

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

Next Newsletter

November 14.

Thanks to Our Unsung Heroes

We on the Regional Minister Team affirm that the greatest honor and privilege we have in our capacity to serve God and Christ's Church is to *be* a pastor *to* the pastor. As a collective body, there are few more dedicated servants, overworked achievers, underpaid givers, and compassionate healers than those who sacrifice income and hours for layers of education and authorization. They sometimes attend to parish needs over their family's to accept and honor a call they heard from God by serving a local congregation. As the nation honors those whom it calls for service on multiple holidays a year and every public sporting event and concert, we in the church honor our Servants of the Cross – with not as much fanfare or retail discounts granted, but especially during this Ministerial Appreciation Month of October.

We say, "Thank you!" for your ministry in your congregation and to the Region of Mid-America. We also encourage our churches to celebrate Minister Appreciation Month. A kind word (by email, Facebook, or greeting card), a plate of cookies, a Starbucks gift card, or a simple handshake will go the second mile in brightening your minister's heart who is beginning to stress over Advent liturgies and themes - and potentially add years to a joyous and faithful ministry together.

Thank you! to all of our Mid-America congregations who support your minister and ministry by also giving to the Region's special offerings and appeals so we can "give it right back." God bless!!

Larry Colvin Paul Koch Penny Ross-Corona G. Mike Weinman



For this newsletter I'd like to share with a piece I ran across called: "God Answers Prayers." It's a good read and food for thought.

Does God still talk to people? A young man had been to Wednesday night Bible Study. The Pastor had shared about listening to God and obeying the Lord's voice. The young man couldn't help but wonder, "Does God still speak to people?" After the service he went out with some friends for coffee and pie and they discussed the message. Several different ones talked about how God had led them in different ways. It was about 10:00 when the young man started driving home. Sitting in his car, he just began to pray, "God...if you still speak to people, speak to me. I will listen. I will do my best to obey." As he drove down the main street of his town, he had the strangest thought, to stop and buy a gallon of milk. He shook his head and said out loud, "God is that you?" He didn't get a reply and started on toward home. But again, the thought, buy a gallon of milk. The young man thought about Samuel and how he didn't recognize the voice of God, and how little Samuel ran to Eli.

"Okay, God, in case that is you, I will buy the milk." It didn't seem like too hard a test of obedience. He could always use the mild (1 Samuel- Chapter 3).

He stopped and purchased the gallon of milk and started off toward home. As he passed Seventh Street, he again felt the urge, "Turn down that street." "This is crazy," he thought and drove on past the intersection. Again, he felt that he should turn down Seventh street. At the next intersection, he turned back and headed down Seventh. Half jokingly, he said out loud, "Okay, God, I will."

He drove several blocks, when suddenly, he felt like he should stop. He pulled over to the curb and looked around. He was in a semi-commercial area of town. It wasn't the best, but it wasn't the worst of neighborhoods either. The businesses were closed and most of the houses looked dark like the people were already in bed.

Again, he sensed something, "God and give the milk to the people in the house across the street." The young man looked at the house. It was dark and it looked like the people were either gone or they were already asleep. He started to open the door and then sat back in the car seat. "Lord, this is insane. Those people are asleep and if I wake them up, they are going to be mad and I will look stupid."

Again, he felt like he should go and give the milk. Finally, he opened the door, "Okay God, if this is you, I will go to the door and I will give them the milk. If you want me to look like a crazy person, okay, I want to be obedient. I guess that will count for something but if they don't answer right away, I am out of here."

He walked across the street and rang the bell. He could hear some noise inside. A man's voice yelled out, "Who is it? What do you want?" Then the door opened before the young man could get away. The man was standing there in his jeans and T-shirt. He looked like he just got out of bed. He had a strange look on his face and he didn't seem too happy to have some stranger standing on his doorstep. "What is it?" The young man thrust out the gallon of milk, "Here, I brought this to you." The man took the milk and rushed down a hallway speaking loudly in Spanish. Then from down the hall came a woman carrying the milk toward the kitchen. The man was following her holding a baby. The baby was crying.

The man had tears streaming down his face the man began speaking and half-crying, "We were just praying. We had some big bills this month and we ran out of money. We didn't have any milk for our baby. I was just praying and asking God to show me how to get some milk." His wife in the kitchen yelled out, "I ask him to send an Angel with some. Are you an Angel?"

The young man reached into his wallet and pulled out all the money he had on him and put it in the man's hand. He turned and walked back toward his car and the tears were streaming down his face. He knew that God still answers prayers.

Blessings!

Pastor Basye

MINISTER APPRECIATION

Each year in October, we honor our ministers with special recognition.

Please take a moment to let Pastor Jerry and Vyrdel know how much we appreciate them for the great ministry they provide for our church.

The Membership and
Evangelism Committee

Thank You Notes

*Dear Friends of the First Christian Church,
The Blum Family and the Angels and Guest of Music in Motion would like to extend our sincerest appreciation for your continued support of our Music in Motion program and for offering us the use of this beautiful venue to serve our Mission of Hope through Music to our special friends. Everyone had a wonderful time at our 2017 Music in Motion Prom. Without your support this special evening would not have been possible. Thank you so much!*

*With Gratitude and Love,
Blum Family and the Angels of Music in Motion*
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First Christian Church:

We want to thank everyone who had a part in helping our family through a very sad time. We appreciate Pastor Basye's words of comfort; your words of prayer; everyone who participated in the service; and the women who prepared and served the food for the reception. You all helped us give Lin the kind of farewell that he wanted.

*Gratefully,
Jeanette Welch and Family*

Project Community Connect

Friday, November 10
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
At the UCM Student Recreation Center

Want to get involved?
Visit the website to learn about
becoming a volunteer or donor:

www.ProjectCommunityConnect.org

CWF Visitation Day

Thursday, Nov. 2
Meet at Church @ 9 a.m.
Lunch @ 11 a.m. R.I.S.E. Café
(Workshop Café)



**Annual Hayride & Wiener Roast
Saturday, October 28, 6:00 p.m.
@ Dooley Farm, 500 NW 13 Hwy**

Drinks, dogs & buns will be provided.
Please bring sides & desserts to share.

Run for their Lives! LifeWalk/Run 2017 October 28, 9:00 a.m.

Registration 8:30 a.m. Walk starts from 208 E Gay.
Proceeds from the LifeWalk go to support
New Beginnings Women's Center.



Kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to church on Sunday, October 29th. We are going to be trick or treating the adult and middle/high school Sunday School rooms. Please let us know if you would be willing to bring juice boxes or treats for a mini party. We ask that the costumes be comfortable and easy to get on and off for bathroom purposes. We also ask that costumes not be of a graphic or violent nature. No weapons please.

Thanks,
The Education Committee



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Come to Worship!
Everyone is Welcome!

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

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Return Service Requested



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

Nancy Anderson
 Kevin Raynes
 Our Children
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military
 Those with continuing health concerns

All Youth
Meet This Sunday
2:00 p.m.
To Visit Care Centers

November Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

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| 1-Brenda Dooley | 9-Kyle Shackelford | 18-Brent Baldwin |
| 1-Katie Kirkbride | 9-Janette Welch | 19-Gene Lang |
| 1-Jerry Miller | 10-Nathan Piper | 19-David Stuck |
| 2-Phil Shumard | 12-Glenn Borum | 20-Rick Dooley |
| 6-Austin Frandsen | 14-Millie Burton | 22-Jana Hakes |
| 7-Don Kendrick | 15-Marshall Good | 22-Travis Seigfreid |
| 8-Ronnie Goodwin | 15-Whitney Turner | 23-Maggie Stuck |
| 9-Cathy Jones | 16-David Ritchhart | 23-Michael Wakeman |
| 9-Andrew Russell | 17-CL Holdren | 24-Toni Frandsen |

Happy Anniversary

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| 1-Al & Anita Gosney | 5-Robert & Sharon Cochran |
| 3-Jerry & Phyllis Evans | 24-Brad & Tori Hunter |
| 4-Scott & Carol Dunham | 27-Roger & Connie Baldwin |