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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

On Sabbatical

**Rev. Melanie Ferron**  
Associate Minister

**Paula Schaffer**, Pianist

**Tish Key**, Secretary

**John Moore**, Custodian

You may recall that on Sunday, January 28, we learned our custodian, John Moore, threw his hip out for the ninth time, but Monday he was back on duty at the church. John also works at the Eagles Lodge (FOE) where he is a member and serving as Chaplain, and he was organizing a February fund raiser for Steppin' It Up? He and the Eagles devoted the entire month of February to this non-profit organization that encourages those with physical and mental disabilities to work out at the Mesa Fitness gym.

All the money raised during February went to the non-profit organization Steppin' It Up, which provides activities 2-3 times a week for developmentally disabled adults. Currently, founder Stacy Antonucci has 20 adults between the ages of 20 and 45 participating in activities that meet their individual abilities and needs with goals that push them but are attainable, thus giving the participants a real sense of accomplishment.

To generate money, John had a spaghetti dinner and dance at the Eagles Lodge the Saturday before Valentine's Day for lodge members, guests, and Steppin' It Up participants. Eighty reservations were made, but 111 people showed up to eat, dance and enjoy the music of John's 4-piece band which includes him on electric guitar and from Sacred Heart in Fruita: John Chavez, Larry Archuleta and Don Finklien, all of whom also provided entertainment at our own Chili Cook Off a few months ago. They made \$950. All fund raisers in February were for Steppin It Up, so they had a Ground Hog Road Kill dinner, a Mexican Fiesta, "Sweetie Pies" made by some of the auxiliary ladies, a Super Bowl party that made LOTS of money, and other activities. Also during the month they had a silent auction on about 40 items (all donated) including a personally autographed John Elway shirt. The shirt alone brought \$350!

In March Stacy and the Steppin' It Up participants met at the library and were awarded a check in the amount of \$5,001 from the Eagles. Thanks go to John and many others for their hard work. The Eagles select a non-profit organization every month to sponsor, and in 2017 they gave away \$34,675.70 to charity.

Lamar and I attended the Valentine's Day spaghetti dinner party, and the dance was awesome. Many of the Steppin' It Up members danced with each other, their parents, Stacy, or by themselves; and the joy that emanated from that room was overwhelming. Plus, John has promised them they will dance again next Valentine's Day at the Eagles Lodge.

John finds serving others very fulfilling, and what a wonderful opportunity he, the Eagles Lodge, and Stacy are giving these adults who fall through the cracks after they reach the age of 18. As members of a giving church, we are thankful for people like Beth (El Salvador, Homeless Shelter) and John for leading us in our giving.

Membership (Joyce Wittwer)



# Birthdays, Announcements



## FCC Birthdays

April 28	Katie Han
April 28	JoAnn Hill
May 3	Don McKelvey
May 7	Pam Baumgartle
May 10	Al Baumgartle
May 10	Alice Else
May 13	Norma Lavelett
May 15	Addie Meders
May 16	Josh Barton
May 17	Phil Oliver
May 18	Beth Sherry
May 19	Marlene Cowan
May 21	Carol Matthews
May 22	Bill Fitch
May 23	Wayne Ostermiller
May 25	Alex Everett
May 30	Yvonne Warner



## FCC Anniversaries

April 25	Chip & Melanie Ferron
May 14	Al & Else Ladage
May 18	Brad & Susan Barton



Saturday, May 19th

@ 8 am

Elders Meeting



Sunday, May 13th @ 12:30

Cabinet Meeting



Sunday, May 20th @ 4:00



## CROSSWORDS!

**next deadline is...**

Thursday, May 3rd

Please submit to the church office or email them to:

[firstchristiangj@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchristiangj@hotmail.com)

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



## NOTICE:

The office is checking and updating our records to be sure we have current information on everyone who attends FCC. We have made a copy of what information we have and will share that with you soon. Please review the information, make necessary changes, and return it to Joyce Wittwer or the office as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us with this project.



# Announcements

## Elders On Call During Pastor Brad's Sabbatical

### **April**

Week of April 1	Beth Sherry	970-640-2889
Week of April 8	Beth Sherry	970-640-2889
Week of April 15	Leonard Gardner	970-216-6714
Week of April 22	Suzanne Andrew	970-589-6297
Week of April 29	Chuck Haigler	970-242-5252

### **May**

Week of May 6	Chuck Haigler	970-242-5252
Week of May 13	Kathy Gardner	970-216-6693
Week of May 20	Al Baumgartle	970-243-5891
Week of May 27	Carol Matthews	970-773-4797

### **June**

Week of June 3	Lois Dunning	970-242-5427
Week of June 10	Lily Fitch	970-250-6966
Week of June 17	Jim Matthews	970-773-8280
Week of June 24	Susan Barton	970-250-5547



## Preaching During Pastor Brad's Sabbatical

### **April**

April 8<sup>th</sup> Beth Sherry

April 15<sup>th</sup> Brad Krebill

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Hymn Sing- Melanie Ferron

April 29<sup>th</sup> Susan Barton

### **May**

May 6<sup>th</sup> Lily Fitch

May 13<sup>th</sup> Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes

May 20<sup>th</sup> Melanie Ferron

May 27<sup>th</sup> Susan Barton

### **June**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Melanie Ferron

June 10<sup>th</sup> Al Baumgartle

June 17<sup>th</sup> Cole Barton

June 24<sup>th</sup> Susan Barton

### **July**

July 1st Josh Barton



# Announcements

## Stay Informed:

### Pastor Brad is Taking a 3-Month Sabbatical

#### What is a Sabbatical?

Based on the biblical spirit of sabbatical rest, a pastoral sabbatical is an opportunity for a pastor to take time away from the 24/7 responsibilities of pastoral ministry. It's not a vacation. It's not sick leave. It's something else; it's a time to rest, further connect with God, and emerge refreshed for ministry.

#### When?

Pastor Brad's Sabbatical will begin the day after Easter, April 2, 2018 and conclude July 2, 2018.

#### Why 3 Months, and Why Now?

The straightforward answer to both of these questions is that it's in our pastors' Letters of Call and contracts with FCCGJ to receive 3 months of sabbatical time after 5 years of service.

#### Who Will be Leading While pastor Brad is Away?

There's no short answer to this question. Each of Pastor Brad's responsibilities will be assumed by different leaders, a combination of Pastor Melanie, the Elders, the Cabinet, and other leaders.



### A little comparison:

#### FOOD BANK

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan	158	177
Feb	152	142
Mar	193	170

So far in 2018 we are 14 lbs. less than 2017. Be sure to help the Food Bank in April!



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





# Announcements **Save the Date-**

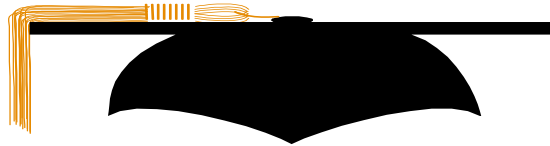
April 28, 2018

## This Saturday!!!



We will be doing our Annual Sharefest project again at the Grand View Apartments. Helping the residences with some cleaning , repair work, and maybe wash a few cars.. Sign up sheets will be on the information desk in the Fellowship Hall.. Please come and join us showing Christ Love to our neighbors..

Outreach Ministry



### Honoring Our Graduates

### Sunday, May 27th

Do you have a Graduate in your family? If you have a graduate from High School, Trade School, College or the Armed Forces, we would like to honor them at Worship on May 27th. Please place this form in the offering plate or get the names to Melanie or the Office before 20th.

There will be a reception for our High School graduates during coffee mingle that day and we would like them to bring items for a display—senior pictures, awards mementos etc... anything they would like to share.

Graduate's name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Relationship to Graduate \_\_\_\_\_



# Announcements & Thanks

The beautiful flowers in the pots at the north east door were planted by John Moore and his mother Marie. It is a lovely gift to us all. Thanks, John and Marie



A special thanks to Nancy Claussen, Lois Dunning, Jo Laughlin, Norma Lavelett, and Carol Matthews for helping dust and oil in the sanctuary just before Easter. A great gift of your time. Thanks, Joyce



Congratulations to Ron Velarde! *The Daily Sentinel* reports that he has been appointed to the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority board.



Some delicious soups were created and served for this year's Lenten Lunches . Thanks to all of you for providing this nourishment. Also, thanks to all who gave a monetary donation. A total of \$141 were received which will be used to buy coffee and cookies for Coffee Mingle. These Wednesday soup and devotions have enhanced our journey to the cross. -- Membership



## HORSESHOES PITCHES

If there is anyone at FCC that would be interested in playing or learning to play horseshoes, please contact Al Baumgartle at Church or call at 314-4694. I would like to see if we could form a non-sanctioned league. This is open to anyone, men, woman and youth of any age and abilities.



## From The Bookshelf



The FCC Bookworms traveled down "The River of Doubt" with Theodore Roosevelt in 1913. It was an arduous trip with lots of setbacks, adventure, and discovery. Roosevelt was persuaded to travel an uncharted river in Brazil with his son, a doctor, an ornithologist, Brazil's famous explorer and others. We learned a lot about the flora and fauna of that part of Brazil and the additional dangers from the indigenous peoples. Roosevelt almost died on the trip, but with the aid of the determined party, he was brought out alive with quite a story to tell. The author, Candice Millard, also wrote "Destiny of a Republic" about President Garfield, which we have also recently read. We thoroughly enjoyed these stories, and you will too!



# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Dee Johnson
Brenda Armstrong	Ed Jones
Clara Arroyo	Nora Juette
Pam Baumgartle	Jean Kees
Lois Braun	Hailer Kellog
Sandy & Tim Brown	Peggy Lawler
Carolyn Bryant	Betty Learned
Tim Burke	Mike Loehring
Amy Burns	Blanche Marshall
Howard Coltfelter	Cecilia Massey
Chuck Cummings	Dorothy Mitchell
Carol Jean Daniel	Faye Morosini
Dannielle	Nash
Dennis	Nathan
Dennis & Family	Brian Neukman
Helen Dillard	Louise Oliver
Earn Eachus	Carol Perry
Kat Edwards	Peggy Pratt
JoAnne Eggers	Steve Pratt
Larry Eggers	Janice Riches and Family
Vicki Gassman	Oscar Aaron Rodriguez
Ethel Goebel	Diana & Memesio Rodriguez
Bill Graham	The Family of Rose
Kyle Graham	Paul Scanga
Tony Gurento and Family	Dr. and Mrs. Schwartz
David & Vickie Hagan	John Sherry
Connie Hawley	Gary Steed
Jason Hawley	Lois Stouffer
JoAnne Hill	Terry
Ethel Hoffman	Wes & Helen Wade
Eleanor Hubbell	Alice Wieseler
Thomas Hunn	





# FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

## April 29, 2018

### Elder

Susan Barton

### Deacon

Dorothy Mitchell

### Greeter

Dorothy Mitchell

### Preacher

Susan Barton

## May 6, 2018

### Elder

Lily Fitch

### Deacon

Brad Krebill

### Greeter

Brad Krebill

### Preacher

Lily Fitch

## May 13, 2018

### Elder

Suzanne Andrew

### Deacon

Norma Lavelett

### Greeter

Norma Lavelett

### Preacher

Re. Joan Bell-Haynes

## May 20, 2018

### Elder

Susan Barton

### Deacon

Dennis Edwards

### Greeter

Dennis Edwards

### Preacher

Melanie Ferron

## **April 29, 2018**

## **5th Sunday**

### Worship Leader

Joyce Wittwer

### Offering Elder

Jim Matthews

### Communion Elder

Carol Matthews

### Greeter

Melanie Ferron

Jeanne Klitzke

Carol Steed

### Preparing Diaconate

Ray Farrell

### Serving Diaconate

Wes Wade

Jerry Francis

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

### Coffee Mingle

Melanie Ferron

### Van Drivers

TBD

### Keyboard

Beth Sherry

### Collection Team

Lois Dunning

Grace Farrell

### Preacher

Susan Barton

## **May 6, 2018**

## **1st Sunday**

### Worship Leader

Beth Sherry

### Offering Elder

Carol Matthews

### Communion Elder

Jim Matthews

### Greeter

Janice Swank

JoAnne/Larry Eggers

Dorothy Rhodes

### Preparing Diaconate

Karen Lehman

### Serving Diaconate

Wes Wade

Jerry Francis

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

### Coffee Mingle

Ruth Acord

Jeanice Swank

### Van Driver

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

### Keyboard

Paula Schaffer

### Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Rieck Claussen

### Preacher

Lily Fitch

## **May 13, 2018**

## **2nd Sunday**

### Worship Leader

Riecke Claussen

### Offering Elder

Kathy Gardner

### Communion Elder

Leonard Gardner

### Greeter

Bob Wise

Alice Wiesler

Josh Barton

### Preparing Diaconate

Alice Wieseler

### Serving Diaconate

Bob Wise

Al Ladage

Josh Barton

Cole Barton

### Coffee Mingle

Lamar Edwards

Joyce Wittwer

### Van Driver

Jerry Francis

### Keyboard

Lily Fitch

### Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

### Preacher

Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes

## **May 20, 2018**

## **3rd Sunday**

### Worship Leader

Beverly Dorson

### Offering Elder

Al Baumgartle

### Communion Elder

Chuck Haigler

### Greeter

Dennis Edwards

Ruth Acord

Gloria Jeffery

### Preparing Diaconate

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

### Serving Diaconate

David Morgan

Doug Bryant

Carolyn Bryant

Nancy Claussen

### Coffee Mingle

Gloria Jeffery

Beverly Dorson

### Van Driver

Leonard Gardner

Kathy Gardner

### Keyboard

Beth Sherry

### Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

### Preacher

Melanie Ferron

# Church Calendar of Events - April 26, 2018— May 22, 2018

**Thursday April 26, 2018**

\*\*\*\*Crosswords \*\*\*\*

6:00 pm Praise Team

**Friday April 27, 2018**

8:00 am CAPA

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

**Saturday April 28, 2018**

8:00 am Sharefest– Grandview  
Apartments

2:00 pm Memorial Service– Alice  
Peterson

**Sunday April 29, 2018**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship  
9:30 am Traditional Sunday School  
10:50 am Traditional Worship  
12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

**Monday April 30, 2018**

10:30 am Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

**Tuesday May 1, 2018**

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group  
12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch  
5:00 pm Healthy Living  
6:00 pm Night'ngals

**Wednesday May 2, 2018**

10:00 am Morning Bible Study  
3:30 pm Parkinson's Support Group  
6:00 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship  
Meal–Leonard Gardner  
6:30 pm Youth Group  
6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

**Thursday May 3, 2018**

\*\*\*\*Crosswords Deadline\*\*\*\*

9:30 am Ruth Group  
1:30 pm Dorcas Group  
6:00 pm Praise Team  
6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Board

**Friday May 4, 2018**

12:00 pm PEO Tea Set-up

**Saturday May 5, 2018**

2:00 pm PEO Tea

**Sunday May 6, 2018**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship  
9:30 am Traditional Sunday School  
10:00 am Contemporary Sunday  
School  
10:50 am Traditional Worship  
12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

**Monday May 7, 2018**

10:30 am Staff Meeting  
1:30 pm FCC Bookworms (Last one  
for the summer)  
7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

**Tuesday May 8, 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 May 9, 2018**

9:30 am Newcomers Group  
10:00 am Morning Bible Study  
3:30 pm Parkinson's Support Group  
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 May 10, 2018**

\*\*\*\*Crosswords \*\*\*\*  
1:30 pm CWF(DW) General  
5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministry  
6:00 pm Praise Team

**Friday May 11, 2018**

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

**Sunday May 13, 2018**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship  
9:30 am Traditional Sunday School  
10:00 am Contemporary Sunday  
School  
10:50 am Traditional Worship  
12:15 pm Coffee Mingle  
12:30 pm Mother's Day Celebration

1230 pm Elders Meeting

**Monday May 14, 2018**

10:30 am Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

**Tuesday May 15, 2018**

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group  
12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch  
5:00 pm Healthy Living

**Wednesday May 16, 2018**

10:00 am Morning Bible Study  
6:00 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship  
Meal–David Morgan  
6:30 pm Youth Group  
6:30 pm Evening Bible Stud

**Thursday May 17, 2018**

\*\*\*\*Crosswords Deadline \*\*\*\*

6:00 pm Praise Team

**Saturday May 19, 2018**

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

**Sunday May 20, 2018**

9:00 am Contemporary Worship  
9:30 am Traditional Sunday School  
10:00 am Contemporary Sunday  
School  
10:50 am Traditional Worship  
12:15 pm Coffee Mingle  
4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting

**Monday May 21, 2018**

9:00 am CWU  
10:30 am Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

**Tuesday May 22, 2018**

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group  
10:00 am Friends Going Forward  
12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch  
5:00 pm Healthy Living