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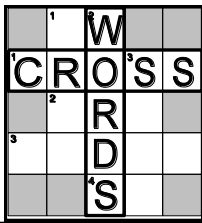
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**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement**

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**

Sr. Minister  
970-314-5540  
[revbradbarton@gmail.com](mailto:revbradbarton@gmail.com)

**Rev. Melanie Ferron**

Associate Minister

**Paula Schaffer**, Pianist

**Norma Matteson**, Pianist

**Katie Wendland**, Secretary

**John Moore**, Custodian

## Let's Remember the Saints Who Have Passed On! All Saints' Sunday, November 1, 2015

The first Sunday in November each year is known as All Saints' Sunday in the Church. This year, All Saints' Sunday happens to take place on All Saints' Day, which is November 1.

On All Saints' Sunday, we will have a special ceremony in each worship service to remember those people within our congregation and our lives who have passed on in the last year, and we will seek God's help in remembering their legacy of faithful witness to us.

In order to do this, I need your help. Please contact the church office (242-7204 or [firstchristiangj@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchristiangj@hotmail.com)) and let Katie know the names of anyone in your life who has passed on since last November 1 and whom you would like to have named during our service of remembrance on November 1 this year.

There will also be a bulletin insert in the bulletins on October 18 and October 25 that you can use to write the names of those you would like remembered and then place in the offering trays during Sunday worship.

The author of the book of Hebrews wrote in Hebrews 12 about a "great cloud of witnesses" who surround us and who encourage us throughout the faith journeys of our lives. The author of Hebrews was specifically referring to some of the heroes of the Old Testament who had acted on faith well before Jesus walked the earth. He was referring to people like Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Rahab, Gideon, Samson, Samuel, and David (see Hebrews 11). But the cloud of witnesses did not end with the heroes of the Old Testament. We have all been impacted by such a great cloud of witnesses in modern times; we have been shown the way of Christ by others before us. Let us remember the difference they have made in our lives; let us remember the difference they continue to make in our lives. Let us celebrate the difference they will be making for generations to come!

~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.

**Fearless Conversations:** This upcoming month the Fearless Conversations continue...if you hear many different emotions coming from the library...it is due to our conversations. Sometimes we laugh and sometimes we cry...but all in all...we are there for each other. Come join us at 10:00am. All are welcome for one Sunday or many.

**October 4** – What is a redeemer, and what does this have to do with me today?

**October 11** – **No Sunday School** due to World Communion Sunday

**October 18** – How far should I go to right a wrong?

**October 25** – How do I know God is in control?

Conversationalist,  
Lily Fitch

## **It's Bazaar Time Again!**

**Let's bring our items for Grandma's Attic  
on Sunday, November 1, 2015**

Start saving all your GOOD, CLEAN items  
for **Grandma's Attic!**

Prefer no Furnishings or Clothing  
please!!

We are requesting that no articles be  
brought before Sunday, November 1st or  
after November 6th.

There will be an open house for anyone  
to look and purchase beginning Friday,  
November 6, 2015 from 1:30pm until  
3:00pm.

If you have any questions, please call  
Jeanice Swank 242-3588 or  
Jeanne Klitzke 243-5668



## **You have an opportunity of a lifetime!**

You can help CWF(DW) reach their goals of  
being able to support not only local outreach  
but to include worldwide outreach! We can  
only succeed with your help and support.  
Please take a moment to visit the CWF(DW)  
bulletin board in the hallway and sign up for  
your spot to help at this year's CWF(DW)  
Holiday Bazaar on **November 7<sup>th</sup>**.

There are all kinds of slots  
and jobs to be filled.

Join us for this worthwhile cause.

**Together we can make a difference...  
as many hands make lighter work.**

**Thank you...CWF(DW) Holiday Bazaar  
Committee 2015**



# Anniversaries, Birthdays, & Thanks



## FCC October Birthdays

- October 2 Megan Velarde
- October 4 Brad Barton
- October 6 Beverly Dorson
- October 6 Clayton Lowry
- October 8 Norma Matteson
- October 12 Wilbur Lucore
- October 15 Ray Farrell
- October 17 Seth Krebill
- October 19 Pat Cress
- October 19 Jerry Francis
- October 21 DeeAnn Lowry
- October 22 Ruth Acord
- October 26 Gloria Jeffery
- October 26 Mary Lou Scholl
- October 28 Joyce Wittwer
- October 31 Joyce Lucore



## FCC October Anniversaries

- October 9 Brian & Gretchen Schlechten
- October 27 Dennis & Linda Edwards
- October 28 Lamar Edwards & Joyce Wittwer
- October 31 Jeannie & Pat Mitchell

### Have you completed your will?

Remember that one of the most valuable gifts you can make is to remember the church in your will. Please remember to update your will and include First Christian Church, Grand Junction, CO. Your gift will be a lasting memory to your generosity and devotion.

### Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended the service last week and listened to me talk about my mission trip. It was great fun for me to bring back those memories. I really want to thank those who worked on the tech part of the presentation. I fall way short in that department.

I especially want to thank everyone who brought crockpots of food for the cook-off and who bought tickets which will help us meet our goal for next year. Thank you, Tammy, Susan, the setup and cleanup crews and all the youth participants. I am so blessed to have a generous and loving church family--- you!

Beth Sherry



### From all of us at HomewardBound

Thank you for your gift...  
 May it return ten-fold to you.  
 Thank you for your ongoing support as you provide delicious, nutritious meals for our guests. Your loving hearts & hands are greatly appreciated!



### CROSSWORDS!

#### **next deadline is...**

Thursday, October 22

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.

### **Are you missing an umbrella, or two?**

We found 2 umbrellas outside after our World Communion Sunday service on the lawn. Please call the church office to claim!

### **Ice Packs!**

If you are in need of ice packs, please contact Carol Matthews!  
 970-773-4797

# Announcements

## One Small Sparrow

We all know the song “His Eye is on the Sparrow”, but do you know about The Sparrow Foundation? A new addition to the library “One Small Sparrow” by Jeff Leeland (2004), the father of a 6-month old son who is diagnosed with leukemia, tells of their ordeal—not only with medical issues but with insurance coverage as well. Due to a change in jobs, the bone marrow transplant needed would not be covered. Read this touching story of what children and God can do. It will give you pause and hope. Lastly, after reading the book, turn back and reread the Foreword “A Message to Young Readers”. You’ll be glad you took the time to check out this book.



## Visitation Ministry

The Visitation Ministry is a ministry which focuses primarily on keeping in contact with members of our church family who are homebound or are unable to attend church on a regular basis. Personal visits and phone calls are made to keep in touch and to let our members know we care. If this is a ministry you might be interested in joining, contact the Visitation Ministry:

Beverly Dorson— 242-1613

Donna Ham— 245-3967

Gloria Jeffery— 549-1410

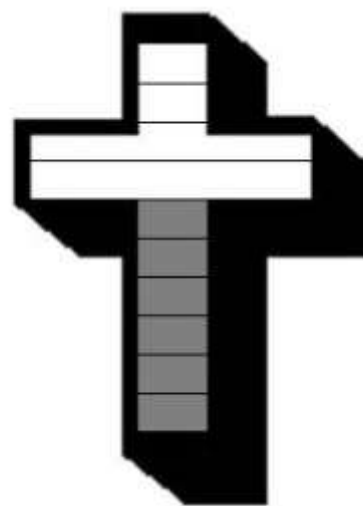
Jeanne Klitzke— 243-5668

## Fall/Winter Events?

Fall is here and Winter is coming!! If you have events coming up this fall or winter, please contact the Church Secretary so we can make sure they are on the events calendar!

Ten for Ten (Thousand)  
Progress Update: Week 2

Tune in and keep your eyes on the cross below to watch our **congregation’s progress to increase** pledges for 2016 by about \$10,000. Each tick mark on the cross represents **one family’s commitment of** an additional \$20/week (or \$1,040 per year.)



NOTE: “Ten for ten” is an effort to raise an additional (approximately) \$10,000 for the 2016 budget, so we as a congregation can take our minds off of finances and focus our energy on ministry.

## SAVE THE DATE

October 23, 2015 at 5:30 there will be a Fruit of the Grape (FOG) party at Dennis and Linda Edwards. All are welcome. Bring an appetizer and a bottle of wine (or your favorite beverage).

Please RSVP to  
Linda Edwards 210-9783 or  
Pam Baumgartle 243-5891



# Announcements

## Harvest Festival



Costumes are encouraged  
Food : Chili, Soup, Hot Dogs  
& more

\$2.00 per person  
\$10.00 maximum per  
family

First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
1326 N. First St.  
Sunday, Oct. 25  
at 4:00 p.m.

For more information call 242-7204

A carnival of fun for both  
Kids and Adults

Martha and Mary's Cakewalk

Daniel's Who's the Boss

Football Toss

David's Topple the

Philistine Game

Elijah's Bulls-eye Skee Ball

Noah's Fishin' Hole

Queen Esther's Pumpkin Bowling

Moses' Red Sea Putt-Putt

Elijah's Screaming, Flaming

Chicken Race

Noah's Animal Round up

Goliath Marshmallow Hurl

and more



**Saturday,  
October 31  
@ 6:00 PM**

West side of the  
parking lot



Trunk or treating is a safe, fun alternative to door-to-door "trick or treating"! Cars that have been decorated for Halloween will be lined up in our parking lot with trunks full of goodies. Children go trunk to trunk in their costumes to collect their treats. Please help us reach out to the children and their parents in our neighborhood by decorating your car trunk and spending a couple hours meeting them. Tammy Ostermiller will provide a chili supper for those who are working this event.

We will be **collecting candy** to hand out to the kids. The collection box will be in the Narthex from October 18-31.

If you will be decorating your car trunk for this event please let us know on the **sign up sheet** on in the Fellowship Hall.

For further information contact  
**Tammy Ostermiller @ 462-6120**



# Announcements



## Shop With Scrip

Why buy your gift cards (**scrip**) at stores when you have to get in your car, go to the stores and pick them up when you can buy them at our church and give our church a rebate on the cards? The gift cards (scrip) are the same price you'd pay in the stores. The difference is that when you buy scrip through this company, our church gets a "rebate" that stores don't give. This is one way to support our church.

"Scrip" is gift **cards you can buy at stores** such as clothing stores (Herberger's, Kohl's, Macy's), restaurants, (Chili's, Applebee's) grocery stores, home improvement stores, just to mention a few.

Shop with Scrip is **a program for non-profit organizations**, such as churches, The Red Cross, McDonald House Charities, World Food Program USA and many more organizations.

The program, Shop with Scrip, works with only non-profit organizations and sells gift cards directly to the non-organizations. If you buy from Shop with Scrip, the company gives these non-profit organizations a "rebate" on each card that is purchased. The "rebate" can be anywhere from 3% up to 14% depending on which cards you buy. The "rebate" is sent back to our church in check form to be used for church projects.

This "rebate" would go into a "floating fund" at our church to help with projects that need funding at the time, such as a new roof, air conditioning repair, general fund, etc.

**To get started, we need a committee to help man the table. The volunteers would get the orders of which cards people want, take their name, money, and how many cards they want. Then the next Sunday, the cards will be in and someone from the committee would give them to the people who ordered them. If we can get enough people on the committee, each would only have to man the table once a month or less.**

How this works is that if you are interested in buy scrip, you'd come to our table in the Vestibule, tell us what card(s) you want, give us the money for them and usually by the next week we would have your scrip ready for you. On the table, will be information about this program along with the list of companies that participate in this.

If you are interested in getting a gift card for an anniversary, wedding, graduation, birthday, etc., you can buy your scrip at our table and help our church out at the same time.

Why spend your gas and time going to the store to get a gift card when you can purchase them while you are at our church and be helping our church at the same time?

**We need people to participate in this committee and also in purchasing scrip. If we don't have enough interest, we will be unable to offer this! Please sign-up!!**

**\*\*\*Don't forget, the holidays are coming!! Shopping with Scrip can help with your holiday list AND help out our congregation!\*\*\***

Please contact Carol Matthews if interested! 970-773-4797



# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Kim Hopkins
Nancy Armbruster	Robin Jakino
Brenda Armstrong	Carol Johnson
Anna Bilyeu	Ed Jones
Jessie Bowen	Pat Jones
Lois Braun	Nora Juette
Tim Burke	Gloria Ladehoff
Marianne Chapman	Bette Learned
Charlie & Carol	Anna Lopez
Marlis Clark	Joyce Lucore
Marlene Cowan	Carla Martin
Chuck Cummings	Jennifer McDaniel
<b>Arinda Davis' Family</b>	Clare & Ally Morris
Melissa Frankland	Ginger Morris
Helen Dillard	Larry Petrini
John Drury	Jean Silkey
JoAnne Eggers	Greg Stouffer
Larry Eggers	Lois Stouffer
Leon Gardner	Jiemon & Tayo Takahashi
Dorothy Griffin	Helen Wade
Emily Hauquitz	D.J. Wilhorn
Jason Hawley	
David Herrera	
Doris Hicks	
Bruce Hines	





# FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

**October 18, 2015**

**Greeters & Offering**

Debbie Eisemann

DeeAnn Lowry

**Elder**

Suzanne Daniels

**October 25, 2015**

**Greeters & Offering**

Wayne Ostermiller

Blanche Marshall

**Elder**

Brad Krebill

**November 1, 2015**

**Greeters & Offering**

Wayne Ostermiller

Curtis Rosencrans

**Elder**

Linda Edwards

**November 8, 2015**

**Greeters & Offering**

Blanche Marshall

Suzanne Daniels

**Elder**

Leonard Gardner

**October 18, 2015                      3rd Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Beth Sherry

**Children's Moment**

Al Baumgartle

**Offering Elder**

Gene Matteson

**Communion Elder**

Al Baumgartle

**Serving Diaconate**

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

Jeanne Klitzke

David Morgan

**Preparing Diaconate**

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

**Coffee Mingle**

Ruth Acord

Jeanice Swank

**Greeters**

Donna Ham

Lois Braun

**Van Driver**

Leon Gardner

Kathy Gardner

**October 25, 2015                      4th Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Nancy Armbruster

**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**

Ruth Acord

Chuck Haigler

**Van Driver**

George Decker

**November 1, 2015                      1st Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Riecke Claussen

**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**

TBA

**Greeters**

Gary Steed

Carol Steed

**Van Driver**

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

**November 8, 2015                      2nd Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Al Baumgartle

**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**

TBA

**Greeters**

George Decker

Barbara Decker

**Van Driver**

Jerry Francis

# Church Calendar of Events - October 15, 2015— November 8, 2015

## Thursday October 15, 2015

7:00pm School Dist. 51  
 10:00am Prayer Blanket Group  
 2:00pm Pinochle Group  
 6:00pm Praise Team Practice  
 6:30pm Get To Know FCCGJ Class

## Friday October 16, 2015

8:00am CAPA

## Saturday October 17, 2015

8:00am Men's Breakfast

## Sunday October 18, 2015

9:00am Contemporary Worship  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 10:00am Sunday School/  
     " Fearless Conversation"  
 10:50am Traditional Worship  
 11:00am Jr. Church  
 12:15pm Coffee Mingle  
 4:00pm Cabinet Meeting

## Monday October 19, 2015

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

## Tuesday October 20, 2015

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group  
 12:00pm Lessons at Lunch  
 1:30pm Membership Ministry  
 5:00pm Healthy Living  
 6:15pm Monument View Flute Circle

## Wednesday October 21, 2015

10:00am Bible Study  
 4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth Grp)  
 6:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal  
     (David & Connie Hawley)  
 6:30pm Middle/High School Youth Grp  
 6:30pm Bible Study

## Thursday October 22, 2015

3:00pm CWF(DW) Executive  
 6:00pm Praise Team Practice  
 6:30pm Get To Know FCCGJ Class

## Friday October 23, 2015

2:00pm Mexican Train Group  
 TBA FOG at Dennis & Linda's

## Saturday October 24, 2015

8:00am RMCSC CPE Group

## Sunday October 25, 2015

9:00am Contemporary Worship  
 10:00am Sunday School/  
     " Fearless Conversation"  
 10:50am Traditional Worship  
 11:00am Jr. Church  
 12:15pm Coffee Mingle  
 4:00pm Harvest Festival

## Monday October 26, 2015

10:30am Staff Meeting  
 1:30pm FCC Bookworms  
 7:00pm M&M Bible Study  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday October 27, 2015

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

## Wednesday October 28, 2015

10:00am Bible Study  
 4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth Grp)  
 6:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal  
     (Pizza)  
 6:30pm Bible Study  
 6:30pm Middle/High School Youth Grp  
 7:00pm Co West Quilter's Guild

## Thursday October 29, 2015

6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Saturday October 31, 2015

5:00pm Trunk or Treat

## Sunday November 1, 2015

9:00am Contemporary Worship  
 9:30am Sunday School  
 10:00am Sunday School/  
     " Fearless Conversation"  
 10:50am Traditional Worship  
 11:00am Jr. Church  
 12:15pm Coffee Mingle

## Monday November 2, 2015

8:00am Grandma's Attic  
 10:30am Staff Meeting  
 5:30pm Norwex Meeting  
 7:00pm M&M Bible Study  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday November 3, 2015

8:00am Grandma's Attic  
 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 November 4, 2015

8:00am Grandma's Attic  
 10:00am Bible Study  
 3:30pm Parkinson's Support Group  
 4:00pm KFC (Elementary Youth Grp)  
 6:00pm Wednesday Fellowship Meal  
     (David & Connie Hawley)  
 6:30pm Middle/High School Youth Grp  
 6:30pm Bible Study  
 7:00pm Order of the Arrow

## Thursday November 5, 2015

8:00am Grandma's Attic  
 9:30am Ruth Group  
 1:30pm Agape Group  
 1:30pm Esther Group  
 6:00pm Praise Team Practice

## Friday November 6, 2015

All Day Bazaar Set-up

## Saturday November 7, 2015

7:30am Holiday Bazaar

## Sunday November 8, 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 Elder's Meeting