

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

Sunday, May 25

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.	Athletic Basketball	Rm 013

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

Office Closed

7:00 p.m.	Mexico Missions Training	Rm 013
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Tuesday, May 27

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

Wednesday, May 28

6:30 p.m.	Fletcher Women's Bible Study	Rm 114
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Thursday, May 29

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

Friday, May 30

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's
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Saturday, May 31

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.

A Sinless Jesus Being Baptized?
Series: When I Met Him - Encounters with Christ
Text: Matthew 3:13-17

Can you remember the day of your baptism?

The event of Jesus' baptism was the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

Acts 1:21-22

²¹Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us.

Jesus' ministry...

A. It begins at a special place—the Jordan River, place of entry into new life.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

B. It begins with a specific reason—to fulfill all righteousness.

¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

C. It begins with complete approval—all the trinity shows up.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

1. The heavens open
2. The Trinity present
3. Rare visual sighting of the Spirit

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

When I Met Him



Matthew 3:13-17

A Sinless Jesus Being Baptized?

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



MEMORIAL DAY
 WE WILL REMEMBER

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May 25, 2008

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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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). 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.



WANTED: GREEN THUMBS

Are you passionate about landscaping? Do you like working with flowers, and shrubbery? The Landscape Ministry is looking for a couple of folks who are crazy about working with and maintaining plants. If you like being creative, and would like to help keep the church grounds looking beautiful, then please contact Joan Ferry, 256-4746, or Aliceann Christy, 545-3806.



A LIVING TRUST

First Christian Church and Crossroads College will present information on wills vs. living trusts. Join us on Monday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m., Room 114. Learn about living trusts and how to:

- avoid the delay and expense of probate.
- reduce or eliminate estate tax.
- choose legal guardians for minor children.
- provide maximum privacy for your financial affairs.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES

We are very proud of our 2008 college graduates. We commend you for the years of persistent hard work and dedication you have shown. May God continue to bless you as you venture into new areas of your lives. These are our college graduates:

Chad Atherton, BS in Bible - Manhattan Christian College
Kahla Atherton, BSN/RN - Nebraska Methodist College
Katie Mann, Associate - Iowa Western College
Rachel Osborne, BFA in Interior Design - Iowa State University
Josh Rodenburg, BS Middle School Education - Grace University
Sarah Wright, LPN in Nursing - Iowa Western College

GRADUATION RECEPTIONS

PJ Tekippe	Masonic Temple	Saturday, May 31	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Ryan Carlson	115 Brentwood Heights	Sunday, June 1	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Please complete and place in the offering plate.

ARE YOU NEW TO FCC?

Next 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 _____

PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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

HELP WANTED

Parents, over the summer months (July-August) our Children's Ministry leaders will be taking a well deserved break. In order for our regularly scheduled classes and services to continue, we must enlist your help. We are asking that all parents sign up to serve one (or more) Sunday(s), either in your own child's classroom or another. Sign-ups are located outside each classroom. We love partnering with you! If you have any questions, please contact Matt Beckner, mbeckner@firstchristiancb.org, Sarah Kaelin, skaelin@firstchristiancb.org, or call the church, 328-2606.

HOWDY, BUCKAROOS!

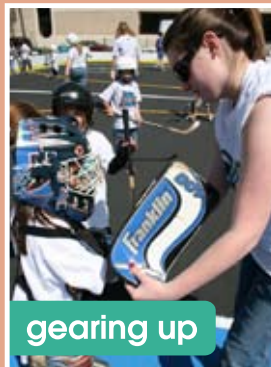
Round up yer friends and join me, "Sas 'Em Sarah" at Vacation Bible School (preschool 3-year-olds -K) on a wild west adventure to Yippee Ti Yi Yo Ranch! We're gonna hear the most amazin' stories and learn that JESUS CAN DO ANYTHING! Yee-haw! I can hardly wait . . . see ya'll at the ranch, July 14-18, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Yer 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 yer summer! So, if yo're a thinkin' ya might like to serve or have any questions at all, pleeze check out the table in the alcove or contact Sarah Kaelin, 328-2606, or skaelin@firstchristiancb.org.



STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



gearing up



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



mentoring



caring

SENIOR ADULTS

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

GARAGE SALE

We are now accepting donations for the garage sale! If you have some things ready to go, call Jean Provines at the church, 328-2606, or 402-680-1290, to arrange a time when you can drop them off.

TOMATO PLANTS

If you have some extra space in your garden, would you please plant some extra tomatoes? The seniors love getting fresh tomatoes in the summer. When I take some to the nursing home, everybody wants one! They especially like the big ones!



BOOK AND BAKE SALE

Risen Son Christian Village Auxiliary is having a "Book and Bake" sale on Saturday, June 14. If you have books, magazines, music or videos you would like to donate, you may take them to Jean Provines' office, Room 114. Mark the box/bag "RSCV." People are needed to bake pies, cookies, breads, etc. for the sale. You may pick up free bakery boxes and pie tins in Room 114. Please no National Geographic or Readers' Digest Condensed books.

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

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Marie Carter - Mercy

SYMPATHY

To family and friends of Shirley Baumker.
To family and friends of Jean Hansen.
To family and friends of Richard Rothermund.

NEW MEMBERS

Erik Wiech transferred his membership to FCC May 18. Erik lives at 22920 205th Street/545-3466.

MEMORIALS

Ray Howell by Ruth Howell
Mavis Brink's Mother by M/M Dave Fairbanks
Doris Engel by M/M Stephen Lorenz

2008 MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Following is a list of members and friends of First Christian Church who have passed away during the last year. Members are noted with (M). Our pastors have conducted these services.

06/08 - James Umstot	10/10 - Dave Barnett (M)	02/15 - Dorothy Sprinkel (M)
06/27 - Audrey Bruner (M)	10/27 - Robert Stevens (M)	02/29 - Estella Tompkins
07/26 - Thomas Brown	10/27 - Lois Cooney	03/15 - Dorothy Harris (M)
08/14 - Maxine Goodin (M)	11/24 - Linda McNichols	03/08 - Thomas Gibbs (M)
08/18 - Ed Clatterbuck	12/06 - Ronald Hiatt	03/17 - Muriel Hooker (M)
08/30 - Jack Warren	12/27 - Patricia Johnson (M)	03/29 - Colleen Reynolds (M)
08/30 - David Barker	12/31 - Urlene Miller (M)	04/08 - Virginia Kehm
09/15 - Curtis Atz (M)	01/02 - Allen Beck	04/17 - George Wilson (M)
09/20 - Mary Wahle-Yost	01/02 - Wendell Cross	04/25 - Viola Butterbaugh
09/28 - James John Blum	01/08 - Steven Sweeney	04/28 - Doris Engel (M)
10/06 - Merlin Sorensen (M)	02/14 - Winifred Tarrant	05/23 - Jean Hansen (M)