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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

7:00 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  
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[revbradbarton@gmail.com](mailto:revbradbarton@gmail.com)

**Rev. Melanie Ferron**  
Associate Minister

**Paula Schaffer**, Pianist

**Norma Matteson**, Pianist

**Katie Wendland**, Secretary

**John Moore**, Custodian

## “How to Share the Gospel”

Last Sunday, I preached a sermon with this same title. In it, I suggested 4 things we could learn from Paul - as described throughout the book of Acts and especially in Acts 18:1-4 - about how to share the gospel of Jesus. I hope you agree with me that what we learned last Sunday is good and practical advice. In hope that you will want to remember the four things discussed, I am providing them in condensed form as my newsletter article this week.

**First: Get to know some new people.** I challenged you Sunday and I will challenge you again today: commit to choosing at least 2 hours from your week (that's just 1% of your God-give time) to intentionally place yourself in a new place and around new people. I'm going to do this by spending a few hours each Wednesday writing my sermon someplace more public than my office or home office.

**Second: Talk to the new people you encounter, find something you have in common, and make friends.** Don't bring up religion first with new people. Just take time to get to know them based on common interests. Make friends with the people whose company you enjoy. Paul made friends with people by making tents with them. It's that easy.

**Third: Occasionally bring up the topic of faith...emphasizing the difference it has made in your life.** The best part about this step is you don't have to force it. Just wait until someone asks you a question that can be answered by mentioning your faith or church family. If a new friend asks you to do something on Sunday morning, explain to them that you spend Sunday morning worshipping with your church family and why. It's that easy.

**Fourth: Don't get discouraged; keep at it, even when people “argue” with you.** If you're like me, your biggest fear is that people will respond badly when you mention God, Jesus, or Church. Paul's example is to keep at it, even if/when people respond badly. The message is THAT important.

I look forward to hearing about your efforts to share the gospel. Let's make this a topic of conversation when we're in the safe environment of our church family!

~Pastor Brad



# Sunday School & Announcements

## Harold Moss Celebration Canceled

Harold is still recovering from a recent hospitalization for pneumonia, and will not be up to traveling to Grand Junction for the May 15 reception that we had hoped to have there at the First Christian Church.

Please join us in Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday for Judge Harold Pendleton Moss! An effort to have Harold receive 100 Birthday Cards for his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday has been launched. We would greatly appreciate it if you would kindly drop him a note by his birthday, Tuesday, May 31, 2016, to the address below.

No Gifts, Please ~ However, Hugs & Smiles are Welcome!  
Please spread the news!

Judge HAROLD P. MOSS Contact Information:

The Honorable Harold P. Moss  
Lincoln Meadows, Apt. 101  
10001 South Oswego Street  
Parker, CO 80134

Harold Cell Phone: 970-242-5045

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



REMEMBER - The Community Food Bank needs food every day of the year. Our contribution in April was dismal. Please don't forget this important ministry. You can contribute using the list provided the Sunday before, or a monetary donation marked "Food Bank" on your check.



Just before Easter several used Bibles were placed on the Outreach table, and several were taken by church family and the men from the homeless shelter. It was good they found a home. If you, or someone you know, has need for a used Bible, please let Joyce Wittwer or Blanche Marshall know.



# 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 103lbs of food.

Gratefully,  
Community Food Bank



## **Thank you for everyone who helped at the GrandView Apartments!!**

We had a very good turn out on Saturday, April 30, helping out at the GrandView Apartments. I appreciate everyone who came ready to work. We were able to clean and do repair work for over 16 apartments. We had a great time visiting with those we met there. A really big Thank You to David Morgan, as always, he did a great job with lunch. Thanks also to Leonard Gardner and David Hawley who helped with cooking and getting the grill to the apartments. And Thank You to the ladies who made the cookies to share. Thank you!

God Bless,  
Outreach Ministry.



**DID YOU SEE in *The Daily Sentinel*?:** Dorothy Rhodes' great-grandson Jonathan having a great tractor ride. Check it out on page 14A, Thursday April 26. Cute guy!

## **CROSSWORDS!**

**next deadline is...**

Thursday, May 12

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.

## **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!





# Announcements

## **Mark Your Calendars: An Opportunity to Provide Input to Executive Regional Minister Search Team**

Tomorrow, May 6 at 2:30p.m., the Executive Regional Minister Search Team will be coming to FCCGJ to listen to you.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be here for this very important meeting.

As you know, our region, the Central Rocky Mountain Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), has been without a settled Executive Regional Minister since Rev. José Gonzalez departed to pursue a Ph.D. in California. We have been led by Interim Executive Regional Minister, Rev. Dean Phelps, who has been doing a great job but has not been called to his position indefinitely.

In 2015, the Region’s Executive Committee approved the appointment an Executive Regional Minister Search Team to lead the process of finding the right person to call into the position of Executive Regional Minister. The Team is in the process of meeting throughout the Region in an effort to listen to members of congregations as a way of preparing a profile of who our Region is and what our Region desires from our future Executive Regional Minister.

Please plan to meet with the Team on Friday, May 6, at 2:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to provide your input. As the Team writes on our Region’s website: “Every voice is important.”

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

- Pastor Brad

## Evangelism Luncheon!

Sunday May 22, 2016 at 12:30 pm

There will be a Congregation Evangelism Training Luncheon on Sunday, May 22, following 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	Gloria Jeffery
Nancy Armbruster	Robin Jakino
Brenda Armstrong	Family of Lane Jarrell
Jessie Bowen	Ed Jones
Lois Braun	Jordan Jones
Brady	Pat Jones
Tim Burke	Nora Juette
Marianne Chapman	Harriette & Andy Krall
Charlie & Carol	Gloria Ladehoff
Marlis Clark	Bette Learned
Johnny Cowan	Anna Lopez
Chuck Cummings	Joyce Lucore
Helen Dillard	Carla Martin
John Drury	Jennifer McDaniel
Gabe French	Richard McPeek
Kathy Gardner	Clare & Ally Morris
Leon Gardner	Ginger Morris
Dorothy Griffin	Louise Oliver
Cynthia Gorver	Larry Petrini
David & Vickie Hagan	Jeff Rood
Emily Hauquitz	Allison Sherry
Connie Hawley	Jean Silkey
Jason Hawley	Carol Steed
David Herrera	Lois Stouffer
Bruce Hines	Jiemon & Tayo Takahashi
Shaun Hood	Helen Wade
Kim Hopkins	Tammy Wenzinger
Ilomae & Rex	Ryan Wilson & Family
Jamie & Children	Kenna Jo Wieseler



# FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

**May 8, 2016**

**Greeters & Offering**

Blanche Marshall

David Hawley

**Elder**

Dennis Edwards

**May 15, 2016**

**NO FIRST SERVICE**

**Greeters & Offering**

N/A

N/A

**Elder**

N/A

**May 22, 2016**

**Greeters & Offering**

Debbie Eisemann

TBD

**Elder**

Linda Edwards

**May 29, 2016**

**Greeters & Offering**

TBD

TBD

**Elder**

Gene Matteson

**May 8, 2016**

**2nd Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Al Baumgartle

**Offering Elder**

Leonard Gardner

**Communion Elder**

Kathy Gardner

**Preparing Diaconate**

Alice Wieseler

**Serving Diaconate**

Jeanice Swank

Jerry Francis

Alice Wieseler

Bob Wise

**Coffee Mingle**

Carol Matthews

**Greeters**

Wes Wade

Helen Wade

**Van Driver**

TBD

**Keyboard**

Pam Baumgartle

**May 15, 2016**

**3rd Sunday (Pentecost)**

**Worship Leader**

Lily Fitch

**Offering Elder**

Al Baumgartle

**Communion Elder**

Gene Matteson

**Preparing Diaconate**

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

**Serving Diaconate**

Larry Eggers

JoAnne Eggers

Ruth Acord

Nancy Armbruster

**Coffee Mingle**

Jeanice Swank

Ruth Acord

**Greeters**

Eleanor Hubbell

Louise Oliver

**Van Driver**

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

**Keyboard**

Beth Sherry

**May 22, 2016**

**4th Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Beth Sherry

**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**

Melanie Ferron

**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

# Church Calendar of Events - May 5, 2016— May 27, 2016

## Thursday May 5, 2016

9:30am Ruth Group  
 1:30pm Agape Group  
 1:30pm Esther Group  
 6:00pm CO West Quilter's Board  
 6:00pm Praise Team

## Friday May 6, 2016

11:00am CWU Friendship Day  
 2:30pm Executive Regional Minister  
 Search Team

## Saturday May 7, 2016

11:00am PEO Officers Workshops

## Sunday May 8, 2016

\*\*\*Graduation Sunday\*\*\*

\*\*\*Mother's Day\*\*\*

9:00am Contemporary Worship  
 10:00am Sunday School/  
 "Fearless Conversation"  
 10:00am Disciples Singers  
 10:50am Traditional Worship  
 11:00am Jr. Church  
 12:15pm Coffee Mingle  
 7:00pm Sunday at Seven

## Monday May 9, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting  
 1:30pm FCC Bookworms  
 4:30pm RMCSA CSCPF Group  
 7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday May 10, 2016

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

## Wednesday May 11, 2016

9:30am Newcomers Group  
 10:00am Morning Bible Study  
 4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth Group)  
 6:00pm Wednesday Night  
 Fellowship Meal  
 (Pizza)  
 6:30pm Evening Bible Study  
 6:30pm Middle/High School  
 Youth Group  
 7:00pm CO West Quilter's Guild

## Thursday May 12, 2016

9:30am Young Republican Moms  
 1:30pm CWF(DW) General  
 5:00pm Homeward Bound Ministry  
 6:00pm Praise Team

## Friday May 13, 2016

\*\*\*Pastors Brad and Melanie out of  
 Town for Spring Feast\*\*\*

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

## Saturday May 14, 2016

\*\*\*Pastors Brad and Melanie out of  
 Town for Spring Feast\*\*\*

12:00pm Private Graduation Party

## Sunday May 15, 2016

\*\*\*Pentecost Sunday\*\*\*

\*\*\*Pastor Melanie out of Town for  
 Spring Feast\*\*\*

NO Contemporary Worship

10:00am Sunday School/  
 "Fearless Conversation"  
 10:00am Disciples Singers  
 10:50am Traditional Worship  
 11:00am Jr. Church  
 12:15pm Coffee Mingle  
 7:00pm Sunday at Seven

## Monday May 16, 2016

9:00am Church Women United  
 10:30am Staff Meeting  
 7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday May 17, 2016

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

## Wednesday May 18, 2016

10:00am Morning Bible Study  
 4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth Group)  
 6:00pm Wednesday Night  
 Fellowship Meal  
 (Armbusters)  
 6:30pm Evening Bible Study  
 6:30pm Middle/High School  
 Youth Group

## 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

## Saturday May 21, 2016...

8:00am RMCSA CPE Group  
 1:00pm Potato Salad Prep

## Sunday May 22, 2016

9:00am Contemporary Worship  
 10:00am Sunday School/  
 "Fearless Conversation"  
 10:00am Disciples Singers  
 10:50am Traditional Worship  
 11:00am Jr. Church  
 12:15pm Coffee Mingle  
 12:15pm Evangelism Luncheon—  
 Everyone Invited!

7:00pm Sunday at Seven

## Monday May 23, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting  
 1:30pm FCC Bookworms  
 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