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TIBLOW TIDINGS

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Artificial Intelligence, or AI, has caused confusion and controversy. There is confusion about what exactly AI is. To explain it, AI is computer software designed to think, learn, and make decisions in ways similar to humans.

The controversy is around the following questions. Will people lose the ability to think critically? Can we always trust the answers it gives? What are its positive contributions? Might it be used to harm someone?

Some people have feared that AI will take away jobs and other human tasks, such as the ability to think on our own or have relationships with others.

David Brooks feels the fears are unfounded. There is always anxiety when a new technology appears. Citizens were afraid of cars, telephones, trains, radio, and the printing press examples of some past technologies that were controversial.

Brooks points out that AI is a machine and humans are biological. Another way to know AI is not a threat to civilization is that God created body, mind, and soul. That is the beauty of being human.

God created us as unique individuals who need a place to belong. A place to be loved, encouraged, and forgiven. We are designed to thrive through the energy and power of the Holy Spirit.

There are legitimate blessings and concerns about AI. But God has done something amazing that cannot be replicated. God created you and me to be disciples of the risen Jesus Christ.



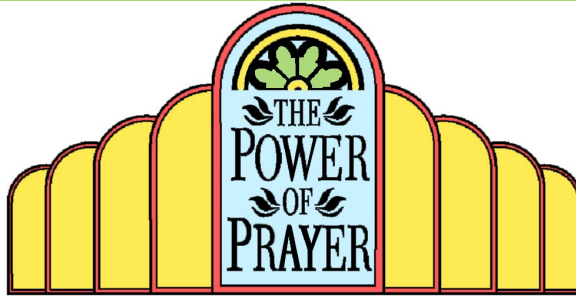
*The Purpose of the
Church is to
Share Christ's Love.*

*The Mission of the
Church is to
Love Jesus,
Grow Together,
Serve Others,
Reach the World.*

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**

10:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**



Thessalonians 5:17 commands believers to pray without ceasing.

That would mean a constant, underlying attitude of Christ-mindedness throughout our daily tasks as we attempt to live in total dependence on God. At FCC we publish a prayer list weekly on the back of our bulletin. The names listed come from a variety of sources. Some may be called in or written on slips of paper at Sunday worship. Requests may come from an anonymous source and placed in the blue box by front of the church building. It is not always easy to know the outcome of the prayers we lift up. We sometimes question why a name remains on the list for so long and what the status of a person might be. Regardless, we pray. Some refer to their list consistently and every other Wednesday the list is gone down at our Health & Well-being Service as together we make an attempt to update and pray for intercession of others.

Intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others, lifting up their needs, struggles, and desires before God with faith and compassion. It involves **standing in the gap for someone else**, asking God to intervene in their life, whether for peace, healing, protection, guidance or spiritual transformation. Unlike personal prayer, which focuses on one's own needs, intercession shifts the heart outward, reflecting **love, empathy, and faith**. It is rooted in the belief that God can act in situations beyond human control, and it often involves persistent, sincere, and faith-filled petitions.

Sometimes we forget, not because we don't care, but because life gets loud. So our prayer list is a helpful tool for keeping our prayers intentional. When prayers are answered, even in a small way or a way different than what we expected or hoped for, our faith builds. Sometimes God only sustains, yet we are reminded that He is



present, even in slow seasons. Our prayers are one of the simplest ways we love people when we can't control what they are facing. But we can bring their names before God, repeatedly, with our strong faith and loving compassion. God hears, God sees, and God knows how to reach people in ways we never could.

Here are a few ways we can improve the maintenance of our prayer list:

If the Holy Spirit prompts you to make a request, check with the individual to for permission to publish the request.

Everyone is invited to the Health & Well-being Service the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 6:30 p.m. They are held in the John Walker chapel at church, and are accessible by Zoom (info is listed in the bulletin weekly or call the church office).

Regardless, if you attend the meeting, the prayer list is updated there, so call in your requests or updates prior to the meeting.

Maintain confidentiality, keeping the names, situations and updates within your prayer walls and groups.

Make attempts to stay in contact with the individual. Let them know they are being prayed for. Find out if their situation has changed and if they have specific prayers they want included in our prayers.

If you have placed a name on the prayer list, contact an elder on your One-to-Another list, contact Shawn in the church office or the pastor with any updates or to removed a name.





HAPPY HEARTS COMMUNITY BINGO & TACO DINNER

Saturday, August 22nd
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
at

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
148 N. Nettleton Avenue
Bonner Springs, KS 66012

All proceeds of the evening will be donated to Happy Hearts Working's capitol campaign as they continue to raise money for the renovation at 144 N. Nettleton.

A free-will offering will be collected and additional money will be collected through the sale of raffle tickets.



GO/MISSIONAL MINISTRY



HAPPY HEARTS COMMUNITY BINGO & TACO DINNER

**MORE ON THE AUGUST 22ND
BINGO/TACO BAR:**

If you'd like to contribute to the event by donation of a prize (we're putting together basket(s) to raffle), food or monetary gift, call the church office at 913-441-3876 to see when you can drop them by the church. The team planning the event is reaching out into the community for donations.

Contact Gayla Dunn
gdunn2815@gmail.com
for the list of foods
and supplies needed.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our mission at First Christian Church is to:

*Love Jesus, Grow Together,
Serve Others, Reach the World.*

By participating in our Operation Christmas Child project we are helping reach the world! Our 'GO' Ministry is providing Gospel Opportunities all over the world!

We will Kick-off the campaign on September 12th with the Project Leader's Workshop at Fellowship West, 3033 N. 103rd Terrace, Kansas City, KS. We are in need of a volunteer to attend as a substitute for Gayla (FCC project leader) Shoeboxes will be given out at that time. Gayla would appreciate support in anyway and would be super appreciative if you are being called to help out as a project 'co-leader'.

Please help support this mission! If the only thing you can do for this mission work is pray, then that is what God wants you to do. I hope and pray that this annual project will serve as a special place in your heart this year, as it provides opportunities to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with children all over the world.

GO/MISSIONAL MINISTRY**THE KICK'S BAND**

It's official! Mark your calendars!

The Kick's Band will bring fall in with a **FREE** community concert out front of the church.
(weather permitting)

Bring a friend and a bag chair to:

148 N. Nettleton, Bonner Springs

Monday, September 21st

7:00 p.m.



A free-will offering will be collected for our outreach ministry.

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

If you go into the church library, you can see a set of books on the coffee table. They are a series of FICTION books called Extraordinary Women of the Bible from Guideposts. I would like to recommend all of them!!

They're based on the stories we have heard about the women in the Bible. However, we still might wonder about who they were. What did Mary think when the angel told her she would be pregnant? How did Esther feel? Why did Rahab help the spies? Through these fiction books you can flesh out the women in the series and enjoy the stories woven by the authors.

Each book also leads you to the original Bible story by providing Bible references and a historical view of the time period. This perspective provides a grounded Biblical feeling for later study.

New books will keep showing up. I am still reading some of the series. If you would like to talk about them, please reach out to me. I love talking books!

Shelia Blume



First Christian Church



FREE BREAKFAST

WHEN:

Saturday, August 29th from 6:00 - 9:00 a.m.

WHERE:

First Christian Church - Fellowship Hall
148 N. Nettleton Avenue, Bonner Springs

Donations Welcomed!

A freewill offering will be collected for Community Outreach.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES
1st Marilyn Laverentz 7th Winston Verdict 22nd Courtney Clark 26th Julie Scott 28th Jordan Sawyer 28th Gloria Smith 30th Jigger Walters	21st Oliver Sawyer 24th Loren Brown 28th Bill Kerns	2nd George & Shelia Blume 19th Stan & Julie Roush SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES 5th Mike & Gayla Dunn 7th Loren & Jean Brown 14th Brandon & Courtney Clark 25th Ernie & Carolyn Jeffries

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