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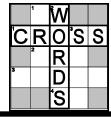
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# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

# 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

Rev. Melanie Ferron Associate Minister

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

### I'm Back: A Note from My Journey

I'm back! Thank you to First Christian Church, Grand Junction, all of you, for the gift of sabbatical. I anticipated it would be a time of transformation, but I could not have imagined how significant the transformation would be for me. I return renewed and invigorated to lead you forward in our journey together of discovering and living into God's vision for us as congregation!

I've mentioned to most of you that I kept a journal of reflections while on my sabbatical journey, a journal I intend to share with you fully (but it's already 134 pages and growing because some of my thoughts contained therein aren't fully expressed just yet.) I'd like to share with you now my thoughts upon returning from a solitary cabin in the mountains following the first week; hopefully, these reflections will help our conversation together as I try to share with you all that has happened:

I really enjoyed my week alone with God in the mountains. It took some time to get used to being so isolated, for sure, but once I got used to it, I realized I could stay that way for a while; I realized that living outside my comfort zone isn't such a bad thing. At the same time, I was ready to talk to people again.

I was ready to talk to people again; yet, once I arrived home, it was more difficult than I expected to talk to people. My family was ready and waiting for me with open arms. Susan, Cole, and Josh wanted to hear all about my trip and my inner discoveries, but I wasn't quite ready to share them. Internally, I felt like I had all these things ready to spill out like a waterfall, but everytime I started to talk, the words didn't come out as I intended. I couldn't explain exactly what happened. I couldn't adequately describe the thoughts and feelings of my journey.

The happenings of transformational space can be like that. I'm starting to wonder if the same thing will happen in three months when I return to First Christian Church. Will I be bombarded with questions about my experience (s) but unable to respond? Probably. Maybe that's the way it's supposed to be. Maybe God reserves the fulness of the gifts of what happens in a particular transformational space to one person, or maybe God desires the fullness of the gifts of what happens in a particular transformational space to be shared with others over a period of time. I suppose I'll find out.

As the coming months unfold before us, I look forward to finding out. Please ask me all the questions you want to ask me. Please be patient if it takes me time to find the right words to respond.

- Pastor Brad

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# Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements

Biuhday	FCC Birthday
July 19	Doug Bryant
⁵ July 21	Susan Meders
July 24	William Edwards
July 24	Dorothy Mitchell
⁵ July 25	Tammy Maxwell
July 29	T'Anni Meders
⊳ Aug. 1	Melinda Mitchell
Aug. 4	Virginia Johnson
Aug. 6	Chuck Haigler
⊳ Aug. 6	Bob Wise
Aug. 10	Dorothy Ruth
Aug. 10	Earn Eachus
► Aug. 10	<b>Tony Guarente</b>
Aug. 12	Ryder Stauffer
Aug. 13	Robert Ruth Jr.
► Aug. 14	Riecke Claussen
Aug. 14	<b>Ebany James</b>
Aug. 15	Paula Schaffer
► Aug. 28	Mason Stauffer

# **FCC Anniversaries**

July 19	Charles & Virginia Johnson
Aug. 4	Gene & Norma Matteson
Aug. 5	Terry & Jo Laughlin
Aug. 9	Keith & Joan White
Aug. 14	Don & Jeannie Klitzke
Aug. 15	Doug & Carolyn Bryant
Aug. 16	Marvin & Paula Schaffer
Aug. 25	Greg & Beth Sherry
Aug 30	Riecke & Nancy Claussen

# A Little Comparison

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	Food Bank			
age of	2017	2018		
Jan.	#158	#177		
Feb.	#152	#142		
Mar.	#193	#170		
Apr.	#343	#240		
May	#331	#100		
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#### **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. Please review the information, make necessary changes, and return it to the office as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us with this project.

# UR FIREFIGHTERS NEED OUR HELP!!!

We will be collecting water and sports drinks to donate to our local Fire Departments.

This is a great way to help in our community. Outreach Ministry.

# **Announcements**

### **Demolition Day**

On July 29th @ 1:00 pm we will be removing the old tile in the Fellowship hall and could really use some help, we are also asking that you bring any tools that you think might make this job easier (safety glasses, wheelbarrows, sledge hammers) **Thank-you** 

# Our Homeward Bound Ministry Needs Your Help!

Recently, several of the people in our congregation who have regularly and faithfully responded to Jesus' call to feed the hungry have moved away from Grand Junction or have experienced family illnesses and cannot regularly serve at this time.

In order to continue this vital ministry, we need YOUR HELP!

If you could help out **just once a month on the second Thursdays** (or even just a few times a year), we can continue to feed to hungry at Homeward Bound. We need:

- Help preparing potato casseroles (you can do this at home);
- Help assembling the salad and fruit (we do this in the church kitchen after CWF General each month);
- Help serving the meal (beginning at 5p.m. at Homeward Bound)

Please prayerfully consider how you can serve God through this important ministry! When you have discerned how you are called to serve, please sign up on the Homeward Bound Sign-up Sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

- Pastor Brad

# **Announcements**



On Sunday, August 22, David Hawley, Greg and I, plus my sister Margie and six others from Grand Junction are leaving for our two week mission trip to El Salvador. I can't thank you enough for your financial help for the mission and for all the prayers we will feel when we are gone. We have enough for 2 houses just from our church. Pat yourselves on the back! We will also finish building the playing field that was financed by people at Koinonia, and the kitchen which was funded with grants and a fundraiser effort from Louisiana.

My family will begin the healing process after losing our sister by helping others. I truly think that will help. She was very supportive of our cause because she spent two summers in Honduras when she was in high school on a medical mission. She knew the hardships our sisters and brothers in Central America face.

I am sad John can't be part of our group this year, but he is still undergoing dialysis 3 evenings a week. He is hoping to get a kidney soon. Someone is being tested (we don't know who) now who is a promising candidate. He has already begun to raise money for next year when he is hoping to have his health restored and he can build a classroom for the school in Las Trincheras.

Watch our progress on Facebook. ESNA Village network.

With love for you all, Beth

### **CROSSWORDS!**

#### next deadline is...

Thursday, July 26th
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**

**Elders Meeting** 

REWINDER

Sunday, August 5th @ 12:30 pm

**Board Meeting** 



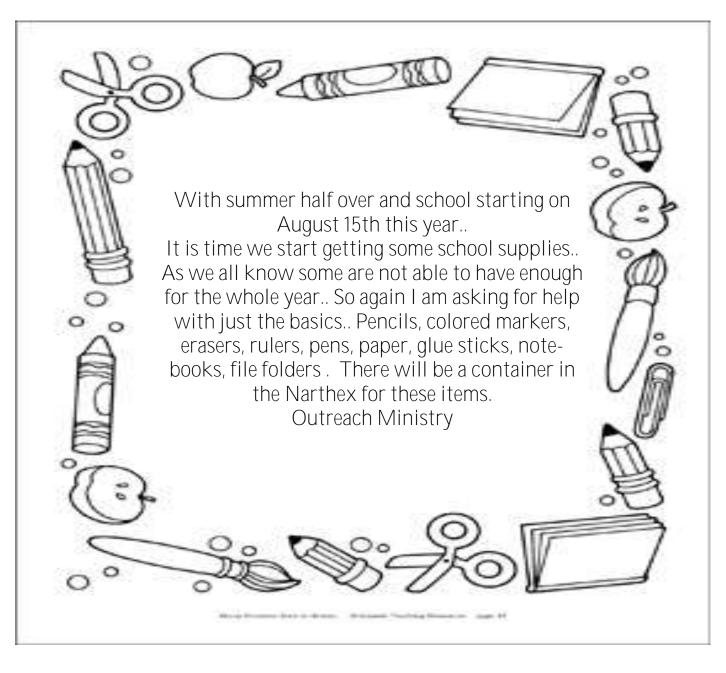
Sunday August 19th @

@ 4:00 pm



Saturday, July 21st

@ 8 am



### **Thanks**

My heart is still breaking over the loss of my dear, funny, kind, loving sister. The only thing that makes that grief bearable is that I know she is in the arms of God and there is no better place to be.

Thank you so much for your kind cards of sympathy. I love and miss you all! Beth Sherry

"I would like to THANK all my church family & friends for all of the Prayers, Cards & Calls since my surgery. You have been a positive influence on my healing.

Thank you, Again.

Carol Matthews"



May, 17 2018

Dear First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),

On behalf of all of us at HomewardBound I want to thank you for your gift of \$41.66 received on 05/07/2018. This donation benefits men, women, and children by allowing them access to the vital food, shelter and other basic support they need to survive in our community. Every single dollar does make a difference.

Your kindness not only keeps the shelter running but also ensures the safety of our community's most vulnerable members. And—most importantly— this gift helps many of these individuals and families to break the cycle of perpetual homelessness.

You mean so much to all of us. Thank you for your support!

Yours in service,

Ashley Giese

Accountant

# **FCC Prayer Concerns**

### "Pray without ceasing."

### I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen Nora Juette

Brenda Armstrong Jean Kees

Clara Arroyo Hailer Kellog

Carolyn Bryant Kathy King

Amy Burns Barbara Kinion

Howard Coltfelter Peggy Lawler

Chuck Cummings Betty Learned

Carol Jean Daniel Mike Loehring

Dannielle Cecilia Massey

Helen Dillard Melody McPeck

Earn Eachus David Morgan

Kat Edwards Faye Morosini

JoAnne Eggers Nathan

Larry Eggers Brian Neukman

Sheana Emerson Louise Oliver

Vicki Gassman Susie Peach

Tony Gurente and Family Carol Perry

David & Vickie Hagan Steve Pratt

Connie Hawley Dorothy Rhodes

Jason Hawley Paul Scanga

John Sherry

Ethel Hoffman Lois Stouffer

Eleanor Hubbell Terry

Gary Hunt Wes Wade

Dee Johnson

Ed Jones

### **FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS**

	July 22, 2018	4th Sunday	
NO First Service		ip on this day, regular wors s will be contacted by leade	
L.L. 20, 2040	July 29, 2018	5th Sunday	
July 29, 2018	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Coffee Mingle
<u>Elder</u>	Lois Dunning	Riecke Claussen	Jeannie Klitzke
Al Baumgartle	Offering Elder	Nancy Claussen	Jeanice Swank
<u>Deacon</u>	Leonard Gardner	Serving Diaconate	Van Driver
Norma Lavelett	Communion Elder	Bob Wise	TBD
<u>Greeter</u>	Kathy Gardner	Al Ladage	<u>Keyboard</u>
Audrey Richardson	Greeter	Jeanette West	Ray Farrell
	Cole Barton	Cole Barton	Collection Team
	David Morgan		Lois Dunning
	Gloria Jeffery		Grace Farrell
August 5, 2018	August 5, 2018	1st Sunday	
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Deacon Brad Krebill		<u> </u>	<u>Keyboard</u> Paula Schaffer
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<u><b>Deacon</b></u> Brad Krebill	Lois Dunning  Communion Elder	Wes Wade Jerry Francis	Paula Schaffer
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## Church Calendar of Events - July 19, 2018 — August 26, 2018

#### Thursday July 19, 2018

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

6:00 pm Praise Team

#### Friday July 20, 2018

9:00 am Son Mountain Retreat

2:00 pm Camp Good Grief

#### Saturday July 21, 2018

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

8:30 am RMCSC CPE group

12:30 pm Territorial Daughters Group

#### **Sunday July 22, 2018**

10:50 am Worship at the Cabin

10:50 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

2:00 pm End Son Mountain Retreat

#### Monday July 23, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

#### Tuesday July 24, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

5:00 pm Healthy Living

#### Thursday July 26, 2018

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

6:00 pm Praise Team

#### Friday July 27, 2018

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

6:00 pm Civil Air Patrol Potluck Dinner

#### **Sunday July 29, 2018**

\*\*\*\*Food Bank Sunday\*\*\*\*

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

#### Monday July 30, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

#### **Tuesday July 31, 2018**

\*\*\*\* Pastor Brad out of Office\*\*\*\*

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

5:00 pm Healthy Living

#### Wednesday August 1, 2018

3:30 pm Parkinson Support Group

#### **Thursday August 2, 2018**

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

6:00 pm Praise Team

6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Board

#### Saturday August 4, 2018

7:00 am Western Co. Amateur Radio Club

#### Sunday August 5, 2018

\*\*\*\* Pastor Brad Off\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*Ray Farrell Preaching\*\*\*\*

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

12:30 pm Elders Meeting

#### Monday August 6, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

#### Tuesday August 7, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

5:00 pm Healthy Living

6:00 pm Night' ngals

#### Wednesday August 8, 2018

9:30 am Newcomers Group

7:00 pm Co. West Quilters Guild

#### Thursday August 9, 2018

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

1:30 pm CWF(DW) General

5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministries

6:00 pm Praise Team

#### Friday August 10, 2018

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

#### Sunday August 12, 2018

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

1230 pm Lois Braun Memorial Service 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

#### Monday August 13, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

#### Tuesday August 14, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

1:30 pm PEO Chapter Meeting

5:00 pm Healthy Living

#### Thursday August 16, 2018

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

8:00 am Life Line Screening

6:00 pm Praise Team

#### Saturday August 18, 2018

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

8:30 am RMCSC CPE Group

12:00 pm Territorial Daughters

Meeting

#### Sunday August 19, 2018

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

4:00 pm BoardMeeting

#### Monday August 20, 2018

9:30 am CWU Group

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

#### Tuesday August 21, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

5:00 pm Healthy Living

#### Thursday August 23, 2018

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

1:30 pm CWF(DW) Executive Meeting

6:00 pm Praise Team

#### Friday August 24, 2018

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

#### Sunday August 26, 2018

\*\*\*\* Food Bank Sunday\*\*\*\*

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship