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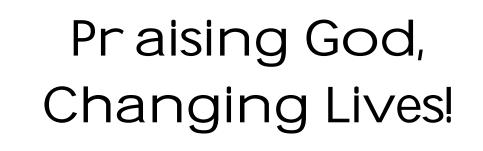
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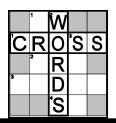
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement





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

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Faith Talk: What is The Trinity?

[This is the eighth 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 Trinity, and where did the notion of Trinity come from?

Perhaps you've encountered some un-churched people who've questioned you about the Trinity. I know I have. The questioning I receive typically has to do with two things: (1) How can Christians claim their faith to be Biblically based when such an important word as "Trinity" does not appear in the Bible?; and, (2) if the word "Trinity" is not in the Bible, where did it come from? I'll try to address these two issues and offer some things for you to think and talk about.

The word "Trinity" is not in the Bible. This is true; the Greek word that translates into "Trinity" did not appear until AD 180. However, this does not at all mean the concept is not found in scripture. Throughout the Bible, many words, titles, or descriptions are used for God. What we think of as the three persons of the Trinity appear very frequently. At the close of one of his letters, the Apostle Paul even prayed, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you (1 Corinthians 13:14)." Paul's prayer is trinitarian without using the word "Trinity." In other words, the concept of Trinity is incredibly Biblical, even if the word is not found in the scriptures so that the word "Trinity" was developed to describe what was found in the Bible.

The origins of Trinity as a central tenet of Christian theology. I've already mentioned that the word appeared in AD 180, but why did the word appear? (Note: my answer is by necessity a simplification of something that is not so simple.) Christian leaders sought a way to express their monotheistic faith without glossing over the reality that the Bible describes three distinctly different modes of expression (or persons) for the one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The attempt to adequately describe exactly how God is manifest in these three distinct modes of expression became the subject of considerable debate for hundreds of years, during which time many of the ideas promoted were deemed unorthodox, if not heretical. Further, the doctrine of Trinity developed differently in various parts of the world. (I encourage you to research the origins of Trinity for yourself; the history is fascinating.)

What does all of this mean for us as Christians? In simplest terms, the word "Trinity" to describe the God we find in scripture calls us to consider if the word/ concept adequately describes both the God of scripture and the God of our experience. Does "Trinity" describe your encounter with God in scripture and your experience of God in life? Why/how?

Enjoy the conversation!

- Pastor Brad

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Announcements

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Eleanor Hubbell Ann Hutton Marvin Schaffer Judy Campbell Kathy Gardner Linda Edwards Lois Stouffer

Gene Matteson

October

October 4 October 6 October 8 October 8 Rev. Brad Barton Beverly Dorson Robin Slater Norma Matteson

FCC Anniversary

September September 27 Tammy & Wayne Ostermiller

Here's the Preaching schedule for

Sept.- Oct.

- September 15 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- September 22- Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- September 29 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- October 6 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- October 13 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- October 20 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)
- October 27 Pastor Brad (Series: Back to Basics)



Saturday September 21st

@ 8 am

Board Meeting

Sunday, September 15th

@ 4:00 pm

Elders Meeting Sunday, October 13th @12:30 pm





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.

<u>Traveling This Week:</u>

Joyce Wittwer & Lamar Edwards Al aska Johnny & Jeanette West Al aska Brad Krebil I Mid-sept. Al aska Riecke & Nancy Claussen Road trip to Virginia

Traveling in the Near Future:

•Susan Barton

Oct. 31**-** Nov. 4

Missouri

17. Do you have a favorite color? Has that been your favorite color throughout your life? Why do you think it's your favorite? If you don't have a favorite, why do you think that is?
18. Do you have a favorite place that you've enjoyed visiting in your life? Where is that place? What do you like about it Do you hope to go Again?



next deadline is...

Thursday September 19th

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.



MISSION DAY

THURSDAY, SEPT 19, 2019 1:30 PM



MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR GOD BY MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR PEOPLE!

Mission Day: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Tie-Dying Pillow Cases and Making Snack Packs

This month, we will be tie dying pillow cases to be made into dresses to be used as part of an annual mission/work trip to El Salvador. Also, we'll be making snack packs for hungry people. Come, help, and have some fun!

		Announcements	
	•••••	A Little Food Bank Comparison	•
•	2018	2019	
Ja	n. #177 fo	od #210 food & \$20.00	
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Thursday, October 31 @ 6:00 PM

West side of the parking lot

Trunk or treating is a safe, fun alternative to door-to-door "trick or treating"! Cars that have been decorated for Halloween will be lined up in our parking lot with trunks full of goodies. Children go trunk to trunk in their costumes to collect their treats. Please help us reach out to the children and their parents in our neighborhood by decorating your car trunk and spending a couple hours meeting them. Tammy Ostermiller will provide a chili supper for those who are working this event. **We will be collecting candy to hand out to the kids. The collection box will be in the Narthex.** If you will be decorating your car trunk for this event please let us

, know on the **sign up sheet** on in the Fellowship Hall.

For further information contact

Tammy Ostermiller @ 462-6120





New additions to our side lawn:

Little Free Library and Love in Action Box (Thanks to Lamar for making them and for the many volunteers who put them up for us!)



Little Free Library

Drop off books, in the box, or pick up a book to read any time you want! The children's books seem to be going very fast, so if you see any at a book sale or want to pick up a few at a book store, that would be awesome!

Let Susan Barton know if you have any questions.

Love in Action Box

This box is a place to drop off supplies that people in need may want. We try to keep shelf stable foods (ie bottled water, peanut butter crackers, trail mix, beef jerkey, hard candy etc), seasonal clothing (ie t-shirts, socks, men's/women's underwear etc) and toiletry items (ie hotel size soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, travel packs of tissues, women's feminine products etc.) and other things like band-aids, school supplies etc.



Let Susan Barton know if you have any questions.





Need Something Fixed?

On Saturday, October 26, 2019, FCCGJ will be launching Grand Junction's inaugural Repair Cafe!

We will have people ready to fix all kinds of things:

- jewelry
- bicycles
- furniture
- small appliances/electrical
- clothing/sewing
- even a table with glue, string, and tape

Mark your calendars, look for stuff you need repaired, and please, TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

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



Operation Christmas Child



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Imagine the childlike joy of boys and girls as they open their presents on Christmas morning. Now imagine that joy manifested tenfold as a child who never received a present, a child who has suffered because of war, natural disaster, poverty, illness or neglect, receives a shoebox

overflowing with gifts. That's the impact that Operation Christmas Child has on needy children around the world.

As a reminder, Christmas Boxes are due at the church by November 10, 2019.

There are shoe boxes wrapped in Christmas paper in the

Fellowship Hall. Inside the boxes, there are instructions on what to do.

I would like to also thank you all for your generosity. I know the children will be so excited!

Please add \$9.00 for Shipping

Things to Bring	Balloons
for the Christmas Boxes	Hair brushes
Stocking caps	Combs
Gloves	Hair Barrettes
Barbie Dolls	Hair Ribbons
Soccer Balls	Dolls of any kind
Tennis Balls	Stuffed toys
Yo Yo's	Color Books
Toy Cars	Crayons
Underwear	School supplies
Socks	Calculators
Clothes	Plastic Water Bottles
Shoes	Plastic Cups
Toys	Soap tied in a Washcloth
Books	
Bibles	

Things NOT to bring

- No Candy (not even hard candy) No Toothpaste No War figurines No War toys No lotion No liquid of any kind
- <u>The children will</u> <u>LOVE anything you</u> <u>are able to give</u> <u>them!</u> <u>Thank You</u>

Thanks



August 08, 2019

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 1326 N. First Street Grand Junction, CO 81501

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 08/05/2019. 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 <u>have not yet provided us with this information</u>, 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

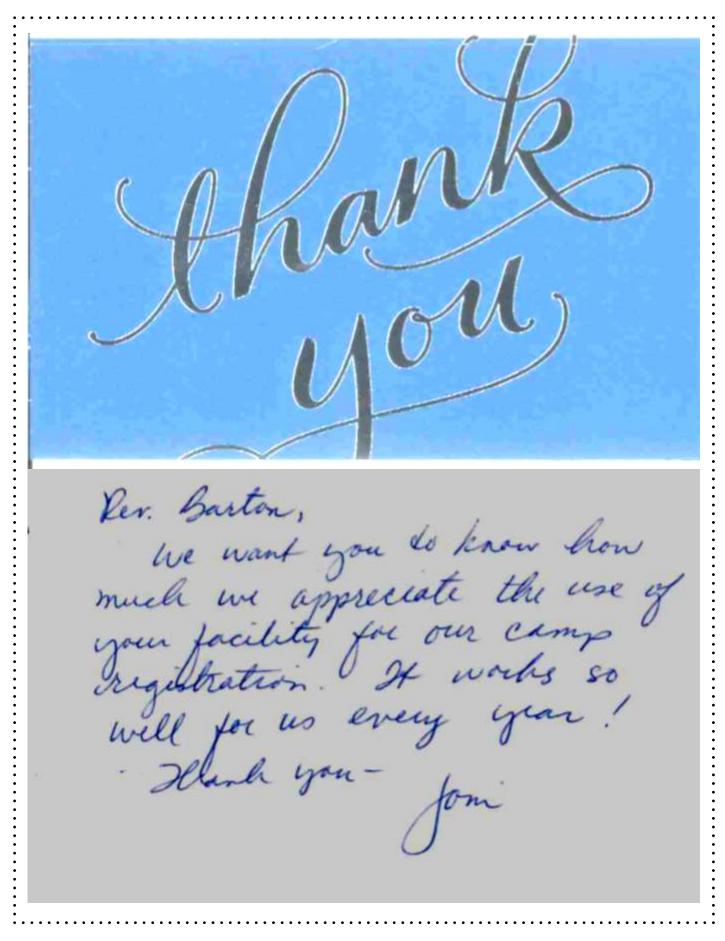
Thank you!

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.

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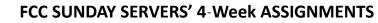


FCC Prayer Concerns

"Pray without ceasing."

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Pam Baum	gartle	Brian Neukman
Jim Bennet	t	Dennis Parks
Bill Brown		Carol Perry
Amy Burns		Steve Pratt
Gale Carpe	r	Ike Rogers
Robert Cha	ndler	Kyle Rosencrans
Howard Co	ltfelter	Paul Scanga
Chuck Cum	mings	John Sherry
Annabelle [Decker	Lois Stouffer
Barbara Du	Inning	Angie Tanksley
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Sheana Em	erson	Ron Velarde
Rutha Hart		Joan White
David & Vid	ckie Hagan	
JoAnne Hill		
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September 15, 2019	September 15, 2019	3rd Sunday	
No First Service	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Coffee Mingle
	Nancy Armbruster	Riecke Claussen	Melanie Ferron
	<u>Elders</u>	Nancy Claussen	<u>Keyboard</u>
	Ray Farrell	Serving Diaconate	Paula Schaffer
	Riecke Claussen	David Morgan	Collection Team
	Greeter	Doug Bryant	Lois Dunning
	Jeanne Klitzke	Carolyn Bryant	Grace Farrell
	Ruth Acord	Nancy Claussen	
	Cole Barton	Van Driver	
		If you need a ride, call	
<u>September 22, 2019</u>		the office by Tuesday	
No First Service	September 22, 2019	4th Sunday	
NOTISt Service	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Coffee Mingle
	Joyce Wittwer	Marian Velarde	Beverly Dorson
	<u>Elders</u>	Serving Diaconate	<u>Keyboard</u>
	Jeanice Swank	Marian Velarde	Paula Schaffer
	Lois Dunning	Dennis Edwards	Collection Team
	Greeter	Ruth Acord	Lois Dunning
	Adele Matera	Jodi Gabel	Grace Ferrell
	Pam Baumgartle	Van Driver	
	David Morgan	If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	
<u>September 29, 019</u>	September 29, 2019	5th Sunday	
No First Service	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Coffee Mingle
	Riecke Claussen	Ray Farrell	Marlene Cowan
	Elders	Serving Diaconate	Gloria Jeffery
	Ray Farrell	David Morgan	Keyboard
	Riecke Claussen	Doug Bryant	Paula Schaffer
	Greeter	Carolyn Bryant	Collection Team
	Melanie Ferron	Nancy Claussen	Lois Dunning
	Ruby Eachus	Van Driver	Grace Farrell
	Earn Eachus	If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	
<u>October 6, 2019</u>	October 6, 2019	1st Sunday	
No First Service	Worship Leader	Preparing Diaconate	Coffee Mingle
	Ray Farrell	Karen Lehman	October Birthday Cake
	<u>Elders</u>	Serving Diaconate	<u>Keyboard</u>
	Jim Matthews	Kathy Moore	Paula Schaffer
	Carol Matthews	Jerry Francis	Collection Team
	<u>Greeter</u>	Jeanice Swank	Al Baumgartle
	Riecke Claussen	Yvonne Warner	Ray Farrell
	Nancy Claussen	Van Driver	
	Joyce Wittwer	If you need a ride, call the office by Tuesday	
		the office by Tuesday	

Church Calendar of Events - September 12, 2019– October 15, 2019

Thursday September 12, 2019 **** Crosswords**** 10:00 am Cross installation 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 Tuesday September 17, 2019 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group 5:00 pm Healthy Living 6:00 pm Photography Club 6:30 pm Night'ngals Wednesday September 18, 2019 10:00 am Morning Bible Study 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study @ the Armbruster's house (615 Pioneer Rd). Thursday September 19, 2019 ****Crosswords Deadline**** 1:30 pm Monthly Mission Day 6:00 pm Praise Team Friday September 20, 2019 7:30 am CAPA Group Saturday September 21, 2019 8:00 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am RMCSC CPE Group 12:00 pm Territorial Daughters Group Sunday September 22, 2019 9:30 am Sunday School Class 10:50 am One Worship Service 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle Monday September 23, 2019 10:30 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Craft Group 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study Tuesday September 24, 2019 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group 10:00 am Friends Going Forward 5:00 pm Healthy Living 6:00 pm Creation Care Wednesday September 25, 2019 10:00 am Morning Bible Study 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study @ the Armbruster's house (615 Pioneer Rd). Thursday September 26, 2019 **** Crosswords**** 1:00 pm CWF Executive Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Friday September 27, 2019 2:00 pm Mexican Train Group Saturday September 28, 2019 9:00 am Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES)) Sunday September 29, 2019 ****Food Bank Sunday**** 9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am One Worship Service 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle Monday September 30, 2019 10:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study **Tuesday October 1, 2019** 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group 5:00 pm Healthy Living 6:30 pm Night'ngals Wednesday October 2, 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 October 3, 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 Saturday October 5, 2019 5:00 pm Franklin Park HOA Meeting Sunday October 6, 2019 9:30 am Sunday School Class 10:50 am One Worship Service 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle Monday October 7, 2019 10:30 am Staff Meeting 1:30 pm FCC Bookworms 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study **Tuesday October 8, 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 October 9, 2019 930 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 October 10, 2019 **** Crosswords**** 1:00 pm CWF General Meeting 5:00 pm Homeward Bound Ministries 6:00 pm Praise Team Friday October 11, 2019 2:00 pm Mexican Train Group Sunday October 13, 2019 9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am One Worship Service 12:15 pm Coffee Mingle 12:30 pm Elders Meeting Monday October 14, 2019 10:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Craft Group 7:00 pm M&M Bible Study Tuesday October 15, 2019 9:00 am Burger King Coffee Group 5:00 pm Healthy Living