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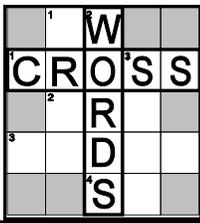
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement

**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:

What is the Point/Purpose of People?

[This is the seventh 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: What is the point (or purpose) of people?

I've focused quite a bit on God in the last few articles, so I'll turn things back toward people for today to ponder a question that's very important to us: if God is all-powerful and can do whatever God wants, why did God create people? What is our point and purpose?

Two rather different answers to the question can be found by surveying the beginning and the end of the scriptures:

- In the first book of the Bible, we read, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15, NRSV). From this verse, we learn a primary purpose for people as being to manage God's creation, to be what we Christians call "good stewards". Indeed, this purpose for humanity can be found throughout the scriptures.
- In the last book of the Bible, God shows John of Patmos visions of the future. These visions include multiple scenes of beings worshipping God in the Kingdom of Heaven. One of these scenes includes worshippers described as "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Revelation 7:9, NRSV). These worshippers are people, not angels. From these scenes, we can discern a primary purpose for people as being to praise God. Indeed, this purpose for humanity can be found throughout the scriptures.

One other scriptural purpose I'll propose has to do with relationality. Throughout the Bible, God desires people to be in relationship with God. And when God created women, declaring, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner" (Genesis 2:18), God may have been revealing something about God's self: God prefers to not be alone; God wants to be in relationship with people whom God created to be worthy relational partners with God. Indeed, this purpose for humanity can be found throughout the scriptures.

There are more potential purposes, for sure, including the decidedly post-ascension purpose of continuing Jesus' earthly ministry.

I'm curious, what do you think the purpose of people to be? And, how does having a purpose given by God impact the quality of life on earth and our actions throughout our lives on earth? Let's keep the conversation going.

- Pastor Brad

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements

FCC Birthdays

August

August 15 Paula Schaffer
August 28 Mason Stauffer

September

September 1 Miles Brekke
September 2 Les Armbruster
September 3 Joan White
September 4 Brad Krebill
September 6 Gary Steed
September 9 Curtis Rosencrans
September 10 Ron Velarde
September 12 Gene Matteson
September 14 Eleanor Hubbell

FCC Anniversary

August

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

September

No September Anniversaries

Here's the Preaching schedule for Aug– Sept.

- August 18 - Pastor Brad (Series: Discernment)
- August 25 - Pastor Brad (Series: Discernment)
- September 1 - Pastor Brad (Series: Discernment)
- September 8 - Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- September 15 - Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- September 22- Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- September 29 - Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)

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
Marlene Cowan	Aug.	California
Johnny & Jeanette West		Alaska
Brad & Susan Barton	at a Regional Board Meeting	Denver

Traveling in the Near Future:

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

A Little Food Bank Comparison

	2018	2019
Jan.	#177 food	#210 food & \$20.00
Feb.	#142 food	#150 food & \$215.00
Mar.	#170 food	#192 food & \$170.00
Apr.	#240 food	#160 food & \$80.00
May	#100 food	#153 food & \$30.00
June	#223 food	#210 food & \$230.00
July	#223 food	# 125 food
Aug.	#198 food	
Sept.	#117 food	
Oct.	#176 food	
Nov.	#76 food	
Dec.	#285 food	

CROSSWORDS!

next deadline is...

Thursday August, 22nd

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.



Saturday August 17th

@ 8 am

Elders Meeting

Sunday, September 8th@

12:30 pm

Board Meeting

Sunday, Aug. 18th

@ 4:00 pm



Announcements

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.....)



I have called a Visitation Meeting for our Visitation Group on Sunday, August 25th. Our meeting will be right after church either in the Library or the Conference Room.

Thank you,
Carol Matthews.

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



**Sunday,
September 1
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 8**

As we Kick-off our new Church year Sunday School classes and Mid-week classes will begin the week of September 8. There will also be a catered meal and discussion after Worship.



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



Announcements

Western Slope Operation Christmas Child invites you to a Celebration Event!

Local OCC volunteer, Miki Bristol, recently distributed shoebox gifts with Operation Christmas Child in Liberia, West Africa!

Come celebrate with us and hear what God is doing through these Gospel opportunities as she shares her first-hand experience witnessing God's work through Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child.

ALSO:

Learn more about Operation Christmas Child and how you can be involved!

Connect with others with a heart for this ministry and children globally

Share new, fun ideas for packing, crafting, and more!

When: Friday, Aug 16th

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Canyon View Vineyard CHAPEL

736 24 1/2 Road * Grand Junction

For up-to-date information, like us on:

Facebook- OCC West Slope Colorado

For more information, contact

Sandy Schalbrack, 970.858.9873

mountainlife42@gmail.com

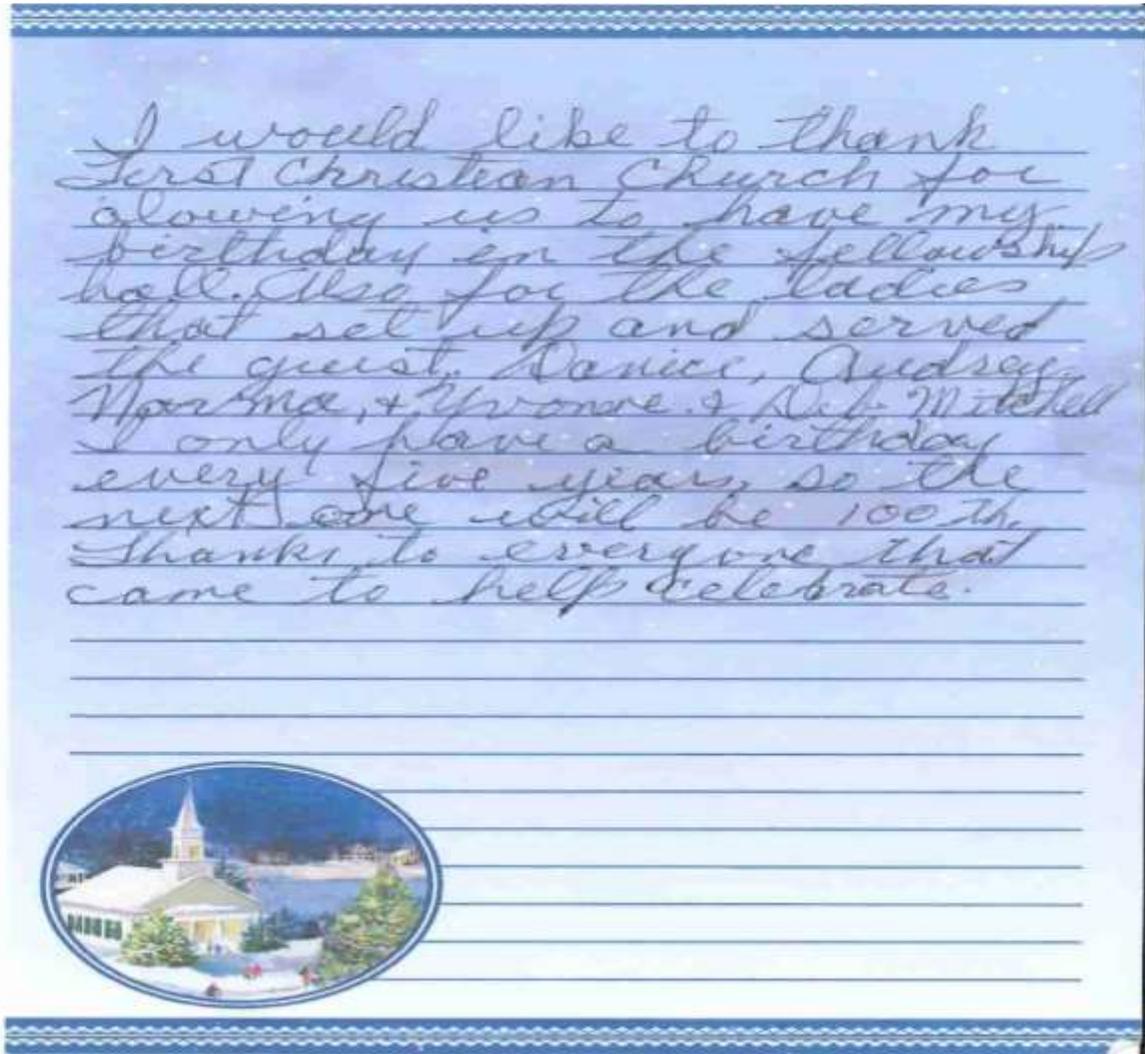
Miki Bristol 970.314.6749

mikibristol.mb@gmail.com





Thanks



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

Thanks to everyone that participated in the Church building Worship on November 4th.

Jeanice Swank



Our sympathy goes out to
Marlene & Johnny Cowan on the passing of
Marlene's 1/2 sister Valerie.



Thanks

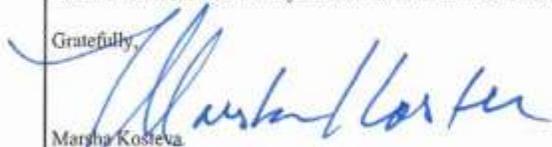
Community Food Bank
PO Box 3614
Grand Junction, Co 81502

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 pkunisch@eaglestrategies.com.</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
Total	\$450.00



Thanks



July 30, 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 07/12/2019. 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

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



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' 4-Week ASSIGNMENTS

<u>August 18, 2019</u> <u>No First Service</u>	August 18, 2019 3rd Sunday		
	<u>Worship Leader</u> Susan Barton	<u>Preparing Diaconate</u> Riecke Claussen	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Melanie Ferron
	<u>Elders</u> Al Baumgartle Riecke Claussen	<u>Serving Diaconate</u> Nancy Claussen David Morgan	<u>Keyboard</u> Paula Schaffer
	<u>Greeter</u> Carol Matthews Jim Matthews Cole Barton	<u>Van Driver</u> Doug Bryant Carolyn Bryant Nancy Claussen If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	<u>Collection Team</u> Chip Ferron Riecke Claussen
<u>August 25, 2019</u> <u>No First Service</u>	August 25, 2019 4th Sunday		
	<u>Worship Leader</u> Al Baumgartle	<u>Preparing Diaconate</u> Marian Velarde	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Jeannie Klitzke
	<u>Elders</u> Jeanice Swank Lois Dunning	<u>Serving Diaconate</u> Marian Velarde Dennis Edwards	<u>Keyboard</u> Paula Schaffer
	<u>Greeter</u> Lily Fitch Kathy Moore Karen Lehman	<u>Van Driver</u> Ruth Acord Jodi Gabel If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	<u>Collection Team</u> Chip Ferron Riecke Claussen
<u>September 1, 019</u> <u>No First Service</u>	September 1, 2019 1st Sunday		
	<u>Worship Leader</u> Joyce Wittwer	<u>Preparing Diaconate</u> Karen Lehman	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> September Birthday Cake
	<u>Elders</u> Jim Matthews Carol Matthews	<u>Serving Diaconate</u> Kathy Moore Jerry Francis	<u>Keyboard</u> Paula Schaffer
	<u>Greeter</u> Melanie Ferron Gloria Jeffery Lily Fitch	<u>Van Driver</u> Jeanice Swank Yvonne Warner If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	<u>Collection Team</u> Lois Dunning Grace Farrell
<u>September 8, 2019</u> <u>No First Service</u>	September 8, 2019 2nd Sunday		
	<u>Worship Leader</u> Lois Dunning	<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	<u>Keyboard</u> Jeanice Swank Paula Schaffer
	<u>Greeter</u> Bob Wise Alice Wieseler Jeanice Swank	<u>Van Driver</u> Josh Barton Cole Barton If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	<u>Collection Team</u> Lois Dunning Grace Farrell

Church Calendar of Events - August 15, 2019— September 16, 2019

Thursday August 15, 2019

****Crosswords ****

6:00 pm Praise Team

Saturday August 17, 2019

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

8:30 am RMCS 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

6:00 pm Creation Care Group

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

Pastor Brad at Regional Meeting

****Crosswords Deadline****

1:00 pm CWF Executive Meeting

1:30 pm Monthly Mission Day

6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday August 23, 2019

Pastor Brad at Regional Meeting

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 SeaSide Escape Spa Day

5:00 pm Grand Junction Symphony will use the Parking Lot for An Evening Under The Stars

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).

Thursday August 29, 2019

**** Crosswords****

6:00 pm Praise Team

Sunday September 1, 2019

****Rally Sunday****

10:50 am One Worship Service

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

Monday September 2, 2019

****Office Closed****

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday September 3, 2019

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

5:00 pm Healthy Living

6:30 pm Night'ngals

Wednesday September 4, 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 September 5, 2019

****Crosswords Deadline****

9:30 am Ruth Group

1:30 pm Dorcas Group

6:00 pm Co. West Quilters Board

6:00 pm Praise Team

Sunday September 8, 2019

****Kick Off Sunday****

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am One Worship Service

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

12:15 pm Catered Meal & Discussion

12:30 pm Elders Meeting

Monday September 9, 2019

10:30 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Craft Group

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study

Tuesday September 10, 2019

9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group

10:00 am Friends Going Forward

1:30 pm PEO Chapter Meeting

5:00 pm Healthy Living

Wednesday September 11, 2019

9:00 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 September 12, 2019

**** Crosswords****

1:00 pm CWF General

5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministries

6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday September 13, 2019

2:00 pm Mexican Train Group

Sunday September 15, 2019

9:30 am Sunday School

10:50 am One Worship Service

12:15 pm Coffee Mingle

4:00 pm Cabinet Meeting

Monday September 16, 2019

9:30 am CWU Group

10:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm M&M Bible Study