

# The Family Circle



Kearney

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Bible Classes 9:30**

**Bible Classes For All Ages**

**Morning Worship 10:30**

**Sermon: *Jay Towell***

**Evening Worship 6:00**

**Sermon: *Jay Towell***

**Wednesday 7:00**

**Bible Classes For All Ages**

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!** We are so glad that you are with us today. If there is any way that we can be of service to you we would appreciate you letting us know. We hope you can stay around after our services for a few minutes so that we can get to know you, and come back whenever possible.

### **In Our Prayers This Week**

**Sandy Whaley** - has a cancerous growth. Her doctor is consulting other specialists in Omaha to see what her possible options might be other than surgery.

**Robert Casper** - member of the Church in Gothenburg, is in GSH room 3449 and might enjoy visitors.

**Jim Aufrecht** - brother of Dave, from North Platte, has cancer and will be starting radiation treatments tomorrow for 8 weeks..

**Don Holmes** - is having respiratory problems.

**Soldiers**- fighting overseas.

*Also please pray for these people; Ken Spencer, Kami Millspaugh, Murl & Deloris Lahm, Victor Zapata, Beth Crawford, Sandy Whaley, Angie Wiles and Dean Phillips.*

### **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AREA WIDE SINGING**

We will be hosting the area wide singing next Sunday night, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Schedule for the afternoon and evening is as follows:

Singing 3-5 p.m.

Supper from 5-6 p.m.

Devotional from 6-7 p.m.

### **HOGINS BABY GIRLS**

**London Alicia Hogins** was born November 7<sup>th</sup> to Jeremiah and Sarah. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 inched long. David and Sandy Hogins are grandparents and great grandmother is Helen Hogins.

**Abraham and Amber Hogins** have a baby girl, **Alyla Renee**, born November 20. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and is 20 in. long. Grandparents are David and Sandy Hogins, great-grandmother is Helen Hogins.

### **THANK YOU**

**Brenda Clark** is much improved after a lengthy bout of pneumonia. We appreciate all the prayers and loving concern during her illness. The Hogins and Clark families



### **ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY**

*Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> is the date of the adults only holiday party. We will meet at Perkins from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. If you wish to be included in the gift exchange, men bring a man's gift and women a woman's gift. A \$10 limit has been set.*

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you so much for all your kindnesses during Margaret's death. Thanks so much for the wonderful service, lunch and plant. It was very much appreciated by all of us. Again, many thanks to all. We appreciate your support during this difficult time.

Gene & Sue Rains

Jared, Amanda & Carson Rains

Dick & Row Rains

Tony & Willow Rains

Jessica Rains & family

Leah, John, Issac and family

Todd & Tracey Rains and family

### **TEACHER NEEDED**

We are in need of a teacher for the Preschool class on Wednesday nights for the coming quarter. Please see Melanie today if you will help.

### **COATS FOR KIDS**

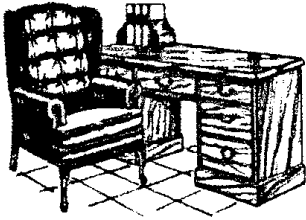
Thanks so much to everyone who donated to Coats for Kids. Last week Jay delivered 34 coats and 2 large plastic totes full of socks, underwear, hats & mittens to be given away to kids in need in our public schools.

### **SABETHA BIBLE BOWL**

*Recently Kaylee and Colby Becker competed in the Sabetha Bible Bowl and were on the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team. Way to go team Becker!*

From the Preacher's Desk . .

## Has God Ever Let You Down?



*I have very high expectations of God.*

*Call me spoiled, but I have high expectations when it comes to a lot of things in my life. When I buy something new at the store, I expect it to be in perfect working condition, and I expect it to do the job it was designed to do, or I take it back. I have high expectations of people I hire to work for me - that they will be prepared and competent to get the job done. I had high expectations for my children as they were growing and learning in school.*

*A few years ago, Melanie and I got our first family pet. A puppy. We had visions of her meeting us at the door at night wagging her tail politely and carrying a leash in her mouth - happy to see us and eager to go out for a walk. We envisioned our loyal family friend curled up on the rug in front of the fireplace while we enjoyed a quiet evening reading a book or playing games with the kids. What we got instead were messes on the new carpet, trash cans tipped over and scattered, tooth marks on the furniture, and undergarments dragged out into the living room - strategically timed to cause maximum embarrassment when company came over! It's true, she failed to meet our expectations in many ways - and exceeded them in others.*

*When is the last time you have experienced a let down in expectations? I sometimes have certain expectations of God that, for whatever reason, seem to go unmet. Prayers that go unanswered. Dreams of how my life should go that don't pan out. Visions of God faithfully walking beside me - guiding my steps - shielding me from harm and temptation - filling my life with blessings. How do we respond when it seems God has let us down?*

*1) Ask God to develop in us a "Nevertheless Faith". A faith that doesn't require understanding. It doesn't deny our disappointment and hurt. It simply says, "no matter what, Lord, I will trust in you."*

*2) Continue to do what's right. It is a powerful testimony to the world to see a follower of God keep on following even when the road is hard.*

*Oh, dear friend, if only you could see how God works on your behalf! If only you could see the heartaches you've been spared! If only you could count all the tears you've never cried. If only you could learn to measure the intangible blessings of peace and faith and hope and health and rest.*

*Last week, a friend of mine asked a question that is so appropriate to this holiday season. "If we would only have tomorrow that which we thanked God for today - how much would we have tomorrow?"*

*I know, God's ways are mysterious and we don't always understand. But then again, who wants to serve a God we can figure out? He might be on the brink of doing something spectacular in your life! Can you instead just learn to relax and believe that He knows and wants what is best for you? Or to borrow a phrase from an old gospel song,*

*"When you can't trace His hand, trust His heart."*

*Have a blessed week - child of the King!*

*Jay*

## Those Who Are Serving

	<u>Today</u>	<u>November 29<sup>th</sup></u>
Announcements	Dennis Edwards	Dennis Edwards
Song Leader	Ken Whaley	Allen Crawford
1 <sup>st</sup> Prayer	Jerry Ridgley	Dan Hirschfeld
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prayer	Chuck Johnson	Larry Gates
Lord's Supper		
Presiding:	Bryan Becker	Bryan Becker
Serving:	Clint Edwards	Clint Edwards
	Bob Holland	Bob Holland
	Billy Clubb	Billy Clubb
Scripture Reading	Drew Arnold	Jerry Munsell
Closing Prayer	Allen Crawford	Don Holmes
Song Leader	Doug Houtz	Jay Towell
1 <sup>st</sup> Prayer p.m.	Dan Hirschfeld	Chuck Johnson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prayer p.m.	David Spencer	David Spencer
Closing Prayer	Bill Walker	Dan Hirschfeld
Eve. Communion	Jarrold Allen	Jarrold Allen
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>November 25<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>December 2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>
Singing	Jay Towell	Ed Spencer
Scripture	Gary Wiles	Allen Crawford
Treats	Christina Hansen	Carol Arnold

### ELDERS

Drew Arnold, Dennis Edwards, Dan Hirschfeld,  
Ed Lee and David Spencer

### MINISTER

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**Question of the week:** What specific activity did Jesus sometimes forbid to newly cast-out demons?

**Last week's question and answer:** What vegetable did the complaining Israelites recall from their years of slavery in Egypt?  
Cucumbers (Numbers 11:4-5)