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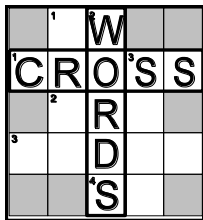
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

Pr aising God,  
Changing Lives!



# 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

Sunday at Six

Contact Pastor Brad for place and time

## 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

**Katie Wendland**, Secretary

**John Moore**, Custodian

## Evangelism: Please Pray for God's Guidance and Share Your Results

At the Evangelism Luncheon in May, I asked those present to pray for church growth and bringing new people to Christ through First Christian Church, Grand Junction. At last Sunday's Board Meeting, I asked the Board members to do the same thing.

I'm now inviting you - all of you - into the process. In a nutshell, here's what I would like for you to do:

1. Find/create a prayer journal to record what you hear from God in prayer.
2. Choose a regular time to pray about church growth and evangelism.
3. Begin your prayer with scripture. Then ask God to direct your attention to FCCGJ, specifically, and ask God to show you some things God desires us to do in ministry together and how God desires us to grow.
4. Continue your prayer by spending more time listening than talking. If you can, spend at least 20 minutes listening for God's response, and record that response each day.
5. Regularly, weekly if you can, send what you're hearing in prayer to the church office. Please be sure to include your name on your communication. This should become a communal conversation directed by God.

If you're wondering why I'm asking you to do this, the answer is simple. In the Mainline Evangelism Project, a project/study into the habits of congregations that do evangelism well, one of the most important findings is that these congregations started their work to share the gospel by praying about it and getting their direction/instructions from God. I would add that letting God be the guide is exactly what we should be doing as a congregation; in fact, it's what should define us as a congregation as something different than all the other types of organizations out there. We don't follow our own way; we follow God's way.

Please join me in praying for God's guidance in our efforts to share the gospel!

- Pastor Brad



# Sunday School & Announcements

## **10:00 AM Sunday School Class: Gospel of John** discussions with coffee and donuts.

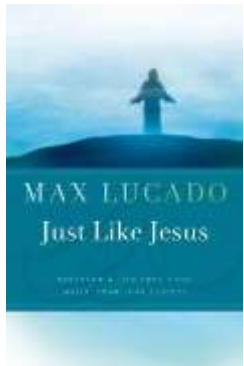
We have moved from Fearless Conversations to an encounter with Adam Hamilton exploring the major themes of John.

This is a video and discussion class. We have already completed The Word Made Flesh and it will be followed by:

The Miraculous Signs of Jesus, The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus, The Farewell Discourse, The arrest, trial and crucifixion of the King, and the last lesson is Eternal Life.

Join us on this spiritual journey Sunday's after first service 10:00 or 10:15 till we are done.

## **Traditional Adult Sunday School Class**



Our Traditional Adult Sunday School Class begins again for the summer on June 12 at 9:30am. After studying Hebrews since September we decided to use a book with a study guide for the summer. The book we will be studying is Just Like Jesus by Max Lucado.

"Where did we get this idea that we can't change? From whence come statements like these? It's just my nature to worry. I'll always be pessimistic. I'm just that way. I can't help the way I react. I have a bad temper. Such thoughts are not from

God. He can no more leave a life unchanged than a mother can leave a tear untouched. His plan for you is nothing short of a new heart. If you were a car God would want control of the engine. If you were a computer, God would claim the software and the hard drive. If you were an airplane, he'd take his seat in the cockpit. But you are a person, so God wants to change your heart. God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you there. He wants you to have a heart like his. He wants you to be JUST LIKE JESUS."

We have a few books left for purchase from Ruby Eachus for \$10.75. If you haven't paid for your book yet Please do so. Come join us for what should be some fascinating conversations.

See you soon!

~ Nancy Armbruster

There will be a special service on June 19<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day, for those who are unable to go to the cabin service. We will have Coffee Mingle before the service, from 10:00 to 10:45 approximately. This time change will enable those fathers who have plans with their families to leave earlier than usual. Come casual, be prepared for an interesting and different worship time! For more information, please call Jo Anne Eggers, 255-9046.

# Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thanks, & Announcements



## FCC June Birthdays

June 1 Nancy Scott  
 June 3 Kitty Eggers  
 June 3 Blanche Marshall  
 June 3 John Moore  
 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 Kiltzke



## 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  
 June 29 Wes & Helen Wade



Harriet Conway: New Address  
 590 31 Road  
 Grand Junction, CO 81504  
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## Game Night?

Anyone interested in having a game night once a month? The games would vary each time, creating fellowship and fun! Please contact Carol Matthews if interested!

Dear Church Family,

Your nice cards, calls and visits helped make my 95th birthday extra special (in spite of the number)

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Alice Else

## Thank You

Thank you all very much for the prayers, calls, and cards while I was recovering from surgery.

They were greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Katie Wendland

Thank you for your consistent compassion and generosity! Thank You. Your efforts and patronage invite this kind of growth! (Excerpt from letter. Original is on the bulletin board by the kitchen.)

John Mok-Lamme

The container in the Narthex labeled "GLASSES" was full. All these glasses have been given to the Lions Club. The Lions Club has several locations in town where they collect glasses and then mail them to the correctional facility in Sterling, CO. At Sterling the glasses are graded and sent to foreign countries. Thanks to all who recycled their old glasses.



## CROSSWORDS!

**next deadline is...**

Thursday, June 30

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

## STEWARDSHIP

In an effort to keep our congregation more informed about our general financial status from month to month, your Crosswords will summarize the income and expenses for the church each month. While there are a number of factors which fluctuate monthly, e.g. unexpected expenses, rent payments (condos), etc., by providing a monthly summary of gross expenses and income hopefully everyone can get an idea of how we're doing.

For anyone interested, I can provide a complete financial statement for any given month.

Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts or questions.

~Riecke Claussen

-Financial Summary for the month of April, 2016-

Total Income	\$12,926.43
Total Expense	<u>\$14,062.81</u>
Net Income	-\$1,136.38

### Mark Your Calendars:

#### **Two Worship Services at the Church Cabin This Summer June 19 (Next Sunday) and July 31**

Mark your calendars and get ready to worship under the sun twice this summer on special Sundays. Both worship services will feature up-tempo Christian music fit for the setting along with other special elements lending themselves to outdoor worship.

On June 19, **Father's Day**, we'll gather for a special worship service with a meal to follow.

And on July 31, the final day of **Son Mountain**, we'll gather to worship and share a meal with the youth of the congregation.

There won't be any meetings scheduled on these days, so plan to spend the afternoon at the church cabin,, enjoying the mountain air and atmosphere!

Worship will begin at 10:50 a.m. (regular second service worship time), and there will be an alternative worship service at the same time at the church building for those who cannot make it up the mountain to the church cabin.



# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Bruce Jones
Nancy Armbruster	Ed Jones
Brenda Armstrong	Flora Jones
Jessie Bowen	Family of Jordan Jones
Lois Braun	Nora Juette
Brady	Harriette & Andy Krall
Tim Burke	Gloria Ladehoff
Charlie & Carol	Bette Learned
Marlis Clark	Anna Lopez
Johnny Cowan	Joyce Lucore
Chuck Cummings	Carla Martin
Helen Dillard	Jennifer McDaniel
John Drury	Richard McPeck
Gabe French	Clare & Ally Morris
Hal French	Ginger Morris
Kathy Gardner	Dianna Mull
Leon Gardner	Louise Oliver
Dorothy Griffin	Phil Oliver
Cynthia Grover	Larry Petrini
David & Vickie Hagan	Jeff Rood
Emily Hauquitz	Carol Steed
Connie Hawley	Lois Stouffer
Jason Hawley	Jiemon & Tayo Takahashi
David Herrera	Helen Wade
Shaun Hood	Tammy Wenzinger
Kim Hopkins	Ryan Wilson & Family
Ilomae & Rex	Family of Kenna Jo Wieseler
Jamie & Children	
Gloria Jeffery	
Robin Jakino	



## FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

**June 19, 2016**

### CABIN Worship

#### Elders

Al Baumgartle, Suzanne Daniels

#### Deacons

Nancy Armbruster,  
Carol Matthews

**June 26, 2016**

### Greeters & Offering

Debbie Eisemann

TBD

#### Elder

Linda Edwards

**July 3, 2016**

### Greeters & Offering

Norma Lavelett

DeeAnn Lowry

#### Elder

Jim Matthews

**July 10, 2016**

### Greeters & Offering

Blanche Marshall

David Hawley

#### Elder

Dennis Edwards

**June 19, 2016**

**3rd Sunday (Church Building Worship)**

#### Welcome and Intro

JoAnne Eggers

#### Music, Message, Sound

Larry Eggers

#### Communion

Gloria Jeffery

Jeanne Klitzke

JoAnne Eggers

#### Hymn

Norma Matteson

#### Set-Up

John Moore

#### Coffee Mingle

Jeanne Klitzke

Jeanice Swank

Beverly Dorson

JoAnne Eggers

**June 26, 2016**

**4th Sunday**

#### Worship Leader

Al Baumgartle

#### Offering Elder

Jim Matthews

#### Communion Elder

Les Armbruster

#### Preparing Diaconate

George Decker

Barbara Decker

#### Serving Diaconate

Beth Sherry

Carol Matthews

Earn Eachus

Ruby Eachus

#### Coffee Mingle

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

#### Greeters

Jeanne Klitzke

Jeanice Swank

#### Van Driver

George Decker

#### Keyboard

Ray Farrell

**July 3, 2016**

**1st Sunday**

#### Worship Leader

Lois Dunning

#### Offering Elder

Grace Farrell

#### Communion Elder

Ray Farrell

#### Preparing Diaconate

Karen Lehman

#### Serving Diaconate

Wes Wade

Helen Wade

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

#### Coffee Mingle

Ruth Acord

Jeanice Swank

#### Greeters

Judy Dean

Dorothy Rhodes

#### Van Driver

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

#### Keyboard

Paula Schaffer

**July 10, 2016**

**2nd Sunday**

#### Worship Leader

Beverly Dorson

#### Offering Elder

Kathy Gardner

#### Communion Elder

Leonard Gardner

#### Preparing Diaconate

Alice Wieseler

#### Serving Diaconate

Al Ladage

Jerry Francis

Alice Wieseler

Bob Wise

#### Coffee Mingle

Carol Matthews

#### Greeters

Larry Eggers

JoAnne Eggers

#### Van Driver

TBD

#### Keyboard

Pam Baumgartle

# Church Calendar of Events - June 16, 2016— July 16, 2016

## Thursday June 16, 2016

11:00am Kenna Jo Wieseler Memorial

6:00pm Praise Team

## Saturday June 18, 2016

8:00am Men's Breakfast

8:00am RMCSC CPE Group

## Sunday June 19, 2016

10:00am Father's Day Coffee Mingle

@ the church building

10:45am Father's Day Worship

@ the church bulding

10:50am Father's Day Worship

@ the Cabin

6:00pm Sunday at Six

@ Barton's House

535 Orchard Ave

## Monday June 20, 2016

9:30am Church Women United

10:30am Staff Meeting

6:00pm Vacation Bible School

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday June 21, 2016

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

5:00pm Healthy Living

6:00pm Vacation Bible School

## Wednesday June 22, 2016

NO Morning Bible Study

6:00pm Vacation Bible School

NO Evening Bible Study

## Thursday June 23, 2016

3:00pm CWF(DW) Executive

6:00pm Praise Team

6:00pm Vacation Bible School

## Friday June 24, 2016

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

## Sunday June 26, 2016

9:00am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Adult Sunday School/

"Just Like Jesus"

10:00am Sunday School/

"Gospel of John"

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

## Sunday June 26, 2016...

6:00pm Sunday at Six

@ Barton's House

535 Orchard Ave

## Monday June 27, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday June 28, 2016

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00am Friends Going Forward

@ Pavilion Coffee Shop

5:00pm Healthy Living

## Wednesday June 29, 2016

10:00am Morning Bible Study

6:30pm Evening Bible Study

## Thursday June 30, 2016

6:00pm Praise Team

## Sunday July 3, 2016

9:00am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Adult Sunday School/

"Just Like Jesus"

10:00am Sunday School/

"Gospel of John"

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

6:00pm Sunday at Six

## Monday July 4, 2016

\*\*\*Happy Fourth of July\*\*\*

\*\*\*Office Closed\*\*\*

## Tuesday July 5, 2016

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

5:00pm Healthy Living

6:30pm Night'n Gals

## Wednesday July 6, 2016

NO Morning Bible Study

NO Evening Bible Study

## Thursday July 7, 2016

9:30am Ruth Group

1:30pm Esther Group

1:30pm Agape Group

6:00pm Praise Team

6:00pm CO West Quilter's Board

## Friday July 8, 2016

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

## Sunday July 10, 2016

9:00am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Sunday School/

"Just Like Jesus"

10:00am Sunday School/

"Fearless Conversation"

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

6:00pm Sunday at Six

## Monday July 11, 2016

8:30am Life Line Screening Event

10:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday July 12, 2016

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00am Friends Going Forward

@ Pavilion Coffee Shop

5:00pm Healthy Living

## Wednesday July 13, 2016

9:30am Newcomer's Group

NO Morning Bible Study

NO Evening Bible Study

7:00pm CO West Quilter's Guild

## Thursday July 14, 2016

9:30am Young Republican Moms

1:30pm CWF(DW) General

5:00pm Homeward Bound Ministry

6:00pm Praise Team

## Friday July 15, 2016

4:00pm Camp Good Grief Registration

## Saturday July 16, 2016

8:00am Men's Breakfast