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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

What is worship? Worship is to honor with extravagant love and extreme submission. (Webster's 1828) Psalms 96:1-6 says "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary." One of the songs the Praise Team sings is called "The Heart of Worship"; the words are, "When the music fades and all is stripped away, and I simply come, longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart. I'll bring You more than a song for a song in itself is not what You have required. You search much deeper with in, through the way things appear, You are looking into my heart. I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You, it's all about you Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You, it's all about You Jesus. King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve. Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, every single breath. I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what is required. You search much deeper within, through the way things appear, You're looking into my heart. I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You Jesus."

The task of the worship committee is to help the pastors with providing the regular and special worship services throughout the year. Our goal is to make a meaningful worship experience for all to have a closer connection with God and Jesus. We have made several changes over the past several years with the hope in mind to enhance the worship experience. Sometimes change is not easy but necessary so we move from our comfort zone and hopefully allow God to work in and through us to do the things He wants done and not just what is comfortable for us. With change comes the opportunity to see our worship of God in a different light and be more aware of what it is we are supposed to be doing in worship and our service to God by praising and honoring Him and opening our hearts to his leading to see not only what he wants from us individually but as a church as well.

In the book the whole church is supposed to be studying "Tending to Eden" there is a description of worship, a part of which I would like to share." Worship is meant to be part of the whole created order. The worship was fashioned in love, to embody and proclaim the worthiness and glory of our Creator in all relationships; toward God, our neighbors, ourselves, and the earth. The song of creation is meant to magnify the beauty, order, imagination, and purposes of our God. This requires appropriate use of the power God has placed in creation- and within human beings in particular. In order for worship to be renewed we must realign power for life-giving, creation-honoring purposes so our lives will again attend to what matters to God, so our relationships will be renewed, and so every part of creation can freely sing the glory God is due."

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# Birthdays, Announcements



## FCC Birthdays

May 10	Al Baumgartle
May 10	Alice Else
May 10	Johnny Cowen
May 13	Norma Lavelett
May 15	Addie Meders
May 16	Josh Barton
May 17	Jeanne Klitzke
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
June 3	Blanche Marshall
June 3	John Moore
June 4	Wes Wade
June 8	Cecil Jackson
June 8	Jo Laughlin



## FCC Anniversaries

May 14	Al & Else Ladage
May 18	Brad & Susan Barton



FCCGJ again saved 10 lbs of batteries from the landfill !!



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 17th

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



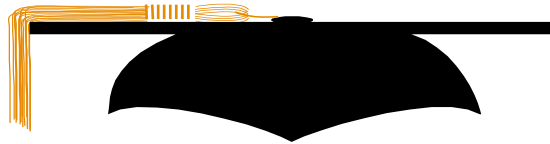
# Announcements

A little comparison:

## FOOD BANK

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan	158	177
Feb	152	142
Mar	193	170
Apr	343	240

Box top and Education Labels are being readied to send to the Tennyson Center for Children in Denver. Gather up those loose labels and place in the gray box on the Information Table. It takes only a few seconds to cut the labels out of the products you use. Do this for the kids!!!



## 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

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It doesn't seem to matter what our age is young, middle, or old, God has a purpose for us at all the stages of our life. Not only that He wants us to worship and praise Him as well. It would almost seem that the older we are the more we could easily worship and praise Him considering experience and time. When we think or say I didn't get much out of that service today the question should be who was I worshiping, praising and glorifying during the worship service. Worshiping and praising I think are action verbs which means we need to be doing something, some kind of action whether it's mental or physical in order to participate in a worship service. It could also mean listening. I believe everyone who participates in any of our worship services has gone before God asking for guidance and direction for what Gods wants to be done or said on His behalf during the worship service. The participants in our services are conveying information, love, wisdom, guidance, insight, vision, and direction from God to us for our daily walk with him; not just giving us their own gospel. I am hoping as we go through this time of sabbatical and we get to experience God's voice through others we will take the opportunity to examine more fully why and how we are personally worshiping God in our worship service now and in the future.

Praising God, Nancy Armbruster Worship Chairman



## From The Bookshelf



“The Scalpel and the Silver Bear” by Lori Arvio Alvord, M.D. gave the FCC Bookworms insight into what was required to buck the system for a Navajo woman in the 1980s as she attended Stanford University and became a surgeon. Her story shows how she was able to combine her high-tech education with the traditional ways of her people to best serve her patients. A research of her on the Internet provides her additional accomplishments beyond her book which was written in 1999. Available in the library.



We invite you to celebrate the graduation of our daughter Emme Noel Brown from Fruita Monument High School

Graduation Ceremony: Tuesday May 15, 2018  
Stocker Stadium 7 p.m.

You are invited to a graduation celebration on Sunday May 13, 2018 at the Canyon View Park Tennis Shelter between 3 & 6 p.m.

RSVP by May 7th  
Emme 970-712-2921 Connie 970-250-8626

*Fruita*



# Thanks & Announcements

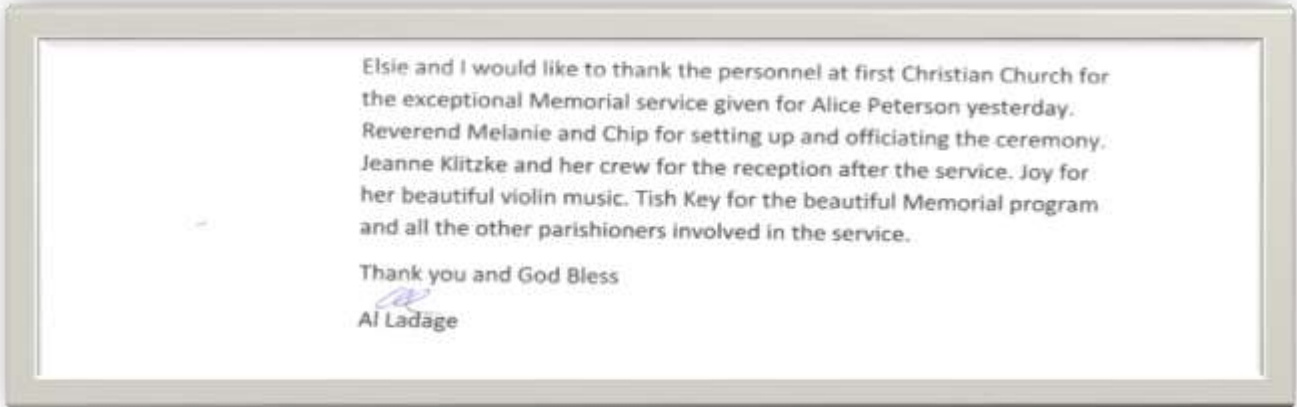


*I pray that He will bless you  
for each thoughtful thing you do  
And send reminders every day  
of His great love for you.*

*Elsie and I so appreciate the personal attention  
given to the Memorial Service for Alice.*

*Please accept our heartfelt thanks.*

*Al Ladage  
Elsie Ladage*



I would Like to thank every member of FCC for all the support during the past months. Thank you for all the phone calls, food, prayers and thoughts. Thank you to the Church members who helped with the food after Helen's funeral and thank you to all who helped make Helen's funeral special.

Wes



**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.



# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Richard Hughes
Brenda Armstrong	Gary Hunt
Pam Baumgartle	Dee Johnson
Lois Braun	Ed Jones
Carolyn Bryant	Nora Julette
Tim Burke	Jean Kees
Amy Burns	Hailer Kellog
Brock Cobent	Barbara Kinion
Howard Coltfelter	Peggy Lawler
Chuck Cummings	Betty Learned
Carol Jean Daniel	Mike Loehring
Dannielle	Blanche Marshall
Helen Dillard	Cecilia Massey
Earn Eachus	Melody McPeck
Kat Edwards	Dorothy Mitchell
JoAnne Eggers	Faye Morosini
Larry Eggers	Nash
Vicki Gassman	Nathan
Ethel Goebel	Brian Neukman
Bill Graham	Louise Oliver
Kyle Graham	Carol Perry
Tony Gurento and Family	Steve Pratt
David & Vickie Hagan	Dorothy Rhodes
Connie Hawley	Paul Scanga
Jason Hawley	John Sherry
JoAnne Hill	Lois Stouffer
Ethel Hoffman	Terry
Eleanor Hubbell	Wes Wade and Family





# FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

## May 13, 2018

### Elder

Suzanne Andrew

### Deacon

Brad Krebill

### Greeter

Brad Krebill

### Preacher

Rev Joan Bell– Haynes

## May 20, 2018

### Elder

Susan Barton

### Deacon

Dennis Edwards

### Greeter

Dennis Edwards

### Preacher

Melanie Ferron

## May 27, 2018

### Elder

Al Baumgartle

### Deacon

Dennis Edwards

### Greeter

Dennis Edwards

### Preacher

Susan Barton

## June 3, 2018

### Elder

Lily Fitch

### Deacon

Brad Krebill

### Greeter

Brad Krebill

### Preacher

Melanie Ferron

## May 13, 2018

## 2nd Sunday

### Worship Leader

Beth Sherry

### 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

## May 27, 2018

## 4th Sunday

### Worship Leader

Pam Baumgartle

### Offering Elder

Lois Dunning

### Communion Elder

Beth Sherry

### Greeter

Leonard Gardner

David Morgan

Karen Lehman

### Preparing Diaconate

Marian Velarde

### Serving Diaconate

JoAnne Eggers

Jeanne Klitzke

Ruth Acord

Jodi Gabel

### Coffee Mingle

Melanie Ferron

### Van Drivers

TBD

### Keyboard

Ray Farrell

### Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

### Preacher

Susan Barton

## June 3, 2018

## 1st Sunday

### Worship Leader

Al Baumgartle

### Offering Elder

Jim Mathews

### Communion Elder

Carol Matthews

### Greeter

Melanie Ferron

Nancy Claussen

Riecke Claussen

### 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

### Preacher

Melanie Ferron

# Church Calendar of Events - May 10, 2018— June 11, 2018

## 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 Study

## Thursday May 17, 2018

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

6:00 pm Praise Team

## Saturday May 19, 2018

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

8:30 am RMSCS 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 Group

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

## Wednesday May 23, 2018

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Youth Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

## Thursday May 24, 2018

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

1:30 pm CWF Executive Meeting

6:00 pm Praise Team

## Friday May 25, 2018

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

## Sunday May 27, 2018

\*\*\*\*Graduation 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

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

## Monday May 28, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday May 29, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

12:00 pm Lessons at Lunch

5:00 pm Healthy Living

## Wednesday May 30, 2018

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

## Thursday May 17, 2018

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

6:00 pm Praise Team

## Sunday June 3, 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 June 4, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday June 5, 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

6:00 pm Night'ngals

## Wednesday June 6, 2018

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

3:30 pm Parkinson Support Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

## Thursday June 7, 2018

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

9:30 am Ruth Group

1:30 pm Dorcas Group

6:00 pm Praise Team

6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Group

## Friday June 8, 2018

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

## Sunday June 10, 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

1230 pm Elders Meeting

