



# The Christian Visitor

Non Profit  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 18  
Atchison, Kansas

301 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 626  
Atchison, Kansas 66002-0626  
(913) 367-3036

*Sent With Love To:*

E-Mail: [fccatch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fccatch@sbcglobal.net)  
Website: [fccatchison.net](http://fccatchison.net)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/fccatchison](http://www.facebook.com/fccatchison)

*Pastor Brad Greene*  
Email: [brad.greene@fccatchison.net](mailto:brad.greene@fccatchison.net)

Published, Thursday, December 17, 2020

## Like our Facebook Pages!

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](http://www.facebook.com/fccatchison)

Under Groups: Check out our NEW FCC Children and Youth Ministry  
and FCC Youth Group pages and FCC Young Adult Group

<https://www.facebook.com/AtchisonCountyFoodPantryatFirstChristianChurch>

## The Churches Website

Check it Out: [www.fccatchison.net](http://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.

The office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 3:30 pm. The office will closed for the Christmas and New Years holidays from December 24, 2020 through January 1, 2021. If you call and no one is available, please leave a message and Rosie will return your call. Or you can send an email to the church office @ [fccatch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fccatch@sbcglobal.net)

# *May the Hope, Peace, Joy & Love Be Yours This Christmas*

From the Staff of First Christian Church

- ❖ Pastor Brad Greene, Interim Senior Pastor
- ❖ Dr. Ruth E. Krusemark, Chancel Choir Director & Organist
- ❖ Rosie Trower, Administrative Assistant
- ❖ Patty Phillippe, Custodian
- ❖ Larry Kibler, Treasurer
- ❖ Wendy Harris, Nursery Director



## **Remember In Prayers**

Jeff Amthor, Carole Baker, Rochel Berthelsen, Alex Blunt, Kathy Botts, Bobbie Bowen, Pat Brown, Melinda Calhoun, Glenda Camblin, Julia Clem, Bryson Connell, Ann Crockett, Alan Cummings, Jerry Daniel, Travis Dodson, Betty Donaldson, Faye Doyle, Laura Draper, Marion Ehret, Emmy, Alvyn Jayme Erhart, Lavern Fitkin, Ruth Frost, Betty (Jones) Gleason, Robert Grosser, Grace Hale, Carol Hink, Cody Hundley, Erin Kane, Tiny Kibler, LA Kimes, Zach Kincaid, Charlie Kottman, Kylee Kottman, Jeff Kuhnert, Paul Lundgren, Kris Mann, Nadine Martin, Steve Martin, Kim Matthias, Katie McAllister, Soni Moranz, Sable Monroe, Joy Norfleet, Kristi Olson, Shari Oswald, Jennifer Otte, Ardith Peak, Abel Portenier, Stan Purdy, Beverly Reece, Larry Ryan, Elizabeth Seever, Robena Seever, Juanita Shufflebarger, Becky Smith, Mary Soden, Gary & Linda Stecher, Bob Stephenson, Doris Sutton, Charlotte Thompson, Shirley Welch, Amy and Mitch West, 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, Zach Kincaid, Gavin Rebant, Dylan Birkinsha.

## **2020 Attendance**

November 22	10:00 AM Service - 47 FB Live Stream & Video - 360 Views
November 29	10:00 AM Service - 49 FB Live Stream & Video - 355 Views
December 6	10:00 AM Service - 56 FB Live Stream & Video - 462 Views
December 13	10:00 AM Service - 62 FB Live Stream & Video - 240 Views

## Congregational Meeting Results

**Trustee:** Dennis Stanton will serve a 3-year term.  
**Elders:** Marilyn Albright, Cindy Hoverson, Keith Rawson and Phyllis Walton will serve a 3-year term and Kevin Dykstra will serve a 2-year term.  
**Deacons / Deaconesses:** Tohnya Aversman, Sharon Bullock, Joni Farris, Michel Fobbs, Allison Greene, Ronda McDaniel, Jan Merritt, Barb Piper, Chris Pruessner and Sharon Sowers will service a 3-year term.

## 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 later date.

## 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>.



## Worship Service

Sundays @ 10:00 AM in the sanctuary

The **parking lot entrance** is the only entrance available to enter and exit from the church.

10:00 AM Live Streaming on Facebook @ First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – Atchison, Kansas.  
Video is also available on FB after the Live Stream

10:00 AM KAIR Radio Broadcast (93.7 FM)



<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Roy & Lila Mercer
Given By:	Debbie & Ron Buntin, Bill & Dolly Mercer and Rhonda & Bill Shell
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Chet & Jo Shell
Given By:	Bill & Rhonda Shell & Family
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Dean Mercer
Given By:	Sherri, Alex, Lindsey, Cal, Carter, Cash & Callie
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Charlie Campbell
Given By:	Carolyn and Family
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Steven Campbell
Given By:	Carolyn and Family
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Martha Ellis
Given By:	The Sowers and Ellis Family
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Bernard and Anna Jones, Bernice (Jones) Patterson and Dennis Gleason
Given By:	The Families of Bernice, Steve, Sharon, Cindy, Betty and Mark
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Ray and Patricia Montgomery
Given By:	Their Family
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Don and Dale Garvin
Given By:	Vi and Family
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Jack Albright
Given By:	The Busche Families & The Morgan Families
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	James Wilson
Given By:	His Family
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Arthur & Vivian Gatewood
Given By:	Ardith Peak & David Gatewood
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Jack Farris
Given By:	Roger and Joni Farris
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Alice Farris
Given By:	Roger and Joni Farris
<b>In Loving Memory Of:</b>	Fred Masteller
Given By:	Roger and Joni Farris

# Christian Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to:*

The family of **MARGARET R. SMITH** who passed away on Monday, November 16, 2020. Funeral services for Margaret were held on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Community Christian Church in St. Joseph, MO with Rev. Tim Champ officiating.

The family of **JO MARIE SHELL** who passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. Memorial services for Jo were held on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at First Christian Church, Atchison with Pastor Brad officiating.

To **ANGIE & JOE HAUSNER** and **FAMILY** on the loss of her father, **RANDY EISCHEID** who passed away on Sunday, November 29, 2020. A funeral mass for Mr. Eischeid was held on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Halbur, Iowa.

The family of **OPAL LEWMAN** who passed away on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The family will receive friends from 1-2:00 pm Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> with funeral services to follow at 2 pm at the First Christian Church with Pastor Brad Greene and Pastor Russ Cooper officiating.

## First Christian Church Offering Results

	<u># of Givers</u>	<u>Given</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>over/under</u>	<u>over/under</u>
Thru November 30, 2020		244,670.27	283,205.76	(38,535.49)	(38,535.49)
December 6 Church Service	10	1,325.00	5,900.12	(4,575.12)	(43,110.61)
December 6 Delivered to Office	8	2,300.00		2,300.00	(40,810.61)
December 6 Internet	12	1,115.49		1,115.49	(39,695.12)
December 13 Church Service	11	1,525.00	5,900.12	(4,375.12)	(44,070.24)
December 13 Delivered to Office	9	2,677.00		2,677.00	(41,393.24)
December 13 Internet	8	733.65		733.65	(40,659.59)
Monthly Totals		9,676.14	11,800.24	(2,124.10)	

## LETTER OF THANKS

Dear First Christian Church Family,

Thank you all so very much for the celebration of my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the Administrative Assistant here at First Christian Church. The parade of cars, well wishes, cards, monetary and other gifts – words cannot express the love I felt. Special thanks to Pastor Brad for putting this all together. Love you all!

Rosie



## Loaves & fishes — MINISTRY —

### ***Saturday, January 23, 2021***

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.

## **Christian Visitor Deadline**

Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2021

This newsletter will include the February, 2021 calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next Christian Visitor is Monday, February 15, 2021 and will include the March, 2021 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](mailto:fccatch@sbcglobal.net).

## **Board Orientation**

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

6:00 PM

In the Sanctuary

All out-going, current and newly elected Board Members are encouraged to attend the Board Orientation.

6:30 PM

Elders, Deacons/Deaconesses Meetings to elect new officers and hold brief meeting.

7:00 PM

Board Meeting

To elect New Board Officers – Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

## **Board Installation**

### **Sunday, January 24, 2021**

The newly elected members of the 2021 Board as well as the Board Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary and Ministry Team Chairpersons will be INSTALLED in a special ceremony during the 10:00 AM service this day.



# January

## **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - RUSS COOPER, GRIFFIN SCHMIDT
- 3 - MARY HOFFMAN, LINDA VANDERWEIDE, JACK VANDIVER
- 4 - ALLISON SIMPSON
- 5 - GRACE ELLIOTT
- 6 - WILLIAM BALDRIDGE, JAKE REBANT, DAVID REID, MARY SHUCK
- 7 - JANIE HINER
- 8 - CARLIE WELLS, MIKE WEST
- 9 - AMANDA DRURY, BILL PIPER, DUANE WILLIAMS
- 10 - DELANEY KOCH
- 11 - KATHY BOTTS, TAMMY PARROTT, NICHOLAS WILLIAMS
- 12 - CLARK CUMMINGS
- 14 - KIM (WILBURN) HURLEY, BLAKE STOUT
- 15 - COURTNEY BIRKINSHA
- 17 - BROOKE JACKSON
- 18 - BRIAN OSWALT
- 19 - MICHEL FOBBS, FLOYD MCHARDIE, NATE PRUESSNER
- 20 - DORIS SUTTON
- 21 - BETTY DORSEY, NICHOLAS GUNDLACH, PEG MONTGOMERY WOHLGEMUTH
- 24 - JESSIE KERR
- 25 - TAYGEN RENO
- 26 - CALEB MORANZ, GARY MASON
- 28 - DANA COLLINS
- 29 - AMY KNOCH, CHRIS MCDANIEL, JUSTIN PREGONT
- 30 - PAIGE MILLER
- 31 - KATHY SOPH



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 17 - KORY & ANN WEBB

# January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year Office Closed	2
3 Congregational Meeting 10 AM Worship Service 10 AM Live Stream FB 10 KAIR Radio (93.7 FM)	4 7-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	5	6	7 6:30-7:30 PM Cub Scouts	8 1-3 PM Atchison County Food Pantry Distribution	9
10 10 AM Worship Service 10 AM Live Stream FB 10 KAIR Radio (93.7 FM) 2 PM Meadowlark 4-H 5-6 PM Youth Group	11 7-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	12 6 PM Board Orientation 6:30 PM Elders & Deacons/Deaconesses Meetings 7 PM Board Meeting	13	14 6:30-7:30 PM Cub Scouts	15 Christian Visitor deadline for February newsletter  1-3 PM Atchison County Food Pantry Distribution	16
17 10 AM Worship Service Teen Challenge 10 AM Live Stream FB 10 KAIR Radio (93.7 FM) 5-6 PM Youth Group	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed 7-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	19	20	21 6:30-7:30 PM Cub Scouts	22	23 First Christian Church will prepare and deliver meals for the Loaves & Fishes Feeding Ministry
24 10 AM Worship Service Installation Board & Officers, Chairpersons 10 AM Live Stream FB 10 KAIR Radio (93.7 FM) 5-6 PM Youth Group	25 7-8:30 PM Boy Scouts	26	27	28 6:30-7:30 PM Cub Scouts	29	30
31 10 AM Worship Service 10 AM Live Stream FB 10 KAIR Radio (93.7 FM) 5-6 PM Youth Group						



P  
L  
E  
A  
S  
E  
  
R  
E  
T  
U  
R  
N  
  
T  
O  
  
T  
H  
E  
  
O  
F  
F  
I  
C  
E

# 2021 Ministry Teams Formation

(New Ministry Teams begin February, 2021)

Every members of the congregation is encouraged and needed to serve on a Ministry Team. Please indicate how you desire to serve the Lord by selecting one:

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Fellowship

\_\_\_\_\_ Property & Grounds

\_\_\_\_\_ Stewardship

\_\_\_\_\_ Evangelism

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Outreach

\_\_\_\_\_ Worship

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Christian Education

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Christian Education

COMMENTS:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Tuesday, December 15, 2020

To: Church Members of the First Christian Church (FCC) (Disciples of Christ), Atchison, KS.

From: Dennis Stanton, Chairman of the Board, FCC (Disciples of Christ), Atchison, KS

FCC Church members,

I am writing you today to let you know of an **upcoming congregation meeting** that will be held on **January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**. I will be calling a meeting that day to address two issues that needs to be voted on by the congregation.

For the first agenda item, I will be asking the congregation to approve a motion that was approved at the December 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting to spend up to \$25,000.00 of undesignated trustee funds to pay for some unexpected repairs that have and are being performed on our church building recently. The roof on the south side of the building had been leaking for some time now and the roof was recently replaced to fix this problem. That project cost over \$10,000.00 to do. We are also in the process of repairing and replacing some of the boilers that heat our church. These projects needed to be fixed and we are asking the congregation to approve the funds to handle these unexpected expenses.

Maintenance on an old structure like our church can be expensive at times to repair. We try to budget these repairs but sometimes things come up that need addressed sooner than later to get the problem solved. I hope you will be at the congregational meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and will vote to approve spending the money needed to pay for these repairs.

The second item on the agenda that day will be to ask for approval to hire our Interim Senior Minister, Brad Greene as our permanent Senior Minister. The Minister Selection team has been evaluating Brad's performance as our interim Senior Minister and discussing with members of the congregation their opinion of Brad's job that he has done the last few months. A meeting of the Ministry Selection Team was held on December 15<sup>th</sup> and a motion was made and approved to place Brad's name as the candidate of choice for the position of permanent Senior Minister at FCC. I hope you will be at the meeting to help us decide if Pastor Brad will be the permanent Senior Minister we are looking for and will be hired.

These are both very important issues that the congregation will address at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. I hope you will be present to add you voice to the results of these motions.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Signed,

Dennis Stanton,

Chairman of the Board, FCC for the year 2020.