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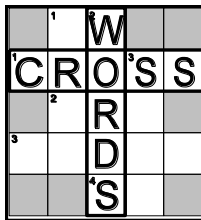
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### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

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...

#### Rev. Brad Barton

Sr. Minister  
970-314-5540  
revbradbarton@gmail.com

**Rev. Melanie Ferron**  
Associate Minister

**Paula Schaffer**, Pianist

**Norma Matteson**, Pianist

**Katie Wendland**, Secretary

**John Moore**, Custodian

## What is it That Unites Us?

*"As members of the Christian Church,  
We confess that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God..."*

*We rejoice in God,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and in God's covenant of love  
which binds us to God and to one another...*

*In the bonds of Christian faith  
we yield ourselves to God  
that we may serve the One  
whose kingdom has no end."*

-excerpts from *The Design* of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

I'm in the midst of spending time preparing a New Member's Class, a class designed to inform recent and prospective members about our denomination and our congregation. As I prepare the class, I am diving in again to the fascinating history of the Restoration Movement, a movement that led to the formation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.)

As Disciples, the ideal of Christian Unity is part of our DNA; it is what former General Minister and President of the CC(DOC) Kenneth Teagarden called, "the distinctive cause that has been [our] reason for existing." However, to say that unity is so important to us is to tell only half of the story. The other half identifies what it is that unites us. After all, every social club, every country club, and every organization in existence has some source of unity. As the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the source of our unity - the impetus for our unity - must be something specific. Can we say that we're part of the CC (DOC) simply because we enjoy fellowship with one another or because we like to serve meals together or because we have known each other for decades? Can we say that any of these are the source of our unity? I hope you recognize that the answer is "no," that the answer MUST be "no".

The answer, the source of our unity, must be Christ; it must be getting to know Christ and following Christ over and above anything, everything, else. We must be united behind giving up our own wills and allowing God's will. In order to be Church, we must "yield ourselves to God" and "serve the One whose kingdom has no end." That is the source of our unity.

- Pastor Brad



# Sunday School & Announcements

**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.

## **News...News....News!**

Fearless Conversation will continue this summer!

Our questions shall be:

**July 5** - How do I handle betrayal?

**July 12** - What's my story in God's eyes?

**July 19** - What does God want my legacy to be?

**July 26** - Why does it feel like God sometimes doesn't keep the promises made in the Bible?

Hummmm....think YOU have the answers?

Come join us for one or all of these conversations!

Lily Fitch ~Conversationalist



## **Kagie Center Worship Sunday, August 16**



On Sunday, August 16, 2015, First Christian Church will be worshipping at the Kagie Center, the congregation's cabin and retreat grounds in Glade Park. That means there will be no worship service at the church building.



Mark your calendars and plan to attend a special day of worship and fellowship and enjoyment of God's creation in a beautiful setting.



- There will be ONE worship service at 11:00 AM (neither contemporary nor traditional but tailored to the setting)



- Worship will be followed by a lunch



- More details to follow



Due to limited parking up at the cabin, we will need to do some carpooling to get everyone up there. If you are interested and able to drive others up to the Kagie Center on August 16, please contact Nancy Armbruster and let her know.



**\*\*If your health prevents you from attending the Kagie Center Worship on August 16th, but you would like to gather for worship, please contact JoAnne Eggers at 970-255-9046.\*\***



# Anniversaries, Birthdays, & Announcements

## FCC July Birthdays



July 1	Nancy Scott
July 3	Lily Fitch
July 3	Madi Schlechten
July 5	Emily McHugh
July 5	Luther Thompson
July 5	Pam Krebill
July 8	Nancy Claussen
July 8	Grace Farrell
July 12	David Hawley
July 12	Maridel Andres
July 19	Doug Bryant
July 21	Susan Meders
July 23	Shirley Lent
July 24	Dorothy Mitchell
July 29	T'Anni Meders

## FCC July Anniversaries

July 3	Earnest & Ruby Eachus
July 19	Charles & Virginia Johnson
July 30	David & Jenny Barnes

## School Supply Drive

The school year will soon be here, and so many students need supplies. Once again we have a chance to help these students with supplies. A tub will be in the Narthex with a list of basic supplies needed. Lets fill the tub!!

Thank You,  
Outreach Ministry

## 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 each told their story and now have displays 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 an August 23 volunteer signup sheet for "This is My Life".** We are looking forward to learning more about us.

## CROSSWORDS!

### **next deadline is...**

Thursday, July 16

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.

## MONUMENT VIEW FLUTE CIRCLE

We are a fledging Native American style Flute Circle interested in furthering our experience and learning. We presently have five members and are interested in growing that number. No experience necessary. Our plan is to meet every second Tuesday of the month here at the church from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. If you have an interest, please contact Larry Eggers, 255-9046, for more information.



## Announcements & Thank You's

### Thank You

Thank you so much to Chip and Norma for the "Battle Hymn Of The Republic". I really think this was my best Fourth of July. Doug and I both talked about it and we both had goose bumps. The history of the flutes and the drums that Chip talked about we had never heard of. It was so amazing.

Also, thank you to Gene and Norma for a great 4th of July get together.

~Carolyn Bryant

### Thank You

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$160.00. Your support enables Community Food Bank volunteers to provide up to nine, three day meal boxes to Mesa County residents in need.

We are grateful for your help.

Community Food Bank



## 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



## Remember in Prayer

Please lift up Kathy Parker in prayer. Ron Parker (a former executive regional minister) passed away this past weekend. Notes of sympathy can be sent to Kathy Parker at 6584 S Legend Ct, Gilbert, AZ 85298 or [kparker46@q.com](mailto:kparker46@q.com). The family asks that memorial gifts be made to The Tennyson Center for Children. The mailing address for the Tennyson Center is: 2950 Tennyson Street, Denver, CO 80212. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be published once we have them.

## Life Line Screening

First Christian Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 9/9/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

**In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).**





# Announcements

## Do you know the young people of our congregation?

We have over 20 active young people participating in our youth activities. They are terrific individuals who have formed friendships and enjoy being together to learn more about Christian living and coping with the challenges of their everyday lives.

Did you know that Helen Dillard writes letters to these young people? As Helen is not able to be with us on Sunday mornings most of the kids do not know who she is. So to meet the kids Helen came to their last Wednesday night meeting and enjoyed a picnic with the kids and their leaders. (Thank you to Ray Farrell for getting Helen to the dinner!) She provides encouragement to our young people and they enjoy hearing from her.

Can you do something? The kids are all out for the summer now and busy with various activities. They may not be at church as often as they have in the past and will not be meeting weekly as they do during the school year. Help remind them of their importance by sending cards or letters. How surprising would it be for them to find cards in their mail boxes from people at church? You don't need to know the individual young people. You can still care and show that caring in a real and effective way.

We have young people preparing to go to college, one in basic training, and many others just enjoying a summer vacation. Show them that First Christian Church cares about them and is glad to see them whenever they are able to be with us. Call Katie at the church office or Melanie to get names and addresses.

## Son Mountain Retreat 2014

**July 24, 25, & 26 2015**

On the church's Glade Park Property  
near Mud Springs Campground.

Registration

**June 28 – July 19**



Son Mountain Retreat is an exciting camping experience for our youth and their friends who have completed **3rd through 12th grades**. During this weekend trip we will be sleeping in the cabin and doing most of our activities outdoors. The weekend provides opportunities each day for worship, lessons, crafts, interest group activities, games, free time, hiking, and lots of eating.

The registration fee of **\$45.00 per youth** is to cover nine meals, several refreshment breaks, lesson supplies, craft supplies and the entrance fee and food at the Glade Park movie.

Registration forms are available on the Sign Up Table in the Fellowship Hall

Financial assistance is available, please contact Melanie Ferron at 242-7204



# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen

Amy

Nancy Armbruster

Brenda Armstrong

Anna Bilyeu

Jessie Bowen

Lois Braun

Tim Burke

Marianne Chapman

Marlis Clark

Tyler Coghill

Daniel Connor

Chuck Cummings

**Arinda Davis’ Family**

Donald Davis

Helen Dillard

Laura Dixon

John Drury

Eisemann Family

Leon Gardner

Emily Hauquitz

Jason Hawley

Doris Hicks

Bruce Hines

Kim Hopkins

Ed Jones

**Ed “Chicken” Jones**

Pat Jones

Nora Juette

Gloria Ladehoff

Bette Learned

**“Chuck” Lopas**

Anna Lopez

Jennifer McDaniel

Clare & Ally Morris

Ginger Morris

Larry Petrini

Alex Shafer

Jean Silkey

Greg Stouffer

Lois Stouffer

Jiemon and Tayo Takahashi

D.J. Wilhorn

Allison Williams





## FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

### First Service Assignments

**July 12, 2015**

**Greeters & Offering**

Blanche Marshall

Suzanne Daniels

**Elder**

Leonard Gardner

**July 19, 2015**

**Greeters & Offering**

Debbie Eisemann

DeeAnn Lowry

**Elder**

Dennis Edwards

**July 26, 2015**

**Greeters & Offering**

Colton Lowry

Clayton Lowry

**Elder**

Brad Krebill

**August 2, 2015**

**Greeters & Offering**

Wayne Ostermiller

Curtis Rosencrans

**Elder**

Linda Edwards

**July 12, 2015**

**2nd Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Beth Sherry

**Offering Elder**

Kathy Gardner

**Communion Elder**

Leonard Gardner

**Serving Diaconate**

Gary Steed

Chuck Haigler

Al Ladage

Jerry Francis

**Preparing Diaconate**

Karen Lehman

Lois Stouffer

**Coffee Mingle**

Marlene Cowan

JoAnne Eggers

**Greeters**

Jeanice Swank

Jeanne Klitzke

**Van Driver**

Jerry Francis

**July 19, 2015**

**3rd Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Cole Barton

**Offering Elder**

Les Armbruster

**Communion Elder**

Gene Matteson

**Serving Diaconate**

Larry Eggers

JoAnne Eggers

Jeanne Klitzke

David Morgan

**Preparing Diaconate**

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

**Coffee Mingle**

TBD

**Greeters**

Ruth Acord

Lois Stouffer

**Van Driver**

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

**July 26, 2015**

**4th Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

JoAnne Eggers

**Offering Elder**

Jim Matthews

**Communion Elder**

Les Armbruster

**Serving Diaconate**

Beth Sherry

Carol Mathews

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

**Preparing Diaconate**

George Decker

Barbara Decker

**Coffee Mingle**

Beverly Dorson

Gloria Jeffery

**Greeters**

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

**Van Driver**

George Decker

**August 2, 2015**

**1st Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Al Baumgartle

**Offering Elder**

Ray Farrell

**Communion Elder**

Grace Farrell

**Serving Diaconate**

Alice Wieseler

Nancy Armbruster

Wes Wade

Helen Wade

**Preparing Diaconate**

Alice Wieseler

**Coffee Mingle**

TBD

**Greeters**

Gary Steed

Carol Steed

**Van Driver**

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

# Church Calendar of Events - July 9, 2015— August 10, 2015

## Thursday July 9, 2015

1:30pm CWF General  
6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Friday July 10, 2015

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

## Sunday July 12, 2015

8:45am Contemporary Worship  
10:00am Sunday School/  
"Fearless Conversation"  
10:50am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Jr. Church  
12:15pm Coffee Mingle  
12:30pm Elders Meeting  
2:00pm Worship Committee  
Meeting

## Monday July 13, 2015

8:00am RMCSC CPE Group  
10:30am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday July 14, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group  
12:00pm Lessons at Lunch  
5:00pm Healthy Living  
6:15pm Monument View Flute  
Circle

## Wednesday July 15, 2015

10:00am Bible Study  
6:30pm Bible Study

## Thursday July 16, 2015

2:00pm Pinochle Group

## Friday July 17, 2015

2:30pm Camp Good Grief

## Saturday July 18, 2015

8:00am Men's Breakfast

## Sunday July 19, 2015

8:45am Contemporary Worship  
10:00am Sunday School/  
"Fearless Conversation"  
10:50am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Jr. Church  
12:15pm Ice Cream Social  
4:00pm Cabinet Meeting  
4:30pm Camp Good Grief

## Monday July 20, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday July 21, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group  
10:00am A New Door Opens @  
Spoons  
12:00pm Lessons at Lunch  
5:00pm Healthy Living

## Wednesday July 22, 2015

10:00am Bible Study  
6:30pm Bible Study

## Thursday July 23, 2015

9:30am CWF Executive  
6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Friday July 24, 2015

\*\*Son Mountain Retreat\*\*  
2:00pm Mexican Train Group

## Saturday July 25, 2015

\*\*Son Mountain Retreat\*\*

## Sunday July 26, 2015

\*\*Son Mountain Retreat\*\*  
\*\*No Contemporary Worship\*\*  
\*\*No Sunday School\*\*  
10:50am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Jr. Church  
12:15pm Coffee Mingle

## Monday July 27, 2015

8:00am RMCSC CPE Group  
10:30am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday July 28, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group  
12:00pm Lessons at Lunch  
5:00pm Healthy Living

## Wednesday July 29, 2015

10:00am Bible Study  
6:30pm Bible Study

## Thursday July 30, 2015

6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Sunday August 2, 2015

8:45am Contemporary Worship  
10:00am Sunday School/  
"Fearless Conversation"  
10:50am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Jr. Church  
12:15pm Coffee Mingle

## Monday August 3, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday August 4, 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

## Wednesday August 5, 2015

10:00am Bible Study  
3:30pm Parkinson's Group  
6:30pm Bible Study  
7:00pm Order of the Arrow

## Thursday August 6, 2015

9:30am Ruth Group  
1:30pm Agape Group  
1:30pm Esther Group  
6:00pm Co West Quilters Board  
6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Friday August 7, 2015

8:45am Contemporary Worship  
10:00am Sunday School/  
"Fearless Conversation"  
10:50am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Jr. Church  
12:15pm Coffee Mingle  
12:30pm Elders Meeting

## Saturday August 8, 2015

8:45am Contemporary Worship  
10:00am Sunday School/  
"Fearless Conversation"

10:50am Traditional Worship  
11:00am Jr. Church  
12:15pm Coffee Mingle  
12:30pm Elders Meeting

## Sunday August 9, 2015

8:00am RMCSC CPE Group  
10:30am Staff Meeting  
5:30pm Youth Education Meeting  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study  
7:00pm Boy Scouts