

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

Sunday, June 28

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.	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.	Live. Money. Hope.	Rm 027A
10:30 a.m.	Grades 1-5	Rm 023
4:30 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 004
5:30 p.m.	Austria Mission	Rm 005

Monday, June 29

Tuesday, June 30

Wednesday, July 1

Bible Bowl Nationals		
6:30 p.m.	Praise Team	Rm 013
7:00 p.m.	Girls Study	Rm 102

Thursday, July 2

7:00 p.m.	Women's Planning Meeting	Rm 005
7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting	Rm 004

Friday, July 3

Office Closed		
6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's

Saturday, July 4

Independence Day

Note: For the most up-to-date version of our calendar, please visit our web site (www.firstchristiancb.org) and click FCC Calendar under the News and Events.

SUMMER SERIES
GUEST COLUMN BY FCC PASTORS

A Visual Testimony

Art and faith have always been a controversial mix. John Calvin, one of the Reformers from the Middle Ages, stripped every work of art out of the chapel because he believed that art encouraged idolatry. Calvin's chapels had white washed walls and were very modest.

On the other hand, I have been in an Orthodox church filled with the aroma of incense and where every inch of space on the walls and ceiling was covered with icons. I was overwhelmed by the Orthodox church and while I think Calvin may have a point, let's not, as they say, "throw the baby out with the bath water!"

God is the greatest artist ever! Have you seen what He has created? In addition to that, He has gifted some of us with the talent to create beautiful art. This talent to create can be used to bring glory to God and to communicate faith on a different level.

We are looking for people who can create these "Visual Testimonies" that point us toward God and His majesty! If you are an artist, or you know someone who is an artist, please attend our meeting on July 19, at the church, at 6:00 p.m. Calling all artists!
~Robin Ziegenfuss



SPIRITUALITY FOR THE REST OF US!

Series: When the Disciplines Turn Up Empty!

Text: Romans 14:17-22

Discipleship means . . . Long loving and learning with Jesus.

- Introduced
- Engaged enough to be familiar
- Familiar enough to be influenced
- Influenced enough to grow
- Grown enough to change
- Changed enough to heal
- Healed enough to rejoice
- Rejoicing enough to be at peace

QUESTIONS:

- Could God be pleased with those whose discipleship walk is as different from ours as John's was from that of Jesus?
- Could the patterns, disciplines, and paths of our spiritual walk that we hold so dear be far less important than the fruit they produce?
- Is it possible that someone whose journey includes choices and practices different from our own actually knows God as well as or better than we do?
- In our journey of faith, do you think God is more interested in the mechanism or the motive?

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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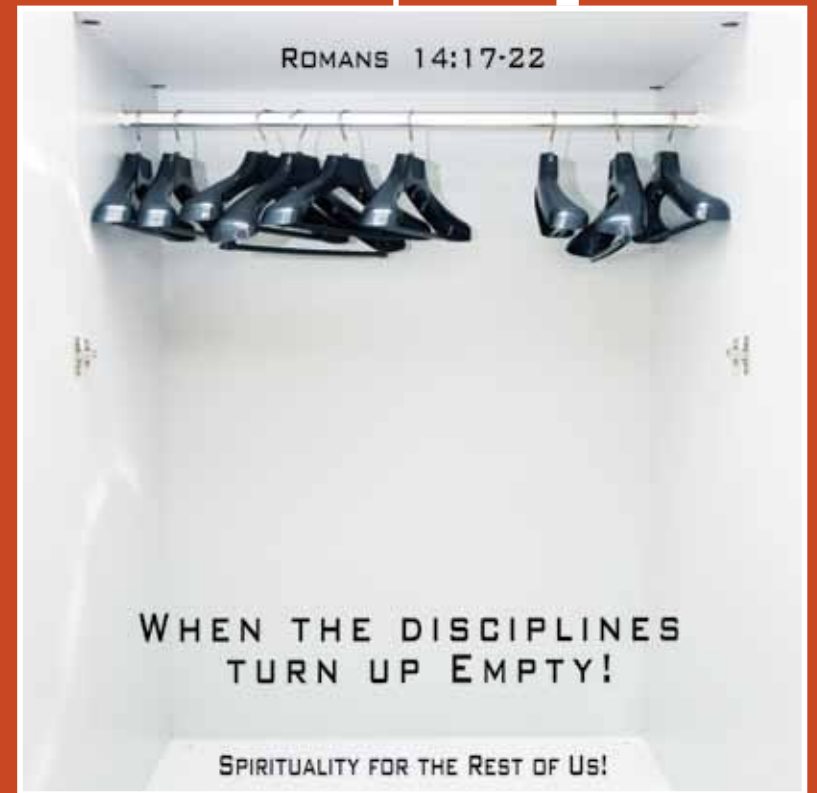
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CONNECTION



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



"You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence..."

May God enable us to use our freedom to serve and love one another.

ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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HOUSING FOR RAGBRAI RIDERS NEEDED

Would you like to provide housing (or space for tents) for individuals or a small group riding in RAGBRAI the evening of Saturday, July 18? You could help welcome RAGBRAI® riders to Council Bluffs by demonstrating hospitality and opening your home to host riders! Riders will be paired with host families based on group size and facility needs. To host riders, download the printable form from www.councilbluffs-ragbrai.org. If you have questions, e-mail ragbrai.housing@councilbluffs-ia.gov.



COOKBOOKS

Perhaps you are new to First Christian Church . . . perhaps you have a wedding or a wedding shower to attend this summer . . . how about a wonderful cookbook produced by our own Women's Ministry? Suggested donation is \$8. Copies are available in the church office throughout the week or call Claudia Vergamini at 323-1970.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

We are creating a ministry for people who want to create works of art that express their faith. Art work may include, but are not limited to, original paintings, drawings, ceramics, fibered work (quilts, cross-stich, etc), photography, poetry and three dimensional objects. If you are interested in finding out more, there will be a meeting on Sunday, July 19, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 027A. If you can't make the meeting, please contact Robin Ziegenfuss (rziegenfuss@firstchristiancb.org) or call the church, 328-2606.



SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP TO HAITI

The deadline of June 30 is fast approaching and space is limited. If you are interested, please turn your forms in to Dave Fremstad as soon as possible.

GREETER TRAINING

Greeter training will be held today, Sunday, June 28, 10:30 a.m., in Room 004.



BIG DIAPER DAZE

Today, Sunday, June 28 is the last Sunday for you to drop off your bottles and diapers. The HOPE/VFL Ministry will have a table for you to drop off your bottles and diapers. Did you fill a bottle? Remember to bring your diapers? If not, you may drop them off in the office during the week or at Gabriel's Corner, 131 North 16th Street.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed Friday, July 3, for Independence Day.

Please complete and place in the offering plate/basket.

ARE YOU NEW TO FCC?

Sunday, July 12, 10:30 a.m., Room 004, Dave Erickson and Jerry Hopkins 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 this tear-off portion and place it in the offering plate/basket so we can be prepared for you.

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

PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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

COURAGE!
Preschool VBS at First Christian Church is all about COURAGE! Preschoolers (3 - 5 years), join us on July 13 - 16, 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. for a fun-filled week of Bible stories about Noah, Daniel, Joshua, and Esther while we learn that God wants us to have courage to obey. We'll also play games, make crafts, and eat yummy snacks. Hope to see you there! Pick up a registration form in the church office or in the children's wing. Contact Sarah Kaelin, 328-2606, with any questions.



SPORTS CAMP/VBS RETURNS

Volunteers needed for assistant coaches (no special skills required), registration, and other positions. Please visit our table today to see where you can connect.

Kids, sign up today for VBS sports camp! Put the lessons you learned throughout the year into practice as you share the love of Jesus to students in our downtown community. Choose from basketball, soccer, or cheer. Enjoy great Bible lessons, fun songs, yummy snacks, and exciting sports activities. Don't miss it!



Each student participating will receive a free t-shirt.

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



We just returned from Pine Haven Christian Assembly High School camp. Our theme for the week was 'Filled Up.' Each day started in morning sun bay. Brad led worship and I led our study. Students then retrieved devotion cards and headed to a private spot to read, pray & meditate upon the Lord. Jonathan led worship at fireside as we wrapped up our day. Over 200 campers and faculty were encouraged to empty themselves in order to be filled with Christ. It was a great week!

Middle School camp begins next Sunday. Over 30 campers from FCC will be attending. Begin praying for their week. REMINDER: bus departs at 6.30 a.m. Sunday, July 5.

SENIOR ADULTS

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

REUNION

I'm planning to be in the little town of Knox, Indiana today for the Heilman family reunion. It's been 50 years since the last one. I remember going when I was a little girl. Every year my sister, brother and I complained about going. "There's nothing to do and all the aunts tell us the same old thing every year . . . 'My! How big you are!'" We whined and complained, but mom and dad made us go anyway.

After my great-grandparents passed away the family reunions ceased. This year one of my cousins decided to start having them again. She has done a fabulous job of tracing down distant cousins from all across the country. It won't be the same without my grandparents, my great-grandparents, my dad and my brother there; but I'm looking forward to seeing all of my OLD cousins again.

More than this reunion, I am looking forward to the CHRISTIAN family reunion – someday in heaven! I don't know when it will be, but it is going to be FABULOUS – TRULY FABULOUS! Everyone from all generations who has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior will be there. See you there!



~Jean Provines

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

FAMILY NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Abigail Sherbondy was baptized June 21. Abi lives with her parents, John and Jeanna, at 26158 215th St., Underwood/676-1686.

Shannon Callaghan was baptized June 21. Shannon lives at 130 N. 39th Street, Omaha.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Brent Lincoln and Jamie Nevins on their wedding, June 20.

To Jerry Hopkins, Administration Pastor, as he celebrates seven years with FCC on July 1.
To Jonathan Miller, Serve Coordinator, as he celebrates his second year with FCC on July 1.

JULY 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.

Stan/Joyce Koenig	322-4303
Richard Van Horn	322-8879
Coral Petersen	322-4245
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.