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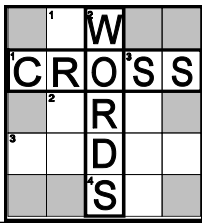
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

**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: Pray

For the past month, I've been preaching a sermon series entitled, "Stories of Hope". We've considered the hopeful stories of:

- the disciples on the evening of the first Easter;
- Gideon, whom God transformed from a relative weakling into a mighty warrior;
- Jonah, who initially resisted God's vision but ultimately lived into God's vision for him and saved more than 120,000 people;

I pray you've found these stories to provide hope for you, individually, and for all of us, collectively, as congregation.

As we move forward in hope of what God desires and envisions for us, I want to share a first and critical action step we must all take in order to live into God's hope for us as congregation. The action step is simply this: **PRAY**. Prayerfully **ASK** God to show you God's vision for FCCGJ. After you ask God to show you the vision, spend time intentionally **LISTENING**, so you can hear what God says. Then, **SHARE** what you hear from God with everyone around you in life and especially everyone around you in FCCGJ. It is absolutely essential we get the conversation going about God's vision for us. It's the one thing in which we can find hope, so it's the thing we should be talking about the most.

By the way, if you're looking for scriptural guidance with this, consider the stories of Abraham in Genesis 18:16-33 and Moses in Exodus 3-4. Both stories reveal instances of real dialog (i.e. prayer) between people and God. In both instances, God had a vision, a person listened to and discussed God's vision with God, and the person ultimately participated in God's vision. These and stories like them should become foundational stories for our future relationship with God as congregation.

- Pastor Brad

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements



FCC Birthday



Aug. 4	Virginia Johnson
Aug. 6	Chuck Haigler
Aug. 6	Bob Wise
Aug. 10	Dorothy Ruth
Aug. 10	Earn Eachus
Aug. 10	Tony Guarente
Aug. 12	Ryder Stauffer
Aug. 13	Robert Ruth Jr.
Aug. 14	Riecke Claussen
Aug. 14	Ebany James
Aug. 15	Paula Schaffer
Aug. 28	Mason Stauffer
Sept. 1	Miles Brekke
Sept. 2	Les Armbruster



FCC Anniversaries



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

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. 9th

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

Announcements

Calling all ladies

Thursday, August 9th – Christian Women’s Fellowship (Disciples Women) is meeting at 1:30pm in the church fellowship hall.

Why should you come?

Because we would like to see you!!

Why else should you come?

Because you can have desert!!

And -----why else?

Because we have fun!!

Surely there must be another reason why?

THERE IS – We have a former Secret Service Agent as our speaker!!

Aren’t you curious as to what a secret service agent does all day? Well come and find out.

This agent was on duty in Dallas when JFK was shot. Come with questions and find out about the secret service agency.

OUR 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. Water will be delivered on Thursday August 9th
Outreach Ministry.

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

Announcements

Elders Meeting



Sunday, August 5th @
12:30 pm

Board Meeting



Sunday August 19th @
@ 4:00 pm



Saturday August 18th
@ 8 am

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 & Thanks

Mission trip to El Salvador

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

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

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

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

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970-640-0336 ext. 3



FCC Prayer Concerns

“Pray without ceasing.”

I Thessalonians 5:17

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

FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

August 5,, 2018

Elder

Lily Fitch

Deacon

Brad Krebill

Greeter

Brad Krebill

August 12, 2018

Elder

Susan Barton

Deacon

Norma Lavelett

Greeter

Norma Lavelett

August 19, 2018

Elder

Al Baumgartle

Deacon

Linda/Dennis Edwards

Greeter

Dorothy Mitchell

August 26, 2018

Elder

Lily Fitch

Deacon

Linda/Dennis Edwards

Greeter

Dennis Edwards

August 5, 2018

1st Sunday

Worship Leader

Riecke Claussen

Offering Elder

Lois Dunning

Communion Elder

Jim Matthews

Greeter

Lily Fitch

Riecke Claussen

Nancy Claussen

Preparing Diaconate

Karen Lehman

Serving Diaconate

Kathy Moore

Jerry Francis

Jeanice Swank

Yvonne Warner

Coffee Mingle

Jeanice Swank

Ruth Acord

Van Driver

Terry Laughlin

Jo Laughlin

Keyboard

Paula Schaffer

Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

August 12, 2018

2nd Sunday

Worship Leader

Pam Baumgartle

Offering Elder

Al Baumgartle

Communion Elder

Chuck Haigler

Greeter

Carolyn Bryant

Doug Bryant

Jeanice Swank

Preparing Diaconate

Alice Wieseler

Serving Diaconate

Bob Wise

Al Ladage

Jeanette West

TBD

Coffee Mingle

Lois Braun's Memorial

Celebration Potluck

Van Driver

Jerry Francis

Keyboard

Melanie Ferron

Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

August 19, 2018

3rd Sunday

Worship Leader

Al Baumgartle

Offering Elder

Leonard Gardner

Communion Elder

Kathy Gardner

Greeter

Carol Matthews

Jim Matthews

Melanie Ferron

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

Lily Fitch

Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

August 26, 2018

4th Sunday

Worship Leader

Lily Fitch

Offering Elder

Lois Dunning

Communion Elder

Jim Matthews

Greeter

Lily Fitch

Chuck Haigler

Karen Lehman

Preparing Diaconate

Marian Velarde

Serving Diaconate

Marian Velarde

Jeanne Klitzke

Ruth Acord

Jodi Gabel

Coffee Mingle

Gloria Jeffery

Beverly Dorson

Van Driver

TBD

Keyboard

Ray Farrell

Collection Team

Chip Ferron

Riecke Claussen

Church Calendar of Events - August 2, 2018— September 10, 2018

Thursday August 2, 2018

****Crosswords ****

1:30 pm Dorcas Group

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

12:30 pm Lois Braun Memorial

Celebration on the Lawn

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

6:00 pm Creation Care Meeting

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 Board Meeting

Monday August 20, 2018

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

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

Monday August 27, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday August 28, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

5:00 pm Healthy Living

Thursday August 30, 2018

****Crosswords ****

6:00 pm Praise Team

Sunday September 2, 2018

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

Monday September 3, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday September 4, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

5:00 pm Healthy Living

6:00 pm Night'ngals

Wednesday September 5, 2018

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

3:30 pm Parkinson Support Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

Thursday September 6, 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

Sunday September 9, 2018

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 September 10, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study