

# CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



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## **Our Mission**

*God calls us...*

*And the Holy Spirit empowers us to:*

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*

## **Come to Worship.**

All Are Invited.

8:00 Coffee House

8:30 Praise Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:40 Trad. Worship

Noon-Coffee

Fellowship

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**Next Newsletter**

**February 10.**



## **It's 'Souper Bowl' Time**

The Johnson County Food Center is asking for our help to stock The Food Center with soup for 2016. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> year for the 'Souper Bowl' campaign that feeds those who are hungry. Last year the community collected over 35,000 cans for soup, and the goal is to provide at least that much again this year.

First Christian provided 7,561 cans of soup for the 'Souper Bowl' event in 2015. We will hope to provide that much, or more, this year.

A contribution of \$10 will purchase 28 cans of chicken noodle, vegetable, or tomato soup. If you would like, we can shop for you. Just make your contribution to the church and mark it for 'Souper Bowl.'

If you prefer to shop yourself, the Food Center also likes to receive cream soups. Just bring your soup to the Christian Life Center, and we will deliver it on February 7.



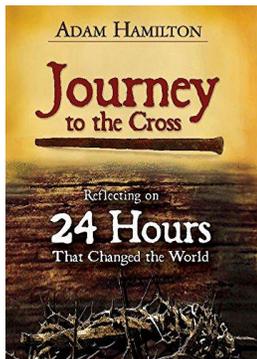
*As we get ready to close out January we have to be ready to leap into Lent. It's early this year. Ash Wednesday is February 10. Please plan to join us in the sanctuary that evening at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Ash Wednesday service. At the end of this service you can receive the imposition of ashes on your forehead if you wish. Ashes on the forehead is a sign of repentance and a good way to get your Lenten journey under way. We will work our way through six weeks and end the journey on Easter Sunday, March 27.*

*During Lent I'm going to lead a book study titled "Journey to the Cross-24 Hours That Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. Adam is the senior pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, KS. This is the largest Methodist church in the USA and Adam is a really good author. He's written many books and I know this will be a good study. It takes us through the final days and hours of Jesus' life. I am planning to start the study on Wednesday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m. and continue for five weeks (February 17-March 16). If you are interested, please try and get a copy of the book off Amazon or at any Christian book store. We'll plan to meet in the CLC lobby. If there are too many for that area, we'll move to the parlor. If you have any questions, let me know.*

*Please take time to look around our facilities and look at the new lights. What an improvement! We'll let you know the particulars later but this is a great project to get completed thanks to a lot of great people!*

Blessings!

Pastor Jerry



From amazon.com  
Paper back copy is now  
\$9.99 new or used copies  
starting at \$5.00

Experience the final hours of Jesus' life in new ways as you take your own journey to the cross. Based on Adam Hamilton's devotions from *24 Hours That Changed the World*, this new compilation contains added content to help readers prepare heart and mind for Easter: descriptions of Hamilton's travel to the Holy Land, historical and scriptural content from each chapter of *24 Hours*, links to online travel videos and photographs, as well as Scripture and prayers.

*Journey to the Cross* is excellent for individual devotion and reflection and can also be used in a small group experience.



## February Calendar

7-5:00 p.m.-Youth meet in CLC  
14-2:00 p.m.-Youth visit Care Centers  
21-5:00 p.m.-Youth meet in CLC  
28-5:00 p.m.-Youth meet in CLC



*Thank you to our Church Family for the beautiful carnations delivered by Donna Elliott on a cold winter day. It certainly made our anniversary day special.*

*Don & Linda Hoover*

## Winter Word Search Puzzle

F S K A T I N G H O C K E Y V  
V U S B J T M P W O L P T D W  
P T N P B O O T S F Y S A L T  
S N O W M A N Y C C S T O R M  
E F W T Z L S E I R R U L F S  
S F M L E E L Y E O Y Y D N E  
E O O M E M I A U M A V O I R  
K G B S W O P S B L F W G H U  
A N I H V B P A P W B M N S T  
L I L O B B E N N L O L I K P  
F D E V D U R D O Q U N H I L  
X I N E D B Y W W X J P S I U  
Z L K L N I E L D T L D I N C  
F S V V L R K T F I R D F G S  
T S C R A P E R J W W H I T E

BOOTS SKATING  
DRIFT SKIING  
FISHING SLIDING  
FLAKES SLIPPERY  
FLURRIES SNOWBALL  
FUN SNOWBLOWER  
HOCKEY SNOWMAN  
ICY SNOWMOBILE  
PLAY STORM  
PLOW WHITE  
SALT  
SAND  
SCRAPER  
SCULPTURE  
SHOVEL



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**Everyone is Welcome!**

Coffee House in CLC: 8:00 a.m.  
 Praise Service: 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.-All Ages  
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.  
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon in Parlor

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Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

Family of Kenneth Martin  
 Family of Marge Dyer  
 Mary Tyler (Honey)  
 Payton Smith (Anna Huff's friend)  
 Our Children  
 Our Law Enforcement  
 Our Military



## February Celebrations

### Happy Birthday!

1-Mike Revels	16-Olivia Petersen	26-Sherin Sellman
2-Anita Grigsby	16-Keegan Newberry	26-Mat D'Orazio
5-Janette Howard	20-Ray Fitterling	27-Bryce Seigfreid
6-Madison Walsh	20-Gary D'Orazio	28-John Howard
12-Sadie Mapes	23-AnnaBelle Gates	