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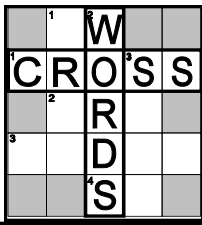
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

Pr aising God,
Changing Lives!



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Services each Sunday...

Praising God, Changing Lives for 127 Years!

Summer Hours

One 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

Faith Talk:

Who Cannot Be a Christian (Part 1)?

[This is the second in my summertime series called "Faith Talk". Each article in the series will provide probing questions and commentary about issues important to faith about which non-churched people you encounter might be curious.]

Today's topic: Who cannot be a Christian?

I'll never forget one of my first experiences attending a festival in western Colorado. I was walking down the street with Susan, enjoying the sights, sounds, and scents of a festival atmosphere, when we were approached by a small group of teenagers who began asking us questions about Christian faith. Apparently, I didn't answer correctly...because they promptly proclaimed I was in need of salvation. I informed them I was a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), but it didn't seem to matter. On their checklist of appropriate responses, I had come up short; according to their checklist, I might not even be a Christian.

Which gets me thinking: Who cannot be a Christian? (Perhaps, this is a "bad" question. Do I really want to know who certain people say cannot be a Christian or who God says cannot be a Christian? I intentionally leave the question ambiguous as a way of helping you think through your answer. For today, however, I will take the perspective of people. In my next article, Part 2 of dealing with this question, I will try my best to consider God's perspective on the matter.)

By the way, this is a question that has absolutely pervaded the history and ministry of the universal Church. There's a reason we have words like "orthodoxy", "heresy", and "blasphemy"; these are words we use to say who can be "in" and who must be "out".

You've likely already guessed that many voices within Christianity have used correct belief as a standard, a dividing line, to determine who can be in or out. Just out of curiosity, what do you think? Are there any beliefs that people can hold that would prohibit them from being Christians?

But Christians have answered this question using other factors than belief. Some have answered the question using actions, works, proclaiming that people who do some things in particular, especially those who continue to live in any of a variety of "sinful" lifestyles, are prohibited from being Christians. Just out of curiosity, what do you think? Are there any actions people could take that would prohibit them from being Christians?

Finally, aside from incorrect belief or sinful action, are there any other factors you can think of that would prohibit a person from being a Christian? Failing or refusing to be baptized or make an appropriate confession of faith, perhaps? (By the way, if you want my answer, tune in next time as I do my best to consider this question from God's perspective.) I look forward to hearing your thoughts about this!

- Pastor Brad



Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements

One Worship Service this Summer!

Beginning May 26, 2019, we will worship as one for the summer months. We plan to return to two worship services on Sunday, September 8, 2019.


During the summer, the one worship service will not be traditional or contemporary but will include a combination of elements of each. The Praise Team will be leading us in singing and will provide anthems; some songs will be contemporary and some traditional each and every Sunday.

Worship time for the summer is 10:50am.

Let's enjoy this time to worship together for the summer!

- The Worship Committee

<u><i>FCC Birthdays</i></u>		<u><i>FCC Anniversary</i></u>	
June		June	
June 8	Cecil Jackson	June 23	Nancy & Les Armbruster
June 8	Jo Laughlin	June 24	George & Barbara Decker
June 16	Jeanice Swank	June 26	Charles & Gale Grimsley
June 20	Keith White	June 27	Bob & Dottie Ruth
June 29	Carolyn Bryant		
June 29	Don Klitzke		
July		July	
July 3	Lily Fitch	July 3	Ernest & Ruby Eachus

 NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

Nickolas Ripa
USS Sentry (MCM3)
Unit 100210
FPO, AE.
09587

"We make a living by what we get;
we make a life by what we give."
---- Winston Churchill



Announcements

Just a little from the Creation Care group

The London Marathon was held April 29 and they used 216,000 fewer plastic water bottles this year. How did they do it? When runners reached mile 23 they were handed Ooho capsules which are edible pods of seaweed extracts made by a London-based startup called Skipping Rocks Lab. If for some reason the pod is not eaten, it will biodegrade within six weeks, whereas a plastic bottle takes up to 450 years or more.

It takes more than five liters of water to produce a standard 500 ml plastic bottle according to an advocacy group Water Footprint Network.

According to a 2017 study published in the journal Science Advances, only 9 percent of 8,300 million metric tons of plastic ever produced has been recycled. Another 12 percent has been burned in incinerators. The remaining 79 percent has been sent to landfills, improperly discarded or found its way in to the oceans.



DON'T THROW THEM IN THE TRASH!

THEY CAN BE RECYCLED!

Earthworks System in Solon, Ohio can recycle scrap polymeric material, and that is what gift cards are made of. A box for plastic cards is on the Creation Care table in the Fellowship Hall. You can recycle: ID cards, credit cards, driver's licenses library cards, video rental cards, membership cards, shopper discount cards, retail gift cards ... One more way to clean up our waste. Earthworks will take the cards and make new cards which reduces the need for new PVC.

Questions: Ask the Creation Care Team



Saturday June 15th

@ 8 am

Elders Meeting

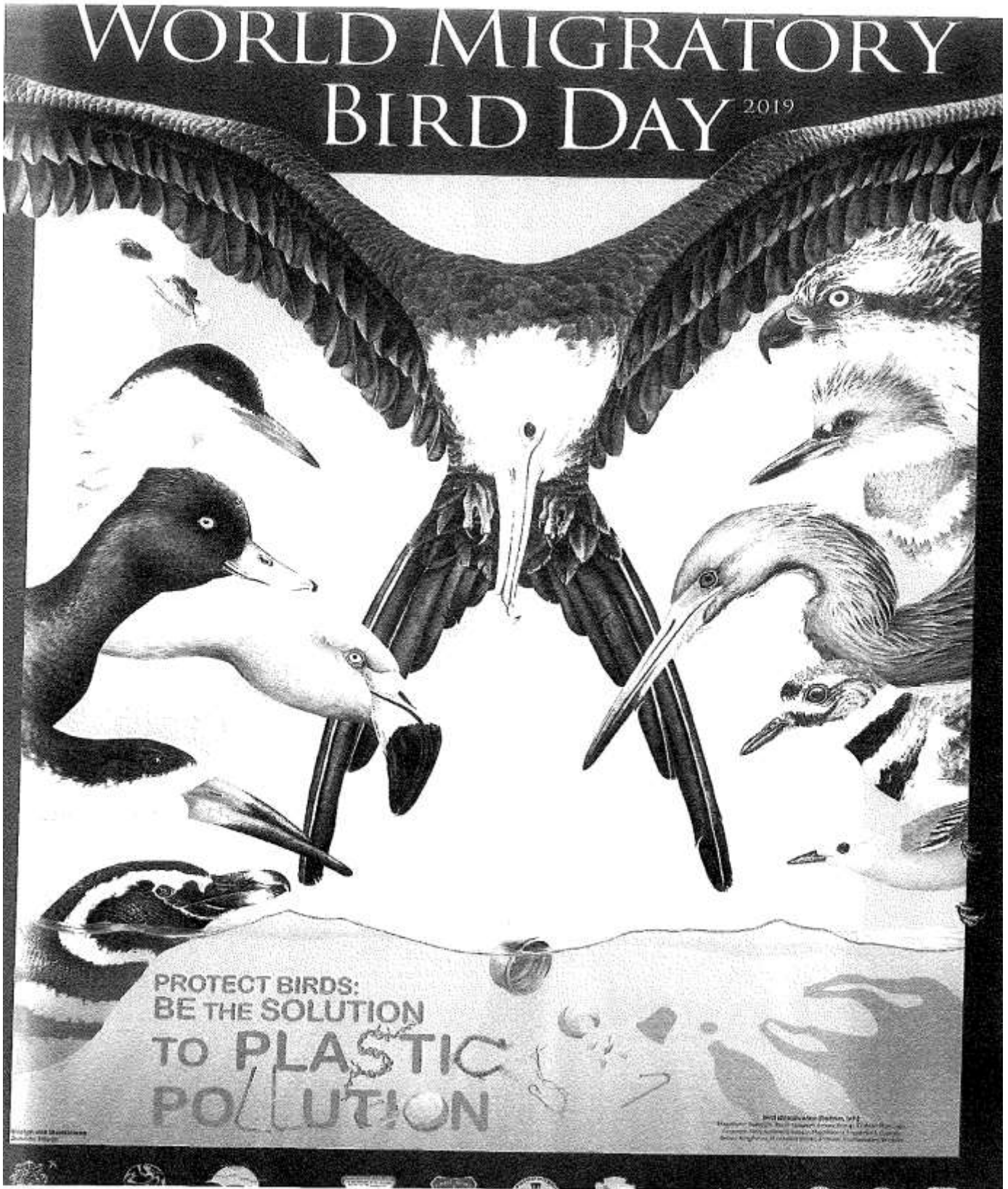
Sunday, June 9th@

12:30 pm

Cabinet Meeting

Sunday, June 30th

@ 4:00 pm



91 percent of plastic is not recycled. May 11 was World Migratory Bird Day. Their theme is, "Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution" Let's work to save God's creatures.



Announcements

Thank you from Pam and Al

A big thank you to everyone at FCC who has been so generous and encouraging to our grandson Daniel Connor. We are so very grateful for all your support. This congregation has made Daniel feel special and a true member, loved and encouraged by all of you. We can tell you he misses you already and wishes he could be here on Sundays.

If you would like to keep in touch with Daniel, or send congratulations to him his address is as follows:

Daniel Connor
1277 Deserado
Rangely, CO 81648

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday June, 13th

Please submit to the church office
or
email them to:

firstchristiangj@hotmail.com

Articles arriving later than the
deadline will not be included until
the next published Crosswords.

MEXICAN TRAIN

2ND & 4TH Friday each month

2PM- 4PM

To all Who like to play *dominoes*, we at First Christian Church, Grand Junction, we play a form of dominoes called MEXICAN TRAIN. If you don't know how to play the game, or if you haven't played for a long time, don't worry, we will train or refresh your memory in how to play. We just have fun. Come join us.

Faye Morosini could use notes of encouragement:

Her address is Faye Morosini - Aspen 34
MCSD
Inmate Mail
PO Box 20000-5017
Grand Junction, Colo 81502
(There is also a Faye fund set-up, please see Nancy Armbruster or place a check in the offering basket with Faye in the memo)

- 11. How old were you when you first went to school? Were you excited? Do you remember the school's name? What was your teacher's name? What kind of desk did you sit at? Did you have a favorite subject? What else do you remember about that first school?
- 12. Do you remember having thoughts as a child/youth like, "When I am an adult I am going to do that differently?" What was it that you were sure that you'd do differently? Did you, when you got older?





Announcements

SeaSide ESCAPE
WHERE WOMEN BASK IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Wish you were at the beach?

Longing for time to **slow down, wiggle your toes** in the sand, and **bask in the warmth of God's presence**? Join us at SeaSide Escape. It's a **beach-themed retreat** where you'll experience meaningful Bible study and worship, connect with other women, and have time for **quiet reflection and plenty of laughter!**

Location: First Christian Church
1326 N 1st Street
Grand Junction, Co.

Date: August 24, 2019

Cost: \$10.00

8:30am - 4:30pm
All women invited

For more information, contact:
Lily Fitch
970-250-6966

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Registration Form

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Home telephone: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Allergies or other special needs: _____

Mail form and \$10.00 registration fee to: Disciples Women

Attn: Retreat, 1326 North First, G.J., Co. 81501

Father's Day BBQ

We are wanting to see who would be interested in attending a Father's day BBQ ?

When: June 16, 2019 after Worship

Where: Fellowship Hall

Please fill out the following information and turn it into the office or give it to Nancy Armbruster.

Number attending? _____

Side dish? _____



The local Alzheimer's Association will be holding four different classes on Alzheimer's related topics. They will be at First Pres. June 6, June 13, June 20, and June 27 from 1-2:30 pm. Classes are free, but registration is required. Register at the website alz.org/co

We need Shoe Boxes to wrap for June 20th Mission Day Also— Please keep Operation Christmas Child in your thoughts when you find "good deals"



Announcements

Wonderful Mother

God Made a wonderful Mother,
 A Mother Who never grows old;
 He Made her Smile of the Sunshine,
 And he Molded her heart of pure gold;
 in her eyes he placed bright Shining
 stars, her Cheeks fair roses you see,
 God Made a wonderful Mother,
 and he gave that dear Mother to Me.

and GrandMa's too.

While we honor All our Mothers
 with words of love and praise.
 While we tell about their goodness
 and their kind and loving ways.
 We should also think of grandmas.
 She's a Mother too, you see.
 For she Mothered My dear Mother
 as My Mother Mothers Me.

Kathy Moore



A Little Food Bank Comparison



	2018	2019
Jan.	#177	#210
Feb.	#142	#150
Mar.	#170	#192
Apr.	#240	#160
May	#100	
June	#223	
July	#223	
Aug.	#198	
Sept.	#117	
Oct.	#176	
Nov.	#76	
Dec.	#285	



April 30, 2019

Dear First Christian Church,
Thank you so much for letting me rehearse with the Grand Junction High School students this winter/spring. It was so helpful to have an alternative place for the vocal and instrumental students to rehearse for their festivals and contests. They were so many activities at the school it was hard to find a time and place to practice.

The students all did well and also asked me to pass along their thanks for the rehearsal Expressions space and time. It's always good to have teenagers inside the church!

Thanks Brad and Tish for your help and accommodation. I would like to do special music sometime, just ask!

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Thanks



May 13, 2019

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RE: Thank You

Dear First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),

On behalf of all of us at HomewardBound of the Grand Valley, I want to thank you for your gift of \$41.66 received on 04/28/2019. This donation benefits families, veterans and singles by giving them access to vital food, shelter and other programs they need to move from surviving to thriving in our community.

HomewardBound is an Enterprise Zone, which means you are entitled to a 25% tax credit in the state of Colorado for donations totaling \$50 or more in a year. To receive this credit and have a certificate issued, you will need to provide HomewardBound your organization's Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN). If you have donated to us, and **have not yet provided us with this information**, please call our Administrative Director, Ashley Giese, at (970) 985-7430.

Your kindness is more than a contribution, it ensures the safety and well-being of everyone in our community, and - most importantly - helps those without a place to go break the cycle of homelessness.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Jesse Redmond
Development Director
970-985-7422
jredmond@hbgv.org

Thank you!

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. HomewardBound of the Grand Valley is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, EIN 26-0052916

HomewardBound 2853 North Avenue Grand Junction, CO 81501
970-256-9424

FCC Prayer Concerns

“Pray without ceasing.”

I Thessalonians 5:17

Clara Arroyo	Ken & Judy Maurer
Jim Bennett	Faye Morosini
Bill Brown	Ginger Morris
Amy Burns	Brian Neukman
Gale Carper	Dennis Parks
Howard Coltfelter	Carol Perry
Chuck Cummings	Steve Pratt
Daniel Connor	Ike Rogers
Judy Dalton	Kyle Rosencrans
Carol Jean Daniel	Paul Scanga
David & Family	John Sherry
Annabelle Decker	Brian Stouffer
Maia Dibble	Lois Stouffer
Barbara Dunning	Terry
Earn Eachus	Angie Tanksley
JoAnne Eggers	Ron Velarde
Larry Eggers	Joan White
Linda & Karen	Alice Wieseler
Sheana Emerson	
David & Vickie Hagan	
JoAnne Hill	
Ethel Hoffman	
Eleanor Hubbell	
Dee Johnson	
Ed Jones	
Nora Juette	
Hailer Kellog	
Peggy Lawler	
Betty Learned	



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

June 9, 2019
No First Service

<u>June 9, 2019</u>	<u>2nd Sunday</u>	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Lily Fitch	<u>Preparing Diaconate</u> Alice Wieseler	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Ruth Acord
<u>Elders</u> Chuck Haigler Ray Farrell	<u>Serving Diaconate</u> Bob Wise Al Ladage	Jeanice Swank <u>Keyboard</u> Pam Baumgartle
<u>Greeter</u> Melanie Ferron Doug Bryant Carolyn Bryant	<u>Van Driver</u> Jeanette West Cole Barton If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	<u>Collection Team</u> Lois Dunning Grace Ferrell

June 16, 2019
No First Service

<u>June 16, 2019</u>	<u>3rd Sunday</u>	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Susan Barton	<u>Preparing Diaconate</u> Riecke Claussen	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Melanie Ferron/ Father's Day BBQ
<u>Elders</u> Al Baumgartle Riecke Claussen	<u>Serving Diaconate</u> David Morgan Doug Bryant	<u>Keyboard</u> Paula Schaffer <u>Collection Team</u>
<u>Greeter</u> Jim Matthews Carol Matthews Karen Lehman	<u>Van Driver</u> Carolyn Bryant Nancy Claussen If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	Lois Dunning Grace Ferrell

June 23, 2019
No First Service

<u>June 23, 2019</u>	<u>4th Sunday</u>	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Al Baumgartle	<u>Preparing Diaconate</u> Marian Velarde	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Beverly Dorson
<u>Elders</u> Jeanice Swank Lois Dunning	<u>Serving Diaconate</u> Marian Velarde Dennis Edwards	<u>Keyboard</u> Paula Schaffer <u>Collection Team</u>
<u>Greeter</u> Melanie Ferron Ruby Eacus Earn Eachus	<u>Van Driver</u> Ruth Acord Jodi Gabel If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	Lois Dunning Grace Farrell

June 30, 2019
No First Service

<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>5th Sunday</u>	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Nancy Armbruster	<u>Preparing Diaconate</u> Ray Farrell	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Marlene Cowan
<u>Elders</u> Chuck Haigler Ray Farrell	<u>Serving Diaconate</u> Bob Wise Al Ladage	Gloria Jeffery <u>Keyboard</u> Paula Schaffer
<u>Greeter</u> Gloria Jeffery David Morgan Cole Barton	<u>Van Driver</u> Jeanette West Cole Barton If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	<u>Collection Team</u> Lois Dunning Grace Farrell

Church Calendar of Events - June 6, 2019— July 4, 2019

Thursday June 6, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 Pastor Brad on a Mission Trip
 ****Crosswords ****
 9:30 am Ruth Group
 1:00 pm Dorcas Group
 6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Board
 6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday June 7, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 Pastor Brad on a Mission Trip
 4:00 pm Territorial Daughters—Set
 up for State Meeting

Saturday June 8, 2019

****Pastor Melanie on Vacation****
 12:00 pm Territorial Daughters
 Meeting
 4:00 pm Territorial Daughters Board
 Meeting

Sunday June 9, 2019

Pentecost Sunday
 10:50 am One Worship Service
 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle
 12:30 pm Elders' Meeting

Monday June 10, 2019

10:30 am Staff Meeting
 6:30 pm Craft Group
 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday June 11 2019

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group
 1:30 pm PEO Chapter Meeting
 5:00 pm Healthy Living
 6:00 PM Creation Care
 6:30 pm Night'ngals

Wednesday June 12, 2019

9:30 am Newcomers Group
 10:00 am Morning Bible Study
 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study
 @ the Armbruster's house
 (615 Pioneer Rd).
 6:30 pm Co. West Quilters Guild

Thursday June 13, 2019

****Crosswords Deadline****
 1:00 pm CWF General
 5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministries
 6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday June 14, 2019

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

Saturday June 15, 2019

8:00 am Men's Breakfast
 8:30 am RMCS CPE Group

Sunday June 16, 2019

****Father's Day****
 10:50 am One Worship Service
 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle / Father's
 Day BBQ

Monday June 17, 2019

9:30 am CWU Group
 10:30 am Staff Meeting
 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday June 18, 2019

Pastor Brad on Vacation
 ****Lily Fitch Preaching****
 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group
 10:00 am Friends Going Forward

Wednesday June 19, 2019

5:00 pm Healthy Living
 Pastor Brad on Vacation
 NO Morning Bible Study
 NO Evening Bible Study

Thursday June 20, 2019

Pastor Brad on Vacation
 ****Crosswords ****
 1:30 pm Monthly Mission Day
 6:00 pm Praise Team

Sunday June 23, 2019

Pastor Brad on Vacation
 10:50 am One Worship Service
 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

Monday June 24, 2019

Pastor Brad on Vacation
 10:30 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Craft Group
 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday June 25, 2019

Pastor Brad on Vacation
 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group
 5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday June 26, 2019

10:00 am Morning Bible Study
 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study
 @ the Armbruster's house
 (615 Pioneer Rd).

Thursday June 27, 2019

****Crosswords Deadline****
 1:00 pm CWF Executive Meeting
 6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday June 28, 2019

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday June 30, 2019

****Food Bank Sunday****
 10:50 am One Worship Service
 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle
 4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting

Monday July 1, 2019

10:30 am Staff Meeting
 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday July 2, 2019

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group
 10:00 am Friends Going Forward
 5:00 pm Healthy Living
 6:30 pm Night'ngals

Wednesday July 3, 2019

****Crosswords ****
 10:00 am Morning Bible Study
 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study
 @ the Armbruster's house
 (615 Pioneer Rd).

Thursday July 4, 2019

Independence Day
 ****Office Closed ****