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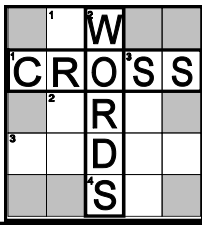
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

**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

Rev. Melanie Ferron

Associate Minister

Paula Schaffer, Pianist

Tish Key, Secretary

John Moore, Custodian

Steps to Hope: Make A Difference for God

In the very near future, you're going to see some words on banners and signs all around the church building and property: "Make a Difference for God!"

I've been preaching about hope since my return from sabbatical, and I've been using these newsletter articles to offer concrete things you can do to help live into God's hope for FCCGJ...and for you, individually. In my last article, I suggested the first and most important thing to do is PRAY.

This week, I offer a second step that is an extension of the first. In your prayers, ask God to direct you to what you can do to make a difference for God. When you do things out of your Christian identity, your church identity, that make a difference for God, you will naturally exude excitement and a passionate sense of purpose. God built you that way. When you do things to make a difference for God, other people will notice your enthusiasm and passion, and they will want to do the kinds of things you are doing. Little by little, our collective decisions to make a difference for God, and our work to invite other people into making a difference for God, WILL transform this congregation!

I encourage you to start praying, right now, asking God how God is directing YOU to make a difference for God. No matter your age, no matter your physical ability or mental capacity, God is calling and equipping you, right now, to make a difference for God and to lead others to do the same. How will you respond?

- Pastor Brad

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements



FCC Birthday



Aug. 28	Mason Stauffer
Sept. 1	Miles Brekke
Sept. 2	Les Armbruster
Sept.3	Joan White
Sept. 4	Connie Hawley
Sept. 4	Brad Krebill
Sept. 5	Louise Oliver
Sept. 6	Molly Lewis
Sept. 6	Gary Steed
Sept. 9	Curtis Rosencrans
Sept. 9	Bo Han
Sept. 10	Ron Velarde
Sept. 12	Gene Matteson
Sept. 14	Eleanor Hubbell



FCC Anniversaries



Aug. 16	Marvin & Paula Schaffer
Aug. 25	Greg & Beth Sherry
Aug. 30	Riecke & Nancy Claussen

A Little Comparison Food Bank

	2017	2018
Jan.	#158	#177
Feb.	#152	#142
Mar.	#193	#170
Apr.	#343	#240
May	#331	#100
June	#464	#223

Notice:

I would like to thank everyone that has taken the time to complete and turn in their 2018 personal information paperwork . I am trying to finish up this project so if you have not turned in your 2018 personal information to the office will you please do so.

Thank-you Tish

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday, Aug. 23rd

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.

Address Correction:

Carol & Jim Matthews
3087 Aberdeen Ln.
Grand Junction, Co 81504
(Carol would like you to call their cell phones not the home phone)

New Address:

Ripa, Nicholas
33050 Nixie Way, Box 553
San Diego, CA. 92147

GOD'S CREATION

Do you feel blessed to live in Colorado? Hopefully you do. God's most beautiful creation shines in Colorado. Everywhere you look you can see beauty.

Pastor Brad talked about our responsibility to care for God's creation. All parts of the creation, from plants and animals to our air and seas. We were given the task of caring for all of that – God's creation.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) began a "green" ministry several years ago called the **Green Chalice Program**. The purpose is to assist and encourage local congregations who wish to live out their faith by caring for God's creation.

A Creation Care Team has been assembled by Pastor Melanie to begin planning how we – First Christian Church (DOC) Grand Junction – can create a Green Chalice Program. Our Creation Care Team includes the following: Melanie and Chip Ferron; Ron and Marian Velarde; Al and Pam Baumgartle; Lois Dunning; Joyce Wittwer, and Ella James.

Curious? Watch for more information in the Crosswords, bulletin, board meeting and at other congregational gatherings.



Saturday August 18th
@ 8 am

Board Meeting



Sunday August 19th @
@ 4:00 pm

Elders Meeting



Sunday, September 9th
12:30 pm

Announcements



**Sunday,
August 26
in the Fellowship Hall**

**Come check out all the great
things happening this Fall**

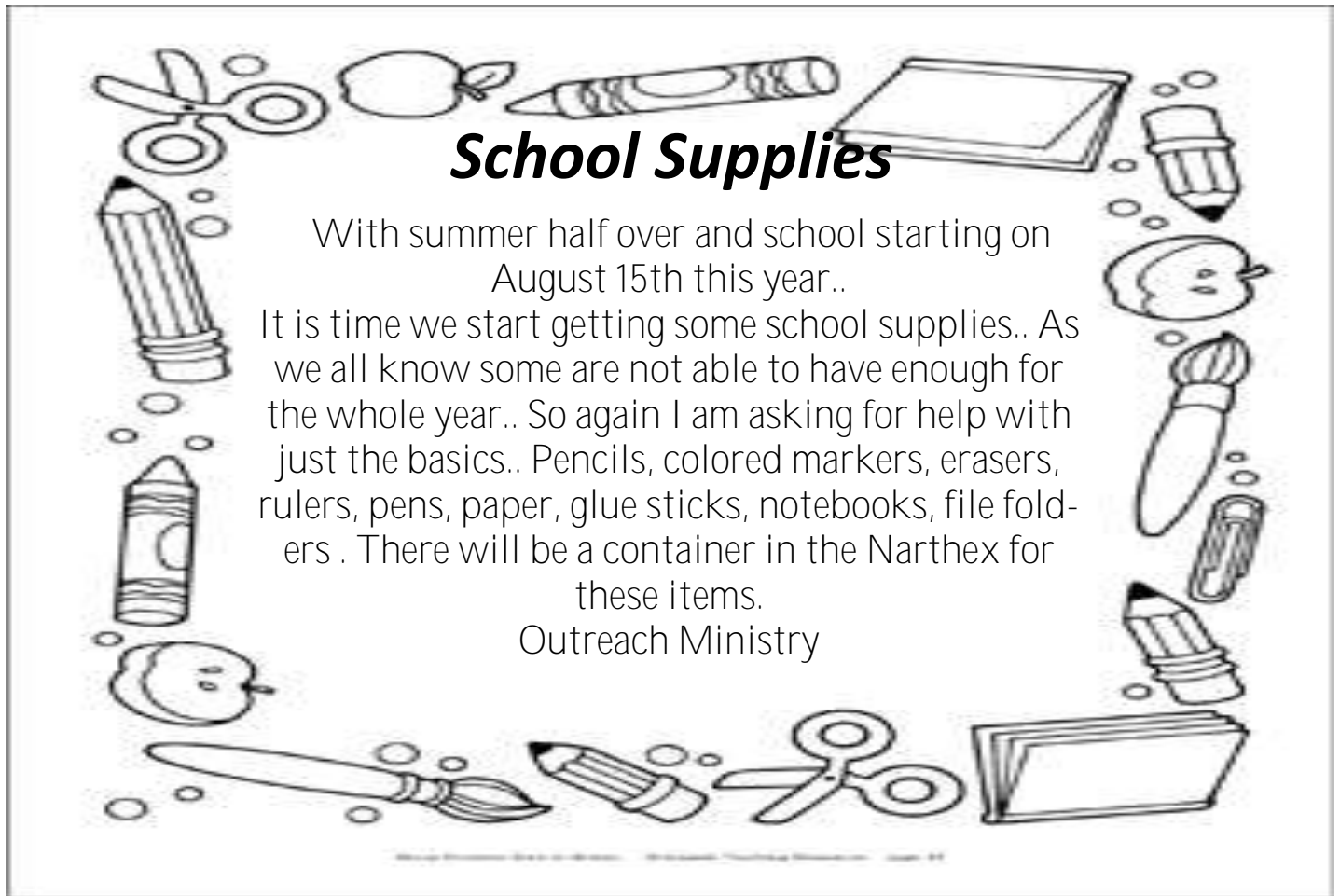
All of the small groups and ministries will have materials and information available for you to look at and the group leaders will also be available for you to talk to.



**Kick off Sunday
September 9**

As we Kick-off our new Church year all Sunday School classes and Mid-week classes will begin the week of September 9. There will also be a potluck dinner after second service that Sunday.

Announcements & Thanks



School Supplies

With summer half over and school starting on August 15th this year.. It is time we start getting some school supplies.. As we all know some are not able to have enough for the whole year.. So again I am asking for help with just the basics.. Pencils, colored markers, erasers, rulers, pens, paper, glue sticks, notebooks, file folders . There will be a container in the Narthex for these items.

Outreach Ministry

I would like to thank EVERYONE that has given me rides to the Church functions, without all of you I would not have been able to attend. I am so blessed to belong to such an amazing Church with so many amazing people.

Thank- you all soooo much!

Dorothy Rhodes

Ice Cream Social

To all that contributed to the Ice Cream Social,

THANK YOU - THANK YOU

This includes the washing and drying of all the dishes.

Membership Committee

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

Blanche Marshall's Memorial

Thank –you to all who contributed to Blanche's Memorial potluck (and you know who you are.) She would have been very pleased as she loved potlucks.

Bereavement Committee

Dear First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ:

We are very grateful for your gift of 829 pounds of food to date in 2018. It is generous donors like you who make it possible for us to be here when our neighbors need food.

We use our donated food before food that we purchase. We also stretch donations through food drives, wise purchases and help from other food agencies. With your help and other friends like you, the Community Food Bank has been the Mesa County emergency food resource for those in need for 40 years.

Together, we can provide hunger relief for those Mesa County residents going through a hard time. The Community Food Bank and loyal supporters like you make someone's life a bit brighter through donations such as the one(s) you have made to date in 2018.

Whether you have donated food or provided a monetary gift on behalf of the Community Food Bank toward supporting hunger relief in the past, or if this is your first time making a food donation, we thank you. Please contact us for more information about the food bank or how we can support your efforts going forward with hosting a food drive or another product.

Gratefully,

Marsha Kosteva

Executive Director

marshakosteva@foodbankgj.org

970-640-0336 ext. 3



FCC Prayer Concerns

“Pray without ceasing.”

I Thessalonians 5:17

Scott Allen	Kathy King
Clara Arroyo	Barbara Kinion
Jim Bennett	Jean Krenzer
Amy Burns	Peggy Lawler
Howard Coltfelter	Betty Learned
Chuck Cummings	Mike Loehring
Carol Jean Daniel	Cecilia Massey
Dannielle	Melody McPeck
Earn Eachus	David Morgan
Kat Edwards	Faye Morosini
JoAnne Eggers	Nathan
Larry Eggers	Brian Neukman
Sheana Emerson	Louise Oliver
Vicki Gassman	Judy Parks
Tony Gurento and Family	Susie Peach
David & Vickie Hagan	Carol Perry
Connie Hawley	Steve Pratt
JoAnne Hill	Dorothy Rhodes
Ethel Hoffman	Paul Scanga
Eleanor Hubbell	John Sherry
Gary Hunt	Lois Stouffer
Dee Johnson	Terry
Ed Jones	Wes Wade
Nora Juette	Joan White
Jean Kees	
Hailer Kellog	

FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

	August 19, 2018	3rd Sunday	
<p><u>Elder</u> Al Baumgartle</p> <p><u>Deacon</u> Cole Barton</p> <p><u>Greeter</u> Dorothy Mitchell</p>	<p><u>Worship Leader</u> Al Baumgartle</p> <p><u>Offering Elder</u> Leonard Gardner</p> <p><u>Communion Elder</u> Kathy Gardner</p> <p><u>Greeter</u> Carol Matthews Jim Matthews Melanie Ferron</p>	<p><u>Preparing Diaconate</u> Riecke Claussen Nancy Claussen</p> <p><u>Serving Diaconate</u> David Morgan Doug Bryant Carolyn Bryant Nancy Claussen</p> <p><u>Coffee Mingle</u> Melanie Ferron</p>	<p><u>Van Driver</u> Leonard Gardner Kathy Gardner</p> <p><u>Keyboard</u> Lily Fitch</p> <p><u>Collection Team</u> Chip Ferron Riecke Claussen</p>
	August 26, 2018	4th Sunday	
<p><u>Elder</u> Lily Fitch</p> <p><u>Deacon</u> Dennis/ Linda Edwards</p> <p><u>Greeter</u> Dennis Edwards</p>	<p><u>Worship Leader</u> Lily Fitch</p> <p><u>Offering Elder</u> Lois Dunning</p> <p><u>Communion Elder</u> Jim Matthews</p> <p><u>Greeter</u> Lily Fitch Chuck Haigler Karen Lehman</p>	<p><u>Preparing Diaconate</u> Marian Velarde</p> <p><u>Serving Diaconate</u> Marian Velarde Jeanne Klitzke Ruth Acord Jodi Gabel</p> <p><u>Coffee Mingle</u> Gloria Jeffery Beverly Dorson</p>	<p><u>Van Driver</u> TBD</p> <p><u>Keyboard</u> Ray Farrell</p> <p><u>Collection Team</u> Chip Ferron Riecke Claussen</p>
	September 2, 2018	1st Sunday	
<p><u>Elder</u> Susan Barton</p> <p><u>Deacon</u> Brad Krebill</p> <p><u>Greeter</u> Brad Krebill</p>	<p><u>Worship Leader</u> Susan Barton</p> <p><u>Offering Elder</u> Jim Matthews</p> <p><u>Communion Elder</u> Carol Matthews</p> <p><u>Greeter</u> Gloria Jeffery Jeanice Swank Lily Fitch</p>	<p><u>Preparing Diaconate</u> Karen Lehman</p> <p><u>Serving Diaconate</u> Wes Wade Jerry Francis Jeanice Swank Yvonne Warner</p> <p><u>Coffee Mingle</u> TBD</p>	<p><u>Van Driver</u> Terry Laughlin Jo Laughlin</p> <p><u>Keyboard</u> Paula Schaffer</p> <p><u>Collection Team</u> Chip Ferron Riecke Claussen</p>
	September 9, 2018	2nd Sunday	
<p><u>Elder</u> Susan Barton</p> <p><u>Deacon</u> Norma Lavelett</p> <p><u>Greeter</u> Norma Lavelett</p>	<p><u>Worship Leader</u> Ray Farrell</p> <p><u>Offering Elder</u> Kathy Gardner</p> <p><u>Communion Elder</u> Leonard Gardner</p> <p><u>Greeter</u> Bob Wise Alice Wieseler Melanie Ferron</p>	<p><u>Preparing Diaconate</u> Alice Wieseler</p> <p><u>Serving Diaconate</u> Bob Wise Al Ladage Jeanette West Cole Barton</p> <p><u>Coffee Mingle</u> TBD</p>	<p><u>Van Driver</u> Jerry Francis</p> <p><u>Keyboard</u> Melanie Ferron</p> <p><u>Collection Team</u> Chip Ferron Riecke Claussen</p>

Church Calendar of Events - August 16, 2018— September 18, 2018

<u>Thursday August 16, 2018</u> ****Crosswords **** 8:00 am Life Line Screening 6:00 pm Praise Team	5:00 pm Healthy Living 6:00 pm Creation Care Meeting	10:00 am Friends going Forward 1:30 pm PEO Chapter Meeting 5:00 pm Healthy Living
<u>Saturday August 18, 2018</u> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am RMSCC CPE Group 12:00 pm Territorial Daughters Meeting	<u>Thursday August 30, 2018</u> ****Pastor Brad at Conference**** ****Crosswords **** 6:00 pm Praise Team	<u>Wednesday September 12, 2018</u> 9:30 am Newcomers Group 10:00 am Morning Bible Study 5:30 pm "Teach Yourself To Read Hebrew" book By SIMON & ANDERSON 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm Co. West Quilters Guild
<u>Sunday August 19, 2018</u> 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 am Traditional Sunday School 10:50 am Traditional Worship 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle 4:00 pm Board Meeting	<u>Sunday September 2, 2018</u> 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 am Traditional Sunday School 10:50 am Traditional Worship 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle	<u>Thursday September 13, 2018</u> ****Crosswords **** 1:30 pm CWF(DW) General Meeting 5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministries 6:00 pm Praise Team
<u>Monday August 20, 2018</u> 10:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study	<u>Monday September 3, 2018</u> 10:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study	<u>Friday September 14, 2018</u> 2:00 pm Mexican Train Group
<u>Tuesday August 21, 2018</u> 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group 5:00 pm Healthy Living	<u>Tuesday September 4, 2018</u> 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group 5:00 pm Healthy Living 6:00 pm Night'ngals	<u>Saturday September 15, 2018</u> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am RMSCC CPE Group
<u>Thursday August 23, 2018</u> ****Crosswords Deadline **** 1:30 pm CWF(DW) Executive Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team	<u>Wednesday September 5, 2018</u> 3:30 pm Parkinson Support Group 5:30 pm "Teach Yourself To Read Hebrew" book By SIMON & ANDERSON	<u>Sunday September 16, 2018</u> 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
<u>Friday August 24, 2018</u> 2:00 pm Mexican Train Group	<u>Thursday September 6, 2018</u> ****Crosswords Deadline **** 9:30 am Ruth Group 1:30 pm Dorcas Group 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Board	<u>Monday September 17, 2018</u> 9:30 am CWU Meeting 10:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study
<u>Sunday August 26, 2018</u> **** Food Bank Sunday**** **** Rally Sunday**** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 am Traditional Sunday School 10:50 am Traditional Worship 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle	<u>Sunday September 9, 2018</u> ****Kick off Sunday**** 9:00 am Contemporary Worship 9:30 am Traditional Sunday School 10:50 am Traditional Worship 11:00 am Jr. Church 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle 12:30 pm Elders Meeting	<u>Tuesday September 18, 2018</u> 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group 5:00 pm Healthy Living
<u>Monday August 27, 2018</u> **** Pastor Brad at Conference**** 10:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study	<u>Monday September 10, 2018</u> 10:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study	
<u>Tuesday August 28, 2018</u> **** Pastor Brad at Conference**** 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group 10:00 am Friends Going Forward	<u>Tuesday September 11, 2018</u> 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group	