



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

2026 OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

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TIBLOW TIDINGS

KERNAL'S COLUMN

GIVE UP

This year I have accumulated lots of new T-shirts. They were given to me or I purchased. I realize I had way too many of these graphic tees.

I held on to these possessions for sentimental reasons. Maybe it was a concert, a business, running events, or from travels. These T-shirts triggered fond memories or positive emotions.

I felt the Spirit saying, "Bill, you know it is time to give up these keepsakes." I knew the Spirit was right. Here is the cool part and why I feel giving up these T-shirts was spiritual.

Barb wanted to have the T-shirts and create them into rugs and other creations. This is an example of repurposing and serving a steward of God's blessings.

Recently, we received a report from our consultant, Curtis Riley. He spoke about changes that need to be made for a thriving First Christian. Curtis gently made it clear we had to give up some habits and ideas.

What I encourage all of us is to be open-minded and actively listen to the Spirit. Trust in the exciting opportunities God is opening for First Christian. God is not done with us.



*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
9:15 a.m.**

GO/MISSIONAL MINISTRY

In August our Outreach Ministries sponsored an amazing fundraising event, “**Tacos & Bingo**” for Happy Hearts Working’s Capital Campaign.

The Happy Hearts Working, a 501 (c3) organization, vision is to provide an enriching program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Happy Hearts Working is committed to implementing job connections, along with volunteer and skill-building opportunities for our associates to lead a purposeful, joyful life shared with others!

It was heart-warming to once again have our fellowship hall packed full. Based on the smiles and laughter, a fun time was had by everyone! I am pleased to report that close to \$7000 was raised for the building renovation!

The church and HHW value each and every one of the businesses and individuals that supported this fun event through monetary donations, gift certificates, or gift items used as Bingo prizes or in gift baskets that were raffled throughout the evening. Personally I was truly amazed by our community’s generosity! If you were one of the donors or attended that evening, know that I am thanking you personally from the bottom of my heart.

The capital campaign will be used for the renovation of their building on Nettleton in downtown Bonner Springs, right next door to FCC. It will serve as Happy Hearts Working new headquarters, day support, and residential program space. FCC is beyond excited that this wonderful group of people will soon be our neighbors!

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GO/MISSIONAL MINISTRY

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To all who participated, purchased raffle tickets, donated, volunteered at the event, helped with the planning and orchestration of the event, we just want you to know how appreciative we are. Because of your generous spirits, HHW is one step closer to having this dream become a reality.

You have truly made a difference for Happy Hearts and its associates now and in the future!

Thank you again,

Gayla Dunn
Outreach Ministry Team Leader

(happyheartsworking.org)



FREE KICK'S BAND COMMUNITY CONCERT

**Monday, November 30th
7:00 p.m.
at**

First Christian Church

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





GO/MISSIONAL MINISTRY



When Packing Shoebox Gifts

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

PICK UP YOUR SHOEBOX(ES) & LABELS in the concourse beginning October 11th. Fill them and return them **no later** than November 22nd.

SHOEBOX: Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl and affix on it a label for who it is for...a boy or a girl.

“WOW” ITEM: Select a quality “wow” toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.

OTHER GIFTS: Pack full with other fun toys, personal care items and school supplies.

PRAY: Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of a child.

DONATE \$10 PER SHOEBOX: \$10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. You can pay online using the Follow Your Box feature.

samaritanspurse.org/occ

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK IS THE THIRD WEEK OF NOVEMBER!

Contact Gayla Dunn with questions!

GO/MISSIONAL MINISTRY**GIFT IDEAS****FUN “WOW” ITEM & TOYS**

- Soccer Ball with pump
- Dolls and stuffed Animals
- Shoes
- Toy Cars
- Jump Ropes & Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS!**

- Pens, Pencils, Sharpeners, Crayons, and Makers
- Notebooks and Coloring Books
- Toothbrushes
- Socks
- Combs & Hairbrushes
- Hair Accessories
- Solar Calculators
- Flashlights
- Sunglasses

**DO NOT INCLUDE**

Soap, Candy, Toothpaste, Gum, Seeds, Food, Aerosol cans, Scary or War-related items, Liquids or Lotions, Medications or Vitamins, used or damaged items, Glass Containers or breakable items.

GO/MISSIONAL MINISTRY**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**

With warm weather still with us it is difficult to think about Christmas but there are some stores that are already putting holiday items on the shelves.

So once again it's time to remember the residents living at Woodhaven, our denomination's facility for mentally challenged adults in Columbia, MO which has an interesting website. As we've done for many years, we are once again taking \$5.00 donations to ensure these people have a Merry Christmas. Although \$5.00 alone does not buy very much these days, when added to donations made from other churches and organizations it gives

each resident a meaningful sum that they can use as they wish, either to buy something for themselves or as many do, buying a gift for a friend. Many of these adults have outlived their family members and this may be one of very few, if any gifts they will receive.

Over the years our congregation has been very generous, even as we've grown smaller we have continued to care for those less fortunate than we.

Their Christmas celebration will be held on December 11th and our gifts should be there by December 4th. Hopefully we'll once again show the generosity we've been known for through the years.

Your contribution can be given to Carol Geary or to Shawn in the church office. A big thank you for all you continue to do showing a big heart and sharing God's love.



**TALL OAKS CAMP
AND
CONFERENCE CENTER**

You are cordially invited to Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center's
ANNUAL GALA NIGHT

**November 14th
5:00 p.m.**

A Celebration of Unity, Growth and Sustainability

Tall Oaks Grounds
12778 189th Street
Linwood, KS 66052



Dress Code: Green Color Semi-Formal

Thank you for all your support! Scan the QR Code for tickets. If you have any questions, want to donate, or volunteer, please reach out via email or text!

Gala Team: engelkennora@gmail.com / 913-940-9719

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
3rd Carol Geary	8th Shawn VanWagner
11th Mary Gossage	11th John VanWagner
17th Jane Hanks	14th Dennis Carnine
20th Savannah Mathis	19th James Mathis
25th Lonna Denning	23rd Beth Enloe
	26th Ted Stolfus
	29th Shari DeMato

STAFF	CHURCH LEADERSHIP	
Senior Pastor: Bill Kerns	Board Chair: Jim Walters	Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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