

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sunday, April 27

8:00 a.m.	CORP Class	Rm 114
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	Rm 005
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.	Grades 2-5	Rm 023
11:00 a.m.	I Promise	Rm 102
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.	Street Hockey	Heritage West Parking Lot
2:00 p.m.	Athletic Basketball	Rm 013
4:30 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 114
7:00 p.m.	HOT Talent Night	Rm 013

Monday, April 28

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

5:15 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 114
6:00 p.m.	Street Hockey	Heritage West Parking Lot
6:15 p.m.	Family First Women's Study	Rm 027A
6:30 p.m.	Fletcher Women's Bible Study	Rm 114

Thursday, May 1

National Day of Prayer

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

Friday, May 2

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's
11:00 a.m.	Health Screening	Rm 114

Saturday, May 3

Bible Bowl Round Robin - Hastings, Nebraska

10:00 a.m.	Quilt Ministry	Rm 022
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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 web site (www.firstchristiancb.org) and click on the News and Events on the right side of the home page.

SERMON NOTES

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WORSHIP: WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED

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

Text: **Philippians 1:3-11**

"Partnership" (verse 5; Greek: "koinonia") = fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, sharing.

1. Connect to _____ (1:6)

Romans 12:1; Proverbs 27:17

2. Connect to _____ (1:7-8)

Ecclesiastes 4:12

3. Connect to _____ (1:9-11)

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



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by Connecting, Growing and Serving.*

STREET HOCKEY BEGINS TODAY!

Come and enjoy watching a fun game of hockey
2:00 - 8:00 p.m., Sixth and Mynster

BABY RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 4

Babies are special...a treasure from God! Every year FCC recognizes babies born and adopted during the previous year. We'll introduce them, pray for them and commit ourselves, as a church family, to be partners with their parents.



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ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

Dave Erickson—Senior Pastor
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Dave Fremstad—Family Life Pastor
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Robin Ziegenfuss—Worship & Music
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CONGRATULATIONS, 2008 GRADUATES!

Please call the church office with the names of those who will graduate from high school or college this year, so we may list them in the *Connection*. We will honor our high school graduates at the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 18. If you have a graduate that would like to participate, contact the church office by Wednesday, May 14.



BABY RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 4, our church family will honor those who have enjoyed the blessing of a new birth or adoption during this last year. Your son or daughter will receive a gift from the church, which is intended to be an encouragement to the child's spiritual growth.

WOMEN'S TEA

Join us on Sunday, May 4, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. for a mother/daughter or sister/sister tea. Sign up today in the alcove to attend and/or sponsor a table. For more information, call Sandy Mollett, 322-4207.

HEALTH SCREENING

Free blood pressure and blood sugar checks will be available in Room 114, Friday, May 2, 11:00 a.m. until noon. Also available will be a total cholesterol check with immediate results for \$4. This is open to the public so invite family and friends.



HARVEST OF TALENTS - TALENT NIGHT TONIGHT

Please take advantage of this opportunity to witness firsthand how God has blessed this church family with talent. Come tonight, April 27, 7:00 p.m., for the show and then stay to make your own ice cream sundae for \$1. Those dollars and a free will offering during the talent show will be sent to Pinehaven Children's Ranch.

CYCLING AT FIRST CHRISTIAN

Are you a casual recreational rider or do you want the legs and lungs to strain? There are all types of rides scheduled, including training for RAGBRAI and Colorado. Also a 120 plus mile Century ride to the end of the Trace and back in one day. Remember there is always a downhill and pie somewhere. Call Ron LeSieur, 256-4692, for more information. Bring water, food, pay up your insurance and let your loved ones know your final wishes. We'll bring tubes and air.



MAY BASKETS

In today's Connection there is a special offering envelope that will help provide a May basket for each of our church's homebound members. The baskets remind them that we miss them and are thinking about them. Each basket is filled with basic personal articles as well as homemade cookies and candy.



QUILTS FROM THE BLUFFS

This Saturday, May 3, the quilt ministry will meet from 10:00 - 5:00 p.m. for its monthly quilt day. This month we will make patriotic quilts using Air Force panels to be donated to FCC's Harvest of Talents craft fair in October. Through Project Linus, we also donate quilts to Offutt Air Force Base to be given to children whose parent(s) are being deployed. All skill levels from "never" to "expert" are welcome. Contact Jeanine Williams for more information at williamsj9@cox.net or 712-307-0352.



PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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



JOIN US AT THE JERUSALEM MARKETPLACE

Monday - Friday, July 14 -18, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Jerusalem Marketplace immerses children in Bible-times culture. Kids taste and smell new foods, explore new traditions and discover new talents as they try their hand at ancient arts and crafts. Most importantly, they will learn about Jesus in a way they will never forget.

Register online at www.firstchristiancb.org and click the VBS link.

We are now recruiting volunteers! Please sign up online, or call Diane Terry, 515-7483, if you would like to be a part of this exciting ministry!

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



SENIOR ADULTS

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

RISEN SON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE: MAY 11-17



Everybody from FCC has the opportunity to be on the Go Team to Risen Son during National Nursing Home Week. Stop by the adoption booth in the alcove to sign up today! Here are some ideas:

- Adopt a resident and shower them with attention. Cards, visits, a gift certificate to the beauty shop, flowers, cookies, take them a newspaper, take them for a walk outside, take your pet for a visit, etc.
- Join the Risen Son Auxiliary. Your yearly dues, \$5.00/family, \$3.00/ individual, help provide the little extras to make life more enjoyable for the residents all year round.
- Provide treats for the activity department. They love homemade cookies!
- Organize your small group and do some yard work or plant a flower bed in one of the courtyards.
- Help provide treats for the employees.
- Plan an activity for the residents' enjoyment.



If you have any questions, contact Jean Provines, 328-2606/church or 328-2074/home.

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

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED

Rich Knauss - JE
Patty Pope - Creighton
Ken Neff - JE

SYMPATHY

To family and friends of Viola Butterbaugh.

MEMORIALS

Ray Howell by Ruth Howell.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Larry Workman and Maureen Saathoff on their wedding, April 19.

NEW MEMBERS

Richard and Rhonda Hash transferred their memberships to FCC on April 13. Richard and Rhonda live at 2704 E. Kanesville Blvd. #35/256-6766.

MAY 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.

Kay Stock	323-3597
Leo and Tracy Taylor	323-1324
Scott and Sandi Milner	328-0717
Beverly Clark	322-2388

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.