

Opportunities to Connect, Grow and Serve at FCC this week.

Sunday, March 21

7:45 a.m.	CORP Class	Rm 114
8:00 a.m.	Prayer Time	Rm 005
9:00 a.m.	Evergreen Class	Rm 114
9:00 a.m.	Faith & Fellowship Class	Rm 005
9:00 a.m.	Homebuilders Class	Rm 004
9:00 a.m.	JOY Class	Rm 027A
9:00 a.m.	Kindergarten - Grade 1	Rm 025
9:00 a.m.	Student Class (Grades 6-12)	Rm 102
9:00 a.m.	Ages 4 & 5	Rm 027
9:00 a.m.	Grades 2-5	Rm 023
10:15 a.m.	Financial Peace	Rm 027A
10:30 a.m.	Student Class (Grades 6-12)	Rm 102
10:30 a.m.	Ages 4 - Kindergarten	Rm 025
10:30 a.m.	Grades 1-5	Rm 023
10:30 a.m.	Belong Class	Rm 027
4:30 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 004
6:00 p.m.	Easter Musical Dress Rehearsal	Rm 013

Monday, March 22

Tuesday, March 23

9:30 a.m.	Women's Study	Rm 005
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Wednesday, March 24

2:10 p.m.	Senior Adults to Bethany Heights	
5:15 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 004
6:15 p.m.	Fletcher Women's Study	Rm 114
6:30 p.m.	Easter Musical Dress Rehearsal	Rm 013

Thursday, March 25

6:30 p.m.	Praise Team	Rm 013
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Rm 027A

Friday, March 26

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's
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Saturday, March 27

7:30 p.m.	The Power of His Love ~ Easter Musical	Rm 013
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Note: The monthly church calendar is subject to change. For the most up-to-date version of our calendar, please visit our website (www.firstchristiancb.org) and click FCC Calendar under the News and Events on the right side of the home page.

BEYOND OURSELVES COMMITMENT SUNDAY



Welcome FCC!

Today is "Beyond Ourselves" Commitment Sunday.

The worship today has been prepared to help us reflect upon the rich commitments of our lives. During the service we will have the opportunity to participate in making a financial commitment to FCC's Ministry Expansion. Together we have prayed about, and thoughtfully reflected on, what this means to the impact of this church. Now we have come to the moments of action. (A commitment card is included in the *Connection* and pens are available in the back-of-the-seat pockets.)

Many have come today with commitment cards already fill out. Many advance commitments have already been made.

During our service we will be invited to come forward, join others, bring our commitment to the front, as an act of our worship.

This morning during our service, we will:

- ~ Be invited to come forward;
- ~ Join with others; and
- ~ Bring our commitment to the front as an act of our worship.

1st TIME GUESTS

We have a gift for you at the Welcome Center in the main level Lobby.

The morning message is available on DVD/\$2 and CD/\$1 at the Resource Center today and online (no charge) tomorrow.

Service Times
7:45 a.m. Traditional
9:00 a.m. Contemporary
10:30 a.m. Contemporary

Sonrise Radio Program, KCRO 660, M-F, 7:00-7:30 am
Office Hours: M-F, 8 am-12 pm; 1 pm-5 pm
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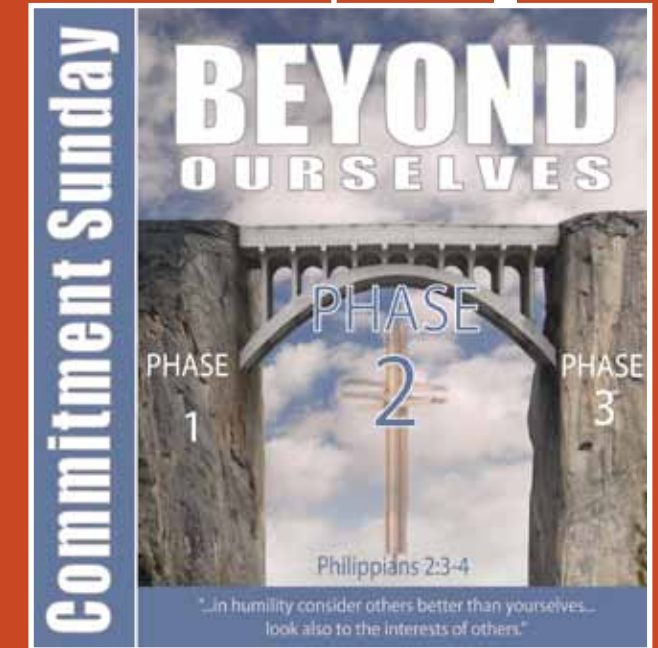
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CONNECTION



*Helping People Find Their Way Back to God ...
by Connecting, Growing and Serving.*

Easter Musical

FCC's Celebration Choir will present the Easter musical, "The Power of His Love," 7:30 nightly on:

- Saturday, March 27
- Sunday, March 28
- Thursday, April 1

Get your free tickets today!

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ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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Dave Fremstad—Family Life Pastor
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Robin Ziegenfuss—Worship & Music
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WOMEN BY DESIGN

The Women's Ministry Mission Project for March will support Heartland Christian School by providing copy paper, Expo 2 markers, and items for their spring garage sale at the school. Place your classroom supplies in the carts in the lower hall near the steps and place garage sale items in the large box in the Alcove. Monetary donations accepted to purchase these items as well. Make checks out to FCC with "Heartland School" in the memo.

MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 17, to attend a Men's Worship Conference in Lincoln. The morning session is led by Ron Brown, Assistant Coach of the Nebraska Huskers. Attend the Huskers' Spring Game in the afternoon. Cost is \$35 per person. Dads are encouraged to bring their sons, 10 years or older. Tickets are limited, sign up today. The church bus will be used for transportation. Come and spend a great day of Christian fellowship, worship and a football game with other men from church.

CONNECTION ARTICLES

Please send all *Connection* submissions to news@firstchristiancb.org.

SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP TO HAITI

The Christianville Mission in Haiti was established in 1978 to feed, clothe, educate, and provide medical care to impoverished Haitian children and adults. Christianville was not exempt from the destruction of the January earthquake. Now it's time to rebuild. Here's how:

- Two trips focusing on construction efforts are scheduled.
- Team #1 June 14-21 and Team #2 June 21-28.
- Cost approximately \$1,100.
- Deadline for sign-up is Sunday, April 11.
- Bring own tents, sleeping bags, a good pair of work gloves!
- Informational meeting is Sunday, March 28, 4:30 p.m., Room 114.

If you are interested, please contact Dave Fremstad ASAP at dfremstad@firstchristiancb.org or 328-2606.



EASTER MUSICAL

FCC's Celebration Choir will present the Easter musical, "The Power of His Love," 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 27, Sunday, March 28, and Thursday, April 1. Get your tickets today in the Alcove.

SPRING CLEANING?

Donate your spare craft supplies to Harvest of Talents. HOT is in need of: batting, fiberfill, glass beads, wood, buttons, kids' mittens, scrapbooking supplies, material, brooches and jewelry wire.

BEYOND OURSELVES PRAYER FOCUS

"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14:13-14

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Are you new to FCC with no family in town? Are you a military family? Are you a senior/widow/single with no family? You are invited to join a FCC family for Easter dinner at their home. FCC families, this is your chance to "Exhale" the love of Christ by inviting one or two extra people to share Easter dinner with you and your family. Let's "connect" new folks with existing families for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. The holidays can be a very lonely time if you have no family. Please stop by the sign-up table to register yourself as a guest or to register as a FCC family today.

MOVIE & POPCORN NIGHT!

"No Greater Love," April 10, 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$1.00 and will be available next Sunday, March 28 and Sunday, April 4. Childcare will be provided.

PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



Matt Beckner—Children's Ministries, mbeckner@firstchristiancb.org
Sarah Kaelin—Early Childhood Ministries, skaelin@firstchristiancb.org



BEYOND OURSELVES

As a part of our churchwide "Beyond Ourselves" stewardship journey, children received their very own church bank to collect spare change. The children should return the banks to their Bible classes today, Commitment Sunday, March 21, to share with their church family.



NO SURGE

Surge will not meet this Wednesday, March 24. Join us next Wednesday night, March 31, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. as we dig into God's Word, sing fun songs, learn memory verses, and meet new friends!



HELP WANTED

Still need a few more volunteers in the Early Childhood Department to assist existing teachers.
9:00 a.m. Walkers, one hour a month, one person needed
10:30 a.m. Pre-school, two hours a month, three people needed
Please contact Sarah Kaelin, 328-2606 or skaelin@firstchristiancb.org.
Thanks in advance for considering this opportunity!

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



The *Street Hockey* season begins on Sunday, April 25.

Students in grades 6 - 12 are encouraged to coach, referee or be a part of the arena crew. Students can sign up at Student Body or during our Sunday morning sessions in the Student Center.

Contact Gary Davis with your questions pertaining to this ministry.

NO STUDENT BODY this Wednesday - middle school 6.00 p.m. / high school 7.30 p.m. Easter musical 'dress rehearsal'.



SENIOR ADULTS

Jean Provines—Senior Adult Ministries, jprovines@firstchristiancb.org

SPRING TOUR OF HOMES ~ WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

In the next few years many seniors will face decisions about going to an assisted living facility when they can no longer live independently in their own homes. Where are these homes located? What services do they provide? What are their facilities like? How much does it cost to live there?

To help answer these questions in a much less intimidating way, we have arranged some group tours to the assisted living facilities in our area.

This week we will visit Bethany Heights. Be at the church at 2:10 p.m. or meet us at Bethany Heights (11 Elliott Street, Council Bluffs) at 2:30 p.m. After the tour, they will provide coffee and refreshments for us! You are free to bring a friend and pick up pamphlets and brochures.



Wireless assisted-listening devices are available at the sound booth.

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Jean Grove - Methodist

SYMPATHY

To family and friends of Jim Aldredge
To Terri Ellsworth on the death of her father
To Linda Gunderson on the death of her mother

NEW MEMBERS

Jeremy and Jessie Kern transferred their memberships on March 14. Jeremy and Jessie live at 1000 Simms Avenue/322-1827.

Alan Goertz transferred his membership on March 14. **Jody, Layne and Erica Goertz** were baptized on March 14. Alan, Jody, Layne and Erica live at 27476 270th Street, Underwood/566-9363.

Samantha Terry was baptized March 14. Samantha lives with her parents, Rex and Diane, at 3713 Neptune Circle, Carter Lake/402-515-7483.

MEMORIALS

Charles Radford by Carol Dean
Makala Prudhome and Irene Shinn by Nancy Hanke

MARCH PRAYER CHAIN

Several people have made themselves available this month to pray with you about your specific prayer requests. To start the prayer chain, please contact the first name on the list and share your request.

Stan/Joyce Koenig	322-4303
Jane Field	322-5371
Elaine Collier	323-4821
Marilyn Peters	328-1737

Would you like to join these and other prayer warriors? You would be on a rotation to serve about every nine months and, in case of a catastrophic emergency, everyone would be called to pray. God answers prayers and He is listening at any time you talk with Him. Please call the office, 328-2606, and offer your time to pray.