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BILL'S BITS – "Ask Not What Your Church Can Do For You But What Can I Do For The Church"

I still remember the day President John Kennedy took office. There was an old black and white TV in the lunch room at W-K school where I went to eat lunch during my eighth grade year. We as eighth graders had been caught up in the election; we even had mock elections in our class. So there was interest there even among high school kids.

During that speech I still recall Kennedy's famous statement, "Ask not what your country can do for you but ask what you can do for your country". That attitude is one we need to remember as the body of Christ.

Imagine if everyone showed up at a church and waited to be served rather than serving. For every product and service we receive, there is someone who is serving and delivering the product. If everyone waited to be served, existence wouldn't be possible.

It is the same for the church. Christ has so designed our world and church in such a way that blessings come through service. It is a law of life that service leads to greatness and that the higher a person rises the greater the servant must be. The mark of greatness is not the number of people that serve us, but the number of people we serve.

Now what are some things we can do to serve the church?

1. **BE THERE.** If no one is in church, no one is blessed. You receive nothing from the Lord's Supper, the Word or fellowship. Your presence is a source of joy and encouragement to ministers, leaders, teachers, and other Christians.
2. **ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL.** We have some great classes that offer good material to folks. There are classes for kids and the R.O.T.C. class and the Friendship class have some great offerings. Sunday School classes are a great way to cover the study of the Bible and offers great fellowship opportunities.
3. **BRING SOMEONE.** If we think about it, many of us can usually think of at least one person we could invite to church. There is no way for any minister in a typical town to meet all the unchurched people. People inviting others is far better.

See you this Sunday and please bring someone.

- **Pastor 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
6:30 pm – Men's Group

Wednesday

5:30–7:00 pm Family Fellowship Supper
7:00–8:00 pm Grades 7-12 Youth 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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... the families and friends of ...
 ... John Nairn, Gene Nairn's brother in California



**REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS
 SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

- Mike & Susi Bargainear, relatives of LaDonna Moore - Ft. Campbell, KY
- Staff Sgt. Ryan Barnes - nephew of Connie Weiser - Iraq
- Logan Bayless - active duty - Army
- Lt. Col. Ken Bellinger, Cliff Bellinger's son - Washington
- Brian Bird, brother of Rhonda Jackson - Iraq
- Joe Johns, husband of Tami Johns -- Kathy Foster's niece - Iraq
- Delbert Wells, nephew of Hap Donecker -- Germany

Nursing Home Friends

Great Bend Health & Rehab

- Gladys Wade
- Oswald Schneider
- Polly Omlor
- Helen Witte

River Bend (Homestead)

- Vernon Bunselmeyer
- Marge Keller
- Winnie Phillips
- Darlene Price

Kansas Christian Home

- Louise McCullum
- Raymond Thompson

Cornerstone Ridge Plaza - Wichita

- June Cain

Cherry Village Nursing Home

- Mildred Lang
- George McKown
- Rachel Williams

Alterra-Sterling House

- Wilma Hauser
- Truman Strong
- Lela Wilson

Woodhaven Care Center

- Ruby Lamb

Thank You Notes!

Everyone,

Thanks so much for the CD and having the special ceremony for the graduation youth. It was very nice and special.

Thanks again and God Bless!

Kaylin Zager

June Attendance and Gifts

	3	10	17	24	Avg. TOTAL
Sunday School	42	50	48	48	47
Early Service	37	48	41	37	41
Late Service	119	135	94	125	118
Children's Church	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	156	183	135	162	159
General Offering	6,072.00*	8,848.50*	2,397.50*	2,380.24	4,924.56
Building Fund	970.00	1,682.50	1,332.50	562.50	1,136.88
Memorial Funds	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7,125.00	10,531.00	3,730.00	2,942.74	6,082.19

* Special Offerings include Wednesday Night Family Fellowship Dinner, Family Life Ministry, church food bank, wedding deposit, and Becker coupons.

Elders Meeting – July 11 – 8 pm

**Cabinet & Board Meeting
July 18 – 7 & 8 pm**

FCC Men's Breakfast Club!

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

Disciples Women's Fellowship

Martha Group

July 18 – 9:30 am
Hostess: Morna Jordan
Lesson: Earlene Arnold

Lunch Bunch

July 18 – 11:30 am
The Highland

Joy Group

July 24 – 12 noon
Salad Luncheon
Lesson:

New Day Group

July 23 – 7:00 pm
Friendship Classroom
Hostess: Connie Brockhausen
Study: Morna Jordan

REMINDER:

Food Bank Volunteers

July is our month to provide volunteers for the Food Bank. For those who signed up to help, **THANK YOU!** Please remember you need to arrive no later than 12:45 on the afternoons you are scheduled to work.

KANSAS CHRISTIAN HOME 1957 – 2007

You are invited to join us for the 22nd Annual Legacy of John benefit dinner to be held in the Corporate Hills Marriott, Grand Ballroom on July 14, 2007 in Wichita, Kansas at 6:00 p.m. In 2007, we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the signing of the KCH Charter. Your kind gifts continue to provide comfort to Kansas elders in a faith based care community.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 14th - Lazer Quest Weekend in Wichita, campfire at Gavin's parent's home, spend the night and attend church in Norwich. Please let Gavin know ASAP if you plan on going.

July 21st - Lock-in at the church

August 3rd - Words of Fun in KC, spend the night and attend the IHOP service Saturday evening, returning

on Sunday. This is a two night stay so again we must know if you plan on attending. More details later. Parents, if you are available to help with transportation and supervision, please let Rachel McCaulley know ASAP.

August 18th - The Last Blast (before school starts)
Details later.

This includes incoming freshmen through this year's seniors. If you have any questions, please call Gavin or Rachel McCaulley.

RECIPES

Vegetable Cottage Cheese Salad

By Nelva Grimes

1 pkg. lemon jello
1 cup boiling water
Add:
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mayonnaise
1 cup cottage cheese
Let partially set.
Fold in:
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped green peppers
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped celery
1 cup finely shredded cabbage

I triple this for a 9 X 13 pan. ENJOY!

Green Bean Salad

By Jamee Dannebohm

2 cups chopped celery
2 cans green beans-drained
2 large cucumbers, sliced
1 onion, sliced
1 cup sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 tsp salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vinegar

Boil last 3 ingredients.
Pour over sliced vegetables.
Cover.
Chill.
Stir once.

Fiesta Rice

By Dee Holman

2 tsp olive oil
1-(10oz) pkg frozen corn, thawed
1 Tbsp butter
1 cup chopped green onions
1-1/2 cups uncooked rice
1 tsp ground cumin
1 tsp minced garlic
2 cups chicken broth
Pepper & salt
1 can diced tomatoes with chiles

1 can (15oz.) black beans, rinsed and drained
½ cup chopped cilantro or parsley
1 Tbsp fresh lime juice

Heat oil in medium sauce pan over medium heat. Add corn and cook 10 minutes or until corn starts to brown, stirring occasionally. Remove from pan and set aside.

Melt butter in pan. Add onions. Saute' 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in rice, cumin and garlic. Cook 1 minute. Add chicken broth, diced tomatoes, salt and pepper to pan. Bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer for about 45 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Remove pan from heat. Stir in reserved corn and beans. Cover and let stand 10 minutes. Stir in lime juice and cilantro. Yields about 8 cups.

Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings of the land we love. Amen.

WELCOME

Please welcome Dwayne and Brenda Wagner as the new custodians. They will be working evenings and Saturdays, if needed. If you need to get a hold of them, please leave a message in the custodian mailbox in the copier room.

We have a new newsletter web site. It is www.firstchristiangb.org. You can listen to a missed church service or enjoy an encore of some previous special music. Be sure and check this out. If you have any problems or comments, please e-mail Jim Gaede at jgaede@1stcc.org.

A PRAYER FOR JULY 4TH

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly praise you for the nation in which you have allowed us to live. We cherish its wonder and its beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its unlimited opportunities.

We thank you for our founding fathers and mothers, and for their foresight, special wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness.

July 2007 - Service Schedule

Date	1-Jul	8-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul	July Birthday/Anniversaries			
Lectern Assistant	Clayton Noffsinger	Ted Brown	Lane Moore	Mary Drake	Ted Brown	2	John Edmonds	20	Carl Miller
Children's Sermon	No children's sermons	during the month	of July			2	Sheryl French	21	Jeremy Rusco
Communion Prayer	Roger Marshall	Ted Brown	Ted Brown	Randy Goering	Dennis Heinrichs	5	Kevin Hoff	22	Denyce Ackerman
Offertory Prayer	Brad Searle	Roger Marshall	LaDonna Moore	Lane Moore	Mitch Webster	6	Stan/Lori Culver	23	Craig/Amy Karst
Children's Church	No children's church	during the month	of July			9	Ethan Schemm	23	Cearra Reddig
Hospital Elder	Kim Guesnier	Jim Debes	Janis Fairchild	Lynne Scheuerman	Susan Debes	10	Mildred Lang	23	Pollie Unruh
Hospital Deacon	Craig Pangburn	Bob Reiter	Cliff Scheuerman	Annette Pangburn	Patsy Hiss	11	Kelsey Culver	24	Brian Hoff
Shut-ins Elders					Mary Drake	11	Nicole Hildebrand	24	Delbert Tunks
Shut-ins Deacons					Mattie Begg	12	Randy Goering	25	Greg/LaRena Hildebrand
Open Church	Glen Hughes	John Sheets	Mike Durler	Dale Brockhausen	Jim Debes	12	Jamie/Laci Rusco	26	Leslie DeWeese
Early Service Pianist	Karen Reddig	Kim Guesnier	Lois Johnson	Debbie Lebbin	Nancy Mortimer	12	Susan Debes	26	Jenny Lamb
Early Serv. Song Leaders	Karen Reddig	Leesa Butler	Rachel McCaulley	Debbie Noffsinger	Louise Gunn	12	Jack/Thanh Wesley	27	Cliff Scheuerman
						13	Sharon Arnold	28	Mack Wilson
						13	Craig Pangburn	29	Robert/Ruth Behrens
						13	Reta Brack	29	Eugene Perkins
						13	Helen Morgan	29	Jim Oliver
						14	Ron Arnold	29	Keith/Jenny Lamb
						16	Wanda Peters	29	Halle Latham
						17	Sam/Anneliese Ward	29	Susan Brown
						18	Bernie/Kim Guesnier	30	Roger/Laina Marshall
						18	Lilian Hoskins	31	Colton Debes
						18	Mike Zager	31	Julie Jones
						19	Madison Unruh	31	Sandy Smith
						19	Michael Nicholson		

For the entire month:

First Sunday Coffee - Friendship Class
Greeters - Nicole Hildebrand/Jill McCartney
Ushers - Dolores Westfall, Mattie Begg
Communion Committee - Sue Wells
Communion Deacons - Larry/Jamee Dannebohm, Jennifer Keener, Nels/Karen Lindberg, Rachelle Sheets, Sandy Smith, Charlotte Teichmann

If for some reason you are unable to perform your scheduled service, please find a replacement, and notify the church office by 10:00 am on Wednesday of that week so the bulletin can reflect the correct information. If you can't find someone to fill in for you, please call or email the church office so we can help. Thank you.

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