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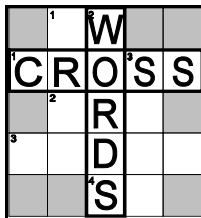
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

Pr aising God,  
Changing Lives!



# First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

## Services each Sunday...

### Praising God, Changing Lives for 135 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:

### Does God Still Work in the World Today?

[This is the sixth 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: Does God Still Work in the World ?

This question is related to the question explored in my last article, the question of how a good God can allow bad things to happen. Like the question from last time, this question calls us to consider if and how God interacts with the world in our time.

We remember from the Old Testament stories of God causing a flood, wrestling with Jacob, causing a donkey to talk to Balaam, sending a fish to swallow Jonah, leading the Israelites in the form of a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, and even talking to the Israelites en masse at Mt. Horeb, among others. We remember from the New Testament stories of God-in-the-flesh healing people, turning water into wine, resurrecting people, and even ascending into Heaven.

What happened? Why don't we see these things happening all around us anymore? Has God stopped interacting with the world altogether?

There are multiple ways to consider this question; I'll provide three and encourage you to discover others.

The first concerns the scope of time. The Bible covers thousands of years. Even 100 amazing miracles over that span of time equates to less than 1 every 20 years...throughout the entire earth. So...God could STILL be performing amazing miracles at the same rate as in Biblical times, and the odds you would experience one in your lifetime are relatively small, so, the reality of any one person or group of people not witnessing a miracle hardly suggests God is not at work somewhere, sometime.

The second concerns a change in context. In biblical times, when people witnessed an amazing event that defied the laws of nature as the ancients understood them, the ancients counted the event a miracle and accredited the miracle to a god. When most people today witness an amazing event that defies the laws of nature as we know them, most people (I encounter) do not count the event a miracle, and these people accredit the event to anything BUT God. Interestingly, I hear people talk about miracles witnessed all the time and have even witnessed some myself; had these events taken place in biblical times, they would have been called "miracles". Today, too many people call them something else...if they notice them at all.

The third concerns the pouring out of God's Holy Spirit. That event signaled a different way of God interacting with the world after Jesus. When we look for miracles today, we should not be looking for the same kinds of things the ancients looked for; rather, we should be looking for God's Holy Spirit to act/work through people in the ways explained by Jesus and described by the New Testament authors.

I hope these words help you discover God working in your midst each and every day!

- Pastor Brad

# Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements

## FCC Birthdays

### August

August 4	Virginia Johnson
August 6	Chuck Haigler
August 6	Bob Wise
August 10	Dorothy Ruth
August 10	Earn Eachus
August 10	Tony Guarente
August 12	Ryder Stauffer
August 13	Robert Ruth Jr.
August 14	Riecke Claussen
August 14	Ebany James
August 15	Paula Schaffer
August 28	Mason Stauffer

### September

September 1	Miles Brekke
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## FCC Anniversary

### August

August 4	Gene & Norma Matteson
August 5	Terry & Jo Laughlin
August 9	Keith & Joan White
August 14	Don & Jeanne Klitzke
August 15	Doug & Carolyn Bryant
August 16	Tara & Mason Stauffer
August 16	Marvin & Paula Schaffer
August 25	Beth & Greg Sherry
August 30	Riecke & Nancy Claussen

## CROSSWORDS!

**next deadline is...**

**Thursday August, 8th**

Please submit to the church office  
or  
email them to:

[firstchristiangj@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchristiangj@hotmail.com)

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

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- 15. Do you remember what you wanted to "be" when you grew up, as a child? Did it change through your growing up years? Is that what you "became" or did you choose a different path? What did you spend your years doing? Why did you choose that?
  - 16. What do you still want to learn about in life? (It's never too late to Want to learn!) Dream big! (ie Maybe you want to learn more about gardening, or outer space, or the things about which your grandkids are interested.....)
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*Tell  
Your  
Story*

## **Save the Date**

When: August 23rd @ 5:30 pm

Where: Lily & Bill Fitch's House  
(3760 Horizon Glen Ct.)

For: All Church Potluck to  
Welcome all for the SeaSide  
Escape Spa Day

# Announcements



## Please Pray for Safe Travels!

During the summers, many of our members and active participants take a break from Grand Junction to visit relatives or go on vacation. **Each Sunday, we'll provide** a list of who is traveling this day and in the near future, so you can pray for their safe return to Grand Junction and FCCGJ.

### Traveling This Week:

Joyce Wittwer & Lamar Edwards	Alaska
Johnny & Jeanette West	Alaska
Dorothy Mitchell	Michigan
Marlene Cowan	Aug. California

### Traveling in the Near Future:

Brad & Josh Barton	Aug. 12&13	Denver
Susan Barton	Oct. 31- Nov. 4	Missouri
Adelle Matera	Aug.28-Sept. 14	England

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## Volunteers for the Women's Retreat in August

We are in need of a five volunteers who would be willing to help prep food on Friday, August 23rd and help serve on Saturday, August 24th. If you would be willing to help either or both days please sign up on the Women's Bulletin Board next to the Library.

We are also in need of one or two people who would be willing to bake sugar cookies for the retreat. These can be done ahead of time at your convenience and frozen.

Finally, we are asking to borrow your teapot if you have one. There is a sign up sheet on the same bulletin board if you would be willing to loan us one. We will take good care of them while they are in our care. Thank You!



# Announcements

## Summer Preaching Schedule: Aug-Sept.

It's Summer, While we follow the Narrative Lectionary, the summer months provide an opportunity for sermon series. Also, I will be away for mission trips, educational opportunities, and vacation for at least 3 weeks during these summer months. As a result, I'll share with you the summer preaching schedule, so you will know who is preaching each Sunday and when I'll be preaching on various series. Here's the schedule for July– Aug.

- August 4 - Pastor Brad (Series: Sabbath)
- August 11- Pastor Brad (Series: Sabbath)
- August 18 - Pastor Brad (Series: Discernment)
- August 25 - Pastor Brad (Series: Discernment)
- September 1 Pastor Brad (Series: Discernment)



Our sympathy goes out to  
The Family of:  
*Alice Else*



## A Little Food Bank Comparison



	2018	2019
Jan.	#177	#210
Feb.	#142	#150
Mar.	#170	#192
Apr.	#240	#160
May	#100	#153
June	#223	#210
July	#223	
Aug.	#198	
Sept.	#117	
Oct.	#176	
Nov.	#76	
Dec.	#285	



Saturday August 17th

@ 8 am

Elders Meeting

Sunday, August 11th@

12:30 pm

Board Meeting

Sunday, Aug. 18th

@ 4:00 pm



## Announcements

### **Church Cabin Worship Services: August 4, 2019**

There will be a worship service at the church building at 10:50am on August 4th for those unable to attend the service at the cabin.

#### **Where will you worshipping on Aug. 4th?**

Please let us know where you plan to worship on this day so we can be prepared for both services.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of People Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Worshipping at: (Please Circle One)**

**First Christian Church**

**Church Cabin**

(Please return this slip to the church office by July 28th)



#### **Want to Talk About Faith and Life?**

I (Pastor Brad) will begin offering a new conversation-oriented Sunday School class on Sunday mornings at 9:30am (location TBA). The class will begin on Kick-Off Sunday, September 8.

Each series of the class will be 4-6 weeks in length and will be focused on a different topic.

The first series of six sessions is entitled, "What do you believe about God, Church, and Faith...and why?" The series will be based on the book, "A Faith of Your Own: Making Sense of What you REALLY Believe" by Ron Allen, one of my seminary professors.

If you are wondering how we can have a class at 9:30am on Sunday mornings (when we typically have a worship service beginning at 9:00am), the leadership of the first service has decided to continue our summer schedule of offering only one worship service at 10:50 am into the Fall and possibly beyond. When we revert to the previous schedule of having two Sunday morning worship services, I will adjust this class accordingly.

— Pastor Brad





## Announcements



# Can you fix something?

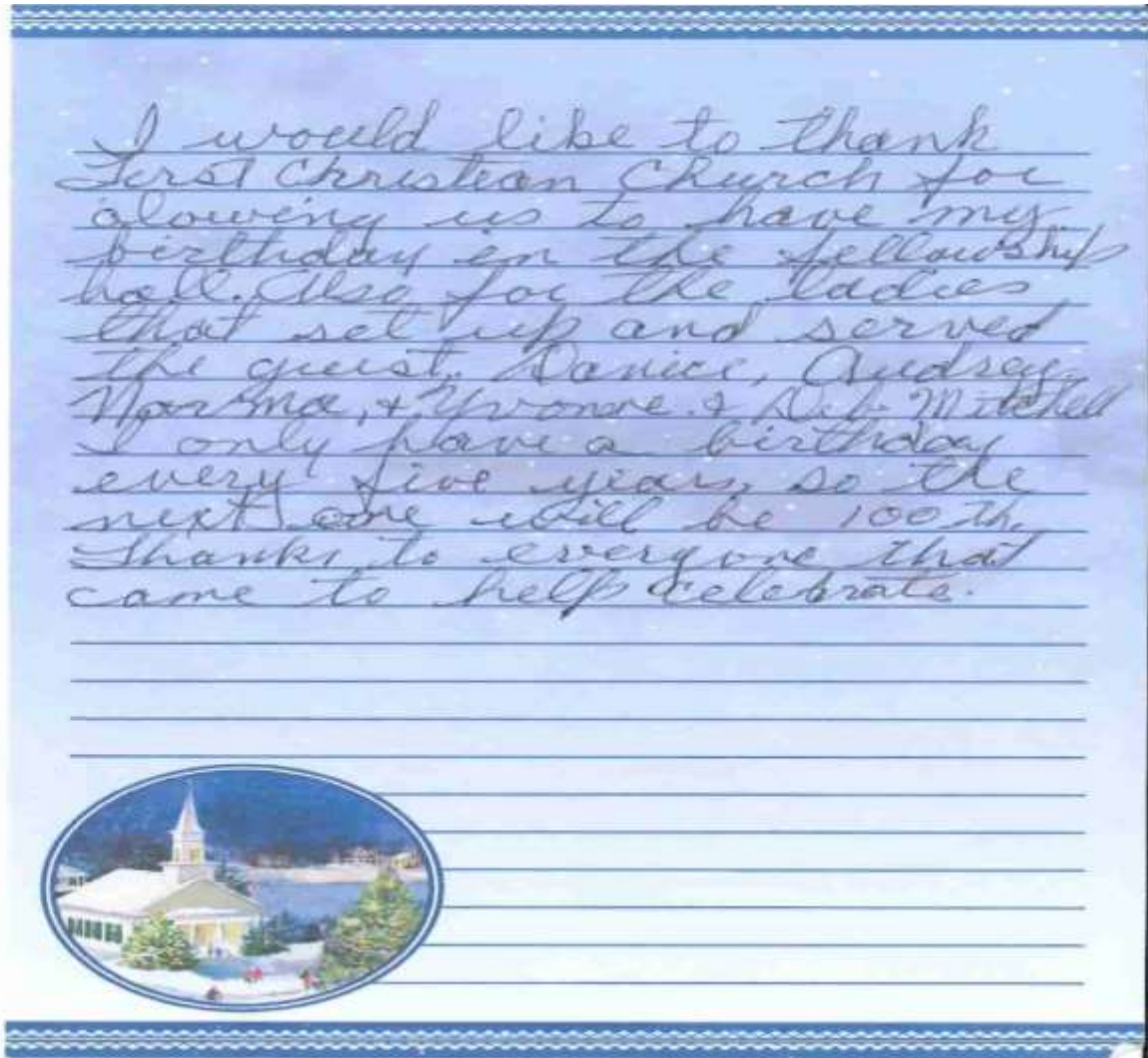
Are you skilled at repairing something: bicycles, small electronics, clothing (sewing buttons), furniture, toys...anything?

Would you like to spend a day helping people and making new friends while doing something you enjoy?

Would you like to help the environment by fixing things so people continue to use those things instead of throwing them away?

If you might be interested, please call the First Christian Church office at 970-242-7204, and we will have someone call you back with more details about how you can help at our first annual RepairCafe!

Repair Cafe  
October 26, 2019  
9am-2pm  
1st Christian Church  
1326 N. 1st Street  
Grand Junction 81501



A great BIG thank- you to my FCC family for the prayers, visits, phone calls and cards during my recent hospitalization—Gloria Jeffery



Thank you so much  
for your support  
and prayers for the  
ministry.

Jeanne





Thanks

Community Food Bank

PO Box 3614


Grand Junction, Co 81502

## Donation

Date	Donation No.
5/31/2019	2691

Donor
First Christian Church 1326 N First St Grand Junction, CO 81501

Check No.	Payment Method
14616	Check

Description	Amount
<p>With sincere appreciation for your generous contribution and ongoing support on behalf of the Community Food Bank-Thank You. It is through people, such as yourself, that the food bank is able to meet the demand of those Mesa County individuals and families in need of food.</p> <p>Gratefully,</p>  <p>Marsha Kosteva Executive Director</p> <p>In order to qualify for the Colorado Enterprise Zone Tax Credit, donors are requested to provide the last four digits of the Social Security Number or EIN on the check or enclosed information. Community Food Bank will obtain certificates for donations of \$250 or more in a calendar year. For assistance and more information, please contact Pete Kunisch at <a href="mailto:pkunisch@eaglestrategies.com">pkunisch@eaglestrategies.com</a>.</p> <p>No goods or services of any value were transferred in connection with this donation. The Community Food Bank is a non-profit organization recognized as tax-exempt as described in Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code; EIN #84-0817696.</p>	450.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>

# FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17

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



# FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

<u>August 4, 2019</u>  <b><u>Worship at the Cabin</u></b>  <u>Elders</u> Susan Barton Lily Fitch	<b>August 4, 2019</b>  <u>Worship Leader</u> Riecke Claussen <u>Elders</u> Jim Matthews Carol Matthews <u>Greeter</u> Jeanne Klitzke <u>Preparing Diaconate</u> Karen Lehman	<b>1st Sunday</b>  <u>Serving Diaconate</u> Jeanne Klitzke Yvonne Warner <u>Van Driver</u> If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday <u>Coffee Mingle</u> Jeanice Swank Ruth Acord  <u>Keyboard</u> Karen Lehman <u>Collection Team</u> Riecke Claussen
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# Church Calendar of Events - August 1, 2019— August 28, 2019

## Thursday August 1, 2019

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

9:30 am Ruth Group  
1:30 pm Dorcus Group  
6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Board  
6:00 pm Praise Team

## Friday August 2, 2019

5:30 pm IACE Dinner

## Sunday August 4, 2019

10:50 am One Worship Service  
10:50 am Worship at the Cabin  
12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

## Monday August 5, 2019

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

## Tuesday August 6, 2019

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

## Wednesday August 7, 2019

10:00 am Morning Bible Study  
3:30 pm Parkinson Support Group  
6:30 pm Evening Bible Study  
@ the Armbruster's house  
(615 Pioneer Rd).

## Thursday August 8, 2019

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

8:30 am Babysitting Class CPR/First Aid  
1:30 pm CWF General  
5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministries  
6:00 pm Praise Team

## Friday August 9, 2019

8:30 am Babysitting Class CPR/First Aid  
2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

## Saturday August 10, 2019

7:30 am Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) Hamfest  
1:00 pm Keith & Joan White's 60th Wedding Anniversary

## Sunday August 11, 2019

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

## Monday August 12, 2019

\*\*\*\*Pastor Brad out of Town\*\*\*\*

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

## Tuesday August 13, 2019

\*\*\*\*Pastor Brad out of Town\*\*\*\*  
9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group  
10:00 am Friends Going Forward  
NO PEO Chapter Meeting for Aug.  
5:00 pm Healthy Living  
5:00 pm Franklin Park HOA Meeting

## Wednesday August 14, 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).  
7:00 pm Co. West Quilters Guild

## Thursday August 15, 2019

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

1:30 pm Monthly Mission Day  
6:00 pm Praise Team

## Saturday August 17, 2019

8:00 am Men's Breakfast  
8:30 am RMCSC CPE Group  
12:00 pm Territorial Daughters Meeting

## Sunday August 18, 2019

10:50 am One Worship Service  
12:15 pm Coffee Mingle  
4:00 pm Board Meeting

## Monday August 19, 2019

NO CWU Group for August  
10:30 am Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

## Tuesday August 20, 2019

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group.  
5:00 pm Healthy Living

## Wednesday August 21, 2019

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

## Thursday August 22, 2019

\*\*\*\*Crosswords Deadline\*\*\*\*  
1:30 pm CWF Executive Meeting  
6:00 pm Praise Team

## Friday August 23, 2019

9:00 am Set up for Spa Day  
2:00 pm Mexican Train Group  
5:30 pm : All Church Potluck @ Lily & Bill Fitch's House (3760 Horizon Glen Ct.)

## Saturday August 24, 2019

9:00 am Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES)  
9:00 am SeaSide Escape Spa Day

## Sunday August 25, 2019

\*\*\*\*Food Bank Sunday\*\*\*\*  
10:50 am One Worship Service  
12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

## Monday August 26, 2019

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

## Tuesday August 27, 2019

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group  
10:00 am Friends Going Forward  
5:00 pm Healthy Living

## Wednesday August 28, 2019

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