help purchase a cargo van for the food pantry. This money will be available after the food pantry accumulates donations equaling \$10,000.00 or more.

71 YES; 2 NO

Change the wording of a line in Article IV, Section C of the Constitution, page 6. The line currently reads: *The Church Board shall seek approval of the congregation for the expenditure of any sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more...* The change will be to raise the amount listed to \$5,000 dollars.

59 YES; 14 NO

All Children and Youth Group Activities

Cancelled
through the month
of March 2020
This includes Sunday School,
Youth Group, etc.

For details contact Pastor Brad Greene
@ Brad.Greene@fccatchison.net

Notes of Thanks

Thank you for your contribution.

Sincerely, Atchison Juneteenth Committee

[Note: This was ½ of the offering from the Black History Service]

<u>Christian</u> <u>Sympathy</u>

- **❖** To the CLAY and MEGHAN GREENLY and FAMILY on the loss of his brother, KEVIN A. GREENLY on February 21st.
- **❖** To STACY and HENRY PEUKER, JR. and SHARON and HENRY PEUKER & FAMILY on the loss of their son and grandson, CORY J. STELTENPOHL who passed away on February 20th.
- **❖** To MARY SEXTON and FAMILY on the loss of her son, HAROLD "DEAN" SEXTON, JR. who passed away on March 4th. Memorial Services for Jr., were held on Thursday, March 19th at the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home with Pastor Matt officiating.
- **❖** To VIRGINIA PAUL and FAMILY on the loss of her son, DAVID JOSEPH PAUL who passed away on February 14th.
- ❖ To the family of BETTY SUE THOMAS who passed away on Thursday, March 12th at KU Medical Center. A Memorial service for Betty Sue was held on Wednesday, March 18th at the Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home.

24 HR PRAYER VIGIL

Hello and good day!

I want to start by saying I am so thankful for each and every one of you that has prayed for me, my family, or other members of this congregation. In the past, during one of the most difficult seasons of my life, I know you prayed for me. Sometimes it seemed like I could actually feel it! The Lord used your prayers to comfort me and help me get through that difficult time with Grace instead of falling apart. Thank you for that. It is with this knowledge of knowing how important prayer is that we approach the Easter season.

This year's prayer vigil will be from Thursday, April 9th starting 7 p.m. until Friday April 10th, 7 p.m. We have considered our options over the last couple of years and this seems to get the most participation. It also makes more sense to me since Maundy Thursday is the night Jesus prayed in preparation for Good Friday and asked his disciples to pray with him. Since we are his disciples, I think it is fitting we pray in preparation then too.

This year we're not going to open up the church, but rather ask people to sign up for an hour and pray from home. In this way we hope to include shut-ins and parents that have children and can't leave them to come to the church. It is also safer than having people come alone to the church at night and having the building open. As usual, the signup sheet is in the Annex in the red notebook. Or you can call Rosie at 913-367-3036 and ask to be placed on the list. She can also send you some devotions or scripture to reflect on during your prayer time. It is both a time for self-reflection and a time to pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ. We need your prayers!

Thank you in advance for your participation. I'm excited to see what the Lord's going to d $\ddot{}$

Warmly,
Deborah Myers
Worship Committee Co-chair



Atchison County Food Pantry @ FCC

The food pantry is open on Mondays, 1-3:00 pm, Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm and Fridays, 10-11:30 am and is located in the basement (Wolf Hall). Please use entrance off of Santa Fe St.

The Food Pantry is an important ministry in our community. Please check out our page on Facebook & Like us - Atchison County Food Pantry @ First Christian Church.



Suggested items for the pantry: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cereal (hot or cold), Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Jam, Crackers, Beef Skillet Dinner, Canned Chili, Small Can Coffee, Hot Cocoa Mix. Cash donations are welcome too!

We need volunteers in various capacities. If you are interested please contact Linda Stecher, 913-426-4359, or David Gatewood at 367-2684 or 913-370-0480 for more information.

Loaves & Fishes Schedule for 2020

Saturday's, May 16, July 11, September 19 and November 28

Meals are served, and deliveries made from First Christian Church. Sign-up sheets for volunteering are in the red notebook in the annex. We need volunteers for kitchen helpers at 9 am and drivers and helpers to deliver meals to the homebound of Atchison at 10:15 am. If you have questions, contact Barb Piper, 913-255-2461.



Remember In Prayers

Justin Andrews, Buddy Baldridge, Carole Baker, Rochel Berthelsen, Courtney Birkinsha, Alex Blunt, Jerry Botts, Pat Brown, Melinda Calhoon, Glenda Camblin, Blaine Clary, Julia Clem, Bryson Connell, Jerry Daniel, Kayla Devore, Betty Donaldson, Marion Ehret, Emmy, Alvyn Jayme Erhart, Lavern Fitkin, Alan Foreman, Ruth Frost, Gene Gillispie, Andrea Gordon, Robert Grosser, Greenly Family, Grace Hale, Mike Horton, Cody Hundley, Pat Jenkins, Tiny Kibler, LA Kimes, Charlie Kottman, Kylee Kottman, Lisa Krick, Jeff Kuhnert, Jeri Kurth, Opal Lewman, Nadine Martin, Steve Martin, Kim Matthias, Katie McAllister, Cale Miller, Sable Monroe, Pat Montgomery, Diana Moxley, Shari Oswald, The Family of Jason Pantle, Abel Portenier, Larry Ryan, Sandra Schraer and Family, Lisa Schwarzer, Elizabeth Seever, Jo Shell, Juanita Shufflebarger, Becky Smith, Gary Stecher, Bob Stephenson, FI & Doris Sutton, Charlotte Thompson, Jackson Tull, Shirley Welch, Amy and Mitch West, Kenny Winder, Joe Wurtz. [IF WE CAN TAKE ANYONE OFF OF THIS PRAYER LIST, PLEASE NOTIFY ROSIE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE]

<u>Military</u>

Ryan Callahan, Joshua Lambert, Nicholas Cline, Sean McCaffery, Anton Mak, Jesse McGlade, Curtis Ellis, Jerry Michaels, John Humbard, Robert Dickson, Quentin Rivers, Carlos Betts-Coffey, Daniel Collins, Ben Carlisle, Zach Kincaid, Gavin Rebant, Dylan Birkinsha.

Attendance

February 23, 2020	9:00 am - 81	11:00 am - 68	SS - 30 (C & Y) 24 (A)
March 1, 2020	9:00 am - 95	11:00 am - 70	SS - 44 (C & Y) 28 (A)
March 8, 2020	9:00 am - 68	11:00 am - 57	SS - 25 (C & Y) 29 (A)
March 15, 2020	9:00 am - 44	11:00 am - 53	7 (A)

Visitors February 23, March 1, 8 & 15

Hope Kelly, Sophia & Remington Duncan, Darla Enzbrenner, Steve & Cheri Hausner, Leslie & Marty Ehret, Pris & Vinnie Willmeth, Greg, Ella & Brooks Smith, Susan Krug, Jennifer Huff

Care Cards

Care for one another... 1 Corinthians 12:25

- ✓ Are you missing someone on Sundays?
- ✓ Do you know of someone who has been ill or had surgery?
- ✓ Have you noticed a church member has become inactive?

Take some time and give them a quick phone call and maybe a visit... Care Cards are available in the pew and at the Connection Center to update the church office or request Pastor Matt to contact someone special in your life.



Follow your Heart in Caring for others.

SIGN UP SHEETS

WHERE DO I SIGN UP? – LOOK for the new RED NOTEBOOK for sign-up opportunities for volunteers! If you are looking to sign-up to help with Loaves and Fishes, 24-Hour Prayer Vigil, etc. look no further... all sign-up sheets are now in one location... the RED NOTEBOOK on the table in the annex by offices. Due to services being cancelled the next few weeks, you may call the church office to sign up for these things.



Christian Visitor Deadline

Deadline: Wednesday, April 15th

This issue will include worship information for April 26, May 3, 10 & 17 as well as the May calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next *Christian Visitor* is Friday, May 15 and will include worship information for May 24, 31 June 7 & 14 as well as the June calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. Please have your items either typed or written out. It is difficult to take this information over the phone. You may also email your information to the church at fccatch@sbcglobal.net.



Soup and Sermon Has been Cancelled

Grief Support Group

Marilyn Albright, 913-367-4754

While we grieve the loss of a loved one, it can be helpful to share our thoughts, our feelings, our triumphs and our failure with others who are having the same experiences. We would like to invite you to join us at our grief support group. We meet at Paolucci's Restaurant, $113\ S\ 3^{rd}$ Street. Please join us at one or both of the following times:

- First Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm for dinner
- ➤ Third Thursday of each month at 12 noon for lunch

Giving by Text

- 1. To give by text an account must first be created at https://engage.suran.com/fccatchison.
- 2. To (913) 204-0973, text: GIVE <dollar amount>. For example: GIVE 100 will make a \$100 contribution to the General Fund.
- 3. A confirmation text should be received. Example: Reply YES to give \$100.00 to OFFERING from your account. Reply YES if this is correct.
- 4. A message will be received: Submitting your gift...
- 5. The last message received should be a final confirmation. Example: Success! Thank you for your gift of \$100 to OFFERING. You will receive an email confirming our gift to <your email address>.

\$20 MORE EACH MONTH FOR 2020

To make it possible for First Christian Church to not only maintain the current programs, but to enable them to grow, you are asked to prayerfully consider increasing your giving \$20 per month. At the start of the year 2020, a new budget will be implemented. In order to meet this budget, your assistance is greatly needed. It is amazing what can be accomplished if each person will contribute an additional \$5 per week. If Jesus could feed the multitudes with just 5 loaves and two fish, think of what He can do with your offering.

ONLINE GIVING

For your convenience, the Stewardship Ministry Team is making it possible for individuals to give their tithes and gifts online. In order to create an account, it is necessary to have your correct email address in the database. Once the email address is verified in the database, an account can be created by going to the website:

https://engage.suran.com/fccatchison

Creating an account will allow you to keep track of your gifts, as well as, other functions that will be added to the website at a later date.

Keith Rawson, Stewardship Ministry Team

First Christian Church Offering Results

	# of Givers	Given	Budget	over/under	over/under
Thru Feb. 28, 2020		43,604.22	47,200.96	(3,596.74)	(3,596.74)
March 1, 2020	55	7,743.00	5,900.12	1,842.88	(1,753.86)
March 1 Internet	5	497.32		497.32	(1,256.54)
March 8, 2020	34	5,217.96	5,900.12	(682.16)	(1,938.70)
March 8 Internet	7	1,040.82		1,040.82	(897.88)
March 15, 2020	30	3,692.00	5,900.12	(2,208.12)	(3,106.00)
March 15 Internet	3	276.41		276.41	(2,829.59)



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 MANDI WELLS
- 3 JANIE SMART, MEGAN VANDERWEIDE
- 8 KRISTEN BARNETT, AUSTIN SKIDMORE
- 10 KORY WEBB
- 13 HEATHER VANDERWEIDE
- 15 RICK STARK
- 16 MEGHAN GREENLY
- 18 DIXIE WILLIAMS
- 21 DENNIS DONALDSON, LINDA SCHOENFELDER, DENNIS STANTON
- 22 SHARON BULLOCK
- 23 DEBORAH MURPHY
- 25 ALEX CUMMINGS, MARK MIKKELSON, TONY WILBURN
- 27 REGAN DUGGER, BARBARA PIPER
- 28 SARAH FELTON
- 30 AMY SMITH

- 2 MASON OSWALT, PAT WEST
- 7 LESLEA MORANZ, JOSH REBANT
- 9 VIRGINIA PAUL
- 12 ROBI CHOWDHURI

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 STEVEN & TAMMY CORNING
- 16 MIKE & BONNIE ROBERTS
- 17 TONY & ROCHELLE SCHUETZ
 - 20 MICK & PAT WEST
- 22 CLAYTON & MEGHAN GREENLY
 - 22 LEE & MARGARET SMITH
- 23 LEROY & LINDA SCHOENFELDER

April 2020



Easter Blessings To All

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Services and Activities are subject to change. Please follow our Facebook page, Website, Emails, Kair Radio (93.7 FM), Remind (texting) for announcements			4:30 -6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 Peacemakers 6:30 Chancel Choir	10 am Coffee & Fellowship @ Paoluccis	3 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	4
Palm Sunday 5 9 am Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School Classes 10 am Kair Broadcast (93. FM) 10 am Blended Worship Service	12:15 pm Prayer Time 1-3 pm Food Pantry 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts	7	4:30 -6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 Peacemakers 6:30 Chancel Choir	8:30 am - 3 pm CWF Sewing Group in Wolf Hall 10 am Coffee & Fellowship @ Paoluccis	10 10-11:30 am Food Pantry	11
9 am Contemporary Worship 9:45 am Friendship SS 10 am Kair Broadcast (93. FM) 10-11 am Easter Breakfast 10:10 am C, Y & A SS Classes 11 am Traditional Worship	13 12:15 pm Prayer Time 1-3 pm Food Pantry 7-8:30 pm Boy Scouts	6 pm Elders Meeting 6:30 pm Diaconate 7 pm Board Meeting	4:30 -6 pm Food Pantry 5:30 Peacemakers 6:30 Chancel Choir	10 am Coffee & Fellowship @ Paoluccis	17 10-11:30 am Food Pantry 6-7 pm Praise practice 7 pm Night of Worship Everyone invited!	18
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Services Cancelled Sunday's, March 22 & 29 Keep following our Website, FB page, checking Emails, Listen to Kair Radio (93.7 FM) for updates

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Children, Youth and Adult Sunday School Classes

10:00 AM KAIR Radio Broadcast (93.7 FM)

10:00 Blended Worship Service

9:00 Communion Prep & Coffee: Jacque/Sally /Tohnya/Barb

9:00 Servers: Barb Piper, Robi Chowdhuri, Kevin Dykstra, Ron & Linda Tuley, Rhoda Butner, Shawn Adams

<u>9:00 Greeters:</u> Parking Lot (1) – Joe Bullock Parking Lot (2) – Sharon Bullock

Visitor's Guide (1) – Ronda McDaniel Sanctuary (1) – Lisa Sutton

Santa Fe Entrance – Mick West Sanctuary (2) – Kevin Dykstra Connection Center – Ronda McDaniel

<u>11:00 Elders:</u> Linda Tuley and Helen Birkinsha

<u>11:00 Servers:</u> David and Lois Reid, Tony Wilburn, Michel Fobbs, Sharon Sowers

11:00 Greeters: Parking Lot (1) – Mary Anna Dove Visitor's Guide (1) – Margie Wilburn Visitor's Guide (2) – Tony Wilburn Sanctuary (1) – Cindy Hoverson

Santa Fe Entrance – Jeremy Ellis 7th ST Entrance – Sharon Sowers Connection Center – Gini Collins

11:00 Acolyte & Helper: Gabriel and Rusty Randolph

11:00 Preparers/Cleanup:Linda Myer11:00 Worship Leader:Mary Hoffman

<u>Shut-In Communion:</u> Team 1 – Mick West and Joe Hausner Team 2 – Janie Smart and David Gatewood

As of today's date (March 19th) Nursing Homes are not allowing VISITORS – As we get closer to April 5th we will see what the status is at that time. We will notify everyone as soon as we know what the facilities guidelines are and whether we can take communion to the residents.

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

9:00 AM People of Praise Contemporary Service

9:45 AM Friendship SS Class

10:00 AM KAIR Radio Broadcast (93.7 FM)

10:10 – 10:55 AM Children, Youth & Adult SS Classes

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

9:00 Communion Prep & Coffee: Jacque/Sally /Tohnya/Barb

9:00 Servers:
Rhonda Shell Vicki Jones, Dale Erhart, Jackie Jasper, Shawn & Pam Rizza, Heather Matthias
9:00 Greeters:
Parking Lot (1) – Kay Greenly
Parking Lot (2) – Jesse Greenly

Visitor's Guide (1) – Joni Farris

Santa Fe Entrance – Allison Greene

Faiking Lot (2) – Jesse Greeniy

Sanctuary (1) – Helen Birkinsha

7th ST Entrance – Rhonda Shell

Connection Center - Janie Smart

11:00 Elders: John Dolenz

11:00 Servers: Dennis Ditsch, Kevin Dykstra, Jeremy Ellis, Linda Stecher, Lavern Fitkin, Janet Pruett

11:00 Greeters: Parking Lot (1) – Teri Kuhnert Visitor's Guide (1) – Kathy Botts

Sanctuary (1) – Regan Dugger Santa Fe Entrance – Tammy Parrott

Sanctuary (2) – David Reid 7th ST Entrance – Mary Hoffman Connection Center – Sharon Baldridge

11:00 Acolyte & Helper: Rylan and Marty Dugger

11:00 Preparers/Cleanup: Linda Stecher
Worship Leader: Cindy Hoverson

Sunday, April 19, 2020

9:00 AM People of Praise Contemporary Service 9:45 AM Friendship SS Class

10:00 AM KAIR Radio Broadcast (93.7 FM) 10:10 – 10:55 AM Children, Youth & Adult SS Classes

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

9:00 Communion Prep & Coffee: Jacque/Sally /Tohnya/Barb

<u>9:00 Servers:</u> Sally Webb, Carol Hink, Tohnya Aversman, Patty Phillippe, Deborah Myers, Sharon Bullock

9:00 Greeters:Parking Lot (1) – Carolyn RodinaVisitor's Guide (1) – Patty PhillippeSanctuary (1) – Shawn SnoddySanta Fe Entrance – Barb Piper

7th ST Entrance – Jackie Jasper Connection Center – Kevin Dykstra

11:00 Elders: Rhonda Shell and Cindy Hoverson

11:00 Servers: Steve Tate, Nathan Randolph, Dennis Stanton, Teri Kuhnert, Lucille Rawson, Carole Baker
11:00 Greeters: Visitor's Guide (1) – Alana Hale

Sanctuary (1) – Diana Stanton

Santa Fe Entrance – Jeremy Ellis

7th ST Entrance – Linda Stecher

Connection Center – Dennis Ditsch

11:00 Acolyte & Helper: Bella and Brad Greene

<u>11:00 Preparers/Cleanup:</u> Joe Hausner and Teri Kuhnert

Worship Leader: Sharon Sowers