

DISCIPLES CARE NEWSLETTER

May 2019

Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll, Senior Minister
Rev. Kathryn Wilson, Minister of Mission & Outreach

South Joplin
Christian Church



Update Your Directory

Pastor Colleen and Tom Hamm's new address is 1704 Waters Edge Ct., Joplin, 64801



From Our Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll

Although the month of May is officially still the liturgical season of Eastertide, we have several other things to consider, especially in worship. On the first Sunday we will commission the mission team who will leave immediately after service to spend the week working in Van Buren, Missouri. (I will be joining them so I won't be in the office that week)



May 12 is Mother's Day, but we will also be observing "Older American's Month" that day by having a Gospel Sing in place of the sermon. This is your chance to "raise the roof" in song!

May is also Mental Health Awareness Month, and the 19th is Mental Health Sunday. I am pleased that Robin Blair and Amanda Hall will be joining me in worship on the 19th to share thoughts on the ways congregations can support persons with mental health challenges. At 2 p.m. that day we will offer a time for solidarity and support for individuals who have been emotionally, physically, or spiritually abused by churches or church staff. "Sacred Wounds" will offer a time for sharing and acknowledging the pain such abuse carries, and allow for suggestions toward healing and recovering faith. The event is open to the public so you are welcome to invite guests.

Looking to the end of the month, it will be a pleasure to welcome Rev. Michelle Scott Huffman as guest preacher on May 26. She was scheduled to come in March but the weather didn't cooperate with our plans. Michelle is a 2011 graduate of Eden Seminary (Colleen's alma mater) and a current DMin student at Phillips Theological Seminary. She serves as Campus Minister to Ekklesia Progressive Campus Ministry at MSU and has recently been called to serve at National Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Springfield as well. Michelle and her wife Stephanie have two children, Alexis and Morgan. I know you will join me in giving her a warm SJCC welcome!

Blessings along the way, Pastor Colleen

UNDERSTANDING RAMADAN (May 6 - June 4, 2019)

Ramadan is a religious holiday which lasts a whole month and one in which participants practice personal introspection, prayer and fasting. Fasting during Ramadan has a dual purpose. It is not only seen as a way for Muslims to cleanse their souls of impure elements but is also done to empathize with those who may be poor and hungry. (exception: children, pregnant women, the sick and elderly, and travelers are not expected to fast). During this religious month, it is important that participants are charitable to their fellow citizens. Ramadan is usually concluded with a large celebration. This celebration, known as the Feast of Fast Breaking or Id al-Fitr, starts the day following the end of Ramadan and usually lasts for 3 days. During these 3 days, Muslims say special prayers, gifts are exchanged and meals are shared with friends and family.

INVITATION TO IFTAR

The Islamic Society of Joplin has extended an invitation to join them for Ramadan Iftar on May 14th at 7:30PM to learn about Iftar traditions. This is the meal which concludes their Ramadan observance. Dinner would be served after Sunset around 8:15PM. We need to RSVP no later than May 12, so please let Pastor Colleen know if you would like to attend.



Welcome New Member!

We welcomed Timicia Curtis into membership with joy on April 7. She's been attending for a few years, but the time was right to make it "official." Timicia's address is 816 W. B St., Joplin, 64801; phone 619-5607.



2019 PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING (June 2, 9)

Half of your gift to the Pentecost Offering is designated to your Disciples Region/Area to start and sustain new churches. The other half is used by Hope Partnership to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

Samantha Nicodemus is Graduating!

Sam will be graduating from the University of Arkansas with a Master of Accountancy degree on Saturday, May 11, 2019. We offer her our congratulations on a job well done. Way to go, Sam!!!

Thank You

Dear South Joplin Christian Church Family, my daughter and I wish to thank you for the kitchen and fellowship hall for my March 10 birthday celebration. Thanks also for your participation, the beautiful cards, and wishes expressed. Love you all, Willa Randall



REACHING OUT TO OUR NEIGHBORS WITH REV. KATHRYN WILSON MINISTER OF MISSION & OUTREACH

We can best serve others when we serve with hearts of compassion and love and with an open mind and listening ears as we walk alongside and stand with them in their time of need.

Mission Trip Fundraisers

Our Mission Team is gearing up for our trip to Van Buren, MO May 5-11. In an effort to raise funds to support this mission opportunity and future mission trips arrangements have been with Texas Roadhouse for an SJCC Fundraiser Event the 4th Sunday of each month through the end of the year. Present your flyer, Sunday bulletin, or mention SJCC and we will receive 10 percent of your meal costs. Our next event will be Sunday, May 26. Invite your friends, family and neighbors. Please continue to pray for our Mission Team (Pastor Colleen, Tom Hamm, Julia and Kenton Foster, Jeanie Morrison and Pastor Kathryn). We will be departing immediately after worship on May 5. If you would like to write special messages or words of encouragement to each of them for their trip please bring them to the church by Sunday morning, May 5.

Irving/Bright Futures

Can you believe that the school year is almost over. My how the time does fly. Many thanks to each of you who volunteered in any way at Irving during the year (First Friday readers, *Snack Pack* distribution, Site Council participation, building volunteer or special donations). Also many thanks to the congregation for the financial support to various Irving activities.

Irving’s last major activity for the year will be their “Spring Festival” on May 3, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. sponsored by the Student Council. This year’s theme is “*Eco Systems*”. There is a need for adult volunteers to assist with station supervision and face painting (40 minute shifts). They are also seeking donations of full-sized candy bars, assorted small candies (no peanuts), cans of soda and water. If you can volunteer or would like to donate any items please contact Pastor Kathryn ASAP.

Mrs. Parker (Student Council Sponsor) was pleased to announce at Site Council meeting that the Joplin Lion’s Club donated \$5,000 for a complete landscaping overhaul. Work began on April 20.

Please pray that each student , teacher and staff member have a safe summer!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING!

On behalf of the Disciples Mission Fund and the SJCC Outreach Ministry we offer much gratitude for the Easter Offering on April 14 and 21. To date we have received \$1,065.00.

“Parent Seminar: Talking About Sexual Abuse and Safety”

The SJCC Child Protection Task Force has partnered with the Children’s Center (Joplin) to host the 3rd in a series training event on Saturday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. This training event provides the opportunity for parents and other care providers to learn how to teach young children to **recognize, resist, and report sexual abuse**. The presenter is Aryn Crawford, Community Outreach and Development Coordinator at the Children's Center. The seminar is free and open to the public. Those planning to attend please RSVP to 417-624-2522 or via email southjoplincc@att.net. Childcare will be provided.



CROSSLINES

Be part of SJCC’s Volunteer Team
the 4th Thursday of each month, 9:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



All are welcome to come and be a part of the team. No special skills are required. **SJCC will** have a work day on Thursday, May 23. I look forward to seeing you there! With school out for the summer youth are invited and encouraged to volunteer with our Team.

You are welcome to volunteer on days other than our regularly scheduled work day. Your help will always be greatly appreciated; even if you can only work one hour. Ask for the volunteer coordinator, when you arrive. Monday evenings are a great opportunity for families to serve together. You can access/submit the Volunteer Application online at <https://crosslinesjoplin.org/volunteer>.

Crosslines regular hours are as follows:

- First Monday:** 4 p.m.—7 p.m. TEFAP (Commodities Distribution Only)
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Monday:** 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Regular Services)
- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Regular Services)
- Wednesday:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. TEFAP (Commodities Distribution Only)
- First Wednesday - Workforce Wednesday:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Job Center Caseworker onsite
- Closed on all 5th Wednesdays**

Our Crosslines Challenge for May is 100 lbs. of Flour (NO bags larger than 5lbs).

Additional Needs: 33 Gallon and Kitchen Tall Trash Bags, Masking Tape, Paper Towels, Ziploc Bags, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Toasters, Crock Pots, Coffee Makers, Electric Skillets, Hand-held Can Openers. Donations can be dropped off at 320 N. School during Crosslines regular hours.

Faith Formation

ADULT FAITH FORMATION Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Room A-11

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room A-11 as we continue viewing and discussing the video-based curriculum, *Living the Questions 2.0*.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

The children and youth meet Sunday morning from 9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. "*Where It's At*" is for 3 year olds through 4th graders and uses crafts, games, and songs centered around a different Bible story each week. We are currently studying "*Blessing and Letting Go*". Besides discussing our many blessings and how to be a blessing, Bible stories of letting go of one stage of life for another are discussed: David leaving home to sing for Saul, Jesus leaving his life of obscurity to begin his ministry, Jesus leaving his disciples to return to heaven, Moses giving leadership of the People of God to Joshua are examples.

There is a more in-depth class with discussion for grades 5 - 12. Dia Curry and Mike Fitterling lead this group.

Both classes meet on the third floor and parents are always welcome to attend with kids.

YOUTH NEWS

SJCC is working with Children's Center of SWMO to host a Teen Open Forum on Safe and Healthy Relationships, a discussion-based class for teens covering consent, healthy relationships, sexual abuse, and online safety. The forum is open to all SJCC youth in 7-12th grade and their friends, and is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15 from 6:00-7:30PM. Parents or adult caregivers are invited to a separate discussion to take place simultaneously on the same topics. For questions or additional information, talk to Pastor Kathryn.

It's time to plan for summer youth activities. Parents and friends of youth, please inform our pastors if you'd like to host a get-together in your home or elsewhere.

Vacation Bible School 2019

Mark your calendar for the following Tuesdays: June 25, July 2, 9, and 16 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Now is the time to volunteer your assistance! See Karen Kemp or Jessica Faucett to be part of the adventure!



Embrace the Fruits of the Spirit

GROUPS



SJCC's Mission Trip Team

Just a reminder, if you would like to provide baked treats for our Mission Trip Team, please give Pastor Kathryn a call to make arrangements to bring your treats. We will leave for our trip on Sunday, May 5 after worship.

Thanks in advance!

THE GREEN TEAM

The Green Team encourages you to respect your mother. That's right, for Mother's Day, spend some quality time with your mother. Take her for a picnic and then a hike and see what Mother Nature has for you to enjoy. But, don't forget to clean up your mess and respect your "mother".

Green Tip

Get some exercise and save gas by riding your bike to work on May 17 as part of the *Ride Your Bike to Work Day*.

Book Club

The Thursday evening Book Club is listening to and discussing Peter Rollin's audiobook, *The Orthodox Heretic: and Other Impossible Tales*. Check with Pastor Colleen for weekly location as the location sometimes changes.



Equal Exchange

Don't forget to get your coffee, tea, chocolate, and olive oil from our Equal Exchange Program.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

The Disciples of Christ General Assembly will be Saturday, July 20th to Wednesday, July 24th. The assembly will be held in Des Moines, Iowa.

For more information on specific events and services, please visit:

<https://ga.disciples.org/registration/>

FINAL CALL FOR FINGER LABYRINTHS

If you've been making finger labyrinths for the General Assembly, the deadline to mail them in is June 1, so please finish what you're working on and bring them to Pastor Colleen by May 26 so they can be mailed in time.

EVENTS

Fellowship Meal

Please join us **each Wednesday in May** at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and food. The meal is prepared by our Hospitality Committee and offered free of charge. **Donations are welcome!!**

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Join us on Sunday, May 19 after worship for our monthly Potluck Fellowship Luncheon. Please bring something to share as listed below.

**A-G: Side dish H-M: Dessert
N-W: Main dish
Drinks will be provided.**

MID-AMERICA

CHURCH CAMPS ANNOUNCED

Camps at Jo-Ota & Covenant Point

Try-it	June 14-16
God & Sex	June 17-22
CYF	June 24-28
Crazy Camp	July 24-28
Junior	July 8-12
Chi Rho	July 16-21

Camps at Crowder State Park

CYF	June 29-July 4
Chi-Rho	July 6-10
1-2-3 Go	July 11-13
Junior #1	July 16-18
Chi-Rho #2 (combo)	July 19-23
Junior #2 (combo)	July 19-23

Eastern Summer Happenings

That All May Be One	June 30-July 9
Canoe Camp	July 14-18

Camps at Summer Mission, SPFD

CRY	June 24-28
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Camps at Camp Hebron

Try-it	Aug 1-2
JYF	July 29-Aug 2
Chi Rho	July 29-Aug 2
CYF	July 29-Aug 2

Camp at Night Owl Camp

Night Owl	July 29-Aug 2
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For more information regarding any of the listed camp adventures, please visit www.mid-americadisciples.org/ and check out the "**Summer Programs 2019**". You can also check with the church office for registration, age requirements, and cost. **HURRY! Some of the early bird registrations must be in by May 15.**

Movie in the Park

Warm weather is coming! Join us in Friendship Park on May 17 for the first movie of the season. This is a family friendly event. Come out and eat hot dogs while watching a the movie. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket. All are welcome. This event is free and open to the public. Contact Pastor Kathryn or Raquel Sapien for more info.



Other Important Stuff



CHURCH STATISTICAL INFORMATION

(General Operating Budget February 1-28, 2019)

Anticipated Income: \$18,179.61

Actual Income: \$13,894.95

Actual Expense: \$18,514.95

(expenses include quarterly insurance premium)

You can give online at: www.southjoplindisciples.org

Your commitments can also be mailed. Thank you!

Attendance

3/31: 89 4/07: 82 4/14: 90 4/21: 157

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (age 3 – adult)

10:25 a.m. Fellowship time for everyone

10:45 a.m. Children Worship & Wonder
(ages 3 ½ yrs. - 1st grade)

10:45 a.m. Worship

Clipboards are available in the sanctuary for kids from 2nd grade and older. A nursery is available from 9:30 a.m. until noon for those too young to join in other ministries.

April 9, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Treasurer: noted net loss for March of \$4,620, due in part to quarterly insurance payment; informed Board of double payment made on another insurance premium several months ago - we received refund of \$1,072; looking into alternative electronic giving options as current option no longer cost effective; noted \$170/month reduction on auto insurance by removing van donated to Joplin Sheltered Workshop.

Pastor Colleen: explained she and Tom moving out of SJCC rental house and would need to adjust her housing expense from \$796 (current) to \$1,550 through remainder of 2019, noting this does not effect the amount of earnings - only distribution. Motion to adjust Pastor Carroll's housing expense to \$1,550 for remainder of 2019 carried.

Pastor Kathryn: pleased with turn out for Food For the Soul study; informed Board 8 SJCC folks going to Van Buren, Missouri for adult Mission Trip; explained Texas Roadhouse fundraisers to continue once a month (indefinitely).

Faith Formation: noted VBS theme carried on from last year's *The Fruits of the Spirit*; decided to return to Faith Practices Curriculum for "Where It's At Sunday" School classes, noting we already have materials so no additional cost to church for curriculum.

Outreach: happy to note Irving staff luncheon provided by SJCC went really well; excited to announce Movies in the Park starting May 17 with increased advertisement and hopes for more participation from neighborhood.

Property: noted repair of heat/air unit in Pastor's office still not completed, received bid from Simpson Sheet Metal of \$2,600 to repair current unit with only 60 day warranty or \$9,100 to replace unit noting large part of cost for replacement from using crane to set unit on roof; agreed to seek other options; noted digital alarm monitoring transition complete; informed Board city had poured new sidewalk in front of church and poured over handicap access from street to elevator and is working to find out what can be done to reinstall access; worked with Spire Gas Company to correct billing on Mission Station - refund on overage expected.

New Business: motion to form Finance Ministry to include Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Senior Minister, Minister of Mission and Outreach, Property Chair, and Board Vice Chair (Personnel Chair) carried.

A Full copy of Financials and Board Meeting minutes is available to members through the church office.

WE LIFT THESE UP IN PRAYER

Sympathy to family and friends of: Janie Wilkins (Moser), Johnnie Fields, Jr. (Kim Noll), Cat Johnson (Elliott), Kamal Eways (Fitterling), Lina Farren (Traver)

Seminary: Vance Halfaker and Julie

Godspeed: Autumn Van Volkinburg (as she returns to Dallas)

Global Ministry Focus: Zambia (Robert Breckenridge), Thailand (Anne Gregory), Mexico (Elena Huegel), Israel/Palestine (Sara Makari), Ghana, West Africa (Larry & Debbie Colvin)

All Others: John Asher, Gerry Bagby, Nancy & Chico Bond, KC Brockman, Ellen Broglio, Amy Carlyle, Betty Coan, Henry Coursey, Michael Crofford, Lois Demaree, Martha Felland, Tom & Carolyn Fortson, Candy Gagle, Marea Gagle, Wendy Garrison, Judy Gibson, Mary Gilmore, David Harding II, Rod & Mary Havens, Elizabeth Hayes, Alyxis Hefty, Shirley Holford, Jewell Holland, Jim Holland, Alice Hughlett, Daryl Hughlett, Corey Irwin, Bethany James, Fern Jensen, Kenneth Johnson, Virginia Long, Betty Kemp, Sam Knudtson, Alexandra Lyons, George McAdams, Wilton & Betty McKelvey, Tom Meadows, Missionary families (Huff, Reaves, Wilson), Easton Murdock, Denita Murphy, Nicodemus Family, Jim Owen, Dennis Peterson-Sloan, Josh Petty, Alexis Prater, Nancy Righthouse, Martin Rooney, Michael Rooney, Josh Robb, Imoni Ross, Amy Schneider, Jillian Schuler, Michael Sterrett, Mike Tesh, Carolyn Theil, Roger Traver, Noah Troxell, Gary Wald, Tova Wallace-Lee, Karen Patchin Watson, Lavella Wheeler, Will Wilkerson, Jimmy Willerton, Charles Wilson, Birdie Woods, Lorenzo Woods, Glenn & Mary Lou York, and all unspoken requests.

***Prayer Is the Key to Heaven
but Faith Unlocks the Door. Amen!***

MAY BIRTHDAYS

12 Lily Delehanty	26 Carly Garrison
18 Liliana Soderstrom	26 Roger Traver
19 Tom Hamm	28 Monica Bailey
	29 Evie Joy Carrol



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

20 Glenn & Mary Lou York
29 Bruce & Lisa Wilcox



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Regular Sunday Schedule * *Denotes Nursery Available*
8:00 am Elders
9:00 am Praise Team Practice
9:30 am *Sunday School
10:25 am *Fellowship
10:45 am *Worship and Children Worship & Wonder

MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Remember to keep our SJCC Mission Team in your prayers: Mission Trip May 5-11</div>			1 9:30 am CWF General Meeting/Spiritual Life 5:30 pm Weekly Meal 5:30 pm Mission Trip Planning mtg. 6:30 pm Choir Practice	2 11:30 am Clergy Cluster in Neosho 6:00 pm Neighborhood Connect meeting (Byers Ave) 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club	3 5:30 pm Irving Spring Festival (until 7:30 pm)	4
5 Regular Sunday Schedule 12 Noon Mission Trip Team departs No Food for the Soul Study	6	7	8	9	10	11
	SJCC Mission Trip to Van Buren, Missouri May 5-11 SJCC Mission Trip to Van Buren, Missouri May 5-11					
	6:30 pm NA Meeting	6:30 pm Committees 6:30 pm NA Meeting	5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice	6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club		
12 Mothers' Day Regular Sunday Schedule 4:30 pm Food for the Soul Study	13 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 6:30 pm Outreach mtg. 6:30 pm NA Meeting	14 <i>Office opens at 2 pm</i> 6:30 pm Board 6:30 pm NA Meeting	15 8:00 am VBS Meeting 5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:00 pm Teen Symposium 6:30 pm Choir Practice	16 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club	17 7:00 pm Movie in the Park	18 9:00 am Parent Symposium Child Protection follow up
19 Mental Health Sunday Regular Sunday Schedule 12 Noon Fellowship meal 2:00 pm Sacred Wounds 4:30 pm Food for the Soul Study	20 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm NA Meeting	21 6:00 pm Green Team 6:30 pm NA Meeting	22 5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice	23 9:45 am Crosslines 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club	24 4:30 pm Eckhardt/ Ketron rehearsal	25 2:00 pm Eckhardt/ Ketron Wedding
26 Regular Sunday Schedule 12 noon TX Roadhouse Fundraiser (until 9 pm)	27 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	28	29	30	31	
	Pastor Kathryn on vacation May 26 - 30 Pastor Kathryn on vacation May 26 - 30 Pastor Kathryn on vacation May 26 - 30					
	6:30 pm NA Meeting	6:30 pm Colleen's PRC 6:30 pm NA Meeting	5:30 pm Weekly Meal 6:30 pm Choir Practice	6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Book Club	4:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal and Dinner for Bever/Delehanty	

“WHERE IT’s AT!” SUNDAY SCHOOL (3 YRS - GRADE 4)

May 5: Jessica Faucett, Sandy Meadows
May 12: Leanna Carrol, Karen Kemp
May 19: Darlene Coit, Karen Kemp
May 26: Darlene Coit, Karen Kemp

PRaise Team

May 5: Betsy Wheeler, Kenton Foster, Lisa Wilcox
May 12: Rocky Eckhardt, Chad Peterson-Sloan, Judy Akeman
May 19: Lisa Wilcox, Rocky Eckhardt, Judy Akeman
May 26: Chad Peterson-Sloan, Judy Akeman

Communion at the Table

May 5: Sherry Crumbliss, Don Smith, Jim Cullumber, Donna Fuller
May 12: Kathy Nicodemus, Sean Nicodemus, Tom Hamm, Mia Coyne
May 19: KC Brockman, Susan Wolfenbarger, Karen Kemp, Sue Sterrett
May 26: Carolyn Theil, Ray Gall, George Gagle, Chad Peterson-Sloan

Homebound

May 5: Mike Fitterling, Don Smith
May 12: Darlene Coit, Sean Nicodemus
May 19: Tom Wheeler, Susan Wolfenbarger
May 26: Mark Millard, Ray Gall

Children Worship & Wonder

May 5: Karen Kemp, Laney Reaves
May 12: Jessica Faucett, Leanna Carrol
May 19: Karen Fitterling, Rachel Eckhardt
May 26: Sarah Coyne, Laney Reaves

Sound Board/Projection

May 5: Ken Moser/Jennifer Reaves
May 12: Darryl Coit/Sandy Meadows
May 19: Raymond Reaves/Jennifer Reaves
May 26: Ken Moser/Jennifer Reaves

Communion Preparation

May 5: Sherry Crumbliss
May 12: Kathy Nicodemus
May 19: KC Brockman
May 26: Carolyn Theil

Elder in Worship

May 5: Darlene Coit
May 12: Tom Wheeler, Kathryn Wilson
May 19: Mark Millard
May 26: Margie Fitterling

Acolyte/Alternate

May 5: Xavier Faucett (Taylor Reaves)
May 12: Taylor Reaves (Reese Prater)
May 19: Reese Prater (Carly Garrison)
May 26: Carly Garrison (Lauren Coyne)

Safety Team Request

Adult volunteers are needed as ushers during Sunday worship. No special skills are needed. If you would like to be part of our Safety Team, call Darryl (540-2657).