

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Child-care is available for children age 5 and under during all services.

All Bible classes will resume next Sunday for children, students and adults.

Sunday, March 23
Easter

Monday, March 24
Office Closed

Tuesday, March 25

9:30 a.m. Moms and Tots Rm 130
7:30 p.m. Athletic Basketball Rm 013

Wednesday, March 26

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 27

2:00 p.m. Rock of Agers Rm 114
6:00 p.m. Praise Team Family Life Center

Friday, March 28

6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study Panera's
2:00 p.m. Senior Adult Movie Rm 114
6:30 p.m. Senior Adult Movie Rm 114

Saturday, March 29

6:00 a.m. Senior Adults - Women's Retreat

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

SERMON NOTES

March 22-23, 2008

WORSHIP: IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GLORY

Series: Worship: Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire

Text: John 12:27-32; 17:1-5

Jesus said,
...Father, glorify your name!"
...Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

True worship is an elusive element even, often, for Christians!

What we have been learning about worship:

1. Worship starts at the _____ of God.
2. Worship takes us back in faithful _____.
3. Worship is to exercise our _____. (Covenant)
4. Worship is to make an _____.
5. Worship is an exchange of _____.

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Human 'opinions' about God go in many directions:

The father and son have set out on a mission of _____.

The plan of God is to _____ you, _____ you of your sins,
and _____ eternal life to you.

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.

He is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

Welcome to this Easter celebration of Jesus power over death. "Death has been swallowed up in victory."
1 Corinthians 15:54



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ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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PINEHAVEN RANCH UPDATE

The Pinehaven Go Team is now complete with ten volunteers. This mission trip will be June 21 - 28. Prayers are requested for travel and the work while they are there.

HARVEST OF TALENTS - TALENT NIGHT

Harvest of Talents is planning a Talent Night on Sunday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. If you have talent you would be willing to share, please contact Faith Koenig, 322-3843, or kfjkoenig@hotmail.com.



Singing, piano playing, instrumentals, children saying their memory verses ... these are just a few suggestions. (If your talent is more crazy and amazing, please sign up for our Off Broadway Show in August.)

Following the Talent Night, you will have a chance to make your own ice cream sundaes for \$1 per sundae. Those dollars and a free will offering during the talent show will be sent to Pinehaven Childrens Ranch.

NEBRASKA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CHOIR

The Nebraska Christian College Choir will perform at Family Fun Day with the Omaha Royals on Sunday, April 6. Concert will be in the plaza at 12:30 p.m. with the national anthem at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 with \$5.00 going to the college to help pay for their missions trip to Trinidad! See the poster on the bulletin board or call Deb or Ron, 402-935-9400.

I PROMISE ~ MARRIAGE SEMINAR

I Promise - "How 5 Commitments Determine the Destiny of Your Marriage." Join Pastor Dave Fremstad and Jerry Hopkins, Sundays, March 30 to May 4, Student Center, 11:00 a.m.



DEAN TRUNE

On Sunday, March 30, FCC will again be honored with the presence of Dean Trune. Dean served as a campus minister at Michigan State University for eleven years and is now the Executive Director of Impact Ministries International, a ministry whose mission is to impact the world through teaching and modeling intimacy with God. Dean's integrity and his devotion to the spiritual disciplines allow him to communicate the joy of walking with God in a powerful and practical way. Dean and his wife, Bonnie, are members of the South Lansing Christian Church in Lansing, Michigan.



HOST HOMES NEEDED

First Christian Church will host the Crossroads' College Concert Choir, for our worship services on Sunday, April 6. They will perform in all three morning services. We need host homes for the students on Saturday night, April 5. Students will arrive at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Hosts and hostesses are to provide transportation to their respective homes and return students to the church by 7:15 a.m. on Sunday morning. Breakfast will be the only meal provided.

We will have one married couple, 25 female and 12 male students. It is usually better to host at least two students in a home. If you are able to host students, please notify the office before April 1, or you may call Robin Ziegenfuss, 328-2606, for more information.

IRON SHARPENS IRON

Join other FCC men for Iron Sharpens Iron, 2008 Men's Conference, April 26, in Omaha. Sign up on Sunday, April 6.

PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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



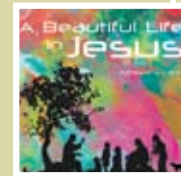
SCHOOL SPIRIT

The children of FCC are making their mark for Jesus in their schools. Show us your school spirit by donating new or used school t-shirt, small youth would be preferred, which we will proudly display in our children's ministry area. Our prayer is that kids will be encouraged knowing that their friends are right beside them standing for Jesus each day! Schools currently on display are:

Bloomer Glenwood Gunn Krefl Lewis Central Treynor Washington Underwood

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.

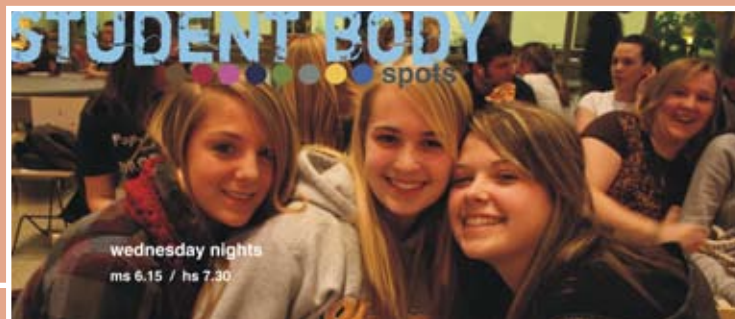
SURGE

Surge resumes this week! Students arriving early can check out our new activity center. Please invite a friend as we begin our final series, "Messages from the Book of Matthew."

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



"May you find great joy as you celebrate the resurrection of Jesus."
Student Ministry Team



SENIOR ADULTS

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

EASTER DINNER

We are going to Mahoney State Park Lodge for their Easter buffet. The bus will leave FCC at 10:00 a.m. following an Easter devotion in Room 114, at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$13.75 plus \$5.00 for gas.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

The women's retreat will be in Des Moines, Saturday, March 29. I need a count of all who have registered for the retreat for transportation purposes. The bus will leave at 6:00 a.m. It's not too late to register! See Jean Provines for a registration form.



FRIDAY MOVIE

This week will be "Where the Red Fern Grows II," the classic continues. Show times are 2:00 and 6:30 p.m., Room 114. Popcorn and pop will be provided. Bring a snack to share. Upcoming movies:
April 4 - "The Man from Snowy River"
April 11 - "The Climb"

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

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED

Karla Riso - Bergan Mercy
Patty Pope - JE
Ed Fastnacht - JE
Ken Clark - Clarkson
Ray Turpen

SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Colleen Reynolds.

CONGRATULATIONS

Joel Catlin was baptized March 16 and his wife, Rachel Curtis, transferred her membership March 16. Joel and Rachel live at 8130 Valley Street, Omaha/402-218-5155.

MEMORIALS

Sharon Carlson and Lloyd Leckness by M/M Henry Mollett
Allen Beck by Joan Batten
Muriel Hooker by Katheryn Thomas

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILY -

If you have a prayer need, please complete a prayer card and place it in the offering plate so our staff can pray for your need. You may also call Guy and Joyce Baker, 322-7292, to start your prayer request in our March prayer chain.