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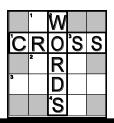
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

Praising 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

Church Office Hours:

8:30am-1:30pm

Monday-Thursday

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 970-644-2274 revbradbarton@gmail.com

> Rev. Melanie Ferron Associate Minister

Paula Schaffer, Pianist Tish Key, Secretary John Moore, Custodian

Will You Stay Awake (and Pray) with Jesus?

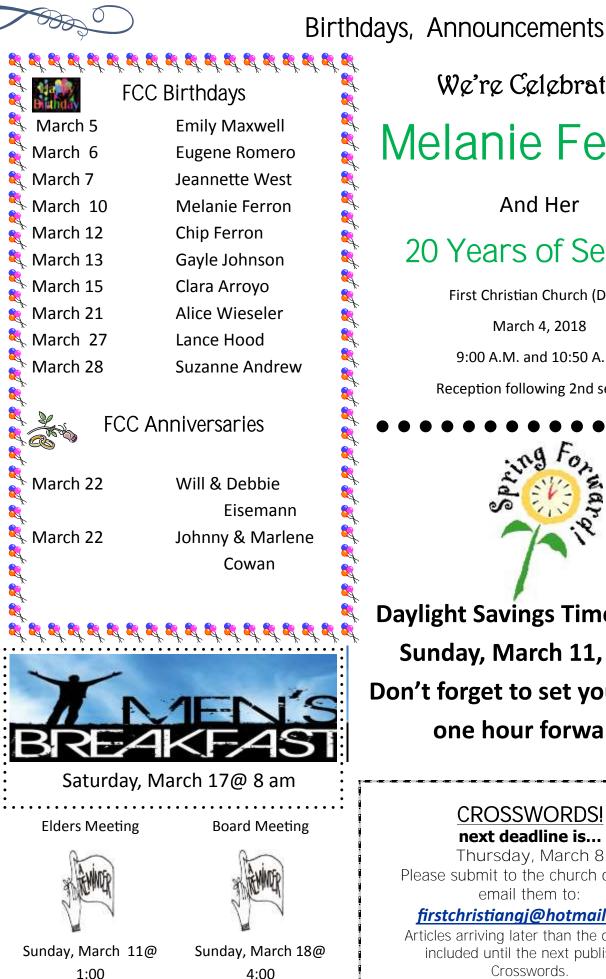
36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. 38 Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." 39 And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." 40 Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? 41 Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." 43 Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand." - Matthew 26:36-46 (NRSV)

On Jesus' last night with His disciples, Jesus asked those disciples to stay awake while he prayed, and then he asked them to stay awake and pray, as well. In those last hours with Jesus, the disciples slept instead of staying awake with Him. Of course, they didn't know (or at least didn't GET) that those would be their last hours with him.

Each Holy Week, many within the Universal Church, and we here at First Christian Church, Grand Junction, attempt to undo something that was done so long ago: we attempt to stay awake with Jesus for 24 hours and pray. It is true, we cannot literally undo the sleep of those disciples on that night, but we can make and keep our own commitment to stay awake and pray.

Please mark your calendar for the 24-hour period of time beginning Thursday, March 29, at 8 p.m. Further, look on the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall, and sign up for your time to stay awake and pray with Jesus.

- Pastor Brad



We're Celebrating

Melanie Ferron

And Her

20 Years of Service

First Christian Church (DOC)

March 4, 2018

9:00 A.M. and 10:50 A.M.

Reception following 2nd service



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11, 2018. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour forward!

CROSSWORDS! next deadline is...

Thursday, March 8 Please submit to the church office or email them to:

firstchristiangj@hotmail.com

Articles arriving later than the deadline included until the next published Crosswords.



years of service to First Christian Church Grand Junction on March 4th 2018.

We have decided to purchase a Clergy Robe and Stole for her as a gift for her many years of service. Both the Christian women's fellowship and the Disciples men's fellowship are donating funds for this gift. We would like to give members of the congregation the opportunity to also share in this celebration. Donations may be designated by using the word celebration on the memo line or on your envelope or you can give cash donations to Pam Baumgartle, Nancy Armbruster, or Lois Dunning.

Thank you,

Worship Committee

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Lent is Here: Spend Lent with Your FCCGJ Church Family

Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays in Lent, February 22-March 28, 2018 @ 12:00 p.m.

Be sure to take time out of your busy week to stop and focus on God during this Lenten season. A great way to do that is to come by the church building on Wednesdays at noon, eat lunch and share stories with your church family, and listen to a talk about "focusing on the cross." If you're so inclined, you could even bring a soup to share. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the information table in the Fellowship Hall. And PLEASE BRING FRIENDS.

Lenten Daily Devotionals

Daily throughout Lent

This year's Lenten Daily Devotional guide, prepared by the Society of St. Andrew, is entitled, *Walking in Newness of Life*. "In the devotional booklet, you will find daily meditations and prayers that show how renewal begins or is refreshed, through life's circumstances. These devotionals are written by people of deep and abiding faith: pastors, missionaries, and laypersons from many Christian traditions." Be sure to pick up at copy at the beginning of Lent, and follow the daily devotional guide to help you get closer to guide and prepare yourself for the joy of resurrection on Easter Sunday!



Announcements

Lent & Easter 2018 First Christian Church, GJ Focusing on the Cross!

Lenten Lunches Eat and Listen to Cross-focused talks Wednesdays Feb 21 - March 28 12:00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper And Celebration

Tuesday, February 13 Eat pancakes, have a party, and learn why we do these things The day before Lent begins.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 14 Share a meal with your Church family, and receive the imposition of ashes. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Worship at 6:45 p.m.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25 Celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry Into Jerusalem @ both services. 9:00 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Thursday, March 29 Worship around tables to recall Jesus' final evening with his disciples. 7:00 p.m.

Easter Prayer Vigil

Thursday, March 29 - Friday, March 30 Participate in 24 hours of continuous prayer. 8:00 p.m. Thurs. - 8:00 p.m. Fri.

Easter Sunrise

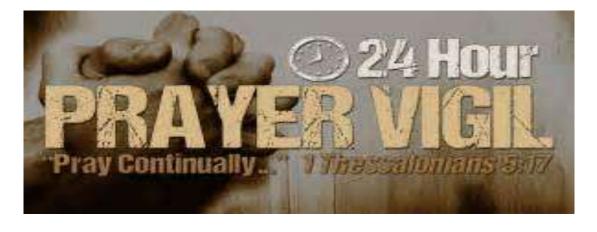
Sunday, April 1 Proclaim "Christ is Risen"! In two distinct styles, and enjoy an Easter brunch with your Church family! Easter Sunrise Service @ 9:00 a.m. Easter Brunch @ 9:45 a.m. Celebration of Resurrection @ 10:50 a.m.

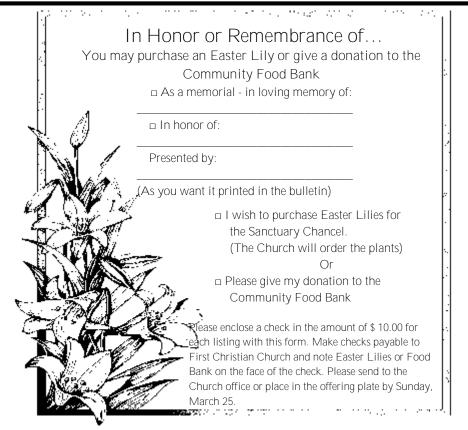


Easter Prayer Vigil



The 24 Hour Prayer Vigil is coming up on March 29th and 30th. The Vigil starts at 8:00pm following the Maundy Thursday Service and goes until 8:00pm on March 30th. Prayer times are divided into 30 minute segments. Participants may pray at the church or at home. Please sign up on the Prayer Vigil sheet in Fellowship Hall. If a participant chooses to pray at home and would like to be called at their start time, they should include their phone number. There are numerous times still open. PLEASE SIGN UP AND KEEP THE VIGIL UNBROKEN!







Announcements & Thanks

First Christian Church,

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers, visits and love shown to me during my stay at Larchwood, I'm doing so good & have date set to go home, Feb. 26th, See you back in Church.

Thanks to everyone, see you soon.

Dorothy Mitchell

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What a lot of Batteries. 20 lbs of batteries saved from the landfill. Mother Earth thanks you.



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In January the FCC Bookworms were busy reading Candice Millard's "Destiny of the Republic" -- A tale of the madness, medicine and the murder of a president. This book was recommended to the book club by Carol Clowes who was one of Elsie Granere's caregivers who brought Elsie to book club many times. The book is about our 20th president, James A. Garfield. Garfield grew up in the Disciples of Christ church, became a minister and, so far, is the only minister who has also been a president. He didn't run for president and served reluctantly. Within four months he was assassinated and lived several more months while doctors tried to save him. This is an excellent, well written book that gives insight into one of our more well-read and compassionate presidents. He started the movement for the establishment of Civil Service and worked to improve conditions for blacks. His wife established the first Presidential Library. On the western slope we have Mt. Garfield university established in his name in Wichita, Kansas.

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"The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement", edited by: Douglas A. Foster, Paul M. Blowers, Anthony L. Dunnavant and D. Newell Williams has been purchased for the church library. It is shelved along with the other Disciples of Christ material on the north wall. Incidentally, Brad and Susan say that they know Newell Williams.



Announcements

Crock Pot Cook-off

Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, March 11 at 12:15

Cost \$5.00

Make your favorite crock pot recipe all warm and ready to serve, and see whose recipe is the yummiest!

Our judging categories will be: Best Entrée, Best Non Entrée, and Best Booth décor.

\$5.00 at the door covers the tasting of all the great recipes (No fee to put a recipe in the contest) and the funds the youth raise will go to support their

Outreach projects.

Remember your cupcake tins for sampling if you like.

Let Tammy Ostermiller or Melanie Ferron know if you are entering a crock pot.

There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

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Homeward Bound

Last Thursday we had another successful night of serving a delicious dinner to the grateful folks at Homeward Bound shelter. Thank you all for your wonderful support in this ministry.

Did you know we have been serving them for 10 years? I didn't! I found a sign up sheet in an old purse. From receipts in the same old purse I could tell it was from the year 2008. Congratulations to all of you who have so faithfully put together potato casseroles, donated money, time, lettuce, candy, fruit and milk over the years.

If you are interested in helping sometime, please call me!

Beth Sherry 245-3314



El Salvador

Once again we are planning a mission trip to El Salvador. So far I have nine people going in my group. Four people who are going are from our church! Yay! Dates for this year are July 22- August 4. If you have any inkling you would like to go, please contact me for details.

We will be having a few fundraisers before we leave. It is so rewarding to see something our church built when I go back every year, and how much love we receive in return. Prayerfully consider if God may be calling you to be a part of this amazing ministry.

I am trying to organize a meeting for those who have never been before. Watch this space for details.

Beth Sherry 245-3314 bethlucoresherry@gmail.com



It's Tax Season again. A reminder that you can shred important papers using the church shredder. It's also a great way to recycle your paper.

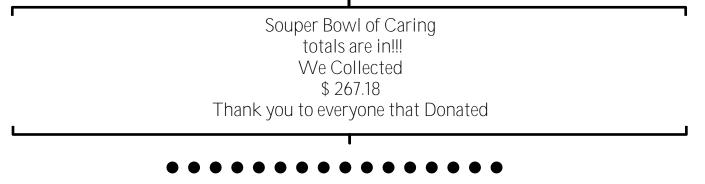


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The Giving Statements for 2017 are ready for you to pick up.. They are on the information table in the Fellowship Hall.

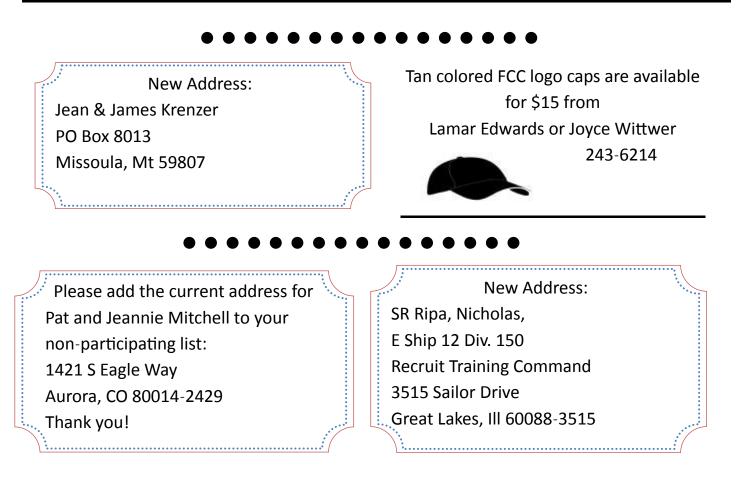
Thank you, Stewardship.

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Do you remember Bob and Dolores Hall? They moved from Grand Junction several years ago. Bob died of Alzheimer's some time ago, and I have been sending notes to Dolores who also had Alzheimer's. Recently I heard from her family that she passed away in October. She had a lovely smile.

Joyce Wittwer





Welcome

Welcome

Johnny and Jeanette West joined our church on the 5th of November last year. They come from Dumas, Texas, to be closer to family.

Johnny was born in Roswell, New Mexico, graduating from high school before



moving with his family to Stratford, Texas, while Jeannette grew up near Stratford, which is about 90 miles north of Amarillo where she was born. When Jeannette was a senior in high school she met Johnny at a party in Stratford. At that time Johnny was a student at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, just about 30 miles north of Stratford. They married in 1966 at First Christian Church in Stratford and have been married 52 years.

Jeanette attended West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas.

Johnny served in the Navy spending some of his time in Vietnam. When they were first married they lived in Taos, New Mexico, in an apartment of a 300-year-old home owned by the Couse family, early pioneers and artists in Taos. That home is now a Historical Site.

They lived 38 years in Dumas, a small Texas town, where Johnny, until his retirement, was employed by BP (British Petroleum) for 31 years. Jeannette, meanwhile, was a bookkeeper, where approximately 12 years of that time she worked for an auto parts company.

After living much of their life around the Oklahoma/Texas Panhandle, they are enjoying the small town atmosphere of Fruita and being closer to family.

They have two sons: Jack and Jonathan. Jack and his wife Kasey live in Boulder with their son Ethan who is now 4 ½. Jack has a PhD in computer science engineering. Their younger son Jonathan and wife Nina are here in Grand Junction with their two daughters, Rylan, who is almost 5 and her younger sister Wren just 18 months. Jonathan is an architect with Chamberlin Architects, and Nina is a physician's assistant at Community Hospital.

They have traveled extensively throughout the United States visiting many of our National Parks and other public lands. Of course their favorites are out here in the west including our own Colorado National Monument.

We welcome them into our membership at First Christian Church, Grand Junction.



FCC Prayer Concerns

"Pray without ceasing."

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Jean Kees
Brenda Armstrong	Hailer Kellog
Clara Arroyo	Peggy Lawler
Lois Braun	Betty Learned
Sandy & Tim Brown	Mike Loehring
Tim Burke	Blanche Marshall
Amy Burns	Cecilia Massey
Helen Clotfelter	Norma Matteson
Chuck Cummings	Sara Meade
Carol Jean Daniel	Dorothy Mitchell
Dannielle	Brian Neukman
Dennis	Scott & Shirley Nider
Dennis & Family	Louise Oliver
Helen Dillard	Carol Perry
Earn Eaches	Peggy Pratt
Kat Edwards	Steve Pratt
JoAnne Eggers	Janice Riches and Family
Larry Eggers	Oscar Aaron Rodriguez
Vicki Gassman	Diana & Memesio Rodriguez
Ethel Goebel	Dr. and Mrs. Schwartz
Bill Graham	John Sherry
Kyle Graham	Gary Steed
David & Vickie Hagan	Lois Stouffer
Connie Hawley	Alysia Tannery
Jason Hawley	Terry
JoAnne Hill	Helen Wade
Ethel Hoffman	Wes Wade
Eleanor Hubbell	David Wing
Thomas Hunn	
Dee Johnson	
Ed Jones	
Nora Juette	



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

larch 4 , 2018	March 4, 2018	1st Sunday	
<u>Elder</u>	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Van Driver
Lily Fitch	Beth Sherry	Karen Lehman	Terry Laughlin
Deacon	Offering Elder	Serving Diaconate	Jo Laughlin
Brad Krebill	Carol Matthews	Wes Wade	<u>Keyboard</u>
<u>Greeter</u>	Communion Elder	Jerry Francis	Paula Schaffer
Brad Krebill	Jim Matthews	Jeanice Swank	Collection Team
	Greeter	Yvonne Warner	Al Baumgartle
	Joyce Wittwer	Coffee Mingle	Ray Farrell
	Janice Swank	TBD	
	Dorothy Rhodes		
arch 11, 2018	March 11, 2018	2nd Sunday	
<u>Elder</u>	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Van Drivers
anne Andrew	Joyce Witter	Alice Wieseler	Jerry Francis
Deacon	Offering Elder	Serving Diaconate	Keyboard
orma Lavelett	Kathy Gardner	Bob Wise	Lily Fitch
Greeter	Communion Elder	Al Ladage	Collection Team
	Leonard Gardner	Josh Barton	Al Baumgartle
rma Lavelett	Greeter	Cole Barton	Ray Farrell
	Josh Barton	Coffee Mingle	,
	Bob Wise	Gloria Jeffery	
	Alice Wiesler	Beverly Dorson	
arch 18, 2018	March 18, 2018	3rd Sunday	
Elder	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Van Driver
usan Barton	Lily Fitch	Riecke Claussen	Leonard Gardner
	Offering Elder	Nancy Claussen	Kathy Gardner
Deacon	Chuck Haigler	Serving Diaconate	Keyboard
avid Hawley	Communion Elder	David Morgan	Beth Sherry
<u>Greeter</u>	Al Baumgartle	Doug Bryant	Collection Team
avid Hawley	Greeter	Carolyn Bryant	Al Baumgartle
	David Hawley	Nancy Claussen	Ray Farrell
	JoAnn/Larry Eggers	Coffee Mingle	-
	Ruth Acord	Melanie Ferron	
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<u>irch 25, 2018</u>	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	
Eldor			Van Driver
<u>Elder</u>	Al Baumgartle	Marian Velarde	
usan Barton	Al Baumgartle Offering Elder		
usan Barton Deacon	Offering Elder	Serving Diaconate	TBD
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Church Calendar of Events - March 1, 2018— March 26, 2018

Sunday March 11, 2018

Thursday March 1, 2018

****Pastor Brad out of Town**** ****Crosswords**** 9:30 am Ruth Group 1:30 pm Dorcas Group 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Board Sunday March 4, 2018 ****Pastor Melanie 's 20 Year Celebration**** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 am Traditional Sunday School 10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School 10:50 am Traditional Worship 11:00 am Jr. Church 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle– Pastor Melanie's 20 year Celebration Monday March 5, 2018 10:30 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm FCC Bookworms 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study Tuesday March 6, 2018 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group 12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch 5:00 pm Healthy Living 6:30 pm Night'ngals Wednesday March 7, 2018 10:00 am Morning Bible Study 12:00 am Lenten Lunches 3:00 pm Parkinson's Support Group 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal-Pastor Brad 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study Thursday March 8, 2018 ****Crosswords Deadline**** 1:30 pm CWF(DW) General Meeting 5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministry 6:00 pm Praise Team Friday March 9, 2018 2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

**** Daylight Saving Time**** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 am Traditional Sunday School 10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School 10:50 am Traditional Worship 11:00 am Jr. Church 12:00 pm Crock Pot Cook-off 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle 1:00 pm Elders Meeting Monday March 12, 2018 10:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study Tuesday March 13, 2018 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group 10:00 am Friends Going Forward 12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch 1:30 pm PEO Chapter Meeting 5:00 pm Healthy Living Wednesday March 14, 2018 9:30 am Newcomers Group 10:00 am Morning Bible Study 12:00 am Lenten Lunches 6:00 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal– Pizza 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm Co. West Quilters Guild Thursday March 15, 2018 ****Crosswords*** 6:00 pm Praise Team Friday March 16, 2018 9:00 am Lifeline Screening Saturday March 17, 2018 ****St. Patrick's Dav**** 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am RMCSC CPE Group 12:00 pm Territorial Daughters Meeting Sunday March 18, 2018

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School 10:50 am Traditional Worship 11:00 am Jr. Church 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle 4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting Monday March 19, 2018 9:30 am CWU Meeting 10:30 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm FCC Bookworms 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study Tuesday March 20, 2018 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group 12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch 5:00 pm Healthy Living Wednesday March 21, 2018 10:00 am Morning Bible Study 12:00 am Lenten Lunches 6:00pm Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal– Helen & Wes 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study Thursday March 22, 2018 ****Crosswords Deadline**** 1:30 pm CWF(DW) Executive Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Friday March 23, 2018 2:00 pm Mexican Train Group Sunday March 25, 2018 ****Palm Sunday**** **** Food Bank Sunday**** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 am Traditional Sunday School 10:00 am Contemporary Sunday School 10:50 am Traditional Worship 11:00 am Jr. Church 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle Monday March 26, 2018 10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School