

Youth group to lead services on Sunday

On Sunday, the St. Francis Community Church service will be led by the church's youth group — everything from the welcoming of the guests, to taking up the offering, leading in worship and bringing the message.

The message will be on compassion because it's "Compassion Sunday."

Compassion Sunday was started by Compassion International, an organization that helps to sponsor children around the world by partnering with individuals to bring them hope as well as the necessary medical care and supplemental food; educational opportunities; church-sponsored activities that help to build social skills; and opportunities to hear the gospel, receive Christ and grow in their faith.

Compassion International is based in Colorado Springs and features Pastor Wes Stafford. Their motto is "Releasing children from poverty in Jesus name."

Every sponsored child, said Pastor David Butler, is connected with a local church-based program where he or she will be loved, valued and protected.

"The child you help will hear the gospel and be given the opportunity to develop a personal relationship with Jesus," Pastor Butler said.

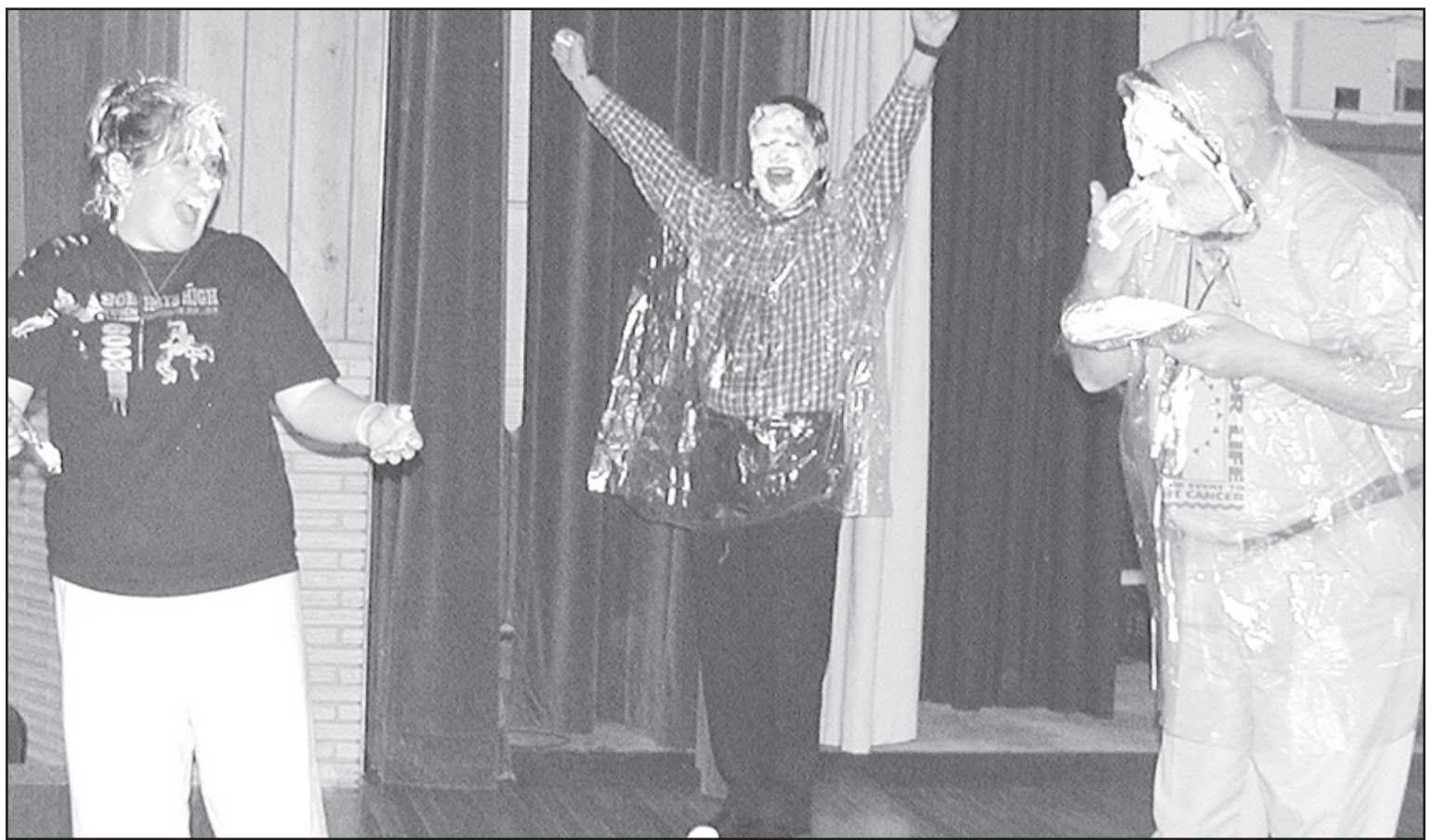
Many sponsored children become Christians and even lead their families to Christ.

As reported by our church partners, the pastor said, more than 130,000 children involved in Compassion programs last year received Christ as Savior.

"April 26 is all about the children!" he said.

The Bible verse for the day comes from Proverbs 31:8-9 - "Speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves...Defend the rights of the poor and needy."

The goal of the Community Church is to be able to sponsor 20 children through this event.



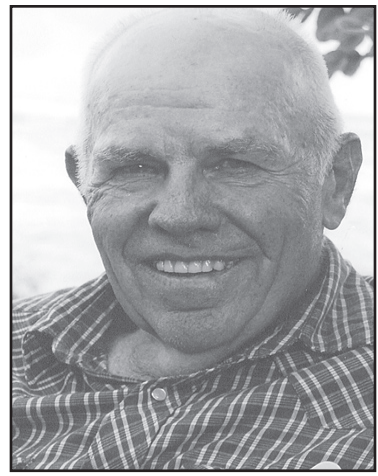
YES!!! Teacher, Steve Jenkins, center, was happy that he wasn't the only one with pie on his face. Cara Hunt, one of the students selected to throw a pie, also had collected some face pie. Bruce Swihart, right, was just enjoying eating his!

Family requests cards



Raymond Zweygart will celebrate his 80th birthday on April 27. His family requests a card shower in honor of this special day.

Birthday greetings may be sent to Raymond at 1440 Road U, St. Francis, KS 67756.



Zweygart

Pie throwing fun helps raise funds

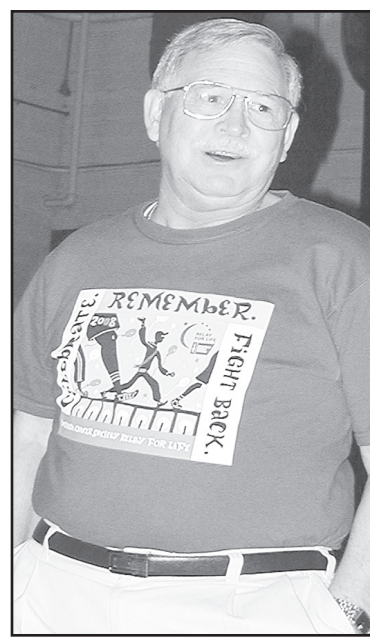
The end of Mini Relay contest between the St. Francis elementary and high school was held Thursday at the high school. When the totals were tallied, the high school kids lost to the grade school by almost \$500. However, the good news is, the St. Francis students raised right at \$700 which will be used for cancer research.

Following the talk by Ron Barkley, Goodland, a cancer survivor, it was time to get even with the teachers. Those teachers volunteering for the fun of getting a pie in their face were: Lisa Gibson, Bruce Swihart, Steve Jenkins, Jeff Olofson, Kaye O'Brien and Susan Dinkel.

On June 5, the annual Relay For Life will be held in Sawhill Park. Gloria Bracelin, coordinator, said teams are needed.

"It is a fun time and the more teams we have, the more fun we have," she said.

People, organizations, groups and individuals are asked to join a team or form one. For more in-



Ron Barkley, cancer survivor, spoke to the junior and senior high kids on Thursday.

formation, contact Mrs. Bracelin at 785-332-2757, Betty Loudon, 785-332-2347; or Betty Petersen, 785-332-8990.



EVERYONE HAD FUN, including teacher, Kaye O'Brien and Lisa Gibson. Herald staff photos by Karen Krien

Cookin' with Peg

By Peggy Horinek

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Everyone loves comfort food and casseroles are a good comfort food, plus a one dish meal. Throw together a salad, maybe ice cream for dessert and you have a meal which is not only easy but good. The following casserole makes you think of burritos except you don't have to roll them up.

Firecracker Casserole

- 2 lbs. ground beef
- 1 med. onion, chopped
- 1 (15 oz.) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1-1/2 Tbl. chili powder
- 2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 (7 inch) flour tortillas

- 1 (10 3/4 oz.) can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1 (10 oz.) can Rotel tomatoes, undrained
- 1 cup (4oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese

In a skillet, cook the beef and onion until the meat is no longer pink; drain. Add beans, chili powder, cumin and salt. Transfer to a greased 13x 9 x 2 inch baking dish. Arrange tortillas over the top.

Combine soup and tomatoes; pour over the tortillas. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until heated through. Yield 8 servings.

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