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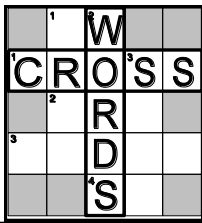
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

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

Sunday at Seven

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...

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Rev. Melanie Ferron
Associate Minister

Paula Schaffer, Pianist

Katie Wendland, Secretary

John Moore, Custodian

311,000 Square Miles of Disciples

As a clergyperson attending last weekend's Clergy Convocation and Spring Feast in Colorado Springs, I heard one number repeated over and over, mostly by Dean Phelps. The number is this: 311,000, as in **311,000 square miles of Disciples** in the Central Rocky Mountain Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)...imagine hearing that phrase repeated over and over, as well.

Since I've returned home to Grand Junction, the number 311,000 has been running circles inside my head, and I've been trying to figure out why. Even though Dean (our Interim Regional Minister) repeated the number frequently, his repetition of it just can't be why I keep thinking about it. After all, I hear songs repeated on the radio with great frequency, but only a small fraction of those songs stick with me.

After deep thought, I think I've come up with some reasons why this number is sticking with me (and why it should stick with you, as well.)

First. It's a reminder that **we're part of something physically BIGGER.** In fact, we're a part of something that is about 8,000 times bigger than the area of the city of Grand Junction. If you ever start to feel like the whole task of being Church is on our narrow shoulders, remember, it's NOT. We're part of something bigger.

Second (and related to the first). It's a reminder that **we're not alone**; we are connected to others who share the same calling as us. Whatever struggles we encounter here in Grand Junction to continue Jesus' ministry, there are others who have been called in the same way we have been called and some of them are likely experiencing the same struggles. Let's call upon their strength and experience when we need them.

Third (and related to the first). It's a reminder that **we have something to offer outside our own little place in the world.** As congregation, it's easy to narrow our focus down to this town or even our own church building. 311,000 calls us to lift our heads up and look beyond, recognizing that God is sending us out beyond our own narrow gaze. We are gifted to continue Jesus' ministry, here...and beyond.

Fourth (and related to the first). It's a **sign of hope.** The original disciples had hope that God would provide a harvest if they planted the seeds. As their spiritual heirs, we benefit from knowing that God really did provide a harvest. God's promise has proven true. Let the fulfillment of this promise provide us hope as we sow seeds.

I'm sure 311,000 means more than just these four things. In fact, I can think of quite a few more as I write these words. I challenge you to consider how 311,000 informs, shapes, and encourages your ministry as a follower of Jesus.

- Pastor Brad



Sunday School

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

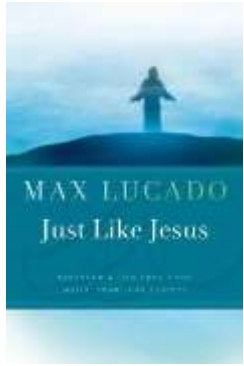
We have moved from Fearless Conversations to an encounter with Adam Hamilton exploring the major themes of John.

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

Batteries need to be recycled! Did you know that we have plastic bags on the Information Table for you to save your house batteries? Several pounds of batteries were delivered this past week to Mesa County Solid Waste Management. Be sure to pick up a plastic bag and do your part to save our environment. Return the batteries to the box at any time. Questions: Ask Joyce Wittwer

Attention All Horseshoe Players!!

Anyone who would be interested in playing in a horseshoe league should contact Al Baumgartle personally, or call him at 243-5891 for details. Make new friends and have a fun outdoor sport!



Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Thanks



FCC May Birthdays

- May 1 Charles Johnson
- May 3 Don McKelvey
- May 6 James Fitch
- May 7 Pam Baumgartle
- May 10 Al Baumgartle
- May 10 Alice Else
- May 10 Johnny Cowan
- May 13 Norma Lavelett
- May 13 Jamie Ripa
- May 15 Addie Meders
- May 16 Josh Barton
- May 17 Jeanne Klitzke
- May 18 Beth Sherry
- May 19 Marlene Cowan
- May 21 Carol Matthews
- May 22 Bill Fitch
- May 23 Wayne Ostermiller
- May 23 Sharyl Peterson
- May 27 William Eisemann
- May 27 Brian Schlechten
- May 30 Yvonne Warner
- May 31 Harold Moss



FCC May Anniversaries

- May 14 Al & Elsie Ladage
- May 18 Brad & Susan Barton

Thank You

With sincere appreciation for your continued support on behalf of the Community Food Bank– Thank You. It is through people, such as yourself, that we are able to meet the ongoing demand of those in need in Mesa County. You donated 78lbs of food. Gratefully,
Community Food Bank



Thank You!

Thanks so much for the graduation card.
~T'Anni Meders

Dear Friends from First Christian Church, Once again we, at Grand View Apartments, would like to thank you for your blessing and all of your kindness for Spring ShareFest 2016. You always give your all to help us out! There aren't enough good things we can say to let you know how much we appreciate you all. Thanks again, God bless all of you.

Dear First Christian Church, Thank you soo much for the use of your Fellowship Hall and kitchen for our daughter's college graduation. You have a wonderful building– I love your kitchen! We had a great turn out for our daughter. Thank You! You are angels!
In Christ's Love,
Randy & Diane Carlson

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday, June 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.

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!



Announcements

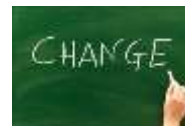
Secretary Out May 24-June 3

As many of you already know, I am scheduled to have surgery on May 24, 2016. I will be out for at least 2 weeks; Norma Lavelett has been kind enough to offer to fill in for me during this time. I will be in the hospital for at least 1 night, possibly 2. I do not think I will feel up for visitors, but would greatly welcome your prayers! I will keep in touch with Brad and Melanie to let them know how I am recovering. Please, no food or gifts; prayers, cards, and calls are welcomed!

Thank you all!

~Katie

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Helen Dillard: new address is The Commons 625 27 1/2 Rd #209 Grand Junction, Co 81506

Cecil Jackson: phone number is 970-639-5537

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.



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: FREE MAGAZINES - There is a plastic
: container in the Library full of magazines.
: If you would like, browse through them and
: take what you can use.
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Mark Your Calendars!

June 12, 2016 @ 4:00pm Board Meeting
June 19, 2016 Father's Day Service at the Cabin

Evangelism Luncheon!

This Sunday May 22, 2016 at 12:30 pm

There will be a Congregation Evangelism Training Luncheon this Sunday, May 22, following 2nd service. Lunch will be provided, and includes the following...



Smoked Baby Back Ribs
Baked Beans
Potato Salad



After lunch, be prepared to learn about our Evangelism Ministry and how you are an important part of it. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate!

Please get a ticket from David Hawley or Kathy Gardner if you can attend so we know how much food to prepare!



FCC Prayer Concerns

“Pray without ceasing.”

I Thessalonians 5:17

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



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

May 22, 2016

Greeters & Offering

Debbie Eisemann

TBD

Elder

Linda Edwards

May 29, 2016

Greeters & Offering

TBD

TBD

Elder

Suzanne Daniels

June 5, 2016

Greeters & Offering

Norma Lavelett

DeeAnn Lowry

Elder

Ray Farrell

June 12, 2016

Greeters & Offering

Blanche Marshall

David Hawley

Elder

Dennis Edwards

May 22, 2016

4th Sunday

Worship Leader

Beth Sherry

Offering Elder

Kathy Gardner

Communion Elder

Leonard Gardner

Preparing Diaconate

George Decker

Barbara Decker

Serving Diaconate

Beth Sherry

Carol Matthews

Earn Eachus

Ruby Eachus

Coffee Mingle

Lamar Edwards

Joyce Wittwer

Greeters

Gary Steed

Carol Steed

Van Driver

George Decker

Keyboard

Ray Farrell

May 29, 2016

5th Sunday

Worship Leader

Gene Matteson

Offering Elder

TBD

Communion Elder

TBD

Preparing Diaconate

Ray Farrell

Serving Diaconate

Wes Wade

Helen Wade

Carol Matthews

Yvonne Warner

Coffee Mingle

Donna Ham

Karen Lehman

Greeters

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

Van Driver

TBD

Keyboard

Ray Farrell

June 5, 2016

1st Sunday

Worship Leader

JoAnne Eggers

Offering Elder

Ray Farrell

Communion Elder

Grace Farrell

Preparing Diaconate

Karen Lehman

Serving Diaconate

Wes Wade

Helen Wade

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

Coffee Mingle

Beverly Dorson

Greeters

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

Van Driver

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

Keyboard

Paula Schaffer

June 12, 2016

2nd Sunday

Worship Leader

Suzanne Daniels

Offering Elder

Leonard Gardner

Communion Elder

Kathy Gardner

Preparing Diaconate

Alice Wieseler

Serving Diaconate

Al Ladage

Jerry Francis

Alice Wieseler

Bob Wise

Coffee Mingle

Carol Matthews

Greeters

Les Armbruster

Nancy Armbruster

Van Driver

TBD

Keyboard

Pam Baumgartle

Church Calendar of Events - May 19, 2016— June 18, 2016

Thursday May 19, 2016

2:00pm Pinochle

6:00pm Praise Team

Friday May 20, 2016

All Day Yard Sale Set-Up

Saturday May 21, 2016

7:00am Church Yard Sale

8:00am Men's Breakfast

8:00am RMCS CPE Group

1:00pm Potato Salad Prep

Sunday May 22, 2016

9:00am Contemporary Worship

10:00am Sunday School/
"Gospel of John"

10:00am Disciples Singers

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

12:15pm Evangelism Luncheon—
Everyone Invited!

Sunday at Seven-Contact Pastor Brad
for place and time

Monday May 23, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday May 24, 2016

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00pm Healthy Living

Wednesday May 25, 2016

10:00am Morning Bible Study

6:30pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday May 26, 2016

3:00pm CWF(DW) Executive

6:00pm Praise Team

Friday May 27, 2016

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday May 29, 2016

9:00am Contemporary Worship

10:00am Sunday School/
"Gospel of John"

10:00am Disciples Singers

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

Sunday May 29, 2016...

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

Sunday at Seven-Contact Pastor Brad
for place and time

Monday May 30, 2016

Office Closed

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday May 31, 2016

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00am A New Door Opens @ Spoons

12:00pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00pm Healthy Living

Wednesday June 1, 2016

10:00am Morning Bible Study

3:30pm Parkinson's Support Group

6:30pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday June 2, 2016

9:30am Ruth Group

1:30pm Esther Group

1:30pm Agape Group

6:00pm Co West Quilters Board

6:00pm Praise Team

Sunday June 5, 2016

9:00am Contemporary Worship

10:00am Sunday School/
"Gospel of John"

10:00am Disciples Singers

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

Sunday at Seven-Contact Pastor Brad
for place and time

Monday June 6, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday June 7, 2016

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00pm Lessons at Lunch

4:00pm Grandview Worship

5:00pm Healthy Living

6:30pm Night'n Gals

Wednesday June 8, 2016

9:30am Newcomers Group

10:00am Morning Bible Study

Wednesday June 8, 2016...

6:30pm Evening Bible Study

7:00pm Co West Quilters Guild

Thursday June 9, 2016

9:30am Young Republican Moms

1:30pm CWF(DW) General

5:00pm Homeward Bound Ministry

6:00pm Praise Team

Friday June 10, 2016

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

Saturday June 11, 2016

11:30am David Barnes Memorial

Sunday June 12, 2016

9:00am Contemporary Worship

9:30am Sunday School/
"Just Like Jesus"

10:00am Sunday School/
"Fearless Conversation"

10:00am Disciples Singers

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

4:00pm Board Meeting

7:00pm Sunday at Seven

Monday June 13, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm RMCS CSCP Group

5:30pm Youth Education Meeting

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday June 14, 2016

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00am A New Door Opens @ Spoons

12:00pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00pm Healthy Living

6:15pm Mon. View Flute Circle

Wednesday June 15, 2016

10:00am Morning Bible Study

6:30pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday June 16, 2016

2:00pm Pinochle Group

6:00pm Praise Team

Saturday June 18, 2016

8:00am Men's Breakfast

8:00am RMCS CPE Group