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### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

God has called us to be a  
Congregation TO and FOR adults 50+,  
Even as we joyfully welcome  
ALL into our church family.



# First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)



## Services each Sunday...

### Praising God, Changing Lives for 127 Years!

Contemporary Worship

8:45 AM

Sunday School

9:30 AM and 10:00 AM

Traditional Worship

10:50 AM

Coffee Mingle

12:15 PM

## 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...

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**Paula Schaffer**, Pianist

**Norma Matteson**, Pianist

**Katie Wendland**, Secretary

**John Moore**, Custodian

## What I Learned About God While on my Trip to Disneyland, part 1

Since my last newsletter article, quite a bit has happened. Most notably, my family and I took our long anticipated trip to Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California. For those of you who don't keep up with Disneyland in the news, it's worth noting that Disneyland Resort now consists of two Parks: the original Disneyland Park and Disney's California Adventure, which recently received a significant re-design and expansion. It's also worth noting that Disneyland Park is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, having opened in 1955.

I've been a Disney fan for quite some time. (You probably have noticed that I'm a bit of a dreamer.) Being a Disney fan and a pastor, I own a copy of the book, "The Gospel According to Disney: Faith, Trust, and Pixie Dust." During my planning for this trip, I pulled the book off my shelves and reminded myself of some of what author Mark Pinsky had to say. I found in the book a quote from author Carl Hiassen: "If anything is more irresistible than Jesus, it's Mickey." Well, while I'm probably one of Disney's bigger fans, I must disagree with Hiassen's statement (but I think I understand his sentiment.) As it turns out, I reflected quite a bit on my trip to Disneyland about God and Church and even learned a few things. I'd like to begin sharing some of those things I learned with you and will continue in my next newsletter article.

**#1 - Welcoming/Hospitality is a Big Deal** - This is nothing new; it's in the Bible. God even commanded multiple rituals of welcoming and hospitality for God's people, the Israelites. The New Testament speaks to the issue as well. Remember the well-known verse from Hebrews 13? "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Disneyland does a great job of this, actively encouraging and cheering customers as they enter the park and offering rituals of welcoming as the park opens. As a recipient of such active hospitality, I felt really good. Sometimes I wonder if we, in the Church, have lost our focus on this hospitality thing that God so emphasized in scripture.

**#2 - God's Creation is Better than Human Creation** - I admit it; I love Disney theming. I enjoyed sitting outside Carthay Circle, watching the fountains, watching the people, and taking in the entertainment of the street performers. BUT...when I compared the incredible and expensive man-made offerings of Disney (like Cars Land and Grizzly Peak and Big Thunder Mountain and even Space Mountain) to God's creation (which I viewed in abundance on the trip to and from Disney while traveling through Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California), God's creation won...and it wasn't even close. For real beauty, I'll take a God-made Joshua Tree over anything Disney's imagineers can make any time, all the time.

Well, that's all the space I have for now. Tune in next time as I report on more of what I learned on my family's vacation to Disneyland.

— Pastor Brad



# Sunday School & Announcements

## 9:30 AM Sunday School Class

### “What’s So Amazing About Grace”

Come and join Nancy Armbruster as she guides you through this book

written by Philip Yancey.

In “What's So Amazing About Grace?” award-winning author Philip Yancey explores grace at street level. If grace is God's love for the undeserving, he asks, then what does it look like in action? And if Christians are its sole dispensers, then how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy? Yancey sets grace in the midst of life's stark images, tests its mettle against horrific "ungrace." Can grace survive in the midst of such atrocities as the Nazi holocaust? Can it triumph over the brutality of the Ku Klux Klan? Should any grace at all be shown to the likes of Jeffrey Dahmer, who killed and cannibalized seventeen young men? In his most personal and provocative book ever, Yancey offers compelling, true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He searches for its presence in his own life and in the church. He asks, “How can Christians contend graciously with moral issues that threaten all they hold dear?” -Online review

## **10:00 AM Sunday School Class: Fearless Conversation** discussions with coffee and donuts.

Our **Fearless Conversation** group has been digging into some really interesting stuff...so interesting that our Senior Pastor stops by to get in on the discussion!

We are a fortunate group as our Associate Pastor is in on the action every week and adds wonderful insight to our questions and discussions. Please feel free to join us for one Sunday or all...your choice.

**Fearless Conversations** continue...

In the month of June, we will be covering the following topics:

**June 7** - David was a liar, adulterer, and murderer...so why is he a hero of our faith (2 Samuel 11:1-27)

**June 14** - If God forgives me, then why do I still get punished for my sins? (Psalm 51)

**June 21** - What do I do with my sorrow? (2 Samuel 18:9-9-19:8)

**June 28** - How do I handle betrayal? (Psalm 41)

Thanks to Melanie for leading the discussion May 31st and June 7th. Also some good news! Fearless Conversations will continue all summer long...something for you to look forward to! I know I do as the conversations are incredible!

See you in the Library!

Lily Fitch - Conversationalist

# Anniversaries, Birthdays, & Announcements

## FCC May Birthdays

- June 3 Kitty Eggers
- June 3 John Moore
- June 3 Blanche Marshall
- June 4 Wes Wade
- June 8 Cecil Jackson
- June 8 Jo Laughlin
- June 16 Jeanice Swank
- June 18 Trish Stepp
- June 25 Bob Peterson
- June 29 Carolyn Bryan
- June 29 Don Klitzke



## FCC May Anniversaries

- June 14 Bob & Sharyl Peterson
- June 23 Les & Nancy Armbruster
- June 24 George & Barbara Decker
- June 26 Charles & Gaylene Grimsley
- June 27 Bob & Dottie Ruth

Thank you to all of you for all of your generous donations of thread, pillow cases, lace, trim, and bias tape.. You all really helped me out.

Thank you to my helpers Pam, for cutting the dresses out for me. To Alice for going through all of the dresses to make sure they are sewn okay, and no pins left in as well....

Thank you all.  
~Carolyn

## This is My Life

Have you ever wondered where other members of our church family were from? Where they were born? What career they were in? How many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren they have? What their hobbies/interests are? What their religious background is? Now is your chance to write your life history and share what you want our family to know.

On June 21, JoAnne Eggers, Lily Fitch, Melanie Ferron, Jim Matthews and their spouses will each have a display in the Fellowship Hall. When telling your story, you can use items such as medals, pictures or anything else that emphasizes your life.

Soon to follow will be a July 19 volunteer signup sheet for "This is My Life". We would like church family members whose last names start with "A", "B" or "C" to volunteer. We are looking forward to learning more about us.

Have you noticed the plastic bags on the Information Table that are for batteries? Please pick up one to put your spent batteries in. We will collect all of them in March and turn them over to the Mesa County Hazardous Waste Facility.

Thank you for helping to keep our environment free of this toxic waste. If you have any questions, Joyce Wittwer at 243-6214 will try to answer them.



## CROSSWORDS!

**next deadline is...**

Thursday, June 18

Please submit to the church office or email them to:

[firstchristiangj@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchristiangj@hotmail.com)

Articles arriving later than the deadline will not be included until the next published Crosswords.

# Announcements

4th of July 2014

*You Are Invited to ...*

**FCC Family 4th at the Mattesons!**

**382 1/2 Cliff Rosa Ct. in the Ridges**



The grill will be hot! Watch the Lincoln Park fireworks sitting comfortably on the deck with your church friends. Drinks, hot dogs, and hamburgers furnished. **Please call the church office if you are coming - 242-7204** - so we know how many hot dogs and hamburgers to fix. Bring a dish to share. Parking is limited so meet at the church to carpool at 6:00 pm for a 7:00 pm dinner.

## HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, July 19, 2015

(Everyone is welcome to come during our "Coffee Mingle" Hour)

To sign-up to bring your Homemade Ice Cream,  
please contact Jeanice Swank at 970-242-3588 or

Jeanne Klitzke at 970-243-5668!

We look forward to seeing you all there and tasting your frozen treats!





# Announcements

## Shop With Scrip

Why buy your gift cards (**scrip**) at stores when you have to get in your car, go to the stores and pick them up when you can buy them at our church and give our church a rebate on the cards? The gift cards (scrip) are the same price you'd pay in the stores. The difference is that when you buy scrip through this company, our church gets a "rebate" that stores don't give. This is one way to support our church.

"Scrip" is gift **cards you can buy at stores** such as clothing stores (Herberger's, Kohl's, Macy's, ), restaurants, (Chili's, Applebee's, ) grocery stores, home improvement stores, just to mention a few.

Shop with Scrip is a **program for non-profit organizations**, such as churches, The Red Cross, McDonald House Charities, World Food Program USA and many more organizations.

The program, Shop with Scrip, works with only non-profit organizations and sells gift cards directly to the non-organizations. If you buy from Shop with Scrip, the company gives these non-profit organizations a "rebate" on each card that is purchased. The "rebate" can be anywhere from 3% up to 14% depending on which cards you buy. The "rebate" is sent back to our church in check form to be used for church projects.

This "rebate" would go into a "floating fund" at our church to help with projects that need funding at the time, such as a new roof, air conditioning repair, general fund, etc.

To get started, we need a committee to help man the table. The volunteers would get the orders of which cards people want, take their name and money how many cards they want. Then the next Sunday, the cards will be in and someone from the committee would give them to the people who ordered them. If we can get enough people on the committee, each would only have to man the table once a month or less.

How this works is that if you are interested in buy scrip, you'd come to our table in the Vestibule, tell us what card(s) you want, give us the money for them and usually by the next week we would have your scrip ready for you. On the table, will be information about this program along with the list of companies that participate in this.

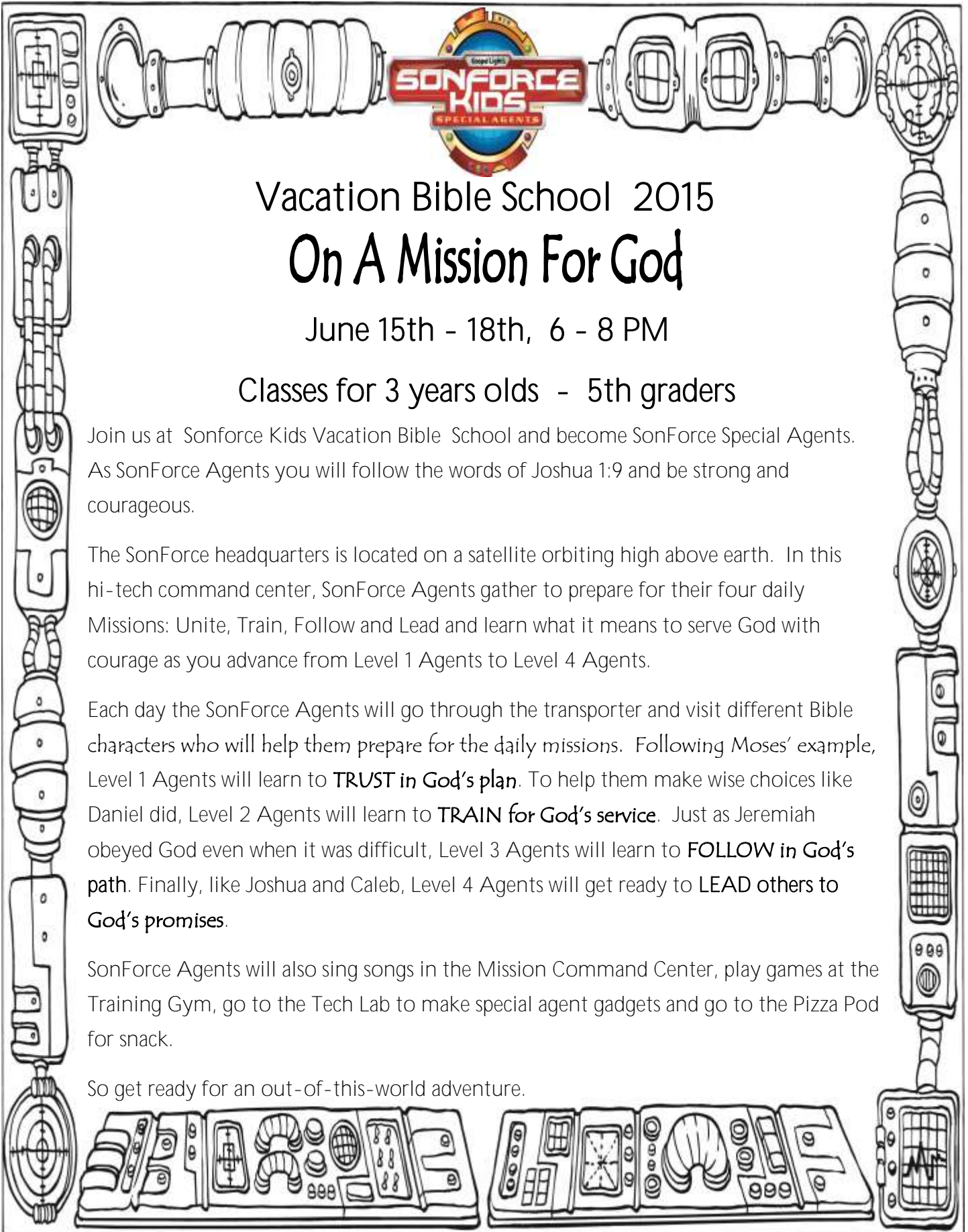
If you are interested in getting a gift card for an anniversary, wedding, graduation, birthday, etc. you can buy your scrip at our table and help our church out at the same time.

Why spend your gas and time going to the store to get a gift card when you can purchase them while you are at our church and be helping our church at the same time?

-Submitted by Jim and Carol Matthews



# Vacation Bible School



## Vacation Bible School 2015 On A Mission For God

June 15th - 18th, 6 - 8 PM

Classes for 3 years olds - 5th graders

Join us at Sonforce Kids Vacation Bible School and become SonForce Special Agents. As SonForce Agents you will follow the words of Joshua 1:9 and be strong and courageous.

The SonForce headquarters is located on a satellite orbiting high above earth. In this hi-tech command center, SonForce Agents gather to prepare for their four daily Missions: Unite, Train, Follow and Lead and learn what it means to serve God with courage as you advance from Level 1 Agents to Level 4 Agents.

Each day the SonForce Agents will go through the transporter and visit different Bible characters who will help them prepare for the daily missions. Following Moses' example, Level 1 Agents will learn to **TRUST in God's plan**. To help them make wise choices like Daniel did, Level 2 Agents will learn to **TRAIN for God's service**. Just as Jeremiah obeyed God even when it was difficult, Level 3 Agents will learn to **FOLLOW in God's path**. Finally, like Joshua and Caleb, Level 4 Agents will get ready to **LEAD others to God's promises**.

SonForce Agents will also sing songs in the Mission Command Center, play games at the Training Gym, go to the Tech Lab to make special agent gadgets and go to the Pizza Pod for snack.

So get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure.



# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Kim Hopkins
Nancy Armbruster	Merle Hopper
Brenda Armstrong	Carol Johnson
Guy Bender	Gayle Johnson
Anna Bilyeu	Ed Jones
Jessie Bowen	<b>Ed “Chicken” Jones</b>
Lois Braun	Pat Jones
Tim Burke	Nora Juette
Marianne Chapman	Harriette Krall
Marlis Clark	Gloria Ladehoff
Tyler Coghill	Bette Learned
Daniel Connor	<b>“Chuck” Lopas</b>
Laurie Crook	Anna Lopez
Chuck Cummings	Jennifer McDaniel
Carol Jean Daniel	Gary Meade and Family
<b>Arinda Davis’ Family</b>	Clare & Ally Morris
Donald Davis	Ginger Morris
Helen Dillard	Larry Petrini
Laura Dixon	Peter Roeland
Ray Dodson	Fo Seybold
John Drury	Alex Shafer
Don Dyet	Jean Silkey
Leon Gardner	Greg Stouffer
Isabella Gott	Lois Stouffer
Susan Gregory	Jiemon and Tayo Takahashi
Emily Hauquitz	Rory White
Jason Hawley	D.J. Wilhorn
Doris Hicks	Allison Williams
Bruce Hines	





# FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

## First Service Assignments

**June 14, 2015**

### **Greeters & Offering**

Blanche Marshall

Suzanne Daniels

### **Elder**

Kathy Gardner

**June 21, 2015**

### **Greeters & Offering**

Colton Lowry

Clayton Lowry

### **Elder**

Dennis Edwards

**June 28, 2015**

### **Greeters & Offering**

Debbie Eisemann

Blanche Marshall

### **Elder**

Brad Krebill

**July 5, 2015**

### **Greeters & Offering**

Wayne Ostermiller

Curtis Rosencrans

### **Elder**

Linda Edwards

**June 14, 2015**

**2nd Sunday**

### **Worship Leader**

Lois Dunning

### **Children's Moment**

Ray Farrell

### **Offering Elder**

Leonard Gardner

### **Communion Elder**

Kathy Gardner

### **Serving Diaconate**

Gary Steed

Chuck Haigler

Al Ladage

Jerry Francis

### **Preparing Diaconate**

Karen Lehman

Lois Stouffer

### **Coffee Mingle**

Rogene Behrendsen

JoAnne Eggers

### **Greeters**

Earnest Eachus

Ruby Eachus

### **Van Driver**

Jerry Francis

**June 21, 2015**

**3rd Sunday**

### **Worship Leader**

Suzanne Daniels

### **Children's Moment**

Al Baumgartle

### **Offering Elder**

Gene Matteson

### **Communion Elder**

Al Baumgartle

### **Serving Diaconate**

Larry Eggers

JoAnne Eggers

Jeanne Klitzke

David Morgan

### **Preparing Diaconate**

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

### **Coffee Mingle**

Nancy Armbruster

David Morgan

### **Greeters**

Jeanice Swank

JoAnne Hill

### **Van Driver**

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

**June 28, 2015**

**4th Sunday**

### **Worship Leader**

Gene Matteson

### **Children's Moment**

Tammy Ostermiller

### **Offering Elder**

Jim Matthews

### **Communion Elder**

Les Armbruster

### **Serving Diaconate**

Beth Sherry

Carol Matthews

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

### **Preparing Diaconate**

George Decker

Barbara Decker

### **Coffee Mingle**

Gloria Jeffery

Beverly Dorson

### **Greeters**

Jim Matthews

Carol Mathews

### **Van Driver**

George Decker

**July 5, 2015**

**1st Sunday**

### **Worship Leader**

Pam Baumgartle

### **Children's Moment**

Lily Fitch

### **Offering Elder**

Grace Farrell

### **Communion Elder**

Ray Farrell

### **Serving Diaconate**

Alice Wieseler

Nancy Armbruster

Wes Wade

Helen Wade

### **Preparing Diaconate**

Alice Wieseler

### **Coffee Mingle**

TBD

### **Greeters**

TBD

### **Van Driver**

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

# Church Calendar of Events - June 11, 2015— June 20, 2015

## Thursday June 11, 2015

12:30pm CWF General  
6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Friday June 12, 2015

2:00pm Mexican Train Game Group

## Saturday June 13, 2015

8:00am Men's Breakfast

## Sunday June 14, 2015

8:45am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Sunday School/  
"What's So Amazing  
About Grace?"

10:00am Sunday School/  
"Fearless Conversation"

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

12:30pm Elders Meeting

4:00pm Grimsley Dissertation

4:00pm Board Meeting

## Monday June 15, 2015

9:30am Church Women United

10:30am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Lunch with Brad

6:00pm Vacation Bible School

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday June 16, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00pm Lessons at Lunch

6:00pm Vacation Bible School

## Wednesday June 17, 2015

\*\*NO BIBLE STUDY\*\*

6:00pm Vacation Bible School

## Thursday June 18, 2015

\*\*PASTOR BRAD OUT OF TOWN\*\*

10:00am Prayer Blanket Group

2:00pm Pinochle Group

6:00pm Vacation Bible School

7:00pm Transitions Group

## Friday June 19, 2015

\*\*PASTOR BRAD OUT OF TOWN\*\*

1:00pm Prep for Territorial

Daughters of CO Meeting

## Saturday June 20, 2015

\*\*PASTOR BRAD OUT OF TOWN\*\*

8:00am Territorial Daughters of CO  
State Meeting

## Sunday June 21, 2015

\*\*PASTOR BRAD OUT OF TOWN\*\*

8:45am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Sunday School/  
"What's So Amazing  
About Grace?"

10:00am Sunday School/  
"Fearless Conversation"

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

4:00pm Grimsley Dissertation

## Monday June 22, 2015

\*\*PASTOR BRAD OUT OF TOWN\*\*

10:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday June 23, 2015

\*\*PASTOR BRAD OUT OF TOWN\*\*

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00am A New Door Opens @  
Spoons

12:00pm Lessons at Lunch

## Wednesday June 24, 2015

10:00am Bible Study

6:30pm Bible Study

## Thursday June 25, 2015

9:30am CWF Executive

6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Friday June 26, 2015

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

## Sunday June 28, 2015

8:45am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Sunday School/  
"What's So Amazing  
About Grace?"

10:00am Sunday School/  
"Fearless Conversation"

## Sunday June 28, 2015(...)

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

## Monday June 29, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Lunch with Brad

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday June 30, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00pm Lessons at Lunch

## Wednesday July 1, 2015

10:00am Bible Study

3:30pm Parkinson's Group

6:30pm Bible Study

7:00pm Order of the Arrow

## Thursday July 2, 2015

9:30am Ruth Group

1:30pm Esther Group

7:00pm Quilters Guild Board

7:00pm Transitions Group

## Sunday July 5, 2015

8:45am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Sunday School/  
"What's So Amazing  
About Grace?"

10:00am Sunday School/  
"Fearless Conversation"

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

11:00am Jr. Church

## Monday July 6, 2015

\*\*Office Closed For Holiday\*\*

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

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## Tuesday July 7, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00am A New Door Opens @  
Spoons

12:00pm Lessons at Lunch

4:00pm Grandview Worship

5:00pm Healthy Living