

The Christian Visitor



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- 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.

Positive Vibes

It seems that every time I turn on the news or get on social media I am overwhelmed with the amount of negativity that is flooding the screen. With all that is going on, media outlets seem to focus more on the negative of the situation rather than on the positive. I know for me this can affect my outlook on all that is going on. When I am constantly reading and hearing negative things, I can begin to think that way myself. When I begin to find myself thinking negatively, I have to remind myself to turn off the news, get off social media, and focus my attention on scripture.

In my study of Scripture, I reflect on the life of Paul. Paul faced many trials and tribulations in his life. 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 speaks of the many trials Paul faced. Some of these trials include being shipwrecked, facing death multiple times, and being thrown in prison on numerous occasions. If anybody had reason to have a negative attitude in his life it would be Paul, but he always chose to see the positive and continue to serve God through all his trials.

Acts 16:25-40 is a great example of Paul remaining positive and continuously praising God while in prison. Paul could have been angry and turned his back on God but he chose to remain positive and continue to praise and serve his Father.

As we follow Paul's example, I pray that you will choose to focus on the positive and continue to praise and serve your Father in Heaven.

Pastor Brad



Loaves & Fishes Schedule for 2020

Saturday's, 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, Alwyn Jayme Erhart, Lavern Fitkin, Alan Foreman, Ruth Frost, Gene Gillispie, Andrea Gordon, Robert Grosser, Greenly Family, Grace Hale, Mike Horton, Cody Hundley, Pat Jenkins, Erin Kane, Tiny Kibler, LA Kimes, Charlie Kottman, Kylee Kottman, Lisa Krick, Jeff Kuhnert, Jeri Kurth, Opal Lewman, Paul Lundgren, Nadine Martin, Steve Martin, Kim Matthias, Katie McAllister, Tina Meudt, Cale Miller, Sable Monroe, Pat Montgomery, Diana Moxley, 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, Kenny 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.



Atchison County Food Pantry is continuing to operate an emergency drive through food distribution site operating out of Wolf Hall at the church. Distributions are scheduled every other Friday afternoon from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Our last distribution on May 8th served 90 households and 262 individuals. We were able to give away 30 lb. boxes of staples, meat, bakery and produce, in addition to 6 lb. boxes of vegetable burgers donated to us by the Salvation Army. **Our next distribution is scheduled for Friday, May 22nd from 4-6 p.m.** As Salvation Army is ending their emergency distribution site at the end of May, we will be the only food pantry in Atchison operating a drive-through distribution. We intend to continue these at least through the month of June, and more than likely through the summer.

This month we received several generous donations and grants, including a \$1,000 donation from CWF at the church, a \$2,000 grant from the Louis C. McConaughey Fund at Trinity Episcopal Church to assist the food pantry in purchase of a newer van, an additional \$3,000 grant, also from the Lois C. McConaughey Fund to help sustain the food pantry, and a \$6400 grant from the Atchison Area Community Foundation's 2020 Covid-19 Recovery Fund to assist in emergency food distribution. The van grant put us over our goal of raising \$10,000, which the Church Board requested. Food pantry funds designated for the van total \$10,600. Trustees will add \$6,000 in undesignated funds, and also \$4,000 in funds that Bob Kibler left in his estate for church operating expenses, and requested by Larry and Tiny Kibler to be used to purchase a late model, low mileage van. Trustee funds will arrive around June 1st, and we should have a much better, roadworthy

van by the end of the month. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this.

The food pantry will continue to need donations of food, supplies and cash donations to sustain us. If you have unused Thrivent cards, or can afford to contribute to the pantry, this is a great time to do it. We accept cash and checks at the church office (PO Box 626, Atchison, Kansas), or 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 fruit, 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. Donations can be left at the church office, which is currently open on Wednesdays (10 am to 4 pm) and Fridays (9:30 – 11:30 am).

**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

Christian Visitor Deadline

Deadline: Monday, June 15, 2020

This issue will include worship information for June 21, 28, July 5, 12 & 19 as well as the July calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next **Christian Visitor** is Wednesday, July 15th and will include worship information for July 26, August 2, 9, 16 as well as the August 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.

First Christian Church 2020/21 Scholarships

Applications for the 2020/21 FCC scholarship are now available. Stop by the church office on **Wednesdays, 10 am to 4 pm** or **Fridays 9:30 to 11:30 am** and pick up a copy. Or email Rosie @ fccatch@sbcglobal.net and she will email a PDF copy to you. You must be a member of First Christian Church to apply. The deadline to have them completed and turned into the church office is Friday, June 14, 2020. 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.

Note of Thanks

Dear Friends at First Christian Church,

On behalf of the staff and patrons of Project Concern, Inc., I would like to again take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the generous gift of \$345.20 recently made to our organization from First Christian Church. Thank you to your Outreach Ministry Team for this wonderful donation through your budgeted funds.

Stephanie Barnes, Executive Director

Congratulations *Class of 2020*



Anna Mikkelson, daughter of Mark and Debra, graduates from Atchison High School. She will be attending the University of Kansas in Lawrence in the fall with interest in studying emergency medicine while participating in the ROTC program. She hopes to be a member of a emergency medical evacuation team with the Army after college.

Amber Kelly, daughter of Mike and Denise Kelly graduates from Kansas State University.



Abbiegayle Dame graduates from Atchison High School. She is the daughter of Sara and Branson. Abbie is attending Highland Community College Technical Center. She hopes to continue her education and one day deliver babies.

Rachael Kelley is a graduate of Atchison High School. Rachael has been one of our Nursery Attendants at FCC. Rachael plans to attending college and hopes to one day work with farm animals as a Vet Tech.



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

	<u># of Givers</u>	<u>Given</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>over/under</u>	<u>YTD over/under</u>
Thru April 30, 2020		97,882.34	100,302.04	(2,419.70)	(2,419.70)
May 3, 2020	14	3,000.00	5,900.12	(2,900.12)	(5,319.82)
May 3 Internet	11	1,462.87		1,462.87	(3,856.95)
May 10, 2020	20	4,502.00	5,900.12	(1,398.12)	(5,255.07)
May 10 Internet	12	1,722.86		1,722.86	(3,532.21)
May 17, 2020	12	1,709.00	5,900.12	(4,191.12)	(7,723.33)
May 17 Internet	10	3,592.77		3,592.77	(4,130.56)



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - ROCHELLE SCHUETZ
- 3 - JULIA HENDERSON, GLENN HICKS
- 5 - RACHEL COOPER
- 6 - CAROL HINK, OLIVIA TATE
- 7 - OPAL LEWMAN
- 8 - DAREK HENNEN
- 9 - ELLIE BALDRIDGE, BETTY DONALDSON, LIZ MONTGOMERY
- 10 - BRILYNN DAVIS, JOHN DOLENZ
- 11 - HAGEN PHILLIPS
- 13 - WILLIAM DORSEY, SR.
- 16 - KYLEE KOTTMAN
- 19 - ADAM CAUDLE, CHRISTINA CREASON, REBEKAH HURST, DEBRA MIKKELSON,
JESSICA SCHWARZER
- 21 - JIM CHRISTIAN, RUSTY WILLIS
- 22 - PARKER KOTTMAN, COLLIN MORANZ
- 23 - GRAYCEN SCHMIDT
- 25 - KARL DOLENZ
- 27 - BRIAN RODINA
- 28 - ASHLEY STOUT, HILARY JASPER
- 29 - KEVAN BIRKINSHA
- 30 - KELSEY RUHLMAN

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 - MARK & DEBRA MIKKELSON | 2 - MARTY & KERRY DUGGER |
| 4 - ROBI & DEBBIE CHOWDHURI | 7 - DOUG & RHONDA SEXTON |
| 10 - KEITH & LUCILLE RAWSON | 11 - JOSEPH & SHARON BULLOCK |
| 11 - STACIE & KEVIN DOUGHERTY | 20 - DANNY & LAVERN FITKIN |
| 20 - RICK & SONI MORANZ | 21 - ROD & TOHNYA AVERSMAN |
| 25 - KURTIS & BROOKE GENAIL | |
| 26 - TONY & MARGIE WILBURN | 28 - BRADLEY & SHARON SOWERS |



Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Dear Church Family,

I pray this message finds you and your loved ones healthy and safe. This has been a challenging journey, but I know we will get through it with God's help and with the help & encouragement of one another!

Since the State of Kansas & the County of Atchison revealed their multi-phase plans for trying to get life as back to normal as possible, I'm sure many of you have been wondering about our plan at FCC.

Staff, the Worship Ministry Team, and our Board (which met last night via ZOOM) have been working diligently & prayerfully to come up with the best (and safest) course of action. ***The purpose of this update is to outline our plan for moving forward. This plan may need to be modified (as the situation develops), but we wanted to communicate (as well as we can) the general direction we are heading.***

Before outlining our plan, I just want to say - We ALL miss worshipping together on Sunday mornings and are incredibly eager to get back into our beautiful sanctuary! At the same time, the last thing any of us want is to put our friends or family at risk of getting sick.

As our Staff, our Worship Ministry Team, and our Board have wrestled to come up with a plan, here are a few pieces of information we have taken into consideration:

- From Terri Hord Owens (**General Minister & President of the CC(DOC)**), *"I want to encourage you, as difficult as it is, not to rush too quickly back. It is not yet time to gather for worship in person."* (April 30)

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"I remain fully committed to advising all due caution and patience as we consider what could be life and death decisions. I think it is also helpful to consider the practicalities and costs associated with having people in facilities right now, including the costs of ensuring deep cleaning and disinfecting, and getting good counsel from legal and insurance partners." (May 13)

- From the **CC(DOC) College of Regional Ministers**, *"First and foremost, we write to encourage you to be patient and take your time, and not rush back into full in-person activities before we are confident it is safe to do so."* (April 30)

- From **NEK Multi-County Health Departments, Inc.**, *"Churches are encouraged to use online, radio or other telecommunications tools whenever possible to conduct services."* (May 8)

- From the **Topeka Capital Journal**, (paraphrased) - Religious organizations have been exempted from limitations on gathering size (legally), but it's recommended that they follow government guidelines. (May 8)

- FOR REFERENCE, the current multi-phase plan for Atchison County (according to a document released May 1 by **NEK Multi-County Health Departments, Inc**), limits public gathering sizes (best-case scenario) to the following: 10 people (5/4 - 5/17); 25 people (5/18 - 5/31); and 50 people (6/1-6/30).

**Note that this is slightly different than the State of Kansas Guidelines.*

- The general consensus of the **Atchison Ministerial Alliance** (at least those who participated in our ZOOM meeting on April 1) was that our churches need to proceed with extreme caution and resist the temptation to move too quickly. Someone shared a quote that I thought was very appropriate, ***"Just because we CAN, doesn't mean we SHOULD."***

- Dr. Ruth Krusemark also drew our attention to an article that was recently published by the **Performing Arts Medical Association**. It reports that people who are singing can project the COVID-19 virus as far as 16 feet (not 6). The article also says, *"Masks don't provide safe methods of singing."*

Given these considerations (to name a few), our Staff, our Worship Ministry Team, and our Board have outlined the following (tentative plan) for worship at FCC:

- 1) **MAY** - We will continue to offer weekly video broadcasts on Facebook & YouTube. We will also continue to share messages on KAIR radio, through our podcast and through our website. *(We are looking into producing & delivering DVD videos of our broadcast to those without computer or internet access).* **No IN-PERSON services.**
 - 2) **JUNE** - We will have a few in-person services, but participation will be limited to **ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL ONLY** (those involved in conducting the service). We plan to broadcast VIDEOS of these services (some pre-recorded & some live - until we get the hang of it). Essentially, this will be an **UPGRADED** version of what we are offering in May. **LIMITED IN-PERSON SERVICES.**
- * Toward the end of June, we would like to host an IN-PERSON service for everyone in the church parking lot (Drive-in style)!
- 3) **JULY** - We hope to be able to offer **IN-PERSON SERVICES** for our general membership again. We would, of course, be exercising caution & observing social distancing protocols. Our plan is to broadcast **LIVE VIDEO** of the services as well.

As leadership, we know that some people will be disappointed or will disagree with our plan. All we can say, is that we are doing our very best to make wise, informed, collaborative, and prayerful decisions. We ask for your prayers and stress the importance of remaining UNITED during this challenging time.

We will keep everyone posted with new and relevant information as our situation continues to develop. This Sunday's Video Broadcast will also feature some information updates.

In Christ,
Pastor Matt (Sr. Minister)
Dennis Stanton (Board Chair)
Deborah Myers & Sharon Sowers (Worship Co-Chairs)
Pastor Brad (Youth Minister)