

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

## Sunday, May 31

7:45 a.m.	CORP Class	Rm 114
7:45 a.m.	Living from the Inside Out	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.	Griefshare	Rm 114
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.	Ages 4 - Kindergarten	Rm 025
10:30 a.m.	Making Ends Meet	Rm 027A
10:30 a.m.	When Jobs Are Scarce	Rm 004
10:30 a.m.	Grades 1-5	Rm 023
2:00 p.m.	Street Hockey	Heritage West Parking Lot
5:30 p.m.	Austria Mission	Rm 005

## Monday, June 1

7:00 p.m.	Beth Moore Study	Rm 027A
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## Tuesday, June 2

9:30 a.m.	Beth Moore Study	Rm 005
6:00 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 004

## Wednesday, June 3

6:00 p.m.	Street Hockey	Heritage West Parking Lot
7:00 p.m.	Girls Study	Rm 102

## Thursday, June 4

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, June 5

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's
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## Saturday, June 6

10:00 a.m.	Quilt Ministry	Rm 023
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Note: For the most up-to-date version of our calendar, please visit our web site ([www.firstchristiancb.org](http://www.firstchristiancb.org)) and click FCC Calendar under the News and Events.

## SUMMER SERIES GUEST COLUMN BY FCC PASTORS

'16'

Hard to believe! Our youngest child is turning sixteen (May 30). She was but a few weeks old when we moved to Council Bluffs. All the old clichés seem appropriate. Time flies! Where has the time gone? Can't believe she's all grown up. How does one measure the quality or quantity of life over a period of 16 years? No mind has the capacity to rehearse it all—no heart able to cherish it adequately. Our daughter has been sort of a benchmark for our ministry here at FCC. She was a baby when we came. Her maturing has been ours also. This has proven such a good place to raise our family. This church—these friendships—the opportunities—have been rich in blessing and deep with life-shaping. Occasionally people look back wishing the intersections of their lives would have taken them in a different direction. Not us! Never once have we thought that coming here was a mistake for our family. The people here have enriched us, grown us, shepherded us, and at times, tolerated us. All of these things we have needed. All of these things we have found. My daughter can blow out her 16 candles without a 'wish' to be anywhere else.



Pastor Dave Erickson

# SERMON NOTES

May 31, 2009

## MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE

Series: The "D" Word - The Place of Discipline in Our Journey to Know Christ

'We grow as we surrender to Christ and embrace his teaching.'

- Reading God's Word
- Praying
- Memorizing Scripture
- Fasting
- Personal Worship

Memorizing Scripture.

Why?

1. God's truth must be \_\_\_\_\_!

2 Timothy 3:14-17

*<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

2. God's truth must be \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Memorization \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 4:12

*<sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

## 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

Office Hours: M-F, 8 am-12 pm; 1 pm-5 pm  
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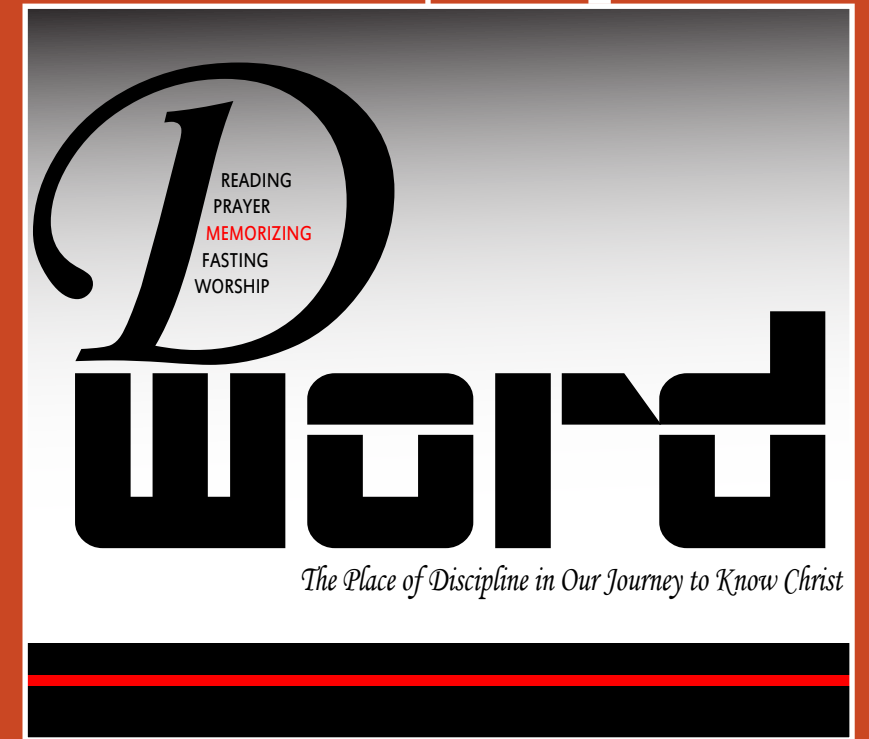
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# CONNECTION



The Place of Discipline in Our Journey to Know Christ

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

## Workshops Today at 10:30 a.m.



Making Ends Meet  
Room 027A

When Jobs Are Scarce  
Room 004



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# ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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## SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY VIDEO STARRING YOU!

Robin Ziegenfuss needs photos of fathers and sons together for a special event on Father's Day. Photos can be of fathers and sons at any age from any time, past or present. Dads and infants, playing ball, goofing around, just hanging out, generational photos are great also! You can e-mail him a photo, bring them on CD, or he can scan the actual photo. Please identify the faces in the photos so he can return them to you. Leave them in the office or give them to him on Sunday.



## QUILT MINISTRY

Quilts from the Bluffs will meet this Saturday, June 6, from 10:00–5:00 p.m., in Room 023. Our quilts in progress will be the focus. The Second Annual Quilt Retreat is scheduled for September 11-13 at Camp of the Good Shepherd. If you would like to register for this, please contact Jeanine Williams, at williamsj9@cox.net, or 402-350-9441. You do not need to be a member of the Quilt Ministry to attend the retreat. Please make a note that the Quilt Ministry will not meet in July.

## QUICK NOTES

- Save your labels! FCC Women's Ministry supports Alpha Christian Children's Home and School in Perry, Kansas with Campbell's, Best Choice UPC symbols and General Mills box Tops for Education. See the bulletin boards for more details.
- Watch the *Connection* next week for another service opportunity with Habitat for Humanity, on Saturday, June 27.

## LIFE. MONEY. HOPE.

A video teaching of Dave Ramsey entitled, "Life. Money. Hope. Biblical Advice in Difficult Times" will begin next Sunday.

**June 7, 14, 28 ~ 10:30 a.m. ~ Rm 027A**  
(no class on Father's Day, June 21)

The class will be facilitated by Pastor Jerry Hopkins and Cameron Ziegenfuss.

## FCC FAMILY HELP LINK

First Christian is setting up a page on our website to help connect needs with resources within the FCC family during these uncertain economic times. Do you have a skill that could help someone - either for free or for hire? Do you own a business which sells products? Do you know of job openings where you work? Do you have a need? Fill out an FCC Family Help Link Entry form at either exit today.

## BIG DIAPER DAZE

The HOPE Ministry will collect BIG diapers (sizes 3-5) for Gabriel's Corner on June 14 and 21. They will also hand out baby bottles for donations to purchase baby beds and car seats. Watch the *Connection* for more details next week.

## SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY CHRISTIANVILLE, HAITI/OCTOBER 22 - 29

Located two hours southwest of Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, Christianville's mission is to provide a Christian witness in Haiti through evangelism, church planting, Christian education, and humanitarian assistance. The ministry includes several churches, elementary schools, a Bible college, as well as medical, dental, and eye clinics. If interested, please come to an information meeting to be held on Sunday, June 7, 5:00 p.m., in the Student Center or contact Dave Fremstad, 328-2606.



# PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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



## NEED A PLACE TO SERVE?

We want you! Currently in the Children's Ministry and Early Childhood Departments, we are in pursuit of twenty volunteers who would be willing to assist our teachers in classrooms. It is VERY IMPORTANT we fill these positions for safety reasons and to provide the most conducive learning environment for OUR kids. We're looking for those who would be willing to commit just two hours a month (can be flexible, if necessary). Our specific needs are:

- 9:00 a.m. 4 & 5 year-olds (2 hrs/month) two people needed
- 9:00 a.m. Kindergarten & Grade 1 (2 hrs/month, June and July only) four people needed
- 9:00 a.m. Grades 2 - 5 (2 hrs/month, July and August only) four people needed
- 10:30 a.m. 2-year-olds (2 hrs/month) two people needed
- 10:30 a.m. 4-years - K (2 hrs/month) four people needed
- 10:30 a.m. Grades 2 - 5 (2 hrs/month, June and July only) four people needed

Thank you for considering this opportunity! If you're interested, contact Matt Beckner, for Grades 1 - 5, or Sarah Kaelin, for ages birth - Kindergarten.



# STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



The play offs begin this Friday, June 5. The finals are set for Saturday, June 6. The rain date is Sunday, June 7.

It's been a great season. Come out and catch an exciting game this weekend. Games begin at 6 pm on Friday and run throughout the day on Saturday.

CAMP REMINDER: High school camp is June 14-20. Middle school camp is July 5-11. Register online at [www.pinehavencamp.org](http://www.pinehavencamp.org). Then, reserve your seat on the bus by e-mailing Gary. Only 3 seats remain for the middle school week.



# SENIOR ADULTS

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

## INTERVIEW

The following is part of an interview with Rick Warren by Paul Bradshaw.



(Rick) I used to think that life was hills and valleys - you go through a dark time, then you go to the mountaintop, back and forth. I don't believe that anymore. Rather than life being hills and valleys, I believe that it's kind of like two rails on a railroad track, and at all times you have something good and something bad in your life. No matter how good things are in your life, there is always something bad that needs to be worked on. And no matter how bad things are in your life, there is always something good you can thank God for. You can focus on your purposes, or you can focus on your problems: If you focus on your problems, you're going into self-centeredness, which is my problem, my issues, my pain.' But one of the easiest ways to get rid of pain is to get your focus off yourself and onto God and others.

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

# FAMILY NEWS

## HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Sandy Smith - Mercy      Ethan Terry - Creighton

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Zack McAdams and Rachel Osborne on their wedding, May 22.  
To Taylor Clinch and Bonnie South on their wedding, May 23.  
To Carl and Sandy Smith on the birth of a son, Colin Walker, born May 26.  
To Nancy Mundt as she celebrates her seventh anniversary working in the FCC office.  
To Sarah Kaelin, Early Childhood Pastor, as she celebrates her second anniversary with FCC.

## MEMORIALS

**Georgia Fletcher** by Laura Fletcher, M/M Paul Bass  
**Hugh Marshall** by Diana French, M/M Paul Bass, Jack May

## JUNE 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.

Claudia Vergamini	323-1970
Bobbie Lake	322-8879
Jane Field	322-5371
Michael/Deb Foote	981-4743

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.