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**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Identity Statement**



**PRAISING GOD  
CHANGING LIVES!**



# CROSSWORDS

## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

### Services each

#### Sunday

Praising God, Changing Lives for 135 Years!

#### Sunday Worship:

10:50 a.m.

#### Church Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday:

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesday:

12:00 pm–3:00 pm

Friday: Close

#### Pastor Kevin Church hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 10 AM—3 PM

THURSDAY: OFF

FRIDAY: 10 AM—3 PM

### Our Ministry

#### Statement

First Christian Church (DOC)

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.

## Kevin's Korner

I want to thank you all again for all the cards, prayers and other support, following my father's recent death. It has been a bit of a blur, and a little confusing, as I reorient my life, now without parents on earth; and now part of the elder generation of my family. But, there have been some blessings along the way as well.

As we approach All Saints Day, next Tuesday, it was good to hear the Senior Minister of my parent's church, Parkview Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Meridian, Idaho, talk about the saints of the church, and to mention my parents in those comments.

Pastor Justin McMurdie, welcomed everyone to the Celebration of Life for Elton Arensman, my dad. And he said how grateful he was to celebrate the saints of Parkview Christian Church, which includes the former location as University Christian Church in Boise. He celebrated the revitalized congregation that had twenty baptisms this fall and is planning five to ten more soon. He celebrated the saints of the church who had given so much in time, service and financial giving, which has laid a solid foundation for ministry going forward and for new ministries with families and young people around their neighborhood.

Justin called my dad a saint. Hmm... I never thought of that before. He was just a man. But he had skills, faith, determination, time, and (later in life) financial resources, all of which he was glad to share with his church. Pastor Gene Hill followed with a eulogy, sharing how he worked with my dad in the Evangelism ministry over forty years ago; how they met every Monday for lunch at Wendys to talk about visitors the previous day and other prospective members whom they might call on, by phone or in person, that evening.

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## Kevin's Korner Continued...

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Not many of us like to knock on a door and invite people to church. But my dad was knocking almost every Monday night for years. In fact, when I came home from college, forty years ago, Monday night calling was one of the first things I did in my old church...with my dad. This led to helping with the Billy Graham Crusade in Boise, in 1982, rededicating my life to Jesus, and entering seminary the following year, on the road to full-time ministry. Yes, my dad was a saint of the church. My mom was too, just as much! The Parkview Christian Church helped us celebrate my dad and how he loved and took care of his family. But, they also celebrated the gifts that both my parents gave to God through Parkview Christian Church, and they celebrated the future that my parents helped to set in motion through their gifts, the future (now present) of thriving ministry for Jesus Christ in the Meridian/Boise area. My family and I felt truly blessed!

My dad's name will be read next Sunday as we celebrate the saints of the church at First Christian Church of Grand Junction. His ministry, and my mom's, has reached this church by helping to form my own ministry for almost forty years as a follower of Jesus Christ and pastor. We'll be celebrating other saints of First Christian Church who are with us through our memories, but also through their gifts over the years. And we'll also be celebrating the continuing gifts that are being offered to God by the living saints of First Christian Church, through Estimates of Giving to the church, but also their gifts of time and talents, which are even now laying the foundation for ministries in the near future and ministries for years to come.

I hope you will join with me in our Celebration Sunday this Sunday, October 30! We have much to celebrate! Thank God!

Blessings, Pastor Kevin



Thanks to Colin Nelson

12-14-2009

HOZEKIAH FOUND THIS RACE WITH MOSES AND  
PETER TO BE GROSSLY UNFAIR

## 1st Year Anniversary

### Pastor Kevin and Shannon

A celebration of Pastor Kevin's leadership was celebrated on October 2, 2022 at First Christian Church, Grand Junction! In addition to the many personal cards they received, Angie Drake created a special card for all to sign



Front and back of card by Angie

It was also World Communion Day, and Pastor Kevin is dressed in a jacket given to him by an African community.



## CROSSWORDS

Next Deadline is

**November 17 , 2022**

Please submit to the  
church office or email to:

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

Articles arriving later than the  
deadline will be included in  
the next Crosswords.

*Our Sincere Sympathy to Miles Brekke and Mary Ann Bogani's family on her passing September 9, 2022. A memorial was held October 1 at First Christian Church with Pastor Kevin officiating.*





## DW/CWF General Meeting

**1pm, Thursday, Nov. 10**

Night'ngals host and will provide worship.

This will be our opportunity to tie up loose ends before the bazaar.

### BEEF & NOODLE TICKETS \$8.00

Want to get your Beef and Noodle tickets early this year? Avoid standing in line by seeing Joyce Wittwer starting October 30. And don't forget those special people in your life by getting them a ticket as well.

**Good Food for Good People for a Good Cause**

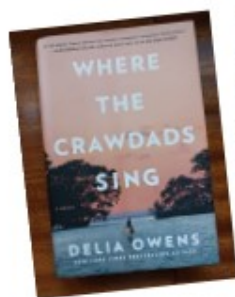
**CWF thanks you!**

# Bazaar

**Grandma's Attic  
Bake Shoppe  
Handcrafts - Books - Plants  
Outside Vendors  
Beef and Noodles Luncheon  
\$8 /\$3 under 6**

**November 12  
8am-2pm**

**First Christian Church  
1326 North 1st Street  
By Sherwood Park**



"Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens, has been on best-seller lists since it was written in 2018. The FCC Book Club has been enjoying this novel and discussions during the month of October. Imagine being a young girl left to fend for yourself, living in the swamp where few people dare to enter, not attending school and being unable to read or write, but being able to find food within your surroundings to survive until you are befriended by a boy somewhat older than you who offers to teach you to read and write. Imagine her then reading everything he can bring her about the swamp and its inhabitants and going on to publish her own references while at the same time being accused of murder. It's a captivating story of love and trust in a world that is not always accepting of those who are considered outcasts. Owens is a zoologist and conservationist, and you will learn much about swamp life. Available in our library.



**"I have no possessions so real as those which I have given away to deserving people"**

Seneca - Roman Philosopher

We had a guest speaker at the Monthly Breakfast in October.

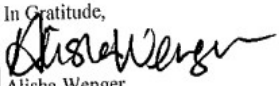
Brenda Pyle, Administrative Assistant of Foster Alumni



**FOSTER ALUMNI  
MENTORS**  
CONNECT. INSPIRE. EMPOWER.

Mentors (FAM), provided information on how their organization supports individuals who age out of foster care. FAM works with these young people helping them connect with organizations and opportunities to help them transition into life on their own. They have FAM (fun) get togethers to encourage connections as well as educational sessions to give them support and knowledge for future growth. If you have a suggestion as to how our church could assist FAM in any way, please share it with Bonnie Watts.

## Thank you Note from Community Food Bank

Description	Amount				
<p>Thank you so very much for your generous donation and ongoing support of the Community Food Bank. On behalf of the clients we serve, our staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors, we extend our utmost gratitude.</p> <p>We believe no one in our community should go hungry. We believe nutritious food is critical to helping our neighbors and their family members thrive. Your donation helps us make that vision a reality – even in the face of rising costs and supply chain disruptions – we are able to offer fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy, eggs, bread, and meat to complement standard pantry staples like canned goods, grains, and healthy snacks.</p> <p>For 44 years we have served the Grand Valley, and during these hard times folks need us more than ever. As Mesa County grows, so does our mission. We are currently serving over 6,000 people and providing up to 90,000 meals per month, over 400% growth in just three years. We simply couldn't do this important work without you.</p> <p>If you would ever like to come by our facility for a tour, please do not hesitate to reach out! You can find more information at: <a href="http://www.foodbankgj.org">www.foodbankgj.org</a> or email: <a href="mailto:alisha@foodbankgj.org">alisha@foodbankgj.org</a></p> <p>In Gratitude,    Alisha Wenger  Executive Director</p> <p>To qualify for the Colorado Enterprise Zone Tax Credit, donors are requested to provide the last four digits of the Social Security Number, CO ID #, or business EIN. We will obtain certificates for donations of \$250 or more in a calendar year - must be requested by the end of March for the previous tax year. 2022 is the final year of the EZ program for Community Food Bank. Please email: <a href="mailto:info@foodbankgj.org">info@foodbankgj.org</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>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="971 982 1161 1031">Check No.</th> <th data-bbox="1161 982 1356 1031">Payment Method</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="971 1031 1161 1079">15410</td> <td data-bbox="1161 1031 1356 1079">Check</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>560.00</p> <p><i>Thank you so very much for this incredible support!</i></p>	Check No.	Payment Method	15410	Check
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At the October Disciples Women's General Meeting, Verda, The Careful Quilter (Long Army Quilting) gave an entertaining presentation on her "hobo" patchwork quilt. Throughout the quilt, each quilt depicts a different symbol and code the hobos used among themselves for general directions as they traveled along the countryside. The ladies selected squares and then Verda would read a story that related to that



particular square. It was most informative, for instance we learned a bum was someone who rode the rails while a hobo was riding the rails looking for work. We had a fun afternoon with refreshments and worship provided by Dorcas Group.

### Congratulations

#### LINDA EDWARDS!

Linda retired September 29, 2022 after 43 years of service with TFE, contractors with the Department of Energy in Grand Junction.

She started in May, 1979 and was a word processor in the Office of Legacy Management.

Enjoy your retirement, Linda!

After an unexpected, protracted absence, I was in the Church yesterday for Bookworms. The many changes of revitalizing-- clearing the vestibule, cleaning carpets/chairs, etc--was so refreshing and inviting. Thanks for all the hard work, time and effort. I plan to return for services someday.

Joanne hill



Community  
Food Bank

## Host a Holiday Food Drive Help Nourish our Neighbors!

### Most Needed Items:

**\*\* Frozen Turkey and/or Ham \*\***  
**Stuffing & Cornbread**  
**Canned Pumpkin and Pie Fillings**  
**Gravy Mixes & Spices**  
**Graham Cracker Pie Crusts**  
**Masa Flour & Corn Husks**



**Drop Off Days: 10am - 2pm**

**Thanksgiving Donations: Saturday 11/19**

**Christmas Donations: Saturday 12/17**



**No time to collect donations?**  
**Scan the QR code to contribute**  
**to our VIRTUAL food drive!!**

**476 28 1/2 Rd, GJ 81501**  
**(970) 640-0336**  
**[www.foodbankgj.org](http://www.foodbankgj.org)**

# November 2022

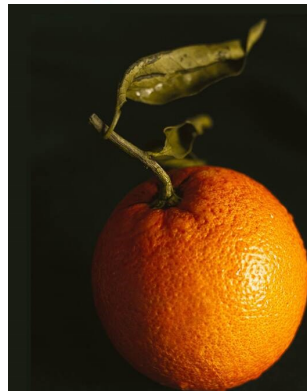
## FCC Anniversaries

November 22 Ron and Marian  
Velarde

## FCC Birthdays

November 2 Elsie Ladage  
8 Karen Lehman  
9 David Morgan  
13 Ruby Eachus  
18 Dennis Edwards

*Heart-felt Sympathy  
To  
Pastor Kevin & Shannon  
On the death of his father.*



But the fruit of the Spirit is  
love, joy, peace,  
forbearance, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness and self-control.  
Against such things  
there is no law.  
**Galatians 5:22-23**

## BIBLE TRIVIA

1. **Who said "The Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from the other?"**  
A) Laban    B) Moses    C) Mizpah    D) Abihu
2. **What do Sarah, Rachel, and Hannah all have in common?**  
A) They All trusted God    B) They were all barren  
C) Their husbands had been killed by Pharaoh    D) They all married at an old age
3. **Which of the following statements is true about Edom?**  
A) Name is associated with Jacob's brother Esau    B) He was an archer  
C) The name later became Nineveh    D) He lived in Jerusalem
4. **Where in the Bible does it talk about Cain and Abel?**  
A) Genesis 4    B) Exodus 3    C) Leviticus 2    D) Genesis 2
5. **Where in the Bible does Moses attempt to Sacrifice Isaac?**  
A) Genesis 12    B) Genesis 22    C) Exodus 5    D) Moses 10    E) None of the Above

**ANSWERS ON  
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## Corrections to Membership List

### New Mailing Address for Johnny and Marlene Cowan

- 1600 Rood Ave #1,  
Grand Junction CO 81501

### Ed Jones

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Calle Esmeralda y Unidos Nacionales  
Cuenca, Azuay 010102  
ECUADOR
- Email: [edjones1943@aol.com](mailto:edjones1943@aol.com)

### Sharon Armstrong

#### New Mailing Address

- 2948 N Palace Cir #A  
Grand Junction CO 81504

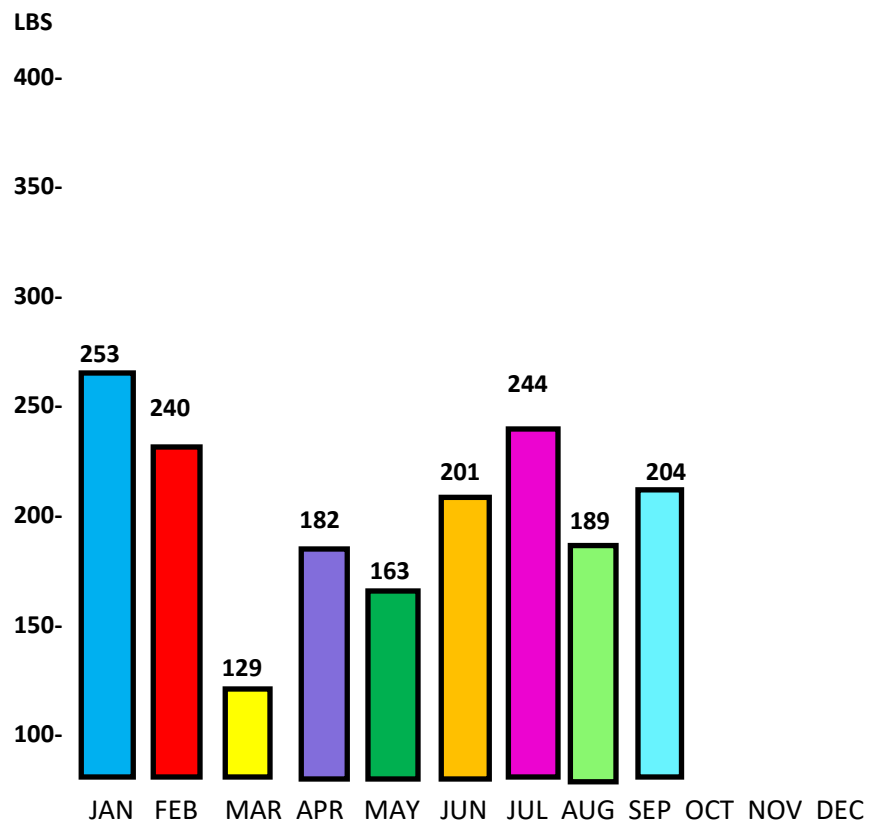
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## COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Your Support enables Community Food Bank Volunteers to provide up to Nine, Three-Day meal boxes to Mesa County Residents in need. And for that we want to say... Thank you for your Support.

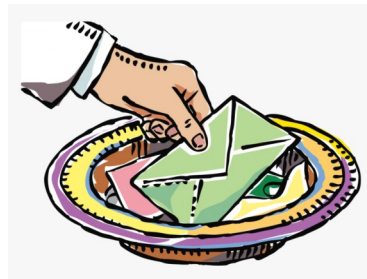
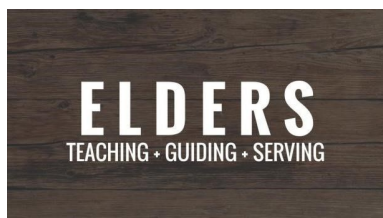
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204 lbs.



## FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS

November 06, 2022		1st Sunday	
<u><b>Worship Leader</b></u> Gloria Jeffrey	<u><b>Elder</b></u> Donna Ham	<u><b>Coffee Mingle</b></u> Lamar Edwards Joyce Wittwer	<u><b>Collection Team</b></u> Chip Ferron
<u><b>Greeter</b></u> Susan Brown			
November 13, 2022		2nd Sunday	
<u><b>Worship Leader</b></u> Al Baumgartle	<u><b>Elder</b></u> Chuck Haigler	<u><b>Coffee Mingle</b></u> Norma Lavelett Gloria Jeffrey	<u><b>Collection Team</b></u> Chip Ferron
<u><b>Greeter</b></u> Jeanette West			
November 20, 2022		3rd Sunday	
<u><b>Worship Leader</b></u> Cynthia Grover	<u><b>Elder</b></u> Joyce Wittwer	<u><b>Coffee Mingle</b></u> Beverly Dorson Susan Brown	<u><b>Collection Team</b></u> Chip Ferron
<u><b>Greeter</b></u> Jeanne Klitzke			
November 27, 2022		4th Sunday	
<u><b>Worship Leader</b></u> Johnny West	<u><b>Elder</b></u> Jeanice Swank	<u><b>Coffee Mingle</b></u> Donna Ham Jeanne Klitzke	<u><b>Collection Team</b></u> Chip Ferron
<u><b>Greeter</b></u> Nancy Claussen			
5th Sunday			
<u><b>Worship Leader</b></u>	<u><b>Elder</b></u>	<u><b>Coffee Mingle</b></u>	<u><b>Collection Team</b></u>
<u><b>Greeter</b></u>			



## FCC Prayer Concerns

*“Pray without ceasing.”*

### 1 Thessalonians 5:17

#### **Please Pray For:**


Betty Nelson  
Citizens of Ukraine (Sergii Antonov)  
David Hawley  
David and Vickie Haegen  
Diana  
Eugene Winebrenner  
Faye Morosini  
Gerald Rubalcaba-Nephew  
Jayden Williams  
Jeff Dean  
Jerry Laubhan  
Joanne Eggers  
Law & Military Enforcement Personnel  
Linda VanDellen  
Les Armbruster  
Margie O'Dell  
Family of Mary Ann Bogani  
Megan Dixon  
Nancy Armbruster  
Our Church and Country  
Pam Baumgartle  
Pastor Kevin and Shannon  
Paul Scanga  
**Pete Personette and Family**  
Ric Rava  
Rick Ott  
Santiago Rubalcaba  
Steve McPeck & Family  
Tammy Whitcomb & Daughters  
Virginia Johnson  
Wyatt McNeece

#### **Requested By:**

Joyce Wittwer  
Shannon Arensman/Bonnie  
  
Nancy Armbruster  
Lily Fitch  
  
Nancy Armbruster  
Santiago Rubalcaba  
Lily Fitch  
Gloria Jeffry  
Lily Fitch  
Lily Fitch  
Kevin Arensman  
Donna Ham  
Nancy  
Shannon Arensman  
Elders/Kevin  
Shannon Arensman  
Nancy Armbruster  
  
Elders  
Bev Dorson  
Tammy  
Shannon Arensman  
Dennis and Linda  
Shannon Arensman  
Tammy  
Pam  
Elders  
Santiago Rubalcaba

**Bolded names are new additions**

# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>31</b> <u>Trunk or Treat</u>	<b>1</b> 10:00 am FCC Bookworm 6:30 pm Revelation Bible Study 6:30 pm Night N'Gals	<b>2</b> 10:30 am Revelation Bible Study 3:30 pm Parkinson's Support Group 6:00 pm Praise Team	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Ruth Group 1:00 pm Dorcas Group	<b>4</b> 1:00 pm Mexican Train	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	<b>7</b> 6:00 pm Guitar Club	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Friends with Missions 6:30 Revelation Bible Study	<b>9</b> 10:30 am Revelation Bible Study 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm CO West Quilters Guild	<b>10</b> 1:00 pm CWF General Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00 am Bazaar
<b>13</b> 9:00 am Elder's Meeting 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm Guitar Club	<b>15</b> 10:00 am FCC Bookworm 6:30 pm Revelation Bible Study	<b>16</b> 10:30 am Revelation Bible Study 6:00 pm Praise Team	<b>17</b> ***Crossword Deadline***	<b>18</b> 1:00 pm Mexican Train	<b>19</b> 8:00 am Monthly Breakfast 12:00 pm Territorial Daughters
<b>20</b> 10:50 am Worship 12:00 Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	<b>21</b> 6:00 pm Guitar Club	<b>22</b> 10:00 am Friends with Missions 6:30 Revelation Bible Study	<b>23</b> *** Crossword Sent*** 10:30 am Revelation Bible Study 6:00 pm Praise Team	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Day 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:30 am Mesa County ARES
<b>27</b> ***Community Food Bank*** 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	<b>28</b> 6:00 pm Guitar Club	<b>29</b> 6:30 Revelation Bible Study	<b>30</b> 10:30 am Revelation Bible Study 6:00 pm Praise Team			



# JUST FOR FUN-FACTS

## Did you know... A Day like Today in History

**November 1st** - All Hallows Day, also known as All Saints Day among Roman Catholics, commemorating those who have no special feast day.

**November 4, 1842** - Abraham Lincoln married Mary Todd in Springfield, Illinois.

**November 7, 1944** - President Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented fourth term, defeating Thomas E. Dewey. Roosevelt died less than a year later on April 12, 1945.

**November 7, 1990** - Mary Robinson became Ireland's first female president.

**November 11, 1973** - Egypt and Israel signed a cease-fire agreement sponsored by the U.S.

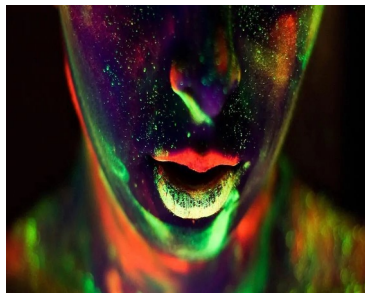
**November 19, 1493** - Puerto Rico was discovered by Columbus during his second voyage to the New World.

**November 28, 1942** - Fire erupted inside the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston killing nearly 500 persons who had become trapped inside

## Random Facts

It might be hard to see with your naked eye, but everyone you pass by every day is literally glowing. The human body emits a small quantity of visible light ("visible" in the technical sense—the illumination is about 1,000 times less intense than levels of light that we would actually be able to see). Researchers in Japan found that it fluctuates throughout the day, with the body emitting its lowest levels of light around 10 a.m. and highest at around 4 p.m., a rhythm the scientists attribute to the changes in one's metabolism.

### The human body literally glows



## BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS———FROM PAGE 8

- 1) A (REFERENCE: GENESIS 31:48)
- 2) B (REFERENCE GENESIS)
- 3) A (REFERENCE GENESIS 25:30)
- 4) A (REFERENCE GENESIS 4)
- 5) A (GENESIS 22— TRICK QUESTION, IT WAS ABRAHAM, NOT MOSES)

## Caribou



Caribou are mammals that live in the northern regions of Europe, North America, Asia, and Greenland. When snow begins to fall, caribou move south and travel to more sheltered climes where they can feed on moss or lichens.

These members of the deer family dig for food using their large hooves. The underside of each hoof is hollowed out like a big scoop and allows the caribou to dig through snow in search of food.

Caribou trek north in the summer in one of the largest animal migrations on Earth. They travel more than 600 miles (965 kilometers) along well-traveled routes. They spend the summer feeding on grasses, mushrooms, and plants in the tundra. They begin to move south in the winter and over one year they will have migrated over 1,600 miles (2,574 kilometers). One adult caribou eats about 12 pounds (5 kilograms) of food each day. Caribou are hunted by Indigenous northern people throughout much of their range. Woodland caribou are listed as endangered, but other caribou populations are stable.