



ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH will celebrate 70 years on Sunday.

# Local church celebrates 70 years of service this Sunday

Grace Assembly of God, Second and Benton streets, St. Francis, will begin its 70th anniversary on Sunday. A celebration service will be held at 10:30 a.m. A dinner will be provided after the service, with the opportunity for members and friends to share memories.

The church began as a Sunday school in the White Rose schoolhouse in 1934. The Rev. Denzel and Pearl Miller were the first pastors of the Apostolic Mission Church. They moved to the present location in January 1936.

It was in March of 1942 that the church became a part of the Assemblies of God. Rev. David Vogler was pastor at the time.

In the early 1950s, the church's upper floor was completed under the direction of Pastor James Richard. The church held a homecoming and mortgage burning in 1960 at which time Rev. George and Maxine Barber were pastors.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Meyer, current pastors, will host this special evening on Sunday.



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# Council updated on progress of the Kan Step grant for city

The Nov. 2 St. Francis City Council meeting was brief with the meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. because of the Bi-District Championship football game starting at 7 p.m. in St. Francis.

Councilman Dale Weeks updated the council on the progress of the Kan Step Grant. He said that the committee had met three times since the last council meeting. They had also attended the commissioners' meeting where the commissioners appeared to be very receptive toward the grant process and noted that the county equipment could be used if needed.

The community meetings, Councilman Weeks explained, should start sometime after Thanksgiving. These meetings will be an informative type of meeting and give those wishing to help with their time or equipment, the opportunity to sign a volunteer list.

## Workmen's Compensation

City clerk Mary Lampe and Superintendent J.R. Landenberger met with Don Osenbaugh and Mark Morris from the League of Kansas Municipalities. The group discussed the Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust which is a program administered by the League of Kansas Municipalities and offers competitive workers' compensation insurance to Kansas cities. The Insurance Trust program also works with the local insurance agent so that the workers' compensation is kept local. The application will need to be in sometime in January, with the policy starting around April.

## Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs)

The council adopted a program called Optional Group Term Life. The insurance's premium is being based on each employee's age. The retirement insurance now pays 1 1/2

times the employee's salary. The Optional Group Term Life insurance would be an addition to the present one. The insurance is optional for the employee who will also be responsible for the premium.

## City-wide Cleanup

The council briefly discussed the possibility of doing away with the Spring Cleanup. They also felt that before the next Fall Cleanup there will need to be some rules and regulations established. The subject was tabled for future meetings.

## Other business

In other business:

- Clerk Lampe reported that the

city had received a \$1,350 check from Farmers Alliance group for rent on the old city building.

- Liquor licenses were approved for Dusty Farmer Restaurant and Park Hill Restaurant.

- The council asked that Attorney Mike Day look into the process of designating a physical address to the Good Samaritan Village.

- The council agreed to decline having an air photo taken of the town. The last photo taken was in 2000 and costs between \$400 to \$600. The council decided to wait on an aerial photo until after the completion of the sewer ponds.

# Coats needed for Colorado teens

*By Karen Krien*

It is that time of year when people are cleaning out their closets. There are undoubtedly warm coats, hats, gloves and mittens which are just taking up space and have not been worn for several years.

They need to go! And Connie Jenkins, St. Francis, has just the place for them.

Mrs. Jenkins is once again asking people to open their hearts and closets by giving coats, hats, gloves and mittens to the Urban Peak Teen Shelter in Denver.

Several years ago, Mrs. Jenkins saw homeless teens on the streets without proper clothing. She looked into what she could do for these kids and was told that the Urban Peak Teen Shelter was the

only teen shelter in that area and warm clothes were desperately needed. There are counselors, medical assistance and career training for these youth, ages 12 to 19 years old, but many just stop in to get out of the cold.

"Life would have to get pretty rough to opt for the streets," Mrs. Jenkins said.

"There are as many as 400 teens out on the street at any given time, living in abandoned buildings, under bridges or in cars.

Urban Peak seeks to bring these young people in off the street and provide shelter, food, medical help, counseling and schooling. Those at Urban Peak also help prepare young people to hold down a job.

"But first, they need food and a way to stay warm. That is where we come in," Mrs. Jenkins said.

Every year, Urban Peak has been overwhelmed with the generosity of the people from St. Francis.

"They thank each one of you for your kindness and gifts of warm clothes," she said.

Those wishing to give coats, hats and gloves can leave them on the porch of Steve and Connie Jenkins' home at 304 W. Spencer between Nov. 15 and Nov. 25.

Mrs. Jenkins plans to deliver the warm clothes to Urban Peak over the Thanksgiving holiday.

# Start planning decor for Lighting Contest

*By Karen Krien*

The temperatures were pretty cool last week but weather forecasters are predicting warmer temperatures this week, just in time for people to get their outdoor Christmas lights and decorations up.

The Chamber will be holding a Christmas lighting contest again this year. Two prizes of \$50 in scrip will be awarded at the Dec. 16 Chamber and Christmas On Us drawings. Last year's winners will be judging the contest. No entries

are needed.

Homes will be judged on lights and decorations.

The winners will be announced in *The Saint Francis Herald* in the next issue after the judging.

For more information, call or stop by The Saint Francis Herald Office.

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**St. Francis Christmas Opening!**

**Friday, November 26**

**PARADE OF LIGHTS**

- Enter the parade either as a business, organization or family. Santa will be the special guest in the parade. Participants meet at the high school at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. Entry forms can be obtained and returned at The Saint Francis Herald, First National Bank, Bankwest and Chamber Office. Those not pre-entered should bring their entry form with them the night of the parade. The parade starts down Main Street at 6 p.m.
- The Treasure Hunt starts at 4 p.m.
- Santa's Hut (the old city hall building) open after the parade.
- Soup Supper - at the Senior Center, 5-7 p.m. - serving Cheesy Potato, Chili & cinnamon rolls!

**Saturday, November 27**

**Don't miss the Chamber Sponsored Alumni Games - Women's Volleyball - 5:30 p.m.; Men's Basketball - 8:00 p.m. at the St. Francis High School!**

**Thursday, December 16**

- Treasure Hunt all day starting at 9 a.m.
- Chamber drawings start at 5:30 p.m. (in front of the old city hall) • 3 prizes each \$100 in Scrip and The Saint Francis Herald's "Christmas On Us" drawing.
- Coloring contest - 3 winners from each grade, K-6th grade will be announced.
- Light Contest - 2 lucky residents will be awarded \$50 in scrip money for the most fantastic lighting.
- Don't miss out on the Chamber's free chili in front of the old Ben Franklin building.

*St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce*