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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

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



Birthdays, Announcements



FCC Birthdays



- March 5 Emily Maxwell
- March 6 Eugene Romero
- March 7 Jeannette West
- March 10 Melanie Ferron
- March 12 Chip Ferron
- March 13 Gayle Johnson
- March 15 Clara Arroyo
- March 21 Alice Wieseler
- March 27 Lance Hood
- March 28 Suzanne Andrew



FCC Anniversaries

- March 22 Will & Debbie
Eisemann
- March 22 Johnny & Marlene
Cowan



Saturday, March 17@ 8 am

Elders Meeting

Board Meeting



Sunday, March 11@
1:00



Sunday, March 18@
4:00

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.



Announcements

We are CELEBRATING!

Pastor Melanie Ferron celebrating 20 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



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!



In Honor or Remembrance of...

You may purchase an Easter Lily or give a donation to the Community Food Bank

As a memorial - in loving memory of:

In honor of:

Presented by:

(As you want it printed in the bulletin)

- I wish to purchase Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary Chancel.
(The Church will order the plants)
Or
- Please give my donation to the Community Food Bank



Please enclose a check in the amount of \$ 10.00 for each listing with this form. Make checks payable to First Christian Church and note Easter Lilies or Food Bank on the face of the check. Please send to the Church office or place in the offering plate by Sunday, March 25.



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



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



From The Bookshelf



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 named a year after his death, Garfield County just to the east of us, Garfield Hall at CMU. There was a Garfield University established in his name in Wichita, Kansas.



"The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement", edited by: Douglas A. Foster, Paul M. Blowers, Anthony L. Dunnivant 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.



**Congratulations to Melinda Mitchell
We are so proud of you!**





Announcements

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



new email address:

CRMROffice@crmrdoc.org



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.



Announcements

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.



Souper Bowl of Caring
totals are in!!!
We Collected
\$ 267.18
Thank you to everyone that Donated



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



New Address:
Jean & James Krenzer
PO Box 8013
Missoula, Mt 59807

Tan colored FCC logo caps are available
for \$15 from
Lamar Edwards or Joyce Wittwer
243-6214



Please add the current address for
Pat and Jeannie Mitchell to your
non-participating list:
1421 S Eagle Way
Aurora, CO 80014-2429
Thank you!

New Address:
SR Ripa, Nicholas,
E Ship 12 Div. 150
Recruit Training Command
3515 Sailor Drive
Great Lakes, Ill 60088-3515



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 Julette	



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

March 4, 2018

Elder

Lily Fitch

Deacon

Brad Krebill

Greeter

Brad Krebill

March 11, 2018

Elder

Suzanne Andrew

Deacon

Norma Lavelett

Greeter

Norma Lavelett

March 18, 2018

Elder

Susan Barton

Deacon

David Hawley

Greeter

David Hawley

March 25, 2018

Elder

Susan Barton

Deacon

Dennis Edwards

Greeter

Dennis Edwards

March 4, 2018

1st Sunday

Worship Leader

Beth Sherry

Offering Elder

Carol Matthews

Communion Elder

Jim Matthews

Greeter

Joyce Wittwer

Janice Swank

Dorothy Rhodes

Preparing Diaconate

Karen Lehman

Serving Diaconate

Wes Wade

Jerry Francis

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

Coffee Mingle

TBD

Van Driver

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

Keyboard

Paula Schaffer

Collection Team

Al Baumgartle

Ray Farrell

March 11, 2018

2nd Sunday

Worship Leader

Joyce Witter

Offering Elder

Kathy Gardner

Communion Elder

Leonard Gardner

Greeter

Josh Barton

Bob Wise

Alice Wiesler

Preparing Diaconate

Alice Wieseler

Serving Diaconate

Bob Wise

Al Ladage

Josh Barton

Cole Barton

Coffee Mingle

Gloria Jeffery

Beverly Dorson

Van Drivers

Jerry Francis

Keyboard

Lily Fitch

Collection Team

Al Baumgartle

Ray Farrell

March 18, 2018

3rd Sunday

Worship Leader

Lily Fitch

Offering Elder

Chuck Haigler

Communion Elder

Al Baumgartle

Greeter

David Hawley

JoAnn/Larry Eggers

Ruth Acord

Preparing Diaconate

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

Serving Diaconate

David Morgan

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

Nancy Claussen

Coffee Mingle

Melanie Ferron

Van Driver

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

Keyboard

Beth Sherry

Collection Team

Al Baumgartle

Ray Farrell

March 25, 2018

4th Sunday

Worship Leader

Al Baumgartle

Offering Elder

Beth Sherry

Communion Elder

Lois Dunning

Greeter

Jeannie Klitzke

Leonard Gardner

Carol Steed

Preparing Diaconate

Marian Velarde

Serving Diaconate

JoAnne Eggers

Jeanne Klitzke

Ruth Acord

Jodi Gabel

Coffee Mingle

Lamar Edwards

Joyce Wittwer

Van Driver

TBD

Keyboard

Ray Farrell

Collection Team

Al Baumgartle

Ray Farrell

Church Calendar of Events - March 1, 2018— March 26, 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

Sunday March 11, 2018

**** 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 Day****
 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
 8:30 am RMCS CPE Group
 12:00 pm Territorial Daughters Meeting

Sunday March 18, 2018

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
 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