

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sunday, May 18

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.	Women's Bible Class	Rm 004
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.	Chet/Joyce Lammert 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House	Rm 013

Monday, May 19

Tuesday, May 20

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

Wednesday, May 21

6:30 p.m.	Fletcher Women's Bible Study	Rm 114
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Thursday, May 22

6:00 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 114
6:00 p.m.	Praise Team	Rm 013

Friday, May 23

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's
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Saturday, May 24

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

May 18, 2008

GOD GOING THROUGH PUBERTY?

Series: When I Met Him - Encounters with Christ

Text: Luke 2:46-49

⁴⁹"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Jesus is someone with whom you must do something. He will not be ignored. He will not disappear. He will repeatedly engage your life. Sometimes you will know it in obvious fashion. Sometimes you will only know it by looking back . . . but he will engage you. Somewhere along the line you will have multiple encounters with Jesus Christ. His goal . . . that he be allowed to be first your _____, and then your _____--in that order.

P _____ is to step out of your routine of life and engage a journey that reminds you who you are and why you are what you are. The intent of the pilgrimage is to grow, change, mature, heal, redirect, refresh, ignite.

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider _____ with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being _____ in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he _____ himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Hebrews 4:14-15

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been _____

—yet was without sin."

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

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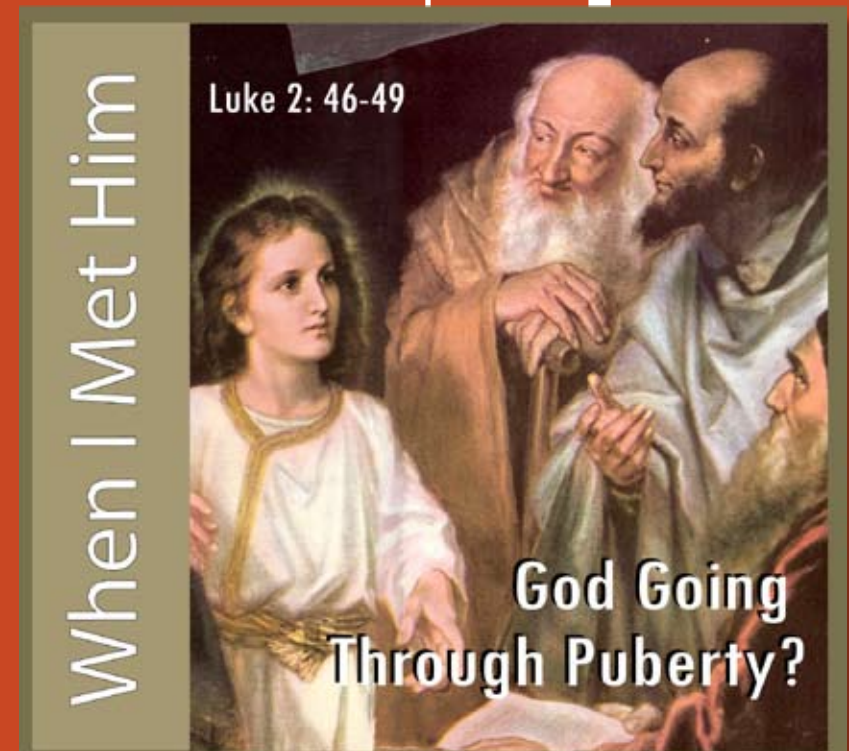
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CONNECTION



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

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

We offer sincere congratulations to all the 2008 graduates from our First Christian family. Today, special recognition will be given and Bibles will be presented to each high school graduate in attendance.



Tyler Alitz, Hollie Bates, Katie Berg, Melissa Bertelsen, Tyler Brietzke, Maria Brink, Kari Carbis, Nikki Clark, Dustin Congdon, Ben Connell, Jabon Diercks, Crystal Dierks, Mallory Fairbanks, Jessica Formanek, Andrew Goodin, Scott Hathaway, Abby Heistand, Heather Jensen, Joshua Jerkovich, Annie Johnson, Alyssa King, Michele Kohlscheen, Amanda Kruse, Andrew Kruse, Stephanie Lingner, Alex Madsen, Jacob Meyers, Sarah Michaels, Logan Mundt, Brooke Noe, Becca Page, Mekayla Putnam, Stephen Rieck, Laura Simons, Nicole Smith, Jamie Steenson, Logan Stichler, Daniel Stout, PJ TeKippe, Shantel Turner, David Tuttle, Matt Umphreys, Tyler Von Weihe, Tierra Wells, Trent Williams

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SPECIAL ENVELOPE

In your box of giving envelopes, a special envelope has been included for today, Sunday, May 18, that has been labeled Love and Care. All monies received in these envelopes will be recorded and deposited in the Love and Care fund.

HARVEST OF TALENTS

Now is the time to put in a few extra plants, gather supplies to start your special project, plan time on the calendar to work on your masterpiece, all for Harvest of Talents. This year HOT will host their spectacular craft fair and bake sale in October and we want you to be prepared! Start work on those projects, plan out those fabulous crafts, just get started! Watch for displays of completed crafts on the last Sunday of each month through September. All items you see will be available for purchase or auction on Saturday, October 11. All money collected at HOT will be donated to the Pinehaven Children's Ranch. Any questions, call Faith Koenig, 322-3843, or kfjkoenig@hotmail.com.



Please complete and place in the offering plate.

ARE YOU NEW TO FCC?

On Sunday, June 1, from 11:00 – 12:00 p.m., pastors Dave Erickson and Dave Fremstad will lead a class called "Discover." Discover is for people who are interested in learning more about First Christian Church's beliefs, mission and ministries. Come and connect with our pastors and others who want to discover more about FCC.

Please fill out the tear-off portion and place it in the offering plate so we can be prepared for you.

Name _____ Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____

CAR FOR BABU

We have the opportunity to increase Babu's efficiency in ministry by providing him a vehicle. We can purchase a used Tata Safari for about \$8000 in Mumbai (Bombay). Because much of his ministry is in remote areas, having a car would greatly enhance his ministry. Babu must either take a bus or rent a taxi to visit the 23 churches he has planted.



When he visits the orphanage, which is two hours from his home, he must take a bus early in the morning and can't return home until late night. He spends much of the day in transit or waiting for a connection with another bus. If you can help, please make a check payable to FCC with the notation "Car for Babu." For more information, contact Robin Ziegenfuss, 328-2606, or rziegenfuss@firstchristiancb.org.

LET'S SHOWER GABRIEL'S CORNER
Join the HOPE/VFL Ministry in showering Gabriel's Corner today, Sunday, May 18. Gabriel's Corner does not charge for any services and operates by volunteers/donations only. Place items in playpen located in the alcove.

LET'S SHOWER GABRIEL'S CORNER

You may also pick up a baby bottle to fill with change and return, and/or sign up to volunteer, regularly or occasionally.

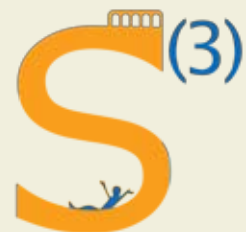
PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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

HOWDY, BUCKAROOS!

Round up yer friends and join me, "Sas 'Em Sarah" at Vacation Bible School (preschool 3-year-olds-K) on a wild west adventure to Yippee Ti Yi Yo Ranch! We're gonna hear the most amazin' stories and learn that JESUS CAN DO ANYTHING! Yee-haw! I can't hardly wait . . . see ya'll at the ranch, July 14-18, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Yo're ma's and pa's can sign you up in the alcove of the Family Life Center. I'm also lookin' for some downright brave cowboys and cowgirls (middle schoolers, high schoolers and adults) to lend a kind hand with everything from games and crafts to leading a small group of buckaroos. Ya don't wanna miss out. It's gonna be the rootinest, tootinest time of yo're summer! So, if yo're a thinkin' ya might like to serve or have any questions at all, pleeeze check out the table in the alcove or contact Sarah Kaelin, 328-2606, or skaelin@firstchristiancb.org.



STORIES, SONGS AND SLIDES

Parents, bring your children to S(3) every Tuesday from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. this summer. This will be a great time for your children to play with friends and for you to connect with other adults at FCC. Each week will feature fun stories from the Bible and other children's literature, as well as, fun songs. Don't forget the awesome playground!

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org

PINE HAVEN CAMP

Registration forms available at the Welcome Center or go on-line. To reserve your spot on the bus, call the church office, 328-2606. Seating is limited.



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Catch a game today!

New games at the top of each hour beginning at 2:00 p.m. Last game at 7:00 p.m.



week 3 highlights hockey



net action

SENIOR ADULTS

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



WHEW! WE DID IT!

We did what has never been done before! I am praising God and jumping up and down at the success of our "Out-There Initiative at Risen Son." We adopted all 115 health care residents and made their week about as

much like Christmas as is possible in May!

It was fun watching you take them for walks around the building, play with your pets, beam with delight at getting mail, having company, get flowers, have a homemade dinner brought in, and get a free trip to the beauty shop.

The employees have never been treated so well! They liked all the special attention too and they noticed that you *cared* about them and the residents. You were wonderful – every one of you!

The ministers held a two-night revival for the residents that was enjoyed by all. God bless you!



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

FAMILY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

Chelsea Porter was baptized May 11. Chelsea lives with her parents, David and Tracy, 18058 Leisure Ave, Honey Creek/545-3619

MEMORIALS

Viola Butterbaugh by M/M Dewey Brockmann, M/M Michael Wood
Gladys Malone by M/M Dan Bates, Phyllis Eittle
Stan and Audrey Bruner by M/M Gary Jones



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join Chet and Joyce Lammert as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at an Open House today, Sunday, May 18, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center.

GRADUATION RECEPTION

Tyler Brietzke
20270 Hwy. 183/Deuces
Saturday, May 31, 5:00 p.m.



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 Kay Stock, 323-3597, to start your prayer request in our May prayer chain.