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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...

**Rev. Brad Barton**

Sr. Minister  
970-314-5540  
revbradbarton@gmail.com

**Rev. Melanie Ferron**  
Associate Minister

**Paula Schaffer**, Pianist

**Katie Wendland**, Secretary

**John Moore**, Custodian

## “A Party Called Faith”

As our Evangelism Sermon Series nears its close, I look forward to seeing how God transforms us by these sermons. I look forward to working together with all of you to:

- Pray and listen in prayer about God's desires for the growth of this congregation;
- Discover the story each of you have to share, the story of how the love of God as made known in Jesus has made a difference in your life;
- Grow in our relationships with God, with people outside the congregation, and with people inside the congregation;
- Discover, remember, and celebrate all the lives God has been and is still changing through this congregation!

It's important that we continue to intentionally focus on these themes related to evangelism, even as we move on in a couple of weeks to a new sermon series, a series entitled “A Party Called Faith”.

I'm basing this new series on the concepts I discovered while engaging in a study of the same name in the NIB's “The Pastor's Bible Study.” The series will help us explore the biblical concepts behind the notion of faith being a celebration, a party, in an effort to help us consider how we can better live our lives in response to God's love as made known in Jesus as a celebration instead of something else.

As I work on the series, I am reminded of the congregation into which I was baptized as a teen and watching the elders at the Communion Table look so serious, stoic, and even sad, never happy or celebratory. I am reminded of that image as I read about God commanding - yes commanding - God's people to partake of regular festivals and as I read about God setting up a regular calendar of celebration in the Bible. It's time for us to re-discover the celebratory aspects of our faith.

~Pastor Brad



# Sunday School

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

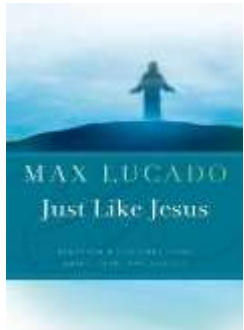
We have moved from Fearless Conversations to an encounter with Adam Hamilton exploring the major themes of John.

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.**"

Come join us for what should be some fascinating conversations.

See you soon!

~ Nancy Armbruster

# Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements



## 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



Phone Numbers for Ed and Flora Jones:

Ed Jones– 970-778-2493

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### Friends Going Forward

A New Door Opens Support Group has a new name~ Friends Going Forward, and a new meeting place~ the Pavilion Coffee Shop, 750 Wellington Ave. Friends Going Forward meets every other Tuesday at 10:00am. This Group has been meeting for over five years now. We continue to welcome those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, while we embrace our desire to build lasting friendships with one another by reaching out with love, caring, and encouragement.

For additional information, please contact Donna Ham at 245-3967 or Beverly Dorson at 242-1613.



### 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!

### CROSSWORDS!

**next deadline is...**

Thursday, July 14

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

## 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

## El Salvador Fundraiser! 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

## 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



### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

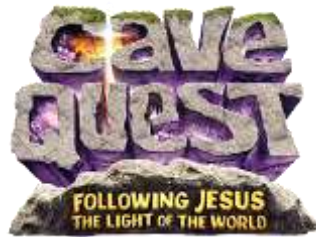
Financial Summary for the month of May, 2016

Total Income .....\$17,051.58

Total Expense.....\$14,070.63

Net Income..... \$2,890.93

For the first five months of the year we have done well living within our means. Our income has exceeded our expenses by approximately \$800. For this same five months last year we were about \$500 ahead so 2016 is looking up. Obviously the budget fluctuates from month to month so let's hope the last half of the year starts as well as the first.



This year we had 15 children attend Vacation Bible School and an equal number of adults and youth making it a wonderful experience for them.

I would like to thank Lily Fitch, Brad Barton, Tammy Rosencrans, Paula Schaffer, Amy Brammer, Lois Dunning, Yvonne Warner, Marian Velarde, Billy Fitch, Susan Barton, Ella James, Curtis Rosencrans, Josh Barton and Cole Barton for working hard to make this years VBS a terrific success.

~Melanie Ferron



# Announcements

## 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!



## ATTENTION CHURCH FAMILY



We are starting a Church Family Game Afternoon for **all ages**. We will start the Family Game Afternoon beginning on Saturday, July 16th at 2:00 PM and will be the third Saturday each month. Please bring your family, friends, your favorite games you'd like to play (card games, board games, etc.). Also please bring your favorite finger food, either hot or cold.

The drinks will be provided.

See 'ya there or be square!

~Carol Matthews



## **Mark Your Calendars:**

### **Worship Service at the Church Cabin**

**This Summer: July 31**

Mark your calendars and get ready to 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.

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 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.





# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Jamie & Children
Nancy Armbruster	Robin Jakino
Brenda Armstrong	Bruce Jones
Jessie Bowen	Ed Jones
Lois Braun	Flora Jones
Brady	Nora Juette
Tim Burke	Harriette & Andy Krall
Charlie & Carol	Gloria Ladehoff
Marlis Clark	Bette Learned
Johnny Cowan	Korine Lehman
Chuck Cummings	Anna Lopez
Helen Dillard	Joyce Lucore
John Drury	Carla Martin
Family of Lori Ensley	Jennifer McDaniel
Gabe French	Richard McPeek
Hal French	Clare & Ally Morris
Kathy Gardner	Ginger Morris
Family of Leon Gardner	Dianna Mull
Kyle Graham	Elaine Murphy
Dorothy Griffin	Louise Oliver
Cynthia Grover	Phil Oliver
David & Vickie Hagan	Larry Petrini
Emily Hauquitz	Jeff Rood
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





# FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

**July 10, 2016**

**Greeters & Offering**

Blanche Marshall

David Hawley

**Elder**

Dennis Edwards

**July 17, 2016**

**Greeters & Offering**

Wayne Ostermiller

Curtis Rosencrans

**Elder**

Suzanne Daniels

**July 24, 2016**

**Greeters & Offering**

Debbie Eisemann

TBD

**Elder**

Linda Edwards

**July 31, 2016**

**Son Mountain Cabin Service**

**July 10, 2016 2nd Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Susan Barton

**Offering Elder**

TBD

**Communion Elder**

TBD

**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

**July 17, 2016 3rd Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

Pam Baumgartle

**Offering Elder**

Gene Matteson

**Communion Elder**

Al Baumgartle

**Preparing Diaconate**

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

**Serving Diaconate**

Larry Eggers

JoAnne Eggers

Ruth Acord

Nancy Armbruster

**Coffee Mingle**

Melanie Ferron

**Greeters**

Lois Stouffer

Gloria Jeffery

**Van Driver**

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

**Keyboard**

Beth Sherry

**July 24, 2016 4th Sunday**

**Worship Leader**

**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**

Gloria Jeffery

Beverly Dorson

**Greeters**

Lois Braun

Karen Lehman

**Van Driver**

George Decker

**Keyboard**

Ray Farrell

**July 31, 2016 Alternative Worship at Church Building**

**Worship Leader**

**Offering Elder**

**Communion Elder**

**Preparing Diaconate**

**Serving Diaconate**

**Coffee Mingle**

**Greeters**

**Van Driver**

**Keyboard**

# Church Calendar of Events - July 7, 2016— August 4, 2016

## **Thursday July 7, 2016**

6:00pm Praise Team  
6:00pm CO West Quilter's Board

## **Friday July 8, 2016**

2:00pm Mexican Train Group

## **Saturday July 9, 2016**

11:00am Lori Ensley Memorial

## **Sunday July 10, 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 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  
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  
2:00pm Church Family Game  
Afternoon

## **Sunday July 17, 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  
4:00pm Cabinet Meeting  
6:00pm Sunday at Six  
@ Bartons' House  
535 Orchard Ave

## **Monday July 18, 2016**

\*\*\*Brad Out of Town\*\*\*  
10:30am Staff Meeting  
7:00pm M&M Bible Study

## **Tuesday July 19, 2016**

9:00am Burger King Coffee Group  
5:00pm Healthy Living

## **Wednesday July 20, 2016**

NO Morning Bible Study  
NO Evening Bible Study

## **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"  
10:50am 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 CWF(DW) Executive  
(Potluck at Lily's House)  
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  
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  
5:00pm Healthy Living

## **Wednesday August 3, 2016**

10:00am Morning Bible Study  
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