



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
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REACHING In.....REACHING Up.....REACHING Out

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STATEMENT OF MISSION

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is called to witness to all humankind with a spiritual vitality that embraces inclusiveness and Christ-like justice. Therefore, we seek to be a community that reaches in to one another, reaches up to God, and reaches out to the world with the love of Jesus Christ.

CHURCH CAMP CHANGES EVERYTHING!

Campers at our Disciples of Christ Camp Tawakoni, learn more about themselves and others, discover more about their denomination, develop a greater spiritual awareness, and encounter Christ through living and learning in God's creation.

We are wonderfully grateful that FCC has 8 children and youth going to camp this year, and that we also are providing a Camp Director, Pastor Kent, and a counselor, Justin Foster .



FROM INTERIM PASTOR KENT DORSEY.....



My next weeks are filled by two summer staples – family reunion at our home on the lake and directing a CYF Camp at Tawakoni. Preparing for both events has been challenging, but everything will work out fine even if it doesn't work out the way I planned.

Tawakoni is new digs for me. The last times I directed or counseled CYF Camp in Kansas were at Christian Hills near Eureka. One of the strangest what-goes-around experiences in my life was returning to Christian Hills as an adult. By that time, I had been to college and seminary and was recently ordained by the Christian Church in Kansas. I had not walked the holy ground of Christian Hills since the summer after my 4th grade. As a 4th grader I was pumped to go to church camp. My older brother and all the older kids at church raved about church camp. I always wanted to do what the older kids were doing. It was a major surprise to all of us that homesickness landed on me with a sobbing “thud” soon after I arrived. I toggled between “stiff upper lip” and surprisingly uncontrollable sobbing that whole week. I couldn't wait to get home. I probably missed many spiritual opportunities by never going back to church camp.

I survived that week and within a few years was ready to travel as much of the world as my motorcycle and money would permit. The irony of returning to Christian Hills many years later was nothing more than an entertaining embarrassment for my counselor colleagues.

This summer's family reunion and that distant memory of my debilitating homesickness comes at a time when my nation is engaging in world-class child abuse at the border between Mexico and the United States of America. Children younger than 4th graders are separately incarcerated from their incarcerated parents in nearby tent cities or flown several states away. They appear before immigration judges who are deciding their fates. Some say their crime is immigrating illegally into these United States. Love, justice and human rights tell me that the crime here is the idolatrous investing of a line on a map with sacred power.

Borders are not sacred; God alone is worthy of our worship.

Children who are alone are worthy of our better choices as a nation.

Hear the voice of the Holy One on page 431 of Chalice Hymnal:

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

I am grateful for the Global Mission Partners of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ, who minister in Latin American and other countries where women are abused and where our dependence on narcotics has funded drug cartels and corrupted police forces.

I am grateful for Lukus Ebert and Ben Duerfeldt, who will be preach the word of the loving God in my absence.

Kent

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR ASHLEY VANGLIDER



Summer Camp Schedule

Camper	Camp Session	Dates
Victoria R.	CYF Conf - Omega	July 9-14
Tristan T.	Junior 2	July 23-28

Please feel free to send our campers some mail. Please send letters to the campers at the following address:

Camper Name
Camp Session (Junior 1, Omega 2, Equestrian, etc.)
Disciples Center at Tawakoni
8492 SW Tawakoni Rd.
Augusta, KS 67010-8111

We want to make sure our campers know we are praying for them and wanting them to have a great time getting closer to the Lord and friends.



FCC is currently looking for a lead nursery attendant. If you are interested, please contact Ashley VanGilder at ashley@fccmanhattan.org or call the church office at 785-776-8790

Family Fun Evening for First Christian!

Music in the Park

Tuesday, July 10, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Join your First Christian Church family to listen to the Little Apple Barbershop Chorus and the Manhattan Municipal Band concert. We will have a shuttle service using our First Christian Church bus to the park, and back to FCC

For Updated Info: Call the church office, 776-8790, or see our FCC Facebook



DISCIPLES WOMEN AND DISCIPLES MEN

DWF MISSION AND OUTREACH DISBURSEMENTS

LOCAL

MHK Emergency Shelter	\$455.00
Hospital Flowers	\$51.70
Funeral Meals	\$507.82
Christmas Gift Cards	\$200.00
Community Christmas Meal	\$171.22

REGIONAL

Kansas Christian Home	\$100.00
Tennyson Center for Children	\$100.00
Woodhaven Learning Center	\$100.00
KDW staff support	\$250.00

GLOBAL

Blanket Fund	\$250.00
Blessing Box offering	\$531.63
Disciples Mission Fund	\$2,000.00
Postage for Pill Bottles	\$47.45

Women Empowerment Fund \$100.00



As a new year begins we look forward to more opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education, fellowship and creative ministries. Please join us as we reach out in love to each other and to the world.

Submitted by Deb Marfield

Disciples Men Odyssey Fall Retreat

September 21 – 23, 2018

Disciples Center at Tawakoni

Jesus did a lot of ministry with fishermen. A lot of men love to fish. Together, we will explore how doing things that we love to do can strengthen our ministries for men and by men.

Men and boys 10 years and older are invited to spend a weekend rediscovering the mission Jesus' call to be a fisher of men. While originally conceived as a partnership journey for teen boys and their father figures, the vision for the Odyssey Project has grown to include any man who is tired of going through the motions of being a follower of Jesus.

Activities include pre-event mission project, fishing tournament, golf outing, campfire, and watching "When the Game Stands Tall".



JULY BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Progress on the construction site at 3001 Grand Mere Parkway continues on schedule. No major delays have been caused by weather conditions. Water and sewer line construction east of the Grand Mere Parkway has been completed except for seeding the construction easement. All on-site utilities will be completed soon. The stone retaining wall around the parking lot has been placed and a 6"-8" covering of top soil will cover the slope behind the wall. See accompanying photo. Following the placement of top soil a seeding of the Grand Mere mix to control erosion will be done this summer.

Construction has started on the lower level of the building and lower level walls have been poured. See accompanying photo. Several additions to the lower level space that will make it more usable beyond just for storage and mechanical equipment includes: water closet, lavatory sink, utility sink, drains, extra electrical outlets around the basement perimeter, and specifically placed water hydrants. Excavation for footings has commenced on the sanctuary footprint and this process will continue to other areas of the building.

We have recently brought closure to the actual number and locations of A/V boxes and power in the sanctuary/chancel and also have made decisions related to lighting locations and related control issues in the sanctuary. The playground subcommittee has met with the landscaping subcontractor and has recommended a variety of playscape options, ground cover, shade covering, and fencing that will be incorporated in the final version of the education/daycare playground. Decisions will be made based on day care codes, ages of the children, and cost estimates.

For the past several months BHS has been scheduling weekly Owner/Architect/Construction (OAC) meetings. The agenda for each meeting is developed by BHS and items usually include Safety, Schedule, List of Submittals, Project Changes, Action Items, New Business, and an updated Request for Change Log. Generally, these meetings are held on site and usually include 2-3 reps from the Building Committee, a rep from Gould Evans (either on site or via electronic medium), and FCC individuals directly involved with day care and fellowship/kitchen issues. Additional meetings/communications are scheduled as necessary. Every day brings new questions and decisions. In summary, construction seems to be moving forward at a reasonable pace.



In closing I want to again emphasize the safety and security rules for on-site visitors. To date we have had no accidents....always good news. The **"First Rule"** is to park in the designated area and check in at the on-site Office (building to the right of the entrance). If you walk on the site you are required to wear protective head gear, appropriate footwear, and a construction site vest. Please follow the safety procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Gallagher
Chair of FCC Building Committee

FCC PROGRESS



Poured concrete walls of lower level and east entrance to the lower level of the church, June 13, 2018.
Standing at location of sanctuary.



Applying 6"-8" of top soil on the slope behind the stone retaining wall of the parking lot, June 13, 2018.

A BRIEF REPORT OF THE MINISTER SEARCH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Minister Search Committee members are Grant Chapman, JT VanGilder, Nancy Goulden, Bill (Mac) McReynolds, Sharon Purvis, Zach Seckman, and Lynda Uthoff. We also welcome Ruby Brower and Rev. Kent Dorsey to the meetings.

We have finished and submitted the Congregational Profile to the Kansas Regional Office to the Regional Ministers Rev. Steve Martin and Rev. Renee Bridwell.

I want to thank the committee members for their good work April and May getting the profile finished and out. Renee Bridwell is assisting us in the next phase of the search process in Steve Martin's absence. We continue to pray for Steve Martin and wish him well. The call is out and potential candidates can view the Congregational Profile and information through the Search and Call process. Remember, we are following the Search and Call process of the Disciples Home Mission ((DHM) and the process and forms can be found on the Disciples Home Mission (DHM) website (<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/>). Renee Bridwell and the Kansas Regional Office is making the First Christian Church senior minister position known to their contacts and lists of potential candidates. If any potential candidate contacts you directly or you know of potential candidates please direct them to the Kansas Regional Office to the attention of Rev. Renee Bridwell at rbridwell@kansasdisciples.org. In July, the committee will meet with Renee and go through a candidate's profile with her and receive guidance on the reviewing candidates and their profiles. It is an exciting time as the committee and Ruby Brower, our Coordinating Council President, will start reviewing candidates as their information comes into the committee from the Kansas Regional Office.

Grant Chapman , Chair

LOCAL AND GLOBAL OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

Hooray for the red, white, and blue! We have jumped from Spring straight into Summer with all the high temperatures. All of you please be careful this summer in the heat and be sure to stay hydrated. Also, this is a good time to check on people you know who are home bound. The home bound need extra attention during all this heat to make sure they are staying cool and to make sure they are okay. With all the news about people we have lost, maybe it is time to stop and pay attention to each other. You may never know when a small effort on your part may make the day of someone who thought they had been forgotten.

It is that time of the year for Everybody Counts. Outreach is again participating in this project. We will be in the children's tent, Saturday August 4th from 9-1 at the Douglas Community Center/Annex at 9th & Yuma Street. We will have a bean bag game for the kids with prizes and a coloring station. We will also be doing bubbles. We will be handing out some drink cups with information about our church to the parents. There will also be face painting and a bike rodeo. Everybody Counts will be offering free health screenings, medical, dental, blood pressure, mental health, diabetes, hearing, sports physicals and more. They are also offering a free brunch from 10-12. The Fit Closet will be there along with several other organizations to hand out clothing for everyone in the family. The Breadbasket will be handing out food from 9-12 and the Harvesters from 12-1. This is a great event and helps the underserved in our community.

I still need volunteers to man the booth at the event. If you would like to volunteer please email me at lizziek57@hotmail.com or call me at 785-320-5938 or sign up at the church office.

Liz Krieger, Chair of Local and Global Missions Team Ministry

ANNUAL JAMAICA MISSION



Our Jamaica mission trip is scheduled for October 31-November 8. If you have questions, or if you are considering going, please contact Linda Jones at 587-8740. The total cost of the trip is approximately \$950 which covers travel, lodging, meals, fun activities, etc. There is something for everyone to do. Medical clinic assistance (even if you aren't medically trained), minor construction projects, painting, meal prep, etc. This is a wonderful time of the year to head to Jamaica!

Linda Jones

REACHING IN...REACHING UP...REACHING OUT

Thoughts On How to Help By Liz Krieger

There has been big news with the death of Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain. When someone takes their own life a lot of us are either fascinated with the gory details or look at that person's life and say, "What have they got to be so depressed about?" It is time to make suicide a non-taboo subject and to not shame the people who survive an attempt. Suicide is not shameful nor is it a character weakness, it is a cry for help. Sometimes people just don't know how to ask and for other's they are screaming loudly, and we are just not paying attention.

This is a personal subject for me because I too suffer from depression and I have attempted suicide several times. If not for my sister I would not be here today. There was a girl in the class above me who attempted suicide and people were more concerned with shaming her than with understanding. Let's hope that 40 years has taught us better and we have learned our lessons. Kansas is the 20th highest state in US for increase of suicides. We need to do better.

There is something called the Lighthouse Project that developed the Columbia Protocol Questions you see on this page. These are questions that you can ask yourself or someone you think maybe contemplating suicide. You at least can open up a dialog from there and guide that person to the right help.

We all have dark days and demons inside that we fight. Let those you worry about know they are not alone, and you will be there to slay the dragons with them.

Always Ask Questions 1 and 2	In the Past Month
1) Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?	
2) Have you actually had any thoughts about killing yourself?	
If YES to 2, answer questions 3, 4, 5 and 6 If NO to 2, go directly to question 6	
3) Have you thought about how you might do this?	
4) Have you had any intention of acting on these thoughts of killing yourself, as opposed to you have the thoughts but you definitely would not act on them?	
5) Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself? Do you intend to carry out this plan?	
Always Ask Question 6	In the Past 3 Months
6) Have you done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life? Examples: Collected pills, obtained a gun, gave away valuables, wrote a will or suicide note, held a gun but changed your mind, cut yourself, tried to hang yourself, etc.	

Any YES must be taken seriously. Seek help from friends, family, co-workers, if the answer to 4, 5 or 6 is YES, immediately ESCORT to Emergency Personnel for care or call 1-800-273-8255 or text 741741 or call 911



**DON'T LEAVE THE PERSON ALONE
STAY ENGAGED UNTIL YOU MAKE A
WARM HAND OFF TO SOMEONE WHO
CAN HELP**



SCENES FROM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Thanks to all the children and staff who made our June 1-2 "Polar Blast" VBS so much fun!



REACHING OUT



Saturday, August 4, 2018

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Douglas Community Center/Annex
900 Block of Yuma Street**

Clothing Distributions:

**USD 383 FIT Closet,
Eastern Star Sunflower Chapter 58 OES
Pilgrim Baptist Church**

Food Distributions:

**Flint Hills Breadbasket - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
Harvester's - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

10:00 AM - 1 2:00 PM

Get Connected:

**Booths sponsored by community organizations
offering services, educational information, and
volunteer opportunities**

Fun Activities for Children & Families:

**Obstacle course, face painting, bike rodeo, balloons,
wristbands, and more**

Free Health Screenings*

**Medical , dental , mental health, diabetes, vision,
hearing, blood pressure, sports physicals, and more
(*subject to change)**

Free Community Brunch

First come, first served



**FCC Volunteers are so needed to help with
Everybody Counts.**

Let Liz Krieger know you're interested!

All About Us



Dear First Christian,
Thank you so much for the use of your church to host our baptism service. It has been a few years, but your accommodations are always perfect. Thanks so much for everything.

*Blessed in His service,
Pastor Sterling & Pat Hudgins
& Agape Family Church*

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your thoughtful gift of \$661.00 for the Ministerial Relief and Assistance Fund. It truly makes a difference in many lives.

*Shalom, Ruth C. Wallace
Pension Fund of the Christian Church*

Thank you for your generous gift to CWS Blankets program. Your gift of \$997.12 helps families and communities around the world recover from emergencies. You are standing with them. You are providing relief and hope. May God bless you for your support,

*Rev. John McCullough,
President, Church World Service*

BLESSED BIRTHDAY!

July 1	Josh Foster
	Marilyn Wright
July 4	Stephen Dyer
July 6	Kayla Semmel
July 8	Chris Dyer
	Eula Mae Hedman
July 9	Robert Chaline
July 10	Jessica Eilert
July 13	Armeda Thomas
July 14	Emi Masterson Sloan
July 16	Pam Nabors
	John Uthoff
July 18	Thelma Vess
July 25	Judy Marshall
	Brenda Schurle
July 28	Virginia Morris
July 29	Debbie Soper

OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to a former members Pam, Brad, and Tonia Nabors, at the death of Jack on June 6th in Arizona. A memorial service for Jack will be held at First Christian on Saturday, July 28th.



FCC is searching for directors
for our Chancel Choir
and for our Bell Choir.

If you are interested please
contact

Pam Russell at church or
prussell5656@gmail.com

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

**Start planning now for next year's
trip to Des Moines for the
General Assembly!**

July 20—July 24, 2019



General Assembly is a world of enrichment!