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BILL'S BITS -

Father's Day: Being a Great Parent

A young father tells this story: My son's first day of school arrived. I walked with him to the bus and saw the cluster of little boys as they silently eyed my son, Michael. Michael's grasp tightened and I felt his apprehension. "Michael," I said in a loud voice, "now you come straight home after school *so we can skin that elephant.*" I then turned and walked away. Suddenly I heard the babble of voices and the word "elephant." I glanced back. One little boy was holding Michael's book and another his lunchbox while yet another was helping him on the bus. The father concluded his story by saying that a great peace descended upon him. He had measured up to the responsibilities of fatherhood.

Most of the time, being a great parent requires a ton of time and energy. But there are some occasions when all it takes is a thimbleful of ingenuity.

What are some things we can do as fathers for our children?

1. Model Christian behavior in your life.

There was a time in our world during both the First and Second World Wars when men and women who served their country would go off and many times would be gone four or five years before they ever came home. We're told that a good Marine serving his country went off to fight. When he left, his wife was expecting a child. That child was born, and that child was a beautiful little girl. Because this was a special home, the mother would never let the little girl forget her father. Every day she talked of the girl's father and showed her pictures of her father. She talked about the father's love and care for her, and about how someday her father would come home. When the little girl was 4 years old, she was playing in the front yard. A man came to the gate. She looked up. She looked into his eyes with love, and he looked into her eyes with love. Then she said, "Daddy, you're for real. Daddy you are for real!"

What picture do you present to your children by the way you live? Remember what children see speaks louder than what we say. The greatest thing children can see in our lives is Christ.

2. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

That is the supreme question for the child. It determines the kind of life that boy or girl will have that have been raised in the Lord.

How a child is raised up is an inescapable question for parents and grandparents. We all get caught up in the life of our children and grandchildren no matter how old the children are. How a child is raised up is a very important question in our society and the world in which we live. Children are the world now and the world tomorrow. What an investment we make when we train up children in the Lord.

3. How shall we live? Make God a part of your life by Bible Study and church attendance. Remember not only do we have programs for adults, we also have programs for the children in Children's Moments, Children's Church, Sunday School and on Wednesday Nights. - adapted

See you Sunday! - Bill

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Sunday Services

8:15 am Early Worship

9:00 am Sunday School

10:20 am Morning Worship

Sunday Activities

6:00-8:00 pm Grades 7-12 Youth Group

Wednesday

5:30-7:00 pm Family Fellowship Supper

6:30-7:15 pm K-6th Program

6:30-7:15 pm Adult Bible Study

7:00-8:00 pm Middle School Bible Study

8:00-9:00 pm High School Bible Study

Opportunities for Service and Growth

Adult and Children's Choirs Promise Keepers

Vacation Bible School Disciples' Men

Men's Groups Women's Groups

Sunday school for all ages Kansas Disciple Women

Regional Assembly Junior and Senior High Youth Group

Bible Studies Youth Ski Trip

Mission Projects and Trips Social Events

Special Services Educational seminars/workshops

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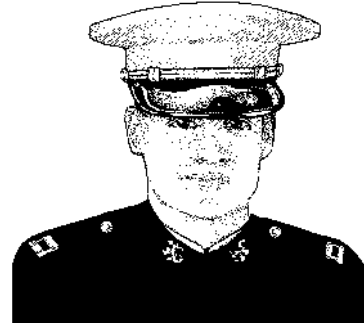
Please be
Praying for...

With
Sympathy

....to the family and friends of Rachel Johnson, Louise Gunn's sister

....to the family and friends of Erma Moore, mother of Lane Moore, Leesa Butler, and Libbie Moore

....to the family and friends of Frank White



**PRAY FOR OUR
U.S. MILITARY**

Mike & Susi Bargainear, relatives of LaDonna Moore - Ft.

Campbell, KY

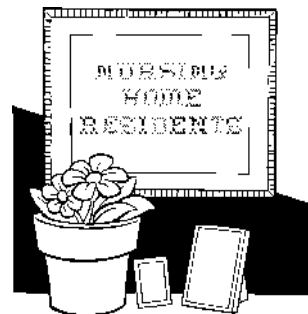
Staff Sgt. Ryan Barnes - nephew of Connie Weiser - Iraq

Leigh Bellinger, nephew of Cliff Bellinger - Iraq

Lt. Col. Ken Bellinger, Army Chaplain, Cliff Bellinger's son - Iraq

Josh Gieger, Army, Roger Marshall's fraternity brother's son - Iraq

Delbert Wells, nephew of Hap Donecker - Germany



Great Bend Health & Rehab

Polly Omlor

Viola Schwein

River Bend Assisted Living

Marge Keller

Kansas Christian Home

Louise McCullum

Cherry Village Nursing Home

Mildred Lang

Martha McKown

Rachel Williams

Sterling House of Great Bend

Wilma Hauser

John Richardson

Lela Wilson

Woodhaven Care Center - Ellinwood

Mildred Boepple

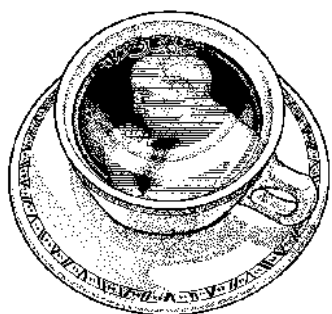
Please notify the church office if you would like to have yourself or your loved one included in our prayers. fcc@cck.kscoxmail.com or 793-660

May Attendance and Gifts

	4	11	18	25	Average
Sunday School	36	50	26	26	35
Early Service	40	39	29	30	35
Late Service	125	182	144	110	140
Children's Church	0	2	4	6	3
TOTAL	165	223	177	146	178
General Offering	4,990.50	4,605.00	2,826.00	4,933.10	4,338.65
Bldg. Offerings	927.50	4,450.00	495.00	770.00	1,660.63
Special Offerings	2,142.32*	9,579.20*	145.00*	40.00*	2,976.63
TOTAL	8,060.32	18,634.20	3,466.00	5,743.10	8,975.91

* Special Offerings include donations for Honduras Trip, Memorials for Rachel Johnson, Erma Moore and Frank White, Wed Night Dinners, garage sale proceeds, Associate Minister Fund, Pentecost Offering, and choir fund

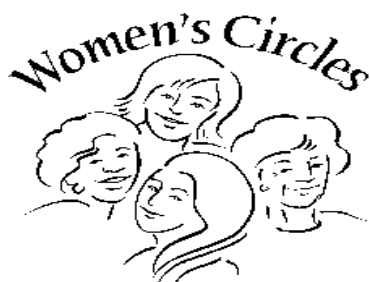
Elders/Deacons Meeting – June 11 – 8 pm
Cabinet/Board Meeting – June 18 – 8 pm



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

FCC Men's Breakfast Club!

1st Saturday of each month
at the Highland Hotel
8:00 am



Martha Group

June 18 - 9:30 am
Hostess: Louise Gunn
Program: Helen Standley

Lunch Bunch

June 21 - 11:30 am
The Highland

Joy Group

June 24 - 12 noon
Salad Luncheon
Program: Jeri Huss

New Day Group

June 23 - 7:00 pm
Friendship Classroom
Hostess: Lois Johnson
Program: Marva Kaye Newberry



YOU ARE INVITED!

The **FRIENDSHIP CLASS** would like to invite adults of **ALL AGES** to join us each Sunday morning at 9 am for Bible Study.

SUMMER PLANS

June 1-22, 2008

"Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine"

In other words, he prepared in advance for the storm that was to come. He didn't wait until the last minute. He used those bright days in the sunshine to get himself ready, to build up the resources he would need when the dark flood-waters came. The great people of faith have always been like that. But the question is, how do WE get there? Join us as we discover just what we have to do to "build our ark in the sunshine".

June 29-August 17, 2008

"Faith Lessons-Life & Ministry of Jesus"

Video Series/Bible Study
Filmed on location in Israel with Ray Vander Laan. This series focuses on the birth, life and ministry of Jesus. We will visit such places as Bethlehem, Masada, Qumran, Sea of Galilee, Gamla, Sepphoris, and En Gedi. Each Sunday we will watch a short video and participate in a discussion concerning the topic of that day. (This is a repeat of the

Wednesday evening Bible Study if you missed it!)

We also like to socialize, so occasionally we have the best potlucks in town. Come join us. We'd love to have you!



David Andrew Colglazier came into the world on May 20, 2008, weighing 6lbs. 9oz. He was 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ " long. He was welcomed by his proud parents, Mark and Jenny Colglazier. Proud grandparents are Dan and Mary Hunter.



Hey, Kids!

Do you have a song in your heart that's just waiting to get out? If you do, we have the perfect idea for you! This summer, we will be having a musical celebration just for you! All children ages 3 through 6th grade are invited. We will be meeting at the church in the mornings from July 7th to 11th. We will sing, play bells, and have a great time praising God all week, then perform at the worship

service on Sunday, July 13th. Bring your friends! Please call me, Mary Hunter, at 620-285-9775, by July 1st to get your name on the list. If you have any questions or are willing to help, give me a call.

FATHER'S DAY

The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.



Dad's Incredible

Author Jim Wallis tells how his young son ends telephone conversations with him.

"Daddy," the boy says, "I love you, I like you and you're incredible."

What makes an "incredible" father? It isn't as difficult as it might seem. Children of course, aren't awed by the size of your paycheck, office or retirement account. Instead, it's the simple, everyday gestures that make you a No. 1 dad.

In *Stories for the Family's Heart*, Steve Stephens offers some sure-fire ways to be incredible in your kids' eyes:

- *Play tic-tac-toe and hide-and-seek.
- *Be consistent.
- *Buy ice cream cones.
- *Don't discipline in anger.
- *Count stars together.
- *Pray with (and for) your children.
- *Hug and say "I love you" often.

A Father's Influence

Studies show that if the mother of a family attends worship, there's a **16** percent chance that the rest of the family will also attend.

Yet when a father attends worship, there's a **93** percent chance that other family members will be present, too.

Just think, Dad, of the clout you have. Hope to see you in church this weekend.



First Christian Church would like to recognize the following graduates:

Great Bend High School

Kendra Goering
Amber Goetz
Brian Hoff
Sarah Jones
Stephanie Jenkins

Barton County Community College

Julie Jones

Fort Hays State University

Audrey Johnson
Todd Scheuerman

Baker University

Matt Hiss

Ringling College of Art & Design

Lauren Marshall

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

The First Christian Church is pleased to announce the annual award of scholarships. This year sees three recipients of scholarship funds. The Phyllis A. Richardson Memorial Scholarship is offered to a graduating senior from Great Bend High School who is an active member of the First Christian Church of Great Bend and best meets the criteria of: Character and personality, Academic excellence, Goal oriented, and Compassion. The First Christian Church Scholarship may be awarded to a member of the church, the church cluster or a community member. The criterion is based on need and ability and is awarded without consideration of college or school choice, and without regard to race, color, creed, or age. It is granted for undergraduate study.

Kendra Goering, daughter of Randy and Annette Goering, has been selected to receive the Phyllis A. Richardson Memorial Scholarship and the First Christian Church Scholarship. Kendra plans on attending Fort Hays State University to study Physics and move on to the University of Kansas for a degree in Atmospheric Science.

Brian Hoff has been awarded the First Christian Church Scholarship. Brian will attend Barton County Community College with the goal of a secondary education degree. He is the son of Terry and Katie Hoff.

Sarah Jones has also been awarded the First Christian Church Scholarship. She is the daughter of Don and Brenda Jones. Sarah plans to attend Barton County Community College to pursue studies in computer graphics and art.

THANK YOU!
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Dear FCC Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the scholarship you have given me! I appreciate this generous gift, and it will help pay my college expenses. I look forward to furthering my education. Thank you again!

Sincerely, Brian Hoff

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for awarding me the first Christian Church Scholarship and the Phyllis Richardson Memorial Scholarship. I am honored that you have chosen to make a contribution to my education.

As you may know, I plan to start my post-secondary education at Fort Hays State University with a major in physics. After that I plan to transfer up to the University of Kansas to major in Atmospheric Science. I am very excited to extend my education in the upcoming year!

Once again I thank you very much for the assistance in financing my education. I will make good use of the funds you've entrusted to me.

Sincerely, Kendra Goering