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www.facebook.com/fccatchison

Under GROUPS check out: FCC Children and Youth Ministry
FCC Youth Group pages and FCC Young Adult Group

<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.

Call the church office, 913-367-3036 and leave a message. Rosie will return your call. Or send a message by email to: fccatch@sbcglobal.net.

Dear Friends,

Last night my family and I watched a movie together . It's been out for a while so some of you may have seen it already (or read the book it was based on). It's called, "Heaven is for Real" and it tells the true story of a young boy in Nebraska who experienced a vision of heaven when he was very sick and in the hospital. The movie contains details about what he saw in his vision. It also tells the story of how his family, his community, and the church his father pastored struggled to believe his incredible story.

When the boy's father was finally able to accept his son's story as true (after his own research and wrestling), he preached a sermon about it and came very close to losing his position because of it. His members were skeptical and the Board didn't want to their church to become known as a group of spiritual fanatics. Eventually, everyone came around, but it was only after they dealt with some issues they didn't even realize they had with God (anger, loss, and the implications of REALLY believing the things they talked about in church each Sunday).

Toward the end of the movie, the father delivered a message (to a crowded sanctuary and reporters from the newspaper and radio). He said something in his message that really stuck with me. He said (and I'm paraphrasing here), "If we believe that heaven is real, it changes everything about the way we live our lives." I thought this was very powerful and I believe he was right.

When we really accept the promises of God as true (about heaven, about his love, about his grace, about his power), it really does change everything! It gives us hope, and peace, and confidence, and courage. During this challenging and unprecedented season in history, I would offer this simple reminder: God is real and he is trustworthy. His promises are sure and we can be confident that he will pull us through this.

I can't wait to see all of you again - on the other side. In the meantime , I pray for peace that passes understanding and an undeniable sense of God's presence with us.

In Christ, Pastor Matt

Loaves & Fishes Schedule for 2020

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

Meals are prepared and deliveries made from First Christian Church . 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 would like to sign up as a driver call the office, 913-367-3036 and leave a message or call Barb Piper, 913-255-2461. [Sign-up sheets for volunteering are in the red notebook in the annex.] If you have questions, contact Barb.



Remember In Prayers

Justin Andrews, Buddy Baldrige, Carole Baker, Rochel Berthelsen, Alex Blunt, 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, Gree nly Family, Grace Hale, Mike Horton, Cody Hundley, Pat Jenkins, Tiny Kibler, LA Kimes, Charlie Kottman, Lisa Kric k, Jeff Kuhnert, Jeri Kurth, Opal Lewman, Paul Lundgren, Nadine Martin, Steve Martin, Kim Matt hi as, Katie McAllister, Cale Miller, Pat Montgomery, Diana Mo xley, Shari Oswald, The Family of Jason Pantle, Abel Portenier , Larry Ryan, Sandra Schraer and Family, Elizabeth Seever, Jo Shell, Juanita Shufflebarger, Becky Smith, Gary Stecher, Bob Stephenson, FJ & Doris Sutton, Charlotte Thompson, Jackson Tull, Shirley Welch, Amy and Mitch West, Kenn y Winder, Joe Wurtz. [IF WE CAN TAKE ANYONE OFF OF THIS PRAYER LIST, PLEASE NOTIFY ROSIE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE]

Military

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.

Crazy Times

Who would of thought that a virus would have the world come to a screeching halt. I know that as we navigate this crazy time it becomes more clear that we do not have many answers. We are left with more questions than answers and have kids that are in the same boat. I know that in my house we have had lots of emotions about Covid-19 and even more questions. Questions that we keep answering with, "I am not sure, but when we know we will let you know."

In this time we are being forced to rethink how we do normal every day things such as school, friendships, and church just to name a few. As we navigate this time I believe this could also be a defining moment for our relationship with God! I have spent some time reflecting on how different people responded in the Bible to moments of crisis in their lives and how that crisis brought them closer to God. This week I was specifically reflecting on Job. Job was a very wealthy man that had everything and then in a matter of hours his world had changed and he had lost everything. Job had a choice between two responses, 1) trust God and run to Him or 2) get mad at God and run away from Him. I think that some of us can relate to Job right now in that we have lost a lot. Job, despite all that he had lost chose to turn to God rather than get angry and run away. Job did have a period of grief and anger, but in the end he chose to trust God despite all that had happened to him. I think that the most important lesson we can learn from Job is to trust God under all circumstances.

I know that like our kids we as adults have a lot of questions during this time as well. Many of you likely have questions for the church that we don't have answers to yet. We may not know when we will get to come back together as a church yet or what summer programming will look like yet, but the one thing I do know is that throughout this time our goal as a church is to stay connected with you. If there are ways we can support you or pray for you please reach out and let us know.

Notes of Thanks

To My Wonderful Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, calls and cards at the time of Dean Jr.'s passing. Thanks to Pastor Matt for a lovely service. A special thanks to the church ladies for the wonderful meal you provided for our family. It was delicious and greatly appreciated.

All of you made a sad time so much easier. You are all AWESOME. God bless all of you.

In Christian Love, Mary Sexton and Family

Dear Friends,

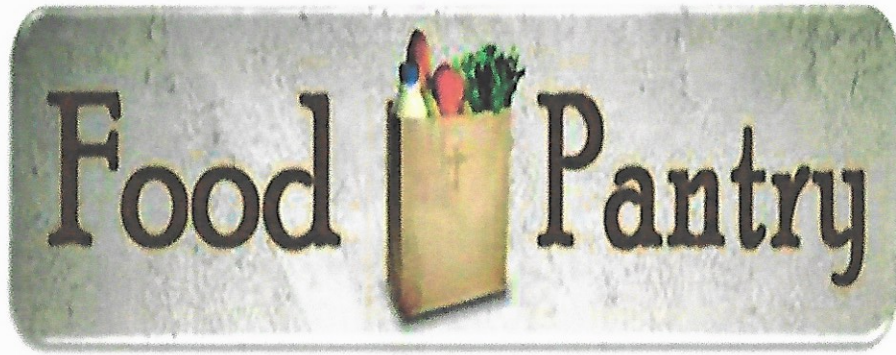
We are grateful for your partnership with Avant! Because you gave, the gospel of Jesus Christ is being proclaimed, lives are being redeemed, and the church is being planted through the work of Andrew and Andrea Korschot.

Scott Holbrook, President
Avant Ministries, Kansas City, MO

[This gift of \$346.20 was made possible through the quarterly Outreach funds.]

Christian Sympathy

- ❖ To the family of WILLIAM L. "BILL" GARRISON who passed away on April 4, 2020. Survivors include his mother, Dorothy Price, sister, Kathryn Soph and daughters, Amanda Drury and Piper Stahl.
- ❖ To the family of VIVIAN MARIE HOOPER who passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at her home. Survivors include her granddaughter, Sarah and Brad Lee and Madison and Alex Lee.
- ❖ To the family of LISA LEANNE SCHWARZER who passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2020. Inurnment will be held at a later day at the Sunset Memory Gardens. Survivors include her daughters, Jennifer Reeves and Jessica Schwarzer, her mother, Sharon Thomas, and five sisters including Karin Dulaban and Leslea Moranz.



Atchison County Food Pantry has undergone substantial changes in response to the coronavirus. To better protect both clients and our volunteers, we are providing a drive-through pantry every two weeks on Friday afternoon. This will continue at least through May, and probably through June. There will be three drive throughs in May. Our next drive-through pantry will be Friday, May 1st.

The families and individuals needing our emergency pantry have doubled overnight. We served 120 households on April 17th, and unfortunately ran out of food boxes. We are planning for 150 boxes of food on May 1st. This is straining our financial reserves. Each drive through pantry costs us around \$2,000 in purchased food as well as donations. If you have unused Thrivent cards, or can afford to make a contribution to the food pantry, this is a great time to do it. We accept cash and checks at the church office (PO Box 626, Atchison, KS 66002), or you can donate through the First Christian Church website (fccatchison.net), if you have an account. If you would like to make a food or supplies donation, we need canned vegetables and fruits, hot or cold cereals, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter, spaghetti or elbow macaroni and sauce, rice and beans, soups, ramen noodles, laundry and dish detergent, and toilet paper.

Second Harvest, our Food Bank at St Joe, can make only one delivery a month, so we have been caravanning to St Joe to pick up food. We have pressed our old van into service for these trips, although we have been advised to not drive it on the highway without repairs to the steering and suspension. We are still accepting monetary donations toward replacing this van, as we have not reached our goal.

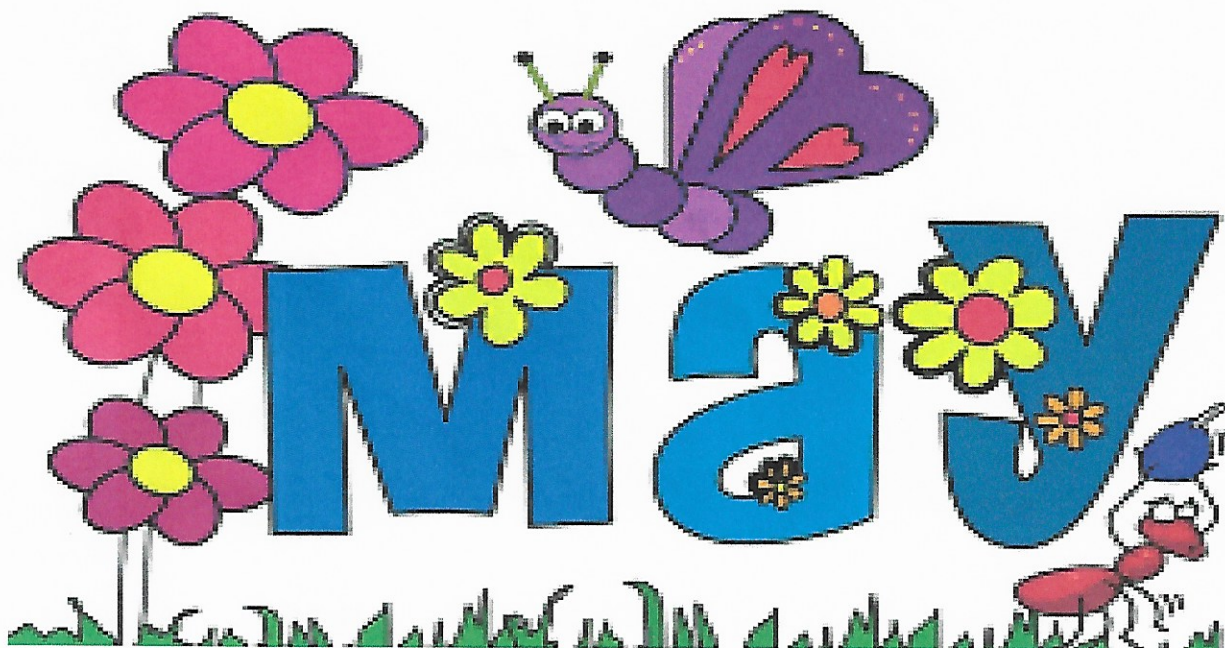
Special thanks at this time to Keith Rawson and Sharon Bullock for their additional time and vehicles, as well as David and Lois Reid and Mary Anna Dove from FCC for all of their time and efforts, as well as Youth Pastor Brad Greene, for his assistance with the drive-throughs.

CHURCH at HOME

**Keep following our
Website:**
fccatchison.net

Facebook page:
First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) - Atchison, KS

Listen to:
Kair Radio (93.7 FM)
Sunday - 10:00 AM Broadcast



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - DARAH BALDRIDGE
3 - MYA LACEY
7 - ASHLEY FANSHER, DERRICK PARROTT
9 - BRANSON DAME, GLENN PARROTT
10 - STEPHANIE JONES, HANK WEBB
11 - CORBY AVERSMAN, MARKELLE MIKKELSON, LAYNE TATE
12 - EVELYN ANN "EVIE" HAUSNER
14 - SONDRAMINK, AMY OSWALT, RACHAEL SUTTON
15 - JAMIE GOMEZ, ANGIE HAUSNER
16 - JERRY BOTTS
18 - TERI KUHNERT
19 - JANE AMTHOR, MARVIN MYER, EMILY RIVERS, QUENTIN RIVERS, MARY SODEN,
PAM WILLIAMSON
20 - SAMUEL TATE
21 - MARNIE KOCH
22 - PENNY BOWEN, MACKENA THOMPSON
24 - JOE AMTHOR, KIMBER WORLEY
25 - JOLENE REID, PEGGY STARK
26 - SANDRA ELLIOTT, MIKE ROBERTS, MARGIE WILBURN
28 - JONI FARRIS
30 - ETHAN HALE
31 - VICKI JONES

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - JEFF & TRACIE CAUDLE
5 - PATTY & ROGER PHILLIPPE
22 - TIM & ROSIE TROWER
26 - DON & JOLENE REID
2 - BUDDY & SHARON BALDRIDGE
8 - GARY & PEG WOHLGEMUTH
26 - DALE & TAMMY ERHART
29 - CINDY & RAYMOND HOVERSON

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

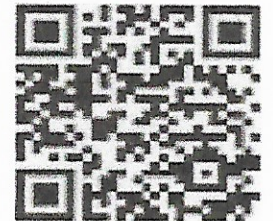
To make it possible for First Christian Church to not only maintain the current programs, but to enable them to grow, you are asked to prayerfully consider increasing your giving \$20 per month. At the start of the year 2020, a new budget will be implemented. In order to meet this budget, your assistance 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	YTD over/under
Thru March 31, 2020		68,257.11	76,701.56	(8,444.45)	(8,444.45)
April 5, 2020	15	6,262.00	5,900.12	361.88	(8,082.57)
April 5 Internet	11	1,366.19		1,366.19	(6,716.38)
April 12, 2020	26	5,456.45	5,900.12	(443.67)	(7,160.05)
April 12 Internet	11	1,591.43		1,591.43	(5,568.62)
April 19, 2020	11	6,790.00	5,900.12	889.88	(4,678.74)
April 19 Internet	14	2,301.69		2,301.69	(2,377.05)

Christian Visitor Deadline

Deadline: Friday, May 15, 2020

This issue will include worship information for May 24, 31 June 7 & 14 as well as the June calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next **Christian Visitor** is Monday, June 15th and will include worship information for June 21, 28, July 5, 12 & 19 as well as the July 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.




If you have a child/ren or you yourself graduated in December, 2019, or will graduate this May from high school, GED, Vocational or Tech school, Jr. College, College, or Master's Degree please contact the church office. We ask that you email the following information to fccatch@sbcglobal.net:

Name of Graduate
Parents Names:
School Graduating From
Plans for the Future
(school, work force, etc)

First Christian Church **2020/21 Scholarships**

We will have applications for the 2020/21 FCC scholarship available soon. To apply you must be a member of First Christian Church. The deadline to have them completed and returned to the church office is Friday, June 14, 2019. Please make sure that all items requested are included with the application form. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn Albright, Scholarship Chairperson @ 913-367-4754.


BE STRONG AND
COURAGEOUS
DO NOT BE AFRAID;
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED.
FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD
WILL BE WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO. JOSHUA 1:8-9

