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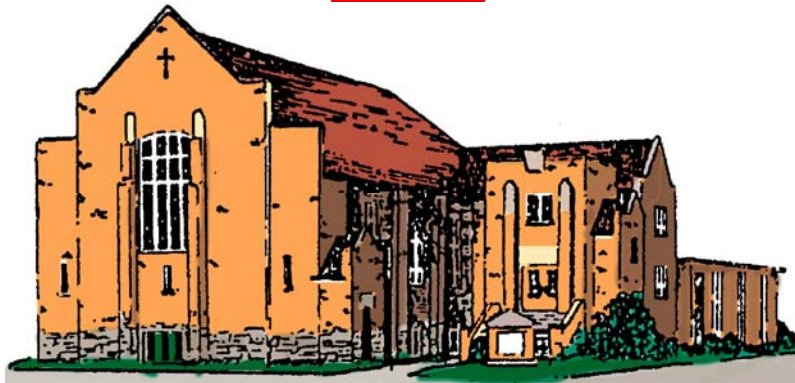
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LINK TO THE FEBRUARY CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE

<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=L6J4M7L6K5F0O9L6I3>

NEW SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY FORMING

Lord, Teach Me to Study the Bible in 28 Days by [Kay Arthur](#)

The group will meet for four weeks on Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM beginning, Monday, February 20th. Participants will need to obtain a copy of the book. The book is available on Amazon for around \$10.00. If you need help in obtaining a copy please call the church office. Lysa also suggests a set of highlighters with multiple colors in them. If you would like to participate, please let the office know.

CHILI COOKOFF

February 5th, at Noon. Troop 83 Boy Scouts will be challenging the FCC Men to a chili cookoff. Bring your appetite and enjoy a good lunch. Last year the Boy Scouts won by a slender margin. Good Luck everyone.

STAFF RECOGNITION

During the month of February at First Christian Church of Olathe, we will be recognizing and honoring our dedicated staff. Our congregation is blessed to have eleven talented staff members. We often assume the staff knows they are affirmed; consequently, we forget to compliment them for a job well done and to let them know their work makes a difference in the life of the Church. The Church staff responds to a call into a career that does not pay as well as others because their greatest pay is the satisfaction of knowing they are helping to create a meaningful worship environment for others.

Each Sunday during the month of February, the Administration Department invites you to participate in recognizing and honoring our eleven staff members. On February 5th, we are recognizing the Office and Custodial staff. On February 12th, we are recognizing the Music staff. On February 19th, the Nursery Staff will be recognized. The culmination will be, during Cookie Fellowship on February 25th, to honor the Ministry Team and the whole staff to show our appreciation for their great work.

THE WAY OF CHRIST - THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Through Easter Sunday, April 8th, the congregation will be studying the Gospel of Mark. It will give us an opportunity to study the life of Christ from his baptism to his resurrection.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this study. To help with this study, copies of the Gospel of Mark will be made available with the book divided so that there is just a small portion to read and study each week. It will be printed on 8 ½ x 11 pages with large margins for note taking.

The copies will be punched for a three ring binder.

During this time period most of the sermons in worship will be based on passages in Mark. In addition there will be handouts available with resource material to support our study. Other opportunities for additional study will be announced soon.

NEW HORIZONS

Elizabeth “Grandma” Layton subject of next New Horizons program.

Donna McCarthy will present “The Life and Art of Elizabeth “Grandma” Layton” at the next New Horizons for Adults program on February 8, 9:00 a.m. Born in Wellsville, KS, Grandma Layton came to art late in life and used it as therapy to overcome depression. She became internationally known for her work and many of her pieces are in the Landon Center on Aging at the University of Kansas.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE MEETINGS

On February 12th at 9:45-10:45AM and 12:15-1:15PM a power point presentation will be presented by Chair of the Board, Joel Short. Content will include general info on church governance structure, giving, budgets, action items, and specific figures for 2011 and 2012 budget. Follow up meetings for discussion and brainstorming will be at Sunday February 12th 4:30-5:30PM, Monday, February 13th 11:00AM-Noon and 6-7PM, and Wednesday February 15th 5:30-6:30PM. Sign ups for the follow up sessions are not required, but if you know which you would prefer, please indicate on the sign up sheets downstairs in the fellowship hall. It will help the stewardship and finance department with planning.

IHN

Families will be here the week of February 12th.
If you are interested in helping sign up in the fellowship hall or
contact Lorna Thompkins and Karen Turner.

BOWLING BANQUET

On Sunday evening, February 19th, at 5:00 PM, we will be celebrating five weeks of our children and youth being involved in bowling over at Mission Bowl. Each Sunday there have been over twenty of our 1st-12th graders who have participated. For some it has been the first time they have ever bowled. For others it has been a chance to improve skills. For all of them it has been a time for fun. The bowling has been made possible by a gift made in memory of Vivian Combs. On February 19th we will celebrate with a bowling banquet. Dinner will be provided and the congregation is invited. We do, however, need reservations. Please call the office and let us know how many in your family will be attending.

ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT SCHEDULE

February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. There will be a service beginning at 7:00pm will include an opportunity to receive ashes – symbolic of our need for Christ.

Before the Ash Wednesday service there will be a soup dinner that FCC has called the Bread and Broth Dinners. Every Wednesday during Lent there will be a Bread and Broth dinner at 6:00pm and a small worship service at 7:00pm. There will be a sign up sheet out in the next couple weeks to sign up to bring soup.

DWM GENERAL MEETING

February 25th at 9:30. The Trails West Barber Shop Quartet will be singing for us. This is Joel Short's Barber Shop Quartet. Come and enjoy fellowship, breakfast, and our great entertainment. This is for all women of the church.

MICAH MINISTRY – FEBRUARY 27

We will still leave at 4:30 and be back around 7:30.

ORGAN CONCERT AT THE KAUFFMAN CENTER

National City Christian Church Foundation has reserved Helzberg Hall at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts for Tuesday evening, April 24, 2012, commencing at 7:00 p.m. The event will be an organ concert featuring the organist at National City Christian Church, Charles Miller, and the organist from Country Club Christian Church in Kansas City, David Diebold. Tickets for the performance will be \$21 each and the net proceeds will go to National City Christian Church Foundation to assist in the repair of extensive damage resulting from the earthquake in the Washington, D.C. area in 2011.

Stephen Gentle, the Senior Minister at National City Christian Church, will be present for the performance. There will be a brief description during the concert of the damage that occurred, primarily to the organ and sanctuary at National City Christian Church.

YOUTH GARAGE SALE

The youth garage sale will be May 12th It's not too early to start cleaning those closets!

BOARD MINUTES – ACTION ITEMS

None in January

CRISIS ELDERS

Jan. 30 – Feb. 5: Jacky Buck Feb. 6-12: Debby Schwarz Feb. 13-19: Linda Sutton
Feb. 20-26: Joel Short Feb. 27-Mar. 4: Rick Stebbins

MAILING ADDRESS AND EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have moved, please remember to let the church know your new address.

If you would rather have this newsletter come to you electronically, please email

fccolathe@sbcglobal.net

THANK YOU'S

Church Family,

Thank you so much for all ways you have shown your concern after the loss of my son. It has been a difficult time for me but your love and support have helped. A special "thank you" to David and all those who attended Jay's service. I felt your love through your presence.

Ellen Seamands

To Our Friends at FCC,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our friends and family in the church. Thank you all so much for your kind words, generous gifts, and most of all, your friendship. Knowing you all were there for us makes our burden a bit easier to bear.

Sincerely,

The Family of Georgia Layson

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards while Justin was in the hospital. A special thanks to David for his visit.

The Sillix Family

FCC Family,

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, Care Notes, and cards during this time of Don's decline. A special thank you to Leo and Lillian for being such good friends to Don and myself. Thanks also to David, Jacky, and the Crisis Elders for their visits and calls. Your support has meant a lot to us and our family.

Don & Mary Townsend

IF YOU WANT TO ELECTRONICALLY TRANSFER YOUR PLEDGE...

This is a great way to make sure your commitment gets to the church regularly. Please call the church office if you would like more information.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The discretionary fund is used to provide financial help for primarily people affiliated with the congregation. It is used for others but most of the funds have been for church people. One of the most significant uses of this fund is to provide for counseling for people in our church family facing difficult times. It has also been used to help people with utility bills, filling prescriptions, rent, and mortgage. The fund is currently in the red and so David has not given out money for some time. The discretionary fund does not receive money from the General Fund. It receives only specified donations.

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

The Property Dept. thanks you for remembering that any furnishings brought into the building must first be approved by the Property Department.

WEBSITE

We put pictures on the website of activities that have happened here at FCC. If anyone does not want their photo or their children's photo on the website let the office know. www.fccolathe.org