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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

6:00 PM

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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Associate Minister

Paula Schaffer, Pianist

Katie Wendland, Secretary

John Moore, Custodian

Responding to Tragedy: An Invitation to Action

One of my favorite aspects of God's interaction with people as found in the scriptures is God's invitation to action. When God saw a world full of violence in the Old Testament times, God called a people to act in a different way, a more loving way, than all the other peoples. God called Moses to gather the people together and invite them into a covenant to act in a better way. When God's people strayed, God spoke through prophets to remind the people to act in a better way, to be a "light to the world" (Isaiah 49.) And God sent Jesus to teach all people to act in the better way of love, the way God had commanded God's people in days of old, to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 22:39).

What word does God offer us in the midst of acts of violence in our nation? What word does God offer us in the midst of hatred and tension among varying groups within our nation (and our world)?

God offers more than a single word, for sure. There are words of comfort, reminders that God is with us in the midst of pain and strife. There are words of guidance away from anger and hatred and toward unity in the midst of division.

So there are multiple words from God, but one that I feel gets overlooked too often is God's call to action. Just as God called God's people in the Old Testament to act in ways that shine light into the world, God calls US to act in ways that shine light into the world. We are not mere passengers in life; we are participants. Even when the anger, hatred, and acts of violence seem to be thousands of miles away in Louisiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Missouri, New York, Florida, or Texas, God calls us to action here in Grand Junction. God calls us to act in the ways of love. We can respond to God's call to act with words, for sure, but not words alone, and we most certainly should not confine our response to words of complaint or hatred or anger. No, God call us to orient our words toward solutions and compassion. And God calls us to back our words with actions of love, to do our part to show that in Christ there is no place for division, in Christ there is no place for discrimination, in Christ there is no place for oppression or abuse.

I was inspired by the Dallas police chief who called on protesters to do more than protest, who called on protesters to act by becoming police officers themselves and working to end the injustices they're protesting. When we act to end injustice *in addition to* speaking out against it, then we truly participate.

I encourage all of you to consider how God is calling you to reach through the barriers that divide our country with actions of unity, actions of love, and actions of peace. You can make a difference. Indeed, God is calling you to make a difference.

- Pastor Brad



Sunday School

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

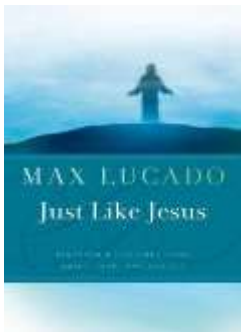
We have moved from Fearless Conversations to an encounter with Adam Hamilton exploring the major themes of John.

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



Just Like Jesus,

I wonder why that is so hard to grasp. We believe Jesus comes into our hearts when we confess that Jesus is who he says he is, and we invite him into our hearts. We expect to change because of his presence, but do we do it all the time? If we have a heart like his, why don't we stop some of the things we do like gossiping, murmuring, anger, frustration, and not forgiving? Why is it so hard to interact with people the way Jesus did/does? So what is your heart condition today? What kinds of actions would you need to take to get a heart like Jesus? Would your spiritual

gifts, talents, abilities, concerns, quirks, faults, needs, and desires be different if your heart was like his? If you are wondering where your heart is and would like some conversation about it, join us Sunday Mornings at 9:30 in the conference room as we study the book Just Like Jesus, by Max Lucado.

~ Nancy Armbruster

Church Logo Shirts!

Shirts with the church logo will be available on going!!! There are 8 or 9 styles to choose from, for both ladies and men. The cost of the logo is included in the price as quoted. The idea behind the shirts is to wear them when we are out as a group so people will know we are from First Christian Church. If anyone wants another shirt, in a different color, they can choose from many different colors at any time, for the same price. There is no minimum amount we have to order at a time. The shirts are a great evangelism tool. I am placing the first order of about 30 shirts this week and we should have them soon. To place an order, or if you have any questions, please call the Armbrusters at 970-242-2521, any of us can help! Once received, we will bring them to church for the following couple of weeks!



Birthdays, Anniversaries & Thanks



FCC July Birthdays

- July 1 Nancy Scott
- July 3 Lily Fitch
- July 3 Madi Schlechten
- July 5 Luther Thompson
- July 5 Emily McHugh
- July 8 Nancy Claussen
- July 8 Grace Farrell
- July 12 David Hawley
- July 12 Maridel Andres
- July 19 Doug Bryant
- July 21 Susan Meders
- July 23 Shirley Lent
- July 24 Dorothy Mitchell
- July 29 T'Anni Meders



FCC July Anniversaries

- July 3 Earn & Ruby Eachus
- July 19 Charles & Virginia Johnson

Thank You!

Many thanks to Al Ladage, Gary Steed, and Riecke Claussen for their work to build 3 sets of steps at the Glade Park Cabin!

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 217lbs of food.

Gratefully,
Community Food Bank



Thank You

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with the memorial luncheons for Pastor David Barnes on June 11, Kenna Jo Wieseler on June 16, and Lori Ensley on July 9 following their Celebration of Life Services. Your help was very much appreciated. God Bless Each One of You!

~The Bereavement Dinner/
Receptions Ministry

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday, July 28

Please submit to the church office or email them to:

firstchristianqj@hotmail.com

Articles arriving later than the deadline will not be included until the next published Crosswords.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, July 24, 2016

(Everyone is welcome to come during our "Coffee Mingle" Hour)

To sign-up to bring your Home-made Ice Cream, please contact Jeanice Swank at 970-242-3588 or Jeanne Klitzke at 970-243-5668!

We look forward to seeing you all there and tasting your frozen treats, whether home-made or bought!



Announcements

El Salvador Update

DeeAnn and Clayton Lowry, and John and I are eagerly looking forward to our August mission trip to El Salvador. Because there are four from our church, and twelve all together, we are hoping to pack some suitcases full of needed supplies to take to the adults and children in the impoverished area we will be working in. We need basic medical supplies--especially pain relievers and vitamins (childrens, prenatal or multi vitamins for adults). They always need first aid supplies such as bandages, Neosporin, etc. We also always use paintbrushes or rollers. Those things can get heavy so money to buy them when we are there is a way to go also.

We will be working near two schools so can always use basic school supplies. We also work at a preschool so some appropriate things for little ones would be helpful. Barnes and Nobles has Spanish language books. Remember these children know no English so books in English aren't much fun for them. Crayons, scissors, that kind of thing is great.

We will be building two houses while we are there. A generous person from Oklahoma is donating the money for one of them. That leaves fundraisers and donations for the approximately \$3,000 we need to build the other one. Please, please attend the fundraising dinner we are having on July 23 at 5:00 with the silent auction. The dinner will be free with donations accepted for the food itself. The silent auction will have many Salvadoran items to bid on as well as general merchandise. It is always fun to come and see what is available.

Even if you can't attend the dinner, we will be accepting cash donations. Please let me, or the Lowry's know where you want the money to go. We are building a new home for an older couple who live in appalling conditions, sleeping on feed sacks that they move around their dirt floor house depending on the way the wind blows the rain on the leaky roof. We want to build them a dry, weather-proof home and buy them a bed.

Probably our biggest need is money to take for the homes and the needs we see when we are there. Your generosity has always overwhelmed me. We are a famous church in the little village of Las Trincheras.

God Bless you all, Beth Sherry

Son Mountain Retreat 2016

July 29, 30 & 31

On the church's Glade Park Property near Mud Springs Campground.

Registration: July 3 - July 24

Cost: \$45.00

Son Mountain Retreat is an exciting camping experience for our youth and their friends who have completed **3rd through 12th grades**. During this weekend trip we will be sleeping in the cabin and doing most of our activities outdoors. The weekend provides opportunities each day for worship, lessons, crafts, interest group activities, games, free time, hiking, and lots of eating.

The registration fee of **\$45.00 per youth** is to cover nine meals, several refreshment breaks, lesson supplies, craft supplies and the entrance fee and food at the Glade Park movie.

Registration forms are available on the Sign Up Table in the Fellowship Hall

Financial assistance is available, please contact Melanie Ferron at 242-7204





Announcements

Update from the FCC – Grand Junction Board Meeting - June 12, 2016

The Board of FCC-GJ met at 4pm on June 12, 2016. A quorum was present. Meeting was opened with prayer by Pam Baumgartle, moderator. Minutes from the November 15, 2015 meeting were provided and approved as amended. (A copy of the minutes may be obtained from Linda Edwards, secretary).

The following departments provided a brief update on their work since January 1, 2016:

Outreach; Worship; Education; Stewardship; Technology; Property; Evangelism and CWF.

Not present were Membership and Men's Fellowship

Stewardship reported as of May 31, 2016 the Church is in a positive position and has net income of \$853. Stewardship stated this is a continued improvement from prior years. 2015 significantly improved from 2014 and 2016 continues to show improvement from 2015. Good news.

The Board approved the nominating committee for 2017:

Les Armbruster; Al Baumgartle; Dennis Edwards; Linda Edwards; Ann Hutton; Jim Matthews

The committee provides representation from both services and the men's fellowship and CWF.

CWF president Lily Fitch requested that Property Department approve the purchase and installation of a new toilet in the women's hall bathroom. All cost to be covered by CWF. Property approved.

The Moderator informed the Board that committees will soon be working on revising the church by-laws and on long-range planning for capital projects.

The Board discussed evangelism and church growth. The Board unanimously agreed that these are of vital importance to the church. A message for the congregation will be placed in the Crosswords.

Discussion was also held concerning a possible change in the wording of our mission that is presented in the bulletin on Sundays. The wording will be changed to: Praising God, Changing Lives!

Pastor Brad provided information on his activities as well as an update on the progress of the Sunday evening service. The Pastor's family has committed to evangelism and growth by starting this evening service and inviting people who normally do not attend a church service. The evening service is considerably different from our other two services and provides the opportunity expand our ministry to those who may not enjoy a more traditional service. Pastor Brad asked for continued prayers for the new service and for evangelism in general. The Board thanked Pastor Brad and his family for committing to this endeavor.

Summary provided by Pam Baumgartle, Moderator

El Salvador Fundraiser!

THIS SATURDAY, July 23 at 5:00pm

You are all cordially invited to attend a fundraising dinner for the mission to El Salvador in August.

Come, eat, and bid on many silent auction items!

All proceeds will go toward the people in El Salvador who are desperately poor.

PS: If you have an item to donate to the auction, please have it at the church by Wednesday, July 20. If you would like to volunteer to cook, clean up, setup or otherwise be helpful please contact Lois or Beth.



Announcements

Worship Service at the Church Cabin

NEXT SUNDAY July 31!!!!

Come worship under the sun this summer on a special Sunday. The worship service will feature up-tempo Christian music fit for the setting along with other special elements lending themselves to outdoor worship.

Next Sunday, 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 this day, 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.

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From the Board:

One of the attributes of a successful church is transparency. Often times, it is easy for individuals to get the idea that things are happening "behind closed doors" and that the thoughts and opinions of those not in the "inner circle" just don't matter. As the Board of Directors of our church, we are determined that this should not be the case with F.C.C. Grand Junction.

Each Sunday preceding an upcoming Board meeting, the announcements include an invitation to attend for anyone interested in the Boards activities or discussions. In like manner, budget meetings and other ministry meetings are always open to everyone.

It is important that each member of our church feel like they have access and can participate in all decisions that effect our endeavors to serve God.

At the last meeting, the Board members in attendance had a good discussion about evangelism and our efforts to attract new members to our church. Following the discussion the Board unanimously felt that evangelism and church growth should be one of our top priorities.

We all know that evangelism is difficult. The fear of rejection and the feeling that we just don't know how to go about talking to others about Jesus stops many of us in our tracks. Yet, many of us may have ideas of how we might be more effective in our efforts to attract folks to church.

Accordingly, we would like to encourage everyone to pray for guidance and share any ideas with a member of the Board or even plan on attending the next meeting.

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School Supplies Needed!!!

It's that time again! School will be starting in a few weeks and anything we can do to help some of the children with supplies is greatly appreciated. Supplies needed include: notebooks, pocket folders, colored pencils, glue sticks, paper, handheld pencil sharpeners, crayons, pencils, scissors, erasers, markers, and highlighters.

There will be a tub in the Narthex to collect what you can give.

Thank you, Outreach Ministry





FCC Prayer Concerns

“Pray without ceasing.”

I Thessalonians 5:17

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



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

July 24, 2016

Greeters & Offering

Debbie Eisemann

TBD

Elder

Suzanne Daniels

July 31, 2016

Son Mountain Cabin Service

Elders

Ray Farrell

Les Armbruster

August 7, 2016

Greeters & Offering

Norma Lavelett

DeeAnn Lowry

Elder

Al Baumgartle

August 14, 2016

Greeters & Offering

Blanche Marshall

David Hawley

Elder

Dennis Edwards

July 24, 2016 4th Sunday

Worship Leader

Gloria Jeffery

Offering Elder

Les Armbruster

Communion Elder

Jim Matthews

Preparing Diaconate

George Decker

Barbara Decker

Serving Diaconate

Beth Sherry

Carol Matthews

Earn Eachus

Ruby Eachus

Coffee Mingle

Ice Cream Social

Greeters

Wes Wade

Helen Wade

Van Driver

George Decker

Keyboard

Ray Farrell

July 31, 2016 Alternative Worship at Church Building

TBD...

August 7, 2016 1st Sunday

Worship Leader

Beth Sherry

Offering Elder

Ray Farrell

Communion Elder

Grace Farrell

Preparing Diaconate

Karen Lehman

Serving Diaconate

Wes Wade

Helen Wade

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

Coffee Mingle

Carol Matthews

Greeters

Walter Meders

Susan Meders

Van Driver

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

Keyboard

Paula Schaeffer

August 14, 2016 2nd Sunday

Worship Leader

Riecke Claussen

Offering Elder

Leonard Gardner

Communion Elder

Kathy Gardner

Preparing Diaconate

Alice Wieseler

Serving Diaconate

Al Ladage

Jerry Francis

Alice Wieseler

Bob Wise

Coffee Mingle

Matteson's 60th Wedding Anniversary

Greeters

Jim Matthews

Carol Matthews

Van Driver

TBD

Keyboard

Pam Baumgartle

Church Calendar of Events - July 21, 2016— August 20, 2016

Thursday July 21, 2016

6:00pm Praise Team

Friday July 22, 2016

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

Saturday July 23, 2016

5:00pm El Salvador Fundraiser

Sunday July 24, 2016

9:00am Contemporary Worship

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

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

10:00am Nominating Committee
10:00am By-Laws Committee

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Ice Cream Social

6:00pm Sunday at Six

@ Bartons' House
535 Orchard Ave

Monday July 25, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday July 26, 2016

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00am Friends Going Forward

@ Pavilion Coffee Shop

5:00pm Healthy Living

Wednesday July 27, 2016

NO Morning Bible Study

NO Evening Bible Study

Thursday July 28, 2016

6:00pm Praise Team

Friday July 29, 2016

Son Mountain

Saturday July 30, 2016

Son Mountain

Sunday July 31, 2016

10:50am Alternative Worship

@ the Church Building

10:50am Son Mountain Worship

@ the Cabin

Sunday July 31, 2016...

6:00pm Sunday at Six

@ Bartons' House
535 Orchard Ave

Monday August 1, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday August 2, 2016

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

4:00pm Grandview Worship

5:00pm Healthy Living

6:30pm Night'n Gals

Wednesday August 3, 2016

10:00am Morning Bible Study

3:30pm Parkinson's Support Group

6:30pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday August 4, 2016

9:30am Ruth Group

1:30pm Esther Group

1:30pm Agape Group

6:00pm Praise Team

6:00pm CO West Quilter's Board

Sunday August 7, 2016

9:00am Contemporary Worship

9:30am 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

@ Bartons' House
535 Orchard Ave

Monday August 8, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm RMCSC CSCPF Group

5:30pm Youth Education Meeting

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday August 9, 2016

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00am Friends Going Forward

@ Pavilion Coffee Shop

5:00pm Healthy Living

Wednesday August 10, 2016

9:30am Newcomer's Group

10:00am Morning Bible Study

6:30pm Evening Bible Study

7:00pm CO West Quilter's Guild

Thursday August 11, 2016

9:30am Young Republican Moms

1:30pm CWF(DW) General

5:00pm Homeward Bound Ministry

6:00pm Praise Team

Friday August 12, 2016

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

Saturday August 13, 2016

5:00pm Private Anniversary Party

Sunday August 14, 2016

9:00am Contemporary Worship

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

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

10:50am Traditional Worship

11:00am Jr. Church

12:15pm Coffee Mingle

12:30pm Elder's Meeting

6:00pm Sunday at Six

@ Bartons' House
535 Orchard Ave

Monday August 15, 2016

10:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday August 16, 2016

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group

5:00pm Healthy Living

Wednesday August 17, 2016

10:00am Morning Bible Study

6:30pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday August 18, 2016

6:00pm Praise Team

Friday August 19, 2016

5:00pm Dianne Mull Fundraiser

Saturday August 20, 2016

8:00am Men's Breakfast

3:00pm Clevinger Wedding Reception