

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

**Sunday, March 9**

|            |                             |         |
|------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 8:00 a.m.  | CORP Class                  | Rm 114  |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Faith & Fellowship Class    | Rm 005  |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Evergreen Class             | Rm 114  |
| 9:30 a.m.  | JOY Class                   | Rm 102  |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Homebuilders Class          | Rm 004  |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Kindergarten - Grade 1      | Rm 027  |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Student Class (Grades 6-12) | Rm 027A |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Ages 4 & 5                  | Rm 025  |
| 9:30 a.m.  | Ages 2-5                    | Rm 023  |
| 11:00 a.m. | Women's Bible Class         | Rm 004  |
| 11:00 a.m. | Belong                      | Rm 005  |
| 11:00 a.m. | Student Class (Grades 6-12) | Rm 027A |
| 11:00 a.m. | Ages 4 - Kindergarten       | Rm 025  |
| 11:00 a.m. | Grades 1-5                  | Rm 023  |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Men's Basketball League     | Rm 013  |
| 3:00 p.m.  | New Orleans Meeting         | Rm 114  |
| 4:30 p.m.  | Bible Bowl                  | Rm 114  |
| 6:00 p.m.  | Celebration Choir           | Rm 013  |
| 7:00 p.m.  | Missions: India Report      | Rm 102  |

**Monday, March 10**

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| 7:00 p.m. | HOT Meeting | Rm 005 |
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**Tuesday, March 11**

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| 9:30 a.m. | Moms and Tots       | Rm 130 |
| 6:30 p.m. | Circle 4            | Rm 114 |
| 7:30 p.m. | Athletic Basketball | Rm 013 |

**Wednesday, March 12**

|           |                                    |                 |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9:30 a.m. | Senior Adult Planning              | Rm 114          |
| 5:00 p.m. | Viner's Diner - Family Life Center | Rm 013          |
| 5:15 p.m. | Bible Bowl                         | Rm 114          |
| 6:15 p.m. | Surge                              | Children's Wing |
| 6:15 p.m. | MS Student Body                    | Rm 102          |
| 6:15 p.m. | Family First Women's Study         | Rm 130          |
| 6:30 p.m. | Adult Bible Study                  | Rm 27A          |
| 6:30 p.m. | Fletcher Women's Bible Study       | Rm 114          |
| 7:15 p.m. | HS Student Body                    | Rm 102          |

**Thursday, March 13**

|           |             |               |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| 9:00 a.m. | Circle 6    | Rm 004        |
| 9:30 a.m. | Circle 2    | Bobbie Lake's |
| 6:00 p.m. | Praise Team | Rm 013        |
| 7:00 p.m. | Circle 5    | Rm 005        |

**Friday, March 14**

|                             |                    |          |
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| Bible Bowl - NCC Tournament |                    |          |
| 6:15 a.m.                   | Men's Bible Study  | Panera's |
| 12:00 p.m.                  | Circle 3           | Rm 114   |
| 2:00 p.m.                   | Senior Adult Movie | Rm 114   |
| 6:00 p.m.                   | Senior Adult Movie | Rm 114   |

**Saturday, March 15**

|                             |                       |        |
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| Bible Bowl - NCC Tournament |                       |        |
| 10:00 a.m.                  | Tenebrae Pageant Cast | Rm 013 |

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](http://www.firstchristiancb.org)) and click on the News and Events on the right side of the home page.

# SERMON NOTES

March 9, 2008

## WORSHIP: REHEARSING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Series: **Worship: Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire**

Text: **Hebrews 8:9-13**

1) Relationship based on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hebrews 8:7-9)

2) Relationship that brings \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hebrews 8:10)

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

3) Relationship based on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Hebrews 8:11-12)

**Luke 22:14-20**

### 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 and CD at the Welcome Center today and online tomorrow.

**Service Times**  
8:00 a.m. Traditional  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary

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# CONNECTION



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

COME HUNGRY  
NEXT SUNDAY  
THE PANCAKE MAN  
WILL BE HERE!



See details inside

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# ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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## TENEBRAE - A SPECIAL KIND OF SERVICE

In last week's Connection you learned what a Tenebrae service is. If you will remember, it is a service which recalls some of the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. It is a service that begins in light and ends in darkness.

Now, why would a person want to attend such an event? Easter should be a time of celebrating the Risen Christ! Well, yes it should. However, when we attend church on Palm Sunday and celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and the next week celebrate the Risen Christ, we tend to focus more on the celebration rather than the suffering that Jesus endured on our behalf.

The Tenebrae isn't a downer, it helps us grasp more of the depth of what was done for us on Calvary. We will celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday, but we will hopefully celebrate with a greater understanding of what Jesus did and why He did it.

Be sure you get your free tickets today or stop in the office. The event will be Thursday, March 20, and Friday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m.

## CAKE OR SALAD?

Can you make a salad or cake on short notice? If so, please consider getting connected with the Bereavement Ministry as they continue to serve our families. For more information, please call Bev Worley, 322-7259, or Pauline Leeper, 323-6394.



## EVERYONE WELCOME ~ INDIA REPORT

The India Go Team will provide a full report of their ministry with Grace Christian Ministries tonight, at 7:00 p.m., in the Student Center. The work included service to the children's home, Christian college, and an outreach convention in the neighborhoods of Pathanapuram. First Christian Church is making a very significant difference through this work. This will be a relaxed presentation, informative, inspirational and fun.

## WOMEN'S LUNCH BUNCH

Let's get connected! All women are invited to lunch tomorrow, Monday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m., at Cracker Barrel. For more details, call Sharyl Osborne, 545-3102.



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Ministry mission project for March will be Gabriel's Corner which is a pro-life support group, located across from an abortion clinic in Council Bluffs. They serve unwed mothers and problem pregnancies. Donations may include any manner of baby items, especially disposable diapers, wipes, bibs and new clothing. You may also give a donation to help purchase articles. Make checks out to FCC and note for Gabriel's Corner. Container will be in the lower lobby.

## PINEHAVEN RANCH UPDATE

We only need three more adult volunteers from FCC to complete the Go Team of ten members. The members will have the opportunity to serve the Lord while working on this beautiful ranch. Why not combine this mission from June 21-28 with a vacation in beautiful Missoula, Montana? If interested, please call George/Sharon Collins, 323-9829.



## PANCAKES, ANYONE??

Join your FCC family next Sunday, March 16, in the Student Center, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship as we enjoy Pancake Man's namesake specialty. A free-will offering will be received.



# PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN

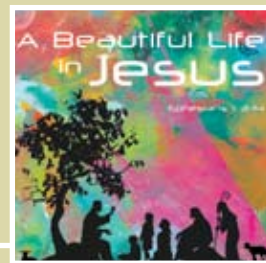


Matt Beckner—Children's Ministries, mbeckner@firstchristiancb.org



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars! VBS will journey to Jerusalem, July 14 - 17. FCC will bring to life Jerusalem as Jesus saw it, right here in Council Bluffs. This will be a fantastic week for students to walk where Jesus walked and experience exciting lessons from God's Word.



## CAMP OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Mark your calendar! June 6 and June 7, two separate days of preschool day camp, 4-year-olds to kindergarten, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Parents may stay for the day or enjoy some personal time.

Junior - June 15 - 19, Grades 5 - 6  
Middler - June 22 - 25, Grades 3 - 4  
First Chance - June 27 - 28, Grades 1 - 2  
Parents are welcome to stay for \$10.00 each.

# STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



# SENIOR ADULTS

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

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

March is the time of year when we renew or add memberships in the Risen Son Christian Village Auxiliary: family/\$5.00 and individual/\$3.00. Membership dues help provide the little extras for the residents all year round. You may drop off your membership dues at Jean Provines' office, Room 114, or place it in the offering plate. Please note that it is for Risen Son Auxiliary.

## DUTCH TREAT DINERS

We will go to Applebee's here in Council Bluffs. Meet at Jean Provines' office, Room 114, at 10:45 a.m., or meet us there!



## SENIOR ADULT PLANNING TEAM

Help our Senior Adult Ministry meet the needs of more of our seniors. Bring your ideas! Wednesday, March 12, 9:30 a.m., Room 114.



## FRIDAY MOVIE

"Where the Red Fern Grows," March 14, 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Room 114. Bring a snack to share. Popcorn and pop will be provided.

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

# FAMILY NEWS

## SYMPATHY

To Marcella Wiebesiek on the death of her sister.  
To family and friends of Dorothy Harris.  
To family and friends of Thomas E. Gibbs.

## MEMORIALS

**Estella Tompkins** by the Estella Tompkins Family.  
**Norman Bruning and Richard Borman** by M/M Henry Mollett.  
**Stan/Audrey Bruner** by M/M Roy Ollie, M/M Gary Jones.

## 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.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Guy and Joyce Baker | 322-7292 |
| Shirley Saar        | 323-3403 |
| Jim and Steph Blum  | 322-6168 |
| Lisa Koenig         | 256-2691 |

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.