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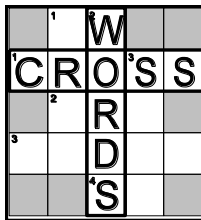
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

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

9:00 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

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Rev. Melanie Ferron
Associate Minister

Paula Schaffer, Pianist

Norma Matteson, Pianist

Katie Wendland, Secretary

John Moore, Custodian

Some Thoughts On Being a Congregation

This past Sunday, First Christian Church, Grand Junction worshipped in two different locations: the Kagie Center up on a mountain/mesa above Glade Park and the church building located at 1326 North 1st Street in Grand Junction. As I worshipped – and led worship – at the Kagie Center, I had thoughts go through my mind that I hadn't anticipated:

- First and foremost, my thoughts focused on God and my encounter with God in that time and that mountaintop place, which was different than my encounters with God inside the walls of a church building;
- My mind wandered back to the results of a decision by another congregation to move from offering one worship service to offering two worship services of different styles, one of the results being that some members of the congregation felt that the congregation had become divided/split as a result of the change;
- My mind drifted into the future, envisioning more worship services on the mountaintop with more traditional hymns in the bluegrass style;
- My mind drifted down the mountain to the building on 1st Street, and I felt a strong connection with those who were worshipping there, and I prayed that they were experiencing God in that moment, as well;
- My mind drifted to Acts 2:43-27, my favorite biblical description of the early church, and I was amazed at how it felt like we were living into that description up on that mountain (with a few notable exceptions, one of them being that all the believers were not "together"...or were they?);

I'm not sure where your mind wandered when you worshipped this past Sunday. Hopefully, you kept your focus on God in those moments of worship. However, if your mind, like mine, wandered to some other places, I would encourage you to begin a dialog with me and with the other leaders of First Christian Church, Grand Junction (especially with members of the Worship Committee). I encourage this discussion because I believe something important happened in the planning for and during these two worship services. I believe that we discovered some things about being a congregation. Hopefully, we learned that being a congregation has more to do with our hearts and minds and souls and our kinship in Christ (belief and actions) than it has to do with our physical proximity to every other member of the congregation on a given Sunday.

- 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.

August Fearless Conversations continue...

Son Mountain was last week so we missed our conversations by one topic. I have listed it here in August so we did not miss any from our materials.

August 2 - Why does it feel like God sometimes doesn't keep the promises made in the Bible?

August 9 - Does God expect me to be strong and courageous?

August 16 - Why are imperfect people part of God's plan?

August 23 - Why does God's plan seem so complicated?

August 30 - How can we live with integrity in a world that doesn't?

Lots of interesting questions...remember you can join us for one OR all of these sessions as this is an open enrollment program.

Lily Fitch ~Conversationalist

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.

Anniversaries, Birthdays, & Announcements



FCC August Birthdays

August 1	Melinda Mitchell
August 4	Virginia Johnson
August 6	Chuck Haigler
August 6	Bobby Wise
August 8	Lois Braun
August 10	Earnest Eachus
August 10	Tony Guarente
August 10	Dorothy Ruth
August 13	Robert Ruth Jr.
August 14	Riecke Claussen
August 15	Paula Schaffer
August 15	Leo Wittwer
August 20	Mary Wilson
August 25	Debbie Eisemann



FCC August Anniversaries

August 4	Gene & Norma Matteson
August 5	Terry & Jo Laughlin
August 6	Brad & Pam Krebill
August 14	Don & Jeanne Klitzke
August 15	Doug & Carolyn Bryant
August 16	Martin & Paula Schaffer
August 25	Greg & Beth Sherry
August 30	Riecke & Nancy Claussen

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday, August 27

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.



Rally Day August 30

Come check out all the great things happening this Fall at the Rally Day booths in the Fellowship Hall. All of the small groups and ministries will have materials and information available for you to look at and the group leaders will also be available for you to talk to.

Kick-Off Sunday Potluck

Join us on Sunday, September 13, 2015, at 12:30pm for our Kick-Off Sunday Potluck! Please bring a dish to share; enough for 12-15 people. This is a true potluck-what comes we will eat! Please plan bring your own table service. Please contact Jeanne Klitzke or Jeanice Swank with any questions. We hope to see you all there!!



Kick- off Sunday September 13

As we Kick-off our new Church year all Sunday School classes and Mid-week classes will begin and our teachers will be commissioned during both worship Services.

Following the traditional service you will have another opportunity to investigate the Rally Day booths during our Kick-off Sunday Pot-luck meal.



Announcements & Thank You's

Thank You!

You made a difference! Camp Good Grief was a transformational experience for all the kids who were able to attend. Our heartfelt thanks on behalf of the children we are privileged to serve.

Thank you for allowing the use of your Fellowship Hall for camper registration and send off. We appreciate it a great deal.

~Cathy with Hope West Hospice and Palliative Care.



Say "Farewell" to Rogene Behrendsen August 30

Sunday, August 30, 2015 (second service) will be Rogene's last time to worship and fellowship with us before she moves to Nebraska to be closer to her children. Please plan to attend (second service) worship for a special ritual of saying farewell and blessing Rogene for the next chapter of her life! Also, there will be a cake in Rogene's honor during Coffee Mingle.

~ Pastor Brad



A Farewell to Sister Caroline Conway

Sister Caroline Conway, Tai Chi instructor and spiritual companion, will be leaving the Valley at the end of August after 25 years of ministry here.

A farewell reception for Sister Caroline will be held Saturday, August 22 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church parish hall, 790 26 1/2 Road.

No Gifts Please

~Sister Caroline Conway

Fall Events?

Fall is quickly approaching! If you have events coming up this fall, please contact the Church Secretary so we can make sure they are on the calendar!



Schumann Singers Auditions

The Schumann Singers, one of the Grand Valley's well-known choral ensembles, is accepting new singers to fill several vacancies in each section. Under the leadership of their new conductor, Dr. John Howard, this long-standing staple of the community will be preparing an exciting program of Thanksgiving and Christmas music with rehearsals beginning in early September. Please contact Dr. Howard at (619)0277-4813 or john.howard@firstpresgj.org for more information. We'd love to have you join us for a rehearsal and see how much fun you'll have.





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

Helen Dillard

Laura Dixon

John Drury

Eisemann Family

Leon Gardner

Dorothy Griffin

Emily Hauquitz

Jason Hawley

Doris Hicks

Bruce Hines

Kim Hopkins

Ed Jones

Ed “Chicken” Jones Family

Pat Jones

Nora Juette

Gloria Ladehoff

Bette Learned

“Chuck” Lopas

Anna Lopez

Joyce Lucore

Jennifer McDaniel

Clare & Ally Morris

Ginger Morris

Larry Petrini

Alex Shafer

Jean Silkey

Greg Stouffer

Lois Stouffer

Jiemon and Tayo Takahashi

D.J. Wilhorn



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

First Service Assignments

August 23, 2015

Greeters & Offering

Debbie Eisemann

DeeAnn Lowry

Elder

Brad Krebill

August 30, 2015

Greeters & Offering

Blanche Marshall

DeeAnn Lowry

Elder

Linda Edwards

September 6, 2015

Greeters & Offering

Wayne Ostermiller

Curtis Rosencrans

Elder

Brad Krebill

September 13, 2015

Greeters & Offering

Blanche Marshall

Suzanne Daniels

Elder

Leonard Gardner

August 23, 2015

4th Sunday

Worship Leader

Riecke Claussen

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

Jeanne Klitzke

Jeanice Swank

Greeters

George Decker

Barbara Decker

Van Driver

August 30, 2015

5th Sunday

Worship Leader

Suzanne Daniels

Offering Elder

TBD

Communion Elder

TBD

Serving Diaconate

Junior Diaconates

Cole Barton

Josh Barton

Preparing Diaconate

Ray Farrell

Coffee Mingle

Beverly Dorson

Gloria Jeffery

Greeters

Lois Braun

Eleanor Hubbell

Van Driver

Jenny Barnes

September 6, 2015

1st Sunday

Worship Leader

Gene Matteson

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

Donna Ham

Greeters

TBD

Van Driver

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

September 13, 2015

2nd Sunday

Worship Leader

Lois Dunning

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 Francis

Church Calendar of Events - August 23, 2015— September 17, 2015

Sunday August 23, 2015

9:00am Contemporary Worship
10:00am Sunday School/
"Fearless Conversation"
10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

12:30pm Worship Committee

4:00pm Cabinet Meeting

Monday August 24, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday August 25, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00pm Healthy Living

Wednesday August 26, 2015

10:00am Bible Study

6:30pm Bible Study

Thursday August 27, 2015

3:00pm CWF(DW) Executive

6:00pm Praise Team Practice

Friday August 28, 2015

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday August 30, 2015

Rally Day

9:00am Contemporary Worship

10:00am Sunday School/
"Fearless Conversation"

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

Monday August 31, 2015

8:00am RMCSC CPE Group

10:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday September 1, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00am A New Door Opens @
Spoons

12:00pm Lessons at Lunch

Tuesday September 1, 2015 (...)

4:00pm Grandview Worship

5:00pm Healthy Living

6:30pm Night'n Gals (At Barnes &
Noble Starbucks)

Wednesday September 2, 2015

10:00am Bible Study

3:30pm Parkinson's Group

6:30pm Bible Study

7:00pm Order of the Arrow

Thursday September 3, 2015

9:30am Ruth Group

1:30pm Agape Group

1:30pm Esther Group

6:00pm Co West Quilters Board

6:00pm Praise Team Practice

Sunday September 6, 2015

9:00am Contemporary Worship

10:00am Sunday School/
"Fearless Conversation"

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

Monday September 7, 2015

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8:00am RMCSC CPE Group

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday September 8, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00pm Healthy Living

6:15pm Monument View Flute
Circle

Wednesday September 9, 2015

9:00am Life Line Screening

9:30am Newcomers Group

10:00am Bible Study

4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth
Group)

6:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal

6:30pm Middle/High School Youth
Group

6:30pm Bible Study

7:00pm CO West Quilter's Guild

Thursday September 10, 2015

1:30pm CWF(DW) General

6:00pm Praise Team Practice

Friday September 11, 2015

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday September 13, 2015

Kick-Off Sunday

9:00am Contemporary Worship

10:00am Sunday School/
"Fearless Conversation"

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

12:30pm Kick-Off Sunday Potluck

12:30pm Elder's Meeting

Monday September 14, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting

12:00pm Lunch with Brad

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday September 15, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00am A New Door Opens @
Spoons

12:00pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00pm Healthy Living

Wednesday September 16, 2015

10:00am Bible Study

4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth
Group)

6:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal

6:30pm Middle/High School Youth
Group

6:30pm Bible Study

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Thursday September 17, 2015

7:00am School Dist. 51 Meeting

10:00am Prayer Blanket Group

2:00pm Pinochle Group

6:00pm Praise Team Practice

6:00pm Franklin Park West HOA