

ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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MONTANA MISSION TRIP OPENINGS

There are a few openings for the Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch mission trip this summer (June 19-26). They will meet on Sunday, April 25, 4:00 p.m., at the church, to finalize arrangements for the trip. If not already committed to go, please call Bob or Joyce Barney, 328-8672, with questions or to put your name on the list.

AN OPEN HOUSE

Come to Room 114, Friday, April 16, from 7-9 p.m. to meet Mason Blaine Johanson, born January 23 to Arick and Kacy (South) Johanson. Arick was an FCC intern before accepting the senior pastor position at First Christian Church in Ellensburg, WA. Please RSVP to Jackie Nelson at michaelandjackielson@gmail.com or 712-308-1304, if you are attending. The couple kindly requests no gifts.

MISSION MINISTRY MEETING

The Mission Ministry meeting will be Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m., in Room 114.

ATTENTION, ALL SMALL GROUP LEADERS!

Shepherds Gathering on Sunday April 25, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 114.

FREE GARDEN SPOTS AVAILABLE

As part of FCC's desire to help families during today's economy, we are providing free garden spots for our family, friends and neighbors. These will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Tank water and a sprinkler system will be provided. A six-foot high fence will keep out unwanted wildlife. Stop by the table in the Alcove today to reserve your spot.



HARVEST OF TALENTS

Harvest of Talents workshop on Saturday, April 24, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Items needed are embroidery floss – black and assorted colors, orange and black felt, men's ties, buttons, wood picture frames, stencil brush, scrapbooking paper and supplies. A box is located in the Alcove to put your donated items.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

A fellowship dinner will be held Sunday, April 25, in the Student Center, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Spaghetti and fixin's will be served. A free will donation will be accepted.

BEYOND OURSELVES PRAYER FOCUS

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18

BEYOND OURSELVES ENVELOPES

A Beyond Ourselves envelope will be sent to you within a letter to verify your commitment. Packets of 12 envelopes will be available in the Alcove on Sunday, April 18.

CONNECTION ARTICLES

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

QUICK NOTES

- Camp of the Good Shepherd work day, Saturday, May 1, 9:00 a.m. Lunch provided. Come for a day of painting, cleaning, landscaping and other projects. See the upstairs bulletin board for more details.
- Haiti Mission Trip sign-up deadline is Sunday, April 11. If you are interested, contact Dave Fremstad ASAP at dfremstad@firstchristiancb.org or 328-2606.

PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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

CAMP OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD 2010

Junior Camp (Students entering grades 5-6) June 6-10
Pre-School Camp (Children 4-K) June 19
Middler Camp (Students entering grades 3-4) June 20-23
First Chance Camp (Students entering grades 1-2) June 25-26



We are looking forward to a fantastic camp season! Please join us. Registrations and scholarship forms are available in the lower level children's hallway.



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Be the first to know all the latest news from FCC's children's ministry. Sign up today!



STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org

With the application process complete, we now move into the *planning and training* elements of our mission.

We will host our first *planning session* on Monday, April 19 beginning at 7.00 p.m. Parents, adult leaders and student participants are asked to be in attendance. This session will take place in the Student Center.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS are available. See Gary to get an application.

SENIOR ADULTS

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

SPRING TOUR OF HOMES ~ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

The time to buy a fire extinguisher is before you experience a fire – not when you see the flames. The same is true when it comes to retirement living. It's best to shop around and compare "apples to apples" before you need a place to go. Many seniors opt for retirement communities or assisted living facilities when they notice that snow removal, lawn care and steps up to or inside their homes make living on their own difficult.

We have arranged group tours to all of the assisted living and independent retirement communities in our city. Visiting with a group is much less intimidating than going all by yourself.

This week's "Tour of Homes" takes us to Primrose Retirement Community located at 1801 East Kanesville Blvd. in Council Bluffs. Primrose provides three meals a day, laundry and housekeeping services, and is pet-friendly. Meet at the church at 2:10 or meet us at Primrose at 2:30. After our tour Primrose will provide refreshments and answer your questions. Feel free to bring a friend and pick up pamphlets and brochures while you are there.

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

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Karen Applegate – University
Joyce Sanders – Mercy
Mike Batten – UNMC
Jo Turcott – JE
John Kaufman – Bergan Mercy
Angela Vergamini – Clarkson
Jane Kirchner – Mercy

MEMORIALS

Don Withauer by Pauline Leeper
Linda Gunderson's Mother by Betty Bertelsen

SYMPATHY

To June Osborn on the death of her father

NEW MEMBERS

Peggy Dalton was baptized March 23 and placed her membership April 4. Peggy lives at 31 Circle/712-249-4075.

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.

Michael/Deb Foote	981-4743
Tracy Taylor	323-1324
Richard Van Horn	322-8879
Dale/Erin Ruis	328-2029

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.