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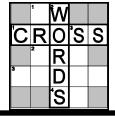
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

Praising God, Changing Lives!



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Services each Sunday...

Praising God, Changing Lives for 127 Years!

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: New Things

In my previous two newsletter articles, I offered three ways we can work toward hope: praying for guidance, taking in intentional actions to make a difference for God (individually and collectively), and

participating in monthly Mission Days here at the FCCGJ church building.

Today, I offer another way we can work together toward hope, a way inspired by the first two months of this year's Narrative Lectionary readings that will become a sermon series entitled "New Things". As I looked at the scriptural stories recounted in the lectionary between now and October 28, I discovered story after story of God doing something new:

- God remaking the world after the great flood;
- God choosing to work through one group of people as God's beacon of light to the world;
- God's act of deliverance in the Exodus;
- God's offering of commandments to guide God's chosen people;
- God's offer of a covenant renewal through Joshua;
- God's forgiveness of and offer of a new start to King David;
- God's granting of amazing wisdom to Solomon;

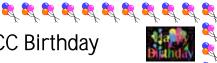
In each of these stories, God did something new. In each of these stories, God offered a new beginning of some kind to people. In the upcoming sermon series based on these stories, we'll explore each new thing God offered, and we'll explore what we can learn about how to do new things from God's new things.

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Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements

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CC Birthday



Sept. 14	Eleanor Hubbell
Sept. 19	Ann Hutton
Sept. 23	Judy Campbell
Sept. 23	Kathy Gardner
Sept. 26	Linda Edwards
Sept. 29	Lois Stouffer
Oct. 4	Brad Barton
Oct. 6	Beverly Dorson
Oct. 8	Norma Mattson

A Little Comparison Food Bank

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	2017	2018
Jan.	#158	#177
Feb.	#152	#142
Mar.	#193	#170
Apr.	#343	#240
May	#331	#100
June	#464	#223
July	#211	#223



CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday, September 20th 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.



Saturday, September 15th

@ 8 am

Elders Meeting

Sunday September 16th @

@ 12:30 pm

Cabinet Meeting

Sunday September 16th @

@ 4:00 pm



Operation Christmas Child

Needs

Shoeboxes

Notice:

There will be a Visitation Team Meeting on Sunday, September 23, at 12:30 pm

Announcements



Creation Care Tips For September DID YOU KNOW??

FCC Grand Junction recycles

The Daily Sentinel Sunday newspaper on July 29th had an article entitled "Recycle 101". There was also a recent article in the Daily Sentinel concerning our local landfill and how it is filling up faster than anticipated.

As a congregation of Christians, we have a responsibility to help keep our planet clean and healthy. SO – how can we help with the local recycle issues?

FCC - GJ has had a recycling program for several year now. We have been recycling aluminum, glass, plastic, paper, batteries and eye glasses. We are now ready to expand that recycling program to include cardboard.

How can you help? Bring your items that can be recycled to the church and let us take care of the recycle.

What to bring:

Aluminum cans, aluminum foil and bakeware

Steel cans (the cans your fruits, veggies, soups, coffee, etc - come in)

Paper products including: magazines, newspapers, office paper, telephone books, paperboard (which includes cereal boxes), Paper cardboard dairy and juice cartons

Plastic – bottles, jars and jugs (please removed caps and plastic ring at top of the bottle or jar)

Corrugated cardboard

Clear glass, brown (amber) glass, green glass (DO NOT bring window glass, ceramics, mixed colored glass, crystal, or mirrors)

Batteries

Eye glasses

MOST IMPORTANT – please rinse and/or clean out all items before brining them to be recycled. One dirty item among a load of recycled material can shut down the entire process of recycling. So clean first – and them bring them to church. We will take it from there. THANK YOU



Trunk or Treat Candy Collection

We will be **collecting candy** to hand out to the kids. The collection box will be in the Narthex.

Lily's Sunday school class

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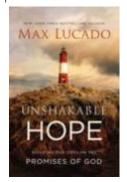
Unshakable Hope

Max Lucado

September 10, 2018

1. God's Great and Precious Promises, p. 14

We are building our lives on the promises of God. Because his Word is unbreakable, our hope is unshakable. We do not stand on the problems of life or the pain in life. We stand on the great and precious promises of God.



Unshakable Hope

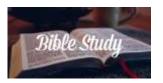
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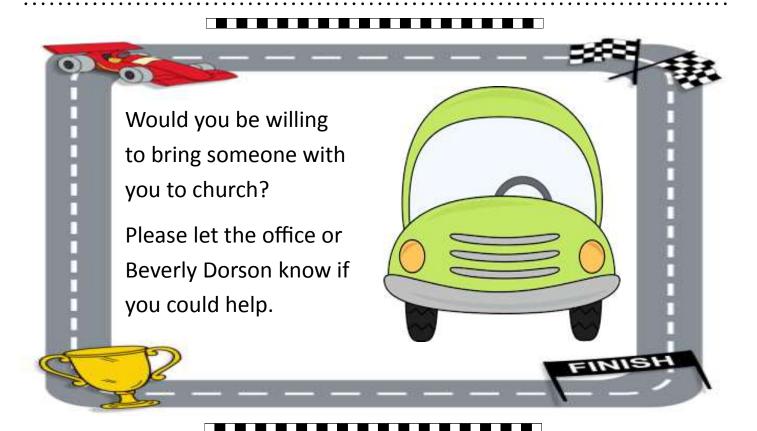
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Journey Through The New Testament Bible Study



Begins Again on Wednesday,
September 12@ 10:00 am and 6:30pm

Pastor Brad's Wednesday Bible Study starts again on Wednesday, September 12. We will spend the first 4 sessions studying the book of Acts.





1st Mission Day of 2018 Operation Christmas Child Box Wrapping AND Filling Food Bags for the Hungry Thursday, September 20 @ 1:30pm



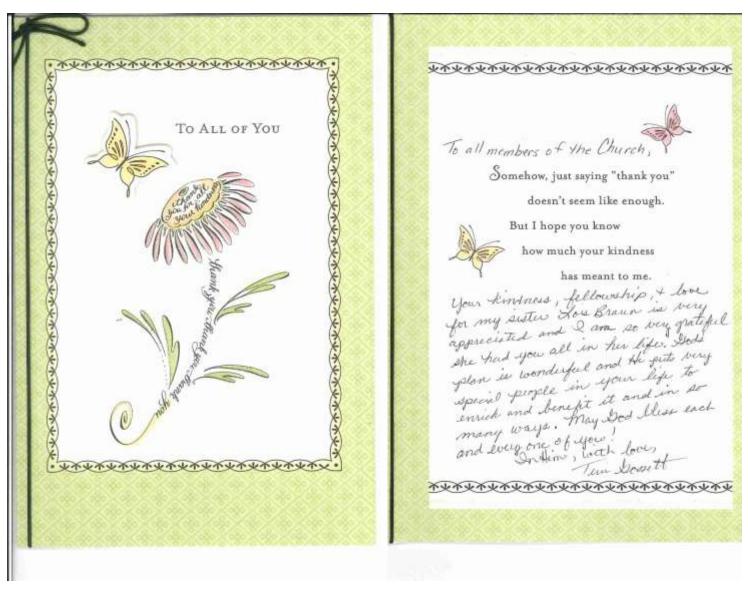
Want to get together with friends and church family to make a difference for God? Our first monthly Mission Day will take place on September 20 at 1:30 p.m. We will be wrapping Christmas shoeboxes AND filling food bags for the hungry.

A Word form Rev. Brad Barton Cont. & Thanks

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While I'm sure we'll find plenty of hope in our remembrance of God's new things during the sermon series, I want to offer a step toward hope that comes to mind as I think about these stories. Over and again in the scriptures, God offered hope to people by doing something new: from hitting the reset button when humanity had gone bad to offering commandments that reveal how to get the most out of life to granting wisdom beyond what people thought possible. In each of these instances, God's new thing provided hope for a better future. Which gets me thinking, FCCGJ, perhaps we should intentionally do some NEW things - instead of sticking with the very comfortable status quo - if we want to take steps toward hope in our lives as individuals and congregation.

Pastor Brad



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 Kathy Moore and Family

Kat Edwards David Morgan

JoAnne Eggers Faye Morosini

Larry Eggers Nathan

Sheana Emerson Brian Neukman

Vicki Gassman Louise Oliver

Tony Gurente and Family Judy Parks

David & Vickie Hagan Susie Peach

Connie Hawley Carol Perry

JoAnne Hill Steve Pratt

Ethel Hoffman Dorothy Rhodes

Eleanor Hubbell Paul Scanga

Gary Hunt John Sherry

Dee Johnson Lois Stouffer

Ed Jones Terry

Nora Juette Wes Wade

Jean Kees Joan White

Hailer Kellog

FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

September 16, 2018 Elder Lily Fitch Deacon

Dennis/Linda Edwards

<u>Greeter</u>

Audrey Richardson

September 23, 2018

Elder

Susan Barton

<u>Deacon</u>

Dennis/Linda Edwards

<u>Greeter</u>

Dennis Edwards

September 30, 2018

<u>Elder</u>

Al Baumgartle

Deacon

Brad Krebill

<u>Greeter</u>

Dorothy Mitchell

October7, 2018

<u>Elder</u>

Lily Fitch

Deacon

Brad Krebill

<u>Greeter</u>

Brad Krebill

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	September 16, 2018	3rd Sunday	
	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Van Driver
	Nancy Armbruster	Riecke Claussen	TBD
	Offering Elder	Nancy Claussen	<u>Keyboard</u>
	Chuck Haigler	Serving Diaconate	Lily Fitch
	Communion Elder	David Morgan	Collection Team
	Carol Matthews	Doug Bryant	Lois Dunning
	<u>Greeter</u>	Carolyn Bryant	Ray Farrell
	Pam Baumgartle	Nancy Claussen	
	Ruth Acord	Coffee Mingle	
	Jeanne Klitzke	Melanie Ferron	
	September 23, 2018	4th Sunday	

4th Sunday	
Preparing Diaconate	Van Driver
Marian Velarde	TBD
Serving Diaconate	<u>Keyboard</u>
Marian Velarde	Ray Farrell
Jeanne Klitzke	Collection Team
Ruth Acord	Al Baumgartle
Jodi Gabel	Ray Farrell
Coffee Mingle	
Gloria Jeffery	
Beverly Dorson	
	Preparing Diaconate Marian Velarde Serving Diaconate Marian Velarde Jeanne Klitzke Ruth Acord Jodi Gabel Coffee Mingle Gloria Jeffery

September 30,2018	5th Sunday	
Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	<u>Van Driver</u>
Lois Dunning	Ray Farrell	TBD
Offering Elder	Serving Diaconate	<u>Keyboard</u>
Carol Matthews	David Morgan	Ray Farrell
Communion Elder	Doug Bryant	Collection Team
Jim Matthews	Carolyn Bryant	Al Baumgartle
<u>Greeter</u>	Nancy Claussen	Ray Farrell
Cole Barton	Coffee Mingle	
Ruby Eachus	Joyce Wittwer	
Earn Eachus	Lamar Edwards	

October 7, 2018	1st Sunday	
Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Van Driver
Pam Baumgartle	Karen Lehman	Terry Laughlin
Offering Elder	Serving Diaconate	Jo Laughlin
Jim Matthews	Wes Wade	<u>Keyboard</u>
Communion Elder	Jerry Francis	Paula Schaffer
Carol Matthews	Jeanice Swank	Collection Team
<u>Greeter</u>	Yvonne Warner	Lois Dunning
Riecke Claussen	Coffee Mingle	Grace Farrell
Nancy Claussen	Ruth Acord	
Carol Steed	Jeanice Swank	

Church Calendar of Events - September 13, 2018 — October 10, 2018

Thursday September 13, 2018

****Crosswords ****

1:30 pm CWF(DW) General Meeting 5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministries

6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday September 14, 2018

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

Saturday September 15, 2018

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

8:30 am RMCSC CPE Group

Sunday September 16, 2018

Blessing of the Animals
Both Services

9:00 am Contemporary Worship9:30 am Traditional Sunday School10:00 am Contemporary Sunday

School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

12:30 pm Elders Meeting

4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting

Monday September 17, 2018

9:30 am CWU Meeting

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday September 18, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday September 19, 2018

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

7:30 pm "Teach Yourself To Read Hebrew" book study

Thursday September 20, 2018

****Pastor Melanie @

Regional Assembly ****

****Crosswords Deadline ****

1:30 pm Monthly Mission Day

6:00 pm Praise Team

Sunday September 23, 2018

****Pastor Melanie @

Regional Assembly ****

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Traditional Sunday School

10:00 am NO Contemporary Sunday School

10:50 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

12:30 pm Visitation Team Meeting

Monday September 24, 2018

****Pastor Melanie Back****

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday September 25, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group10:00 am Friends going Forward

5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday September 26, 2018

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study
7:30 pm "Teach Yourself To Read

Hebrew" book study

Thursday September 27, 2018

****Crosswords****

1:30 pm CWF Executive Meeting

6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday September 28, 2018

11:00 am Helen Dillard's Memorial Service

2:00 pm Mexican Train group

Sunday September 30, 2018

****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 October 1, 2018

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday October 2, 2018

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

5:00 pm Healthy Living

6:00 pm Night'ngals

Wednesday October 3, 2018

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

3:30 pm Parkinson Support Group

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

7:30 pm "Teach Yourself To Read Hebrew" book study

Thursday October 4, 2018

**** Pastor Brad Out of Office****

****Crosswords Deadline ****

9:00 am Ruth Group

1:30 pm Dorcas Group

6:00 pm Praise Team

6:00pm Co. West Quilters Board

Sunday October 7, 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 October 8, 2018

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday October 9, 2018

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****

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 Franklin Park HOA

Wednesday October 10, 2018

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****

9:00 am Newcomers Group

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

6:30 pm Evening Bible Study

7:30 pm "Teach Yourself To Read Hebrew" book study