

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sunday, March 29

7:45 a.m.	CORP Class	Rm 114
7:45 a.m.	Life Changes	Rm 004
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
10:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Class	Rm 005
10:30 a.m.	Student Class (Grades 6-12)	Rm 102
10:30 a.m.	Belong Class	Rm 027
10:30 a.m.	Ages 4 - Kindergarten	Rm 025
10:30 a.m.	Grades 1-5	Rm 023
10:30 a.m.	Fireproof Your Marriage	Rm 027A
10:30 a.m.	Fireproof Your Marriage #2	Rm 004
4:30 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 004
5:00 p.m.	Family Meeting	Rm 102
6:00 p.m.	Celebration Choir	Rm 027A

Monday, March 30

7:00 p.m.	Beth Moore Study	Rm 027A
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Tuesday, March 31

9:30 a.m.	Moms and Tots	Rm 133
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Wednesday, April 1

5:15 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 004
6:00 p.m.	MS Student Body	Rm 102
6:15 p.m.	Fletcher Women's Study	Rm 114
6:15 p.m.	Surge	Children's Wing
7:30 p.m.	HS Student Body	Rm 102

Thursday, April 2

6:30 p.m.	Praise Team	Rm 013
6:30 p.m.	Women's Executive	Rm 005
7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting	Rm 004

Friday, April 3

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's
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Saturday, April 4

Bible Bowl Round Robin ~ Morrowville, KS		
10:00 a.m.	Quilt Ministry	Rm 023

Note: The monthly church calendar is subject to change. For the most up-to-date version of our calendar, please visit our web site (www.firstchristiancb.org) and click FCC Calendar under the News and Events on the right side of the home page.

SERMON NOTES

March 29, 2009

LOVE COMPLETELY Series: Countdown 30 - One Month to Live

Text: John 15:12-17

Love is not known or learned through _____.
Love can only be known and found through _____.

Record thoughts from Phil Miller's Testimony (Video)

To Love Completely:

1. Jesus' love is complete enough to include those who _____.
2. Jesus' love is complete enough to include an _____.

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

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

Ministry Showcase Today

Upper Level Lobby

See inside for details.

First Christian Family Meeting

Today, 5:00 p.m.
Student Center, Room 102

See inside for details.



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ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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FCC FAMILY MEETING

There is a Family Meeting today, Sunday, March 29, Room 102, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. to discuss how we, as a church family, can respond during these tough economic times to the needs of others by matching available resources with practical needs.

FREE GARAGE SALE

Circle One will host a free garage sale, April 22, 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. The sale will consist of children's clothing and toys only. Donations may be put in designated boxes in the upstairs Lobby on Sunday, April 19. For more information, contact Jill, 366-9124 or Karen, 212-5008. All leftover items will be donated to Micah House.

QUILT MINISTRY

Quilts from the Bluffs will meet this Saturday, April 4. You can come for part of the time or the whole day between 10:00 and 5:00 p.m. They will concentrate on larger, adult quilts for the next few months to donate to facilities such as Mercy Hospital and Wings of Hope. Contact Jeanine Williams at williamsj9@cox.net or 402-350-9441, for more information.



MINISTRY SHOWCASE TODAY

Over 40 ministries are involved in various ways at First Christian. Perhaps you've noticed people serving and wondered if you could do what they are doing. Maybe you didn't know who to ask. Today, Sunday, March 29, we will introduce the leaders of nine ministries (Bereavement, Bread, Communion Servers, 7:45 and 9:00 a.m., Early Childhood, Emergency Response, Greeters, H.O.P.E. and Little Bethlehem). Each ministry has a display in the upper level Lobby so you can visit with the leaders and others who serve with them. This is the first of six Ministry Showcases during 2009. Take a tour of the showcases to learn how you can participate and serve.

TENEBRAE - A SPECIAL KIND OF SERVICE

A special kind of worship service will be presented on Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10, 7:00 p.m. This candle-lit service, which begins in light and ends in darkness, recalls some of the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion.

The Tenebrae isn't a downer; it helps us grasp more of the depth of what was done for us on Calvary. As we celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday, hopefully we will celebrate with a greater understanding of what Jesus did and why He did it. No ticket necessary.

BETH MOORE STUDY

Ladies, you have the opportunity to join a Bible study, "Believing God," on Tuesday mornings, starting March 31, 9:30 a.m. Join us!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Ministry mission project for April is May baskets for our homebound seniors. You may purchase toothbrushes, talcum powder, Puffs tissues, sugar-free candy, hand-sanitizer, large print word search and crossword puzzle books. Travel size items, if available, appreciated. Monetary donations accepted to purchase these items as well. Make checks out to FCC with "May Baskets" in note field.

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare, facilitated by Jean Provines, is a weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one in the past year, please consider coming to Room 114, 10:30 a.m., on Sunday mornings, starting April 5. You'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life.

PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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

ATTENTION PARENTS AND CHILDREN:

Surge will not meet Wednesday, April 8, the week of Easter.



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Come, check out our booth in the showcase of ministries! Sign up for preschool camp and Vacation Bible School, and learn about opportunities to serve.

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CAMP AT GOOD SHEPHERD
"A special week of fun, friendship, and faith for children and families!"

DATE
May 31 - June 7

CAMP - Cost per person

June 7 - 11	Junior (entering grades 1 & 4) - \$100
June 12 - 13	First Chance (entering grades 1 & 2) - \$35
June 13	L1 Lambos Day Camp (preschool) - \$15
June 14 - 17	Middler (entering grades 3 & 6) - \$120
June 28 - Aug 2	Junior Sports Camp (grades 4-6) - \$110
July 12 - 17	Jr./Sr. High Fine Arts (grades 7-12) - \$175
August 21 - 24	Senior Adults (ages 18+) - \$175
September 14 - 19	Book Lovers' Getaway - \$25/day
September 25, 26	Family Weekend - \$20/adult, \$10/child

For more information, go to CCS online at: www.campofthegoodshepherd.org or contact CCS Program Director, John Woodward, 11212 Sprague Road, Lincoln, NE, Nebraska, 68507, (402) 234-2552

Camp season is just around the corner! Please pick up your registration forms today in the lower level children's area. Camp scholarships are available for those in need of assistance.



BABY RECOGNITION SUNDAY

First Christian Church Baby Recognition Sunday on May 3. You can pick up a form in the church office or the upper level children's wing.

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



Torn is the idea.
Matthew 27:50-54

We invite you to join us on our seven week journey to the open tomb of Jesus. Using Romans 5:6-8 as our starting point, we'll attempt to answer our core question: 'what kind of man would die for me?'

previous sessions: 'man with a mission' / 'healer of the broken' / 'champion of the oppressed' / 'lover of the sinner' / 'shepherd of the flock'

session 6: 'teacher of the kingdom' April 1
session 7: 'king of the Jews' April 8

MS Student Body - 6.00 p.m. / HS Student Body - 7.30 p.m. every Wednesday.

SENIOR ADULTS

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



DUTCH TREAT DINERS

Anyone wanting to go out to lunch today is invited to meet at the Spaghetti Works in the Old Market. Meet in Room 114, at 10:15 a.m., if you need a ride!

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE IN BRANSON: JUNE 8-12

Many FCC folks enjoy a summer trip to Branson. How about going to Branson **and** the Sr. Adult Christian Conference this year? Every summer Ozark Christian College prepares a fabulous conference for senior adults. The delightful news is this year's price is the same as last year's price. It is \$320.00 per person/double occupancy. Price includes four nights at the Clarion Hotel plus 11 meals. You may ride down with the church bus, or meet there if you prefer to drive down on your own. Pick up a brochure in Room 114. If you're interested and need more information contact Jean Provines, 328-2606/church, 328-2074/home, or (402) 680-1290/cell.



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

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Pete Wright - Clarkson
Linda Welch - Mercy

SYMPATHY

To Bev Clark on the death of her mother.

NEW MEMBERS

Spencer Conolley was baptized on Sunday, March 22. Spencer lives with his parents, Carl and Clarissa, 3615 Avenue D/325-0313.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Dan and Holly Miller on the birth of a daughter, Claire Jessica, born March 25.

APRIL 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.

Marilyn Peters	328-1737
Michael/Deb Foote	981-4743
Steve Brink	566-9101
John Murphy	388-2383

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.