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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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Rev. Melanie Ferron

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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 2

In my last newsletter article, I began a 2-part article regarding what I learned about God and Church on my family's trip to Disneyland in early June. I already shared some thoughts on welcoming/hospitality being a big deal and God's creation being better than human creation. There are still three more things I'd like to share:

#3 - Sabbath is a Blessing - In our world today, as much as if not more so than in biblical times, it's easy to get caught up in using every single available second to be productive (in whatever way you define "productive".) At Disneyland, I would define productive as "experiencing as many attractions as possible." Well, it turns out that if you do that, you get burned out and grumpy real fast. Fortunately, I took a cue from the Bible and adopted some Sabbath time on the trip. Everyday, we went back to the hotel and rested for a few hours in the early afternoon and then again in the early evening. If we had not done that, I might have seen and experienced more, but I wouldn't have enjoyed it nearly as much. The same is true in life. Take God's advice (commandment) to heart: rest some!

#4 - Share Love; it Makes a Difference - Disneyland is full of people from all over. One thing that I found to be true is that most people from most cultures (who were there) acted quite selfishly. Very few people (visitors, not so much Disney employees) held doors for others, smiled at others, or offered to help people who very obviously needed help. And most people pushed and shoved and did whatever they could do to get to where they were going, which was usually the front of the line of the next attraction on their itinerary. So, we took a different approach (much of the time); we intentionally took time to be helpful and kind - to be loving. It was amazing to see the difference it made in the lives of others who experienced our loving kindness. If you ever wonder how one little person like you can make a HUGE difference in the world, just pick a number and decide to perform that many acts of loving kindness for people you don't know every single day. Your love WILL change the world!

#5 - Diversity is Cool - God made so many different kinds of people and so many different kinds of plants and so many different kinds of animals. It's as if God was trying to tell us that diversity is a good thing! Down the hall from our hotel room during our stay at Disneyland, there was a family of people from another part of the world who had amazing accents. It was fun to walk out into the hallway and hear them talk. And when we rode Grizzly River Run, we shared our raft with a family from Australia... which made the ride so much more interesting! And everywhere we went, we experienced all different kinds of people from every part of the globe. Disney enhanced the experience by providing shops and restaurants themed to fit just about every region of our planet. It's easy to sit here in Grand Junction and get comfortable with so much same-ness; however, I realized at Disneyland that God-given diversity really can spice up life!

Well, those are the top 5 God and Church things I learned at Disneyland. Please ask me more about my trip; I'd be happy to talk about it!

- 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

FCC Profit and Loss Comparison January through May			
	2015	2014	2013
Income			
Unrestricted Offerings	65,832	60,971	64,632
Building Income	5,965	4,848	5,849
Interest Income	53	62	28
Other Income	5,571	4,792	2,580
Total Income	77,421	70,673	73,089
Expenses			
Christian Ed	49	404	896
Elders	-	27	207
Evangelism	968	3,794	938
Membership	718	455	902
Outreach	1,882	1,438	1,522
Property	22,557	25,534	19,207
Stewardship	154	148	113
Worship	651	246	802
Youth	192	152	87
Technology	309	59	62
Office	622	848	1,361
Personnel	49,583	48,609	51,488
Total Expenses	77,685	81,714	77,585
Net Income	(264)	(11,041)	(4,496)

Anniversaries, Birthdays, Announcements & Changes

FCC June 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 Bryant
- June 29 Don Klitzke



FCC June 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

Christian Women's Fellowship (Disciples Women)

Executive Board Outgoing and
Incoming Members
Executive Meeting at Lily's house
3760 Horizon Glen Court
June 28th at 1:00pm

*There will be no meeting on June 25th



Member Information Updates:

Address Change (New Room Number)

Anna Bilyeu

The Atrium

3260 N. 12th St. #223

Grand Junction, CO 81506

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 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.

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday, July 2

Please submit to the church office or email them to:

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

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 & Thanks

THANK YOU

I would like to 'thank all of you' who have prayed for me and were interested in my wellbeing and for Rev. Brad for visiting us.
-Carol Matthews

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who have prayed for my health and well-being. I have felt the healing powers of your prayers. I hope to be back to church very soon.
~Anna Bilyeu

THANK YOU

"I thank you and my church family for all of the birthday cards sent for my 99th birthday." Harold Moss wished to publish his "thank you" in the newsletter instead of answering each card individually. The letter that Harold wrote is on the bulletin board in the church if you would like to read it!



June 14, 2015 Board Meeting:

A meeting of the church board was held Sunday afternoon June 14th. 18 people attended. All ministries were represented and reports were provided to update us on what each ministry has accomplished so far this year.

An amendment to the Policy governing usage of the Glade Park cabin was passed.

A listing of possible capital projects was compiled. Each ministry/ committee or department was given the opportunity to add suggestions to a master list. No discussion of feasibility was held at this time.

Two committees are being appointed:

- Committee to further review the Glade Park Cabin Policy for updates and revisions.
- Committee to discuss capital projects needed to the church building and property. Committee to consider priorities and feasibility of the projects.

Copies of the board reports will be available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in knowing what each ministry is doing please stop by and pick up a copy. If there are no copies on the table, please give Katie a call and ask her to make you a copy.

~Pam Baumgartle—Church Moderator



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

Ed Jones

Nancy Armbruster

Ed “Chicken” Jones

Brenda Armstrong

Pat Jones

Anna Bilyeu

Nora Juette

Jessie Bowen

Gloria Ladehoff

Lois Braun

Bette Learned

Tim Burke

“Chuck” Lopas

Marianne Chapman

Anna Lopez

Marlis Clark

Jennifer McDaniel

Tyler Coghill

Clare & Ally Morris

Daniel Connor

Ginger Morris

Chuck Cummings

Larry Petrini

Arinda Davis’ Family

Alex Shafer

Donald Davis

Jean Silkey

Helen Dillard

Greg Stouffer

Laura Dixon

Lois Stouffer

John Drury

Jiemon and Tayo Takahashi

Eisemann Family

D.J. Wilhorn

Leon Gardner

Allison Williams

Emily Hauquitz

Jason Hawley

Doris Hicks

Bruce Hines

Kim Hopkins



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

First Service Assignments

June 28, 2015

Greeters & Offering

Debbie Eisemann

Blanche Marshall

Elder

Brad Krebill

July 5, 2015

Greeters & Offering

Wayne Ostermiller

Curtis Rosencrans

Elder

Linda Edwards

July 12, 2015

Greeters & Offering

Blanche Marshall

Suzanne Daniels

Elder

Leonard Gardner

July 19, 2015

Greeters & Offering

Debbie Eisemann

DeeAnn Lowry

Elder

Dennis Edwards

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

Ruth Acord

Jeanice Swank

Greeters

TBD

Van Driver

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

July 12, 2015

2nd Sunday

Worship Leader

Beth Sherry

Children's Moment

Ray Farrell

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

TBD

Van Driver

Jerry Francie

July 19, 2015

3rd Sunday

Worship Leader

Cole Barton

Children's Moment

Al Baumgartle

Offering Elder

Al Baumgartle

Communion Elder

Gene Matteson

Serving Diaconate

Larry Eggers

JoAnne Eggers

Jeanne Klitzke

David Morgan

Preparing Diaconate

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

Coffee Mingle

TBD

Greeters

TBD

Van Driver

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

Church Calendar of Events - June 25, 2015— July 27, 2015

Thursday June 25, 2015

6:00pm Praise Team Practice

Friday June 26, 2015

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday June 28, 2015

8:45am Contemporary Worship

10:00am Sunday School/
"Fearless Conversation"

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

1:00pm CWF Executive

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

Saturday July 4, 2015

7:00pm 4th of July Celebration at
the Matteson's

Sunday July 5, 2015

8:45am Contemporary Worship

10:00am Sunday School/
"Fearless Conversation"

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

Monday July 6, 2015

Office Closed For Holiday

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

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

Wednesday July 8, 2015

10:00am Bible Study

6:30pm Bible Study

7:00pm CO West Quilters Guild

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

Monday July 13, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Lunch with Brad

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

10:00am Prayer Group

2:00pm Pinochle Group

7:00pm Transitions 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

12:00pm Lunch with Brad

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

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

Monday July 27, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Lunch with Brad

7:00pm M&M Bible Study