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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 apologize for the Lenten Devotions, which I was unable to continue sending by email. My computer would no longer use the program that I was using. While it was working, I was able to attach this article about the recent "Asbury Revival" in Kentucky. I've been looking for a good account of what actually happened there and I have found one that I want to share with you. It should take about 5 to 10 minutes to read. I'm interested in this, because I believe that we too are experiencing our own revival, of sorts, at First Christian Church. No, we haven't had 10,000 outsiders flock to join us. But, the Holy Spirit is certainly at work in the growing spirit of love, acceptance and hospitality (which must also include forgiveness at times). People around us in the community are noticing this and commenting on it. I hear from people about the authenticity and participation in our worship services as well.

Could we be experiencing the beginning of a revival? I think we can be, internally. Can the Holy Spirit turn that into growth of new people coming? Well, at Asbury, the students started running around and telling all their friends and fellow students that something special was happening. And soon everybody knew about it (even around the country).

Could that happen here in Grand Junction? You tell me. What would revival look like in Grand Junction? Can we turn our love loose into our neighborhood and community in ways that catch people on fire (No, we don't have to become Pentecostal).

One of my favorite church consultants, Carey Nieuwhof, offered a few suggestions for those of us who might be uncomfortable with the language of "revival." First of all, he suggests that we, "be more curious and open than you are closed or critical....We live in a highly cynical age, but if God is indeed moving, this is no time to be cynical." Secondly, "resist the temptation to imitate what's going on." God creates revival, not people. But, people need to recognize it when God moves.

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Thirdly, don't be threatened by the younger generations, like church people were by the "Jesus Freaks" in the 60's (I recommend the movie "Jesus Revolution," at the Picture Show theatre, about those "Jesus Freaks" becoming a church). And, Fourth, Nieuwhof recommends, "So...maybe watch and give thanks."

I would add, "watch for how God is moving in our community, and then get involved."

So, I invite you to read the following article and maybe even see the movie "Jesus Revolution" at the Picture Show theater (or elsewhere), and see how revival has happened before. I don't know what God is planning, but, I'm pretty sure He's doing something right here at First Christian Church. Do you feel it?

Article: https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2023/february/asbury-revival-outpouring-protect-work-admin-volunteers.html?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=On+the+Rise%3A+The+backstory+behind+Asbury%2C+AR+vs+VR+and+%2421B+of+found+money&utm_campaign=3%2F10+-+OTR+%2310

God bless you!

Pastor Kevin

Remember, Holy Week begins this Sunday, April 2, with Palm Sunday and the celebration of palms. Next Thursday will be our Maundy Thursday Communion/Tenebrae service at 6:30 P.M. And of course, our Easter celebration will be on Sunday, April 9, with our traditional breakfast before service that day.

Walking the road to the cross and beyond, with Jesus, is a great way to reconnect with our faith traditions and to let God come into your heart in a new way.

If you are willing to read a scripture during the Maundy Thursday service, please contact Pastor Kevin or Melanie Ferron.

Blue Christmas bulbs

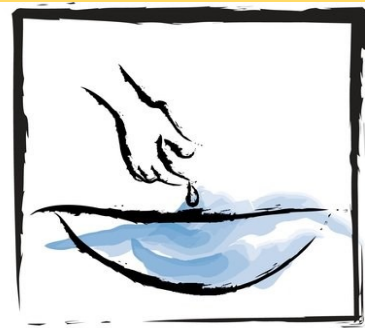
If you want to keep your blue Christmas bulb from last Christmas, they are in a basket on the credenza in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Kevin and his duo, "The Unpaid Bills," will be performing at Sang Garden Chinese Restaurant, the next two Sundays, April 2nd and 9th, from 5:30 to 8 P.M. Good food and good music!



April 22, 2023

THEY'VE COME UP WITH
SOMETHING CALLED
"DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME,"
AND I'M DARNED IF I
CAN UNDERSTAND IT!



**Maundy
Thursday**

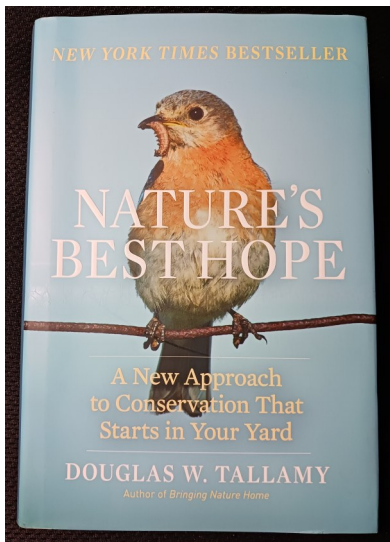
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service at 6:30 P.M.**

Caring for Creation – Thursday, April 13 DW/CWF General Meeting, 1pm



Please join us for the April 13 DW/CWF program featuring **Naturally Grand**, a slideshow and music highlighting the beauty of the Grand Valley, presented by Lorraine and Craig Granlund. The photography is spectacular, and includes landscapes, plants, wildlife, and birds from the Book Cliffs and the North Desert, Highline Lake and Brewster Ridge, Horsethief Canyon State Wildlife Area (SWA), Colorado National Monument, Glade Park and Pinyon Mesa, Unaweep Canyon and the Uncompahgre Plateau, Confluence Park and the Escalante SWA near Delta, Sweitzer Lake State Park (SP) and Fruitgrowers Reservoir, Grand Mesa, Vega SP, Jerry Creek Reservoirs, the Riverfront Trail, Grand Junction Wildlife Area, and Connected Lakes. You won't want to miss it! Night'ngals host. All are invited!

Photos by Craig Granlund: Snow Goose - Confluence Park; Pronghorn - Brewster Ridge



I hope you were one of the people who stayed after Coffee Mingle on the 26th of March to view the video courtesy of Green Chalice from DOC Headquarters. The speaker, Douglas Tallamy, provided us with his expertise on how to bring nature back into our yards. He also wrote a book ***Nature's Best Hope*** on the subject calling newly created nature gardens Homegrown National Parks. In our quest to beautify our surroundings with lawns, we have eliminated all the natural habitat our fellow inhabitants need to survive and thus improve our own chances of survival. If you would like to read his book, I would be glad to loan you my copy.

If you didn't see the video, it's available on You-Tube: "Restoring Nature - What People of Faith Can Do to Heal the Earth."

Also, the March/April issue of the ***Reader's Digest*** lists some of the costs of a lawn:

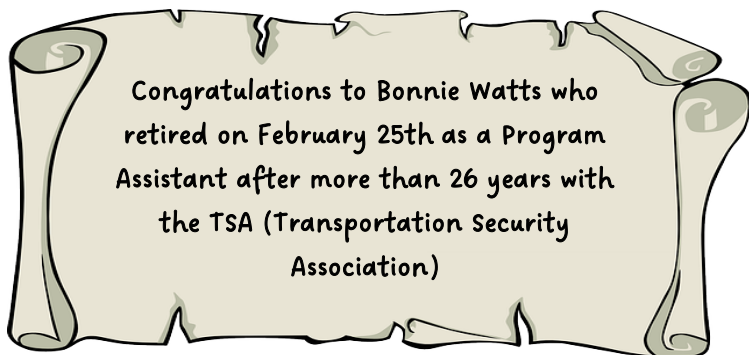
1. One hour of watering our lawns adds up to 9 billion gallons of water used nationally per day.
2. In 2018 gas-powered lawn mowers and other garden equipment guzzled 3 billion gallons of gas, equivalent to what 6 millions cars use in a year. That lawn mower in an hour is equivalent to driving a car 45 miles, creating 5 percent of our country's air pollution.
3. Our lawns use 10 times more fertilizer than our agricultural crops. This leaches into the water stream causing algae blooms and oxygen loss causing fish to die. ---

Joyce Wittwer, Membership



Note from the Church Library: Did you ever dream of hiking the Appalachian Trail? Do you remember some years back when Brad Krebill gave the Worship message about a man renewing his faith in God through the rigors of hiking the Appalachian? We now have in the church library the book Brad shared with us. **Hiking Through** by Paul Stutzman is an uplifting story of accomplishment and renewal.

Recently Beverly Dorson donated two books to the library: **The Book of Longings** by Sue Monk Kidd posits that Jesus may have married, and this novel is written about his wife. It is well done and full of happenings during the time Jesus would be a young man and possibly in love and married. The second book is **finding faith** by Denise Hunter concerning the topics of abortion and adoption. The Book Club read this in March and it generated a very interesting discussion. Thank you, Beverly, for these two additions to our church library.



The FCC Bookworms recently read **Jessie** by Judy Alter. This is a historical fiction about Jessie Benton Fremont who was the daughter of Missouri Senator Thomas Hart Benton. As a young woman she worked side-by-side with her father drafting speeches and legislation, and he planned for her to marry well. However, Jessie fell in love with the explorer, John Fremont, and spent most of her life supporting his explorations of the west and his pursuits for political offices. She was well traveled as they held property in California and she crossed the Atlantic on trips to Europe. Although Fremont was credited with mapping and increasing our knowledge of the west, his other ambitions were not always achieved and after years of supporting his endeavors, they separated. Jessie made it on her own by writing about her experiences, but she eventually reunited with Fremont. This book is loaded with historical information about Lincoln, the Civil War, and various political people of that period. Jessie was a woman ahead of her time and one to be admired. Available in the church library, courtesy of Pam Baumgartle.

Church Women United (CWU) would like to thank all who donated items for the Migrant Kits. The Migrant Kits were assembled and delivered to Child Migrant Services in Palisade in March. Items for the kits were collected from participating churches as well as a donation from Walmart of sun screen and toothbrushes and toothpaste from local dentists. At least 85-90 kits were made, and the items left over were delivered along with the kits to the migrant store and other charities. Your participation in this particular endeavor improves the health care of the migrants who come yearly to work in the Grand Valley orchards.

May Friendship Day, May 5, 2023

Church Women United (CWU) will hold their May Friendship Day activity on the 5th at First Christian Church starting at 11:30 a.m. with a salad luncheon. The program will be Beverly Lampley, who is the Director of Development and Communication at Grand Valley Catholic Outreach. Grand Valley Catholic Outreach provides housing, counseling, and meals, and their goal is to lessen the homeless population in the valley. Please plan to attend and bring a salad to share.

At the DW/CWF March 9 General Meeting, we had the opportunity to hear Vicki McGee and Carlie Shackelford with the Hope of the Grand Valley, Jaid Beachman, The House, and Abby Leinbach and Shayla Maxwell, Latimer House. Each speaker gave valuable information pertaining to their roles in providing education support and services for those facing challenges that interfere with their quality of life and ability to achieve day to day goals. Our DW/CWF President, Lily Fitch, presented each non profit organization with a \$500 monetary gift.

The Women of DW/CWF were thanked for their program survey responses. The responses showed a preference for a mix of ongoing programs offering spiritual stimulation information and education, a focus on local non-profit organizations, and presentations by congregational members having special expertise.

From Left to Right: Shayla Maxwell, Vicki McGee, Carlie Shackelford, Abby Leinbach, Jaid Beacham and Lily.



THANK YOU LETTER SEND FROM VICKY MCGEE

Dear Sweet Ladies,

I want to thank you for inviting us to your beautiful lunch and giving us the opportunity to share what we do. I was not expecting a donation, thank you for this generous amount of \$500.00! I am so grateful for your support of HOPE of the Grand Valley, you are a blessing!

I have a true passion for our community and for parents that will do whatever it takes to provide for their children, whether that means working long hours and sometimes even more than one job. These are HOPE of the Grand Valley families. I applaud and I am in awe of these parents that are working so hard to not only providing for their children, but to make life even better for them. In my more than 35 years in the Grand Valley, I came to realize, there is little to no help for this group of individuals. With the help of wonderful mentors and this great community, HOPE of the Grand Valley has made a significant impact in our valley. It is my great joy to welcome new families into HOPE of the Grand Valley as I have the opportunity to watch them grow and become even more successful!

What a great honor it is for me to watch them grow and become a community of their own. I love it that our families are also our volunteers and they have become their own supporters!! It is a true privilege to celebrate their successes with them! I am truly grateful to be a part of their lives.

You are very appreciated!

Vicki McGee
Founder/CEO
HOPE of the Grand Valley

The Friends with Missions Ministry wishes to thank everyone who sold or bought tickets to our Quilt Raffle. Thanks again, to Norma Lavelett for donating the beautiful handmade quilt.

The drawing was on Sunday March 19, during our coffee mingle time. We raised \$626 dollars and, Kathleen Ham (Donna Ham's daughter in law) in wheat Ridge, CO held the winning ticket. The Proceeds will be equally divided among The Joseph Center and Latimer House.

Let all that you do be done in love.

-1 Corinthians 16:4



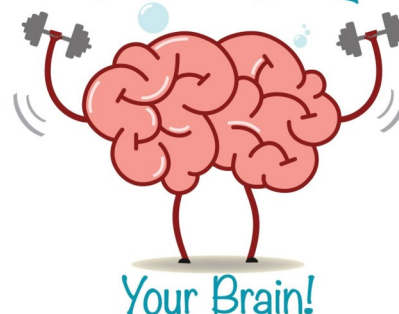
SUDOKU #1

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

If you use logic you can solve this puzzle without guesswork.

Find the answer in page 15.

EXERCISE



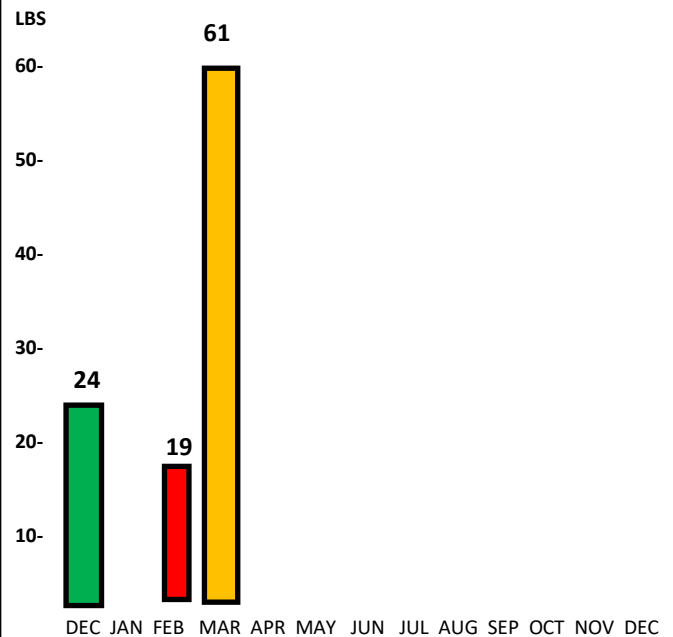
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FOR THE YEAR OF 2022, FCC DONATED A TOTAL OF \$2,025 IN CASH.

Giving Boxes

February 2023

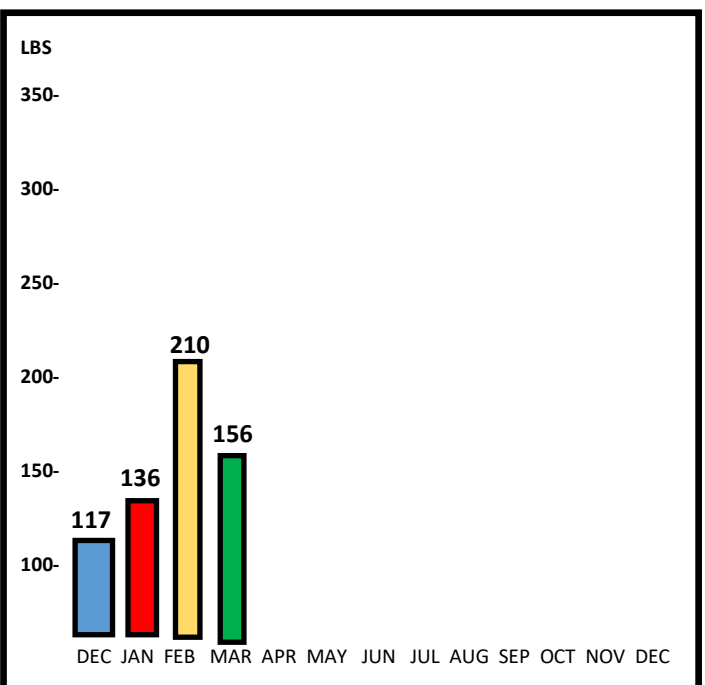
19 Lbs



COMMUNITY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

March 2023

156 Lbs



April 2023

FCC Anniversaries

- 2 Al & Pam Baumgartle
- 25 Chip & Melanie Ferron

FCC Birthdays

- 18 Susan Brown
- 23 Richalyn Cox
- 27 Betty Nelson
- 28 Joanne Hill

CROSSWORDS

Next Deadline is

April 20, 2023

Please submit to the
church office or email to:

firstchristiangj@hotmail.com

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



Kathy Moore celebrated her 60th birthday at FCC with several church members on March 2nd.

Corrections to Membership List

Update

Jeanne Klitzke:

The Center at Foresight
606 E Foresight Circle, Room 327
Grand Junction, CO 81505

Shannon is collecting newspapers for her birdcages, please get in contact with her if you would like to give any, or drop them off in the office.

Thank you!

Wondrous Love

A Cantata for Easter

By Benjamin Harlan with Narration by Mary Kay Beall



Performance Date

April 8th - 3:30p

Appleton Christian Church

Presented by

Christian Community Cantata Chorus



Best Wishes

Joanne

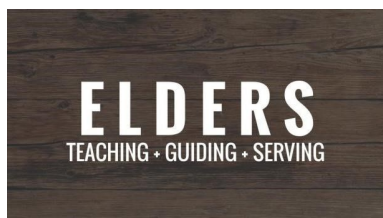
&

Keith



FCC SUNDAY SERVERS' MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS

April 02, 2023		1st Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Donna Ham	<u>Elder</u> Joyce Wittwer	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Lamar Edwards Joyce Wittwer	<u>Collection Team</u> Yvonne Warner Jeanice Swank
<u>Greeter</u> Karen Lehman			
April 09, 2023		2nd Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Lily Fitch	<u>Elder</u> Johnny West	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Norma Lavelett Gloria Jeffrey	<u>Collection Team</u> Yvonne Warner Jeanice Swank
<u>Greeter</u> Jeanice Swank			
April 16, 2023		3rd Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Cynthia Grover	<u>Elder</u> Lily Fitch	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Jeanice Swank Ann Hutton	<u>Collection Team</u> Yvonne Warner Jeanice Swank
<u>Greeter</u> Ann Hutton			
April 23, 2023		4th Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Gloria Jeffrey	<u>Elder</u> Melanie Ferron	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Donna Ham Jeanne Klitzke	<u>Collection Team</u> Yvonne Warner Jeanice Swank
<u>Greeter</u> Jeanne Klitzke			
April 30, 2023		5th Sunday	
<u>Worship Leader</u> Al Baumgartle	<u>Elder</u> Jeanice Swank	<u>Coffee Mingle</u> Beverly Dorson	<u>Collection Team</u> Yvonne Warner Jeanice Swank
<u>Greeter</u> Johnny & Jeanette West			



FCC Prayer Concerns

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please Pray For:

Betty Nelson
Christina Pherson
Citizens of Ukraine (Sergii Antonov)
David and Vickie Haegen
Darla Niles
Faye Morosini
Janet Biederman
Jeanne Klitzke
Jerry Laubhan
Kyle Rosencrans
Law & Military Enforcement Personnel
Les Armbruster
Nancy Armbruster
Our Church and Country
Paul Scanga
Pete Personette and Family
Ric Rava
Renie Palmer & Family
Rob and Darla Niles
Santiago Rubalcaba
Shirley Kennedy
Tammy Whitcomb & Daughters

Requested By:

Joyce Wittwer
JoAnne Compton
Shannon Arensman/Bonnie
Nancy Armbruster
Shannon Arensman
Nancy Armbruster
Elders
Tammy Ostermiller and All of Us
Lily Fitch
Tammy Ostermiller
Kevin Arensman
Nancy Armbruster
Nancy Armbruster

Bev Dorson
Tammy Ostermiller
Shannon Arensman
Shannon Arensman
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Pam Baumgartle

Bolded names are new additions

April

2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 PALM SUNDAY 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)	3 6:00 pm Guitar Club	4 10:00 am FCC Bookworm 6:00 pm Night N' Gals	5 6:00 pm Praise Team	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:30 am-11:30 am Alanon Group 10:00 am Dorcas Group	7	8 8:30 am WCARC
9 EASTER SUNDAY 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men)	10 6:00 pm Guitar Club	11 10:00 am Friends with Missions	12 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm CO West Quilters Guild	13 9:30 am-11:30 am Alanon Group 12:00 pm Tai-Chi 1:00 pm CWF General Meeting	14 1:00 pm Mexican Train	15 8:00 am Monthly Breakfast 12:00 pm Territorial Daughters
16 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men)	17 10:00 am CWU Meeting 6:00 pm Guitar Club	18 10:00 am FCC Bookworm	19 6:00 pm Praise Team	20 ***Crossword Deadline*** 9:30 am-11:30 am Alanon Group	21	22 8:30 am Mesa County ARES 
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30 ***Community Food Bank*** 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Mingle 6:00 pm NA (Men Only)						

JUST FOR FUN-FACTS

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

April 4, 1887 - The first woman mayor was elected in the U.S. as Susanna M. Salter became mayor of Argonia, Kansas.

April 6, 1896 - After a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.

April 15, 1817 - The first American school for the deaf was founded by Thomas H. Gallaudet and Laurent Clerc in Hartford, Connecticut.

April 18, 1775 - The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

April 22, 1864 - "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

April 29, 1992 - Riots erupted in Los Angeles following the announcement that a jury in Simi Valley, California, had failed to convict four Los Angeles police officers accused in the videotaped beating of an African American man.

Answers to Sudoku on page 8

Sudoku #1

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9	6	8	2	5	3	1	4	7
8	5	1	4	3	2	7	9	6
7	3	2	6	1	9	4	5	8
4	9	6	5	8	7	3	1	2

Asian Elephant



Asian elephants live in the tropical forests and grasslands of Southeast Asia. They're a little smaller than African elephants but can grow nine feet tall and weigh nearly six tons. That's heavier than two medium-size cars! Even newborns are on the hefty side, weighing some 200 pounds. Given their size it's no surprise that these guys are big on food. Adults can eat 300 pounds in one day, nearly 75 times what the average human eats! An Asian elephant's ideal meal includes roots, grasses, fruit, and bark.

Much of an Asian elephant's time is spent searching for grub. In fact the animal may travel 50 miles a day to find food. Asian elephants also enjoy taking dips in the water. To cool down their backsides, the animals will fill their trunks with water and spray it over themselves like a hose.