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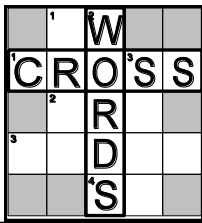
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

**Pr aising Go d ,
Ch anging Liv es!**



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Services each Sunday...

Praising God, Changing Lives for 127 Years!

Contemporary Worship

9:00 AM

Sunday School

9:30 AM and 10:00 AM

Traditional Worship

10:50 AM

Coffee Mingle

12:15 PM

Church Office Hours:

8:30am-1:30pm

Monday-Thursday

Our Ministry Statement

First Christian Church

exists to:

Reach Up to worship God,

Reach In to grow in
Christ-like maturity,

Reach Out to serve others in
Christ's name, to share the
Good News of Jesus Christ
with others and to invite
them to become members of
His family.

The Staff

Welcomes You...

Rev. Brad Barton

Sr. Minister

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Rev. Melanie Ferron
Associate Minister

Paula Schaffer, Pianist

Tish Key, Secretary

John Moore, Custodian

A New Year's Resolution From the Beatitudes

You're probably not wanting to read about *yet another* New Year's Resolution three weeks into 2018. I get it, and I understand. However, three weeks into the new year, I'm hoping you have already or are about to come to the realization that "worldly" resolutions are difficult to keep and might not be worth keeping, anyway...which makes now the perfect time for me to point you to the scriptures, and the words of Jesus, to help you find a resolution that is both meaningful and lasting.

The beatitudes, a group of sayings that begins Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" in the book of Matthew, are a great place to look to find a life-changing resolution. Jesus begins the beatitudes providing hope to people who might be feeling hope-less in the world: the poor, the mourning, the trodden upon, and those who work for God's justice amidst an unjust world. Then, Jesus proceeds to name the actions of his followers that WILL...CHANGE...EVERYTHING, if only we would resolve to do these things and follow up on that resolve. By "change everything", I mean these actions will usher in God's kingdom to replace the kingdom ruled by a few powerful people that presently exists on earth. Here are the resolutions Jesus urged us all to keep in these verses:

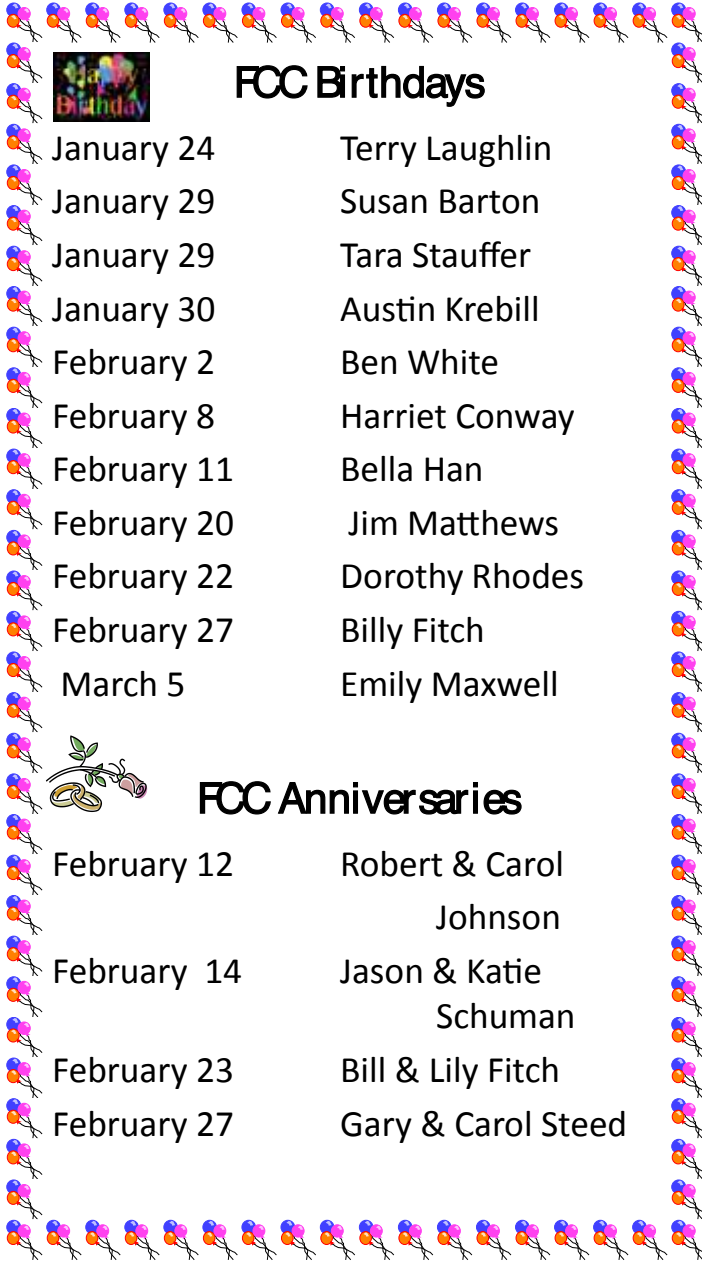
- *Be Merciful.* (Matthew 5:7) Just as God has been and continues to be merciful to you (remember, God-in-the-flesh even died to show God's mercy toward you), you should perform actions of mercy toward others. Help people, feed people, visit people, even if there's nothing in it for you.
- *Desire God and God's desires, and then act consistently with those desires.* (Matthew 5:8) That's what "pure in heart" means. Do more than think godly thoughts. Turn them into godly actions.
- *Actively work to make peace - real peace.* (Matthew 5:9) Jesus wasn't talking about burying your head in the sand and hoping bad people would stop hurting others. Jesus was talking about forgiving others, encouraging everyone you know to forgive others, and transforming the haters with acts of love.
- *Keep at it.* (Matthew 5:10-12) If you keep your resolutions based on Matthew 5:7-9, the kingdom of the world will react negatively, so Jesus offers hope in these verse for you to keep at it...because the negative reactions mean you're doing the right thing.

Keep these resolutions, and God will change the world through you!

-Pastor Brad



Birthdays, Announcements & Thanks



FCC Birthdays

- January 24 Terry Laughlin
- January 29 Susan Barton
- January 29 Tara Stauffer
- January 30 Austin Krebill
- February 2 Ben White
- February 8 Harriet Conway
- February 11 Bella Han
- February 20 Jim Matthews
- February 22 Dorothy Rhodes
- February 27 Billy Fitch
- March 5 Emily Maxwell




FCC Anniversaries

- February 12 Robert & Carol Johnson
- February 14 Jason & Katie Schuman
- February 23 Bill & Lily Fitch
- February 27 Gary & Carol Steed

Many thanks

to Pastor Brad, Melanie, Paula and all who made this past Advent/Christmas season full of joyful memories and experiences to ring in the birth of Baby Jesus. The Children's program and all the Christmas music created many opportunities to relax and enjoy the season. People helped decorate (and undecorate) the church this year; many brought goodies to share; and the wide variety of ornaments on the "family" tree all brought smiles to each of us. Thank You Everyone!



Thank you

to our drivers who provide transportation to and from Church on Sunday's. These dear ones are my hero's!

Terry & Jo Laughlin

Leonard & Kath Gardner

Jerry Francis

Lamar Edwards & Joyce Wittwer

Fifty –two times a year they work behind the scenes getting our members to Church.

God Bless you all,

Beverly Dorson(Transportation)

Thank You

With sincere appreciation for your continued support on behalf of the Community Food Bank– Thank You. It is through people, such as yourself, that we are able to meet the ongoing demand of those in need in Mesa County. You donated 189 pounds in December!

Gratefully,
Community Food Bank





Announcements

Commissioning of Congregational Leaders

January 28, 2018

It's a new year...which means it's almost time to commission a new group of congregational leaders. Please mark your calendars for and plan to attend a special worship service on January 28, 2018 (both worship services), during which we will commission for 2018:

- All Board Officers
- All Committee Chairpeople
- Elders and Deacons (with new terms beginning 2018) Please come to show your support for these leaders and to celebrate God's gifts given to these leaders!
- Pastor Brad



Happy Birthday

Juanita Davis celebrated her 90th birthday on January 16, and we are going to have a cupcake party during coffee mingle on the 21st. Please come and help Juanita celebrate this important milestone.



Elders Meeting
Sunday, January 21
@ 12:30



Saturday, January 20
@ 8 am



Update to Non-participating members List. Please add the current address for Pat and Jeannie Mitchell to your non-participating list: 1421 S Eagle Way, Aurora, CO 80014 -2429. Thank you!

From The Bookshelf



The FCC Bookworms got the Christmas spirit this year by reading two Christmas stories. “Skipping Christmas” by John Grisham was our first read, and, oh, the problems the Krank family ran into trying to skip Christmas. “Skipping Christmas” was made into a movie which is called “Christmas with the Kranks”, and you can imagine with Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis that it was pretty slapstick—both the book and the movie are a great way to get a good laugh. We also read “A Redbird Christmas” by Fannie Flagg. This novel shows how one small bird can bind a community together with the outcome benefiting them all. You may know Fannie Flagg as an actress who appeared frequently on Match Game. She has written several books including the one that became the movie “Fried Green Tomatoes”. We now have three of her books in the library.



A year or so ago Beverly Dorson donated “Maisie Dobbs” by Jacqueline Winspear to the church library. What a delightful book this is. It is the first in a series of 13 books (so far) about a young investigator with her story beginning in 1929. We have just added “Birds of a Feather” which is the second book in the series. These books are fiction, but you will learn much about post-war Europe while being held in suspense as Maisie solves one mystery after another.

Ann Hutton has donated “The Way She Were Back Then” a Cowboy’s Memoir by Scott Walck who spent many years around Collbran and the Plateau Valley. This book, written in 2014, is one of many books we are accumulating about our local history.



2018 Membership Updates are available in the file on the Membership Table.

You will find a new 2018 Membership List, and attached to this list is the 2018 update of the non-participating list as well as members who have businesses.

Also, there is a list of corrections to the Pictorial Directory and three new membership sheets that need to be added to your Directory.

If you see errors or additional corrections that need to be made, please let Joyce Wittwer know at 243-6214. Thank you.



Announcements

Vision Committee Luncheon

Thank you! Thank you!

Almost 50 people attended the Vision Committee luncheon this past Sunday and participated in the round table discussions to identify the needs of those here in our Grand Valley community.

Seven tables each created a list of the hurts and needs we see people around us facing, that could become a focus as our church ministers to the people we encounter right here where we live.

Just as Jesus sought out the needs of those around him as he travelled from town to town, we should each have our eyes open to the needs around us so that we can share Jesus' love and everlasting life to the folks here.

The Vision Committee will meet again in February (2/6/18) and begin to compile and prioritize the lists you all helped create, as we search for the focus and being of First Christian Church Grand Junction.

We ask each of you in the congregation to continue to pray for the committee, and we will continue to welcome thoughts and ideas from everyone as God speaks to our hearts of his desires for us.

Thank you again,

Suzanne Andrew, Committee Chair

Nancy Armbruster

Riecke Claussen

Leonard Gardner

Lily Fitch

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday, January 25

Please submit to the church office or
email them to:

firstchristiangj@hotmail.com

Articles arriving later than the deadline
included until the next published
Crosswords.



Announcements & Welcome



Sunday, February 4

All money will be going to **The House**,
a home for homeless teens

On Sunday February 4, 160 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 4. Our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.



Welcome

Last summer Kat Edwards became a member of First Christian Church (DOC). We welcome Kat. She has lived in Grand Junction since 1998 moving here from the eastern slope where she started school in Ever-

green but graduated from Central High School here in the valley.

Kat was raised by her grandparents and was especially close to her grandfather who passed away three years ago this past December.

Kat has had several jobs, but most recently she was a flagger during the building of the bridge in Glenwood Springs. Since that project is mostly completed, she has been laid off and is currently looking for employment.

Her son William George, who is 18 months old and named after Kat's grandfather, was dedicated on Oct 1st here at the church with many of Kat's family and friends in attendance. William will be welcoming a new sister, Lena Rose, into the world around March 20. We all welcome Kat into our church family.

By- Joyce Wittwer



FCC Prayer Concerns

"Pray without ceasing."

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Jean Kees
Brenda Armstrong	Betty Learned
The Arnold Family	Mike Loehring
Clara Arroyo	Blanche Marshall
Jack Barton	Cecilia Massey
Lois Braun	Norma Matteson
Sandy & Tim Brown	Brian Neukman
Tim Burke	Scott & Shirley Nider
Amy Burns	Phil Oliver
Randy Cass	Carol Perry
Chuck Cummings	Janice Riches and Family
Dannielle	Oscar Aaron Rodriguez
Dennis	Diana & Memesio Rodriguez
Dennis & Family	Dr. and Mrs. Schwartz
Helen Dillard	John Sherry
Kat Edwards	Lois Stouffer
JoAnne Eggers	Terry
Larry Eggers	Joan White
Vicki Gassman	The Worrell Family
Ethel Goebel	
Kyle Graham	
David & Vickie Hagan	
Connie Hawley	
Jason Hawley	
JoAnne Hill	
Ethel Hoffman	
Eleanor Hubbell	
Thomas Hunn	
Dee Johnson	
Family of BettyAnn Jones	
Ed Jones	
Nora Juette	



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

January 21, 2018

Elder

Susan Barton

Deacon

David Hawley

Greeter

David Hawley

January 28, 2018

Elder

Leonard Gardner

Deacon

Tammy Maxwell

Greeter

Tammy Maxwell

February 4, 2018

Elder

TBD

Deacon

Brad Krebill

Greeter

Brad Krebill

February 11, 2018

Elder

TBD

Deacon

Norma Lavelett

Greeter

Norma Lavelett

January 21, 2018

3rd Sunday

Worship Leader

Beverly Dorson

Offering Elder

Beth Sherry

Communion Elder

Lois Dunning

Greeter

David Hawley

Ruth Acord

Joanne/ Larry Eggers

Preparing Diaconate

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

Serving Diaconate

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

Nancy Claussen

Ruth Acord

Coffee Mingle

Joyce Wittwer

Lamar Edwards

Van Driver

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

Keyboard

Beth Sherry

Collection Team

Lois Dunning

Grace Farrell

January 28, 2018

4th Sunday

Worship Leader

TBD

Offering Elder

Kathy Gardner

Communion Elder

Leonard Gardner

Greeter

Leonard Gardner

Carol Steed

Jeanne Klitzke

Preparing Diaconate

Marian Velarde

Serving Diaconate

Jeanne Klitzke

JoAnne Eggers

David Morgan

Jodi Gabel

Coffee Mingle

Melanie Ferron

Van Driver

TBD

Keyboard

Ray Farrell

Collection Team

Lois Dunning

Grace Farrell

February 4, 2018

1st Sunday

Worship Leader

TBD

Offering Elder

JTBD

Communion Elder

TBD

Greeter

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

Cole Barton

Preparing Diaconate

Karen Lehman

Serving Diaconate

Jerry Francis

Wes Wade

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

Coffee Mingle

tBD

Van Driver

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

Keyboard

Paula Schaffer

Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

February 11, 2018

2nd Sunday

Worship Leader

TBD

Offering Elder

TBD

Communion Elder

TBD

Greeter

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

Lamar Edwards

Preparing Diaconate

Alice Wiesler

Serving Diaconate

Al Ladage

Bob Wise

Carolyn Bryant

Doug Bryant

Coffee Mingle

TBD

Van Drivers

Jerry Francis

Keyboard

Lily Fitch

Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

Church Calendar of Events - January 18, 2018— February 15, 2018

Thursday January 18, 2018

6:00 pm Praise Team

Saturday January 20, 2018

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

8:30 am RMCS CPE Group

Sunday January 21, 2018

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

11:00 am Jr. Church

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

12:30 Pm Elders Meeting

Monday January 22, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

1:30 FCC Bookworms

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday January 23, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday January 24, 2018

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:00 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship
Meal- Potluck

6:30 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday January 25, 2018

**** Pastor Brad out of Office****

**** Crosswords Deadline****

3:00 pm CWF Executive Meeting

6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday January 26, 2018

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday January 28, 2018

***** Food Bank Sunday*****

Commissioning of 2018 Leaders

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

11:00 am Jr. Church

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting

Monday January 29, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday January 30, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday January 31, 2018

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:00 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship
Meal- Tammy

6:30 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday February 1, 2018

****Crosswords****

9:30 am Ruth Group

1:30 pm Dorcas Group

6:00 pm Praise Team

6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Board

Sunday February 4, 2018

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

11:00 am Jr. Church

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

Monday February 5, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

1:30 pm FCC Bookworms

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday February 6, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00 pm Healthy Living

6:30 pm Night'ngals

Wednesday February 7, 2018

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

3:30 pm Parkinson's Support Group

6:00 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship
Meal-

6:30 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday February 8, 2018

****Crosswords Deadline****

1:30 pm Homeward Bound Ministry

1:30 pm CWF General

6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday February 9, 2018

2:00 pm Mexican Train Team

Sunday February 11, 2018

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

11:00 am Jr. Church

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

Monday February 12, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday February 13, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday February 14, 2018

****Valentines Day****

*****Ash Wednesday*****

9:30 am Newcomers Group

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:00pm Ash Wednesday Potluck

6:30 pm Youth Group

7:00 Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday February 15, 2018

6:00 pm Praise Team

7:00 pm Co. West Quilters Guild