

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

Sunday, July 12

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.	Grades 1-5	Rm 023
10:30 a.m.	Discover Class	Rm 004

Monday, July 13

9:00 a.m. Sports Camp / VBS

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 a.m. Sports Camp / VBS

Wednesday, July 15

9:00 a.m. Sports Camp / VBS
7:00 p.m. Girls Study Rm 102

Thursday, July 16

Austria Mission Trip
9:00 a.m. Sports Camp / VBS
6:30 p.m. Praise Team Rm 013
7:00 p.m. Women's Planning Meeting Rm 005

Friday, July 17

Mexico Mission Trip
6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study Panera's

Saturday, July 18

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

SUMMER SERIES
GUEST COLUMN BY FCC PASTORS

Kid Story

One Sunday, a while back, a mom caught me on her way out the door. I remember the day being a particularly difficult Sunday, I can't remember why, just that it was rough, and this lady's story turned my day right around. Isn't it amazing how God knows what we need, and when we need it? Anyway, this mom wanted to tell me something that had happened that week between her and her three-year-old daughter. They were in the car on their way to somewhere, just driving along, when someone in traffic cut them off. Nothing special, it happens to all of us, right? Like I'm sure many of us, the mom got frustrated, when out of the back seat she heard her daughter's sweet voice, "Mommy, Princess Sarah says we're suppose to be kind!" I laughed and laughed, but later it sort of hit me how awesome that actually was. See, being kind is one of our classroom rules when I teach on Wednesday nights. We go over the rules every week. Be kind and be safe. More importantly, as believers, kindness is something that comes out of our lives because of the Holy Spirit living inside us, along with love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, and faithfulness. Kindness is part of the evidence that God is at work in us (see Galatians 5:22-23). I am constantly amazed by how much these little ones can learn and teach. I love hearing stories, especially when it has been applied to their life. God is so awesome!



~Sarah Kaelin

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS SOMETHING GOD DOES

Series: When the Disciplines Turn Up Empty!

Text: John 16:7-15

Romans 8:9

... if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

... so belonging to Jesus Christ means that we have the Holy Spirit in us, _____ us.

God's work on us is an _____.

Let's get practical:

1. _____!
-frantic life pace
-unconfessed sin
-unbalanced life
-marital or home discord
2. _____ to the help and _____.
3. Asking: Am I _____ change me?

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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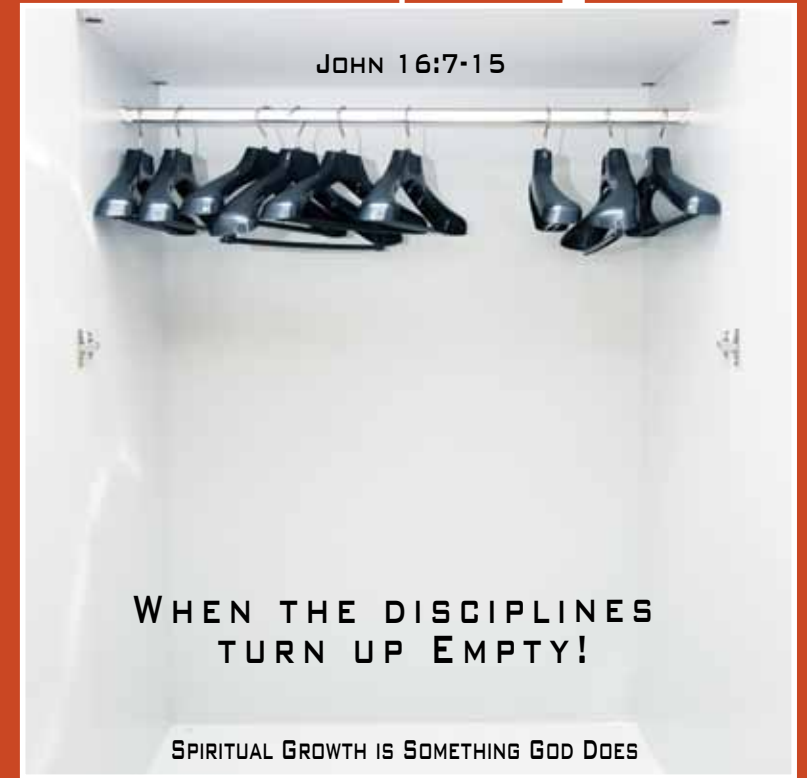
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CONNECTION



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

SPORTS CAMP AND VBS BEGIN TOMORROW!

SPORTS CAMP 2009
JULY 13-16
9:00AM - 11:45AM
STERNHILL PARK
1301 NORTH 8TH STREET



See inside for details

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ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITY ~ NEW ORLEANS

Brett Miller is leading collective group of churches from Minnesota on a trip to New Orleans this coming October 10-18.



The group will work primarily through Habitat for Humanity. Cost is \$395 which includes the coach bus ride down, hotel accommodations (nice), complimentary breakfast (hot, with meat!), evening snacks and a team shirt. There are about 20 spots open. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Miller, 328-2606.

FCC FAMILY HELPLINK

FCC has developed several pages on our website to help connect needs with resources within the FCC community. Are you looking for a job? Need to hire someone to do repairs around the house? Visit our website and click FCC Helplink under the News and Events. Do you have a service for hire? Do you sell a product? Please fill out the Helplink entry form and submit to the office so we can get your information posted.

QUICK NOTES

- **SAVE YOUR LABELS!** FCC Women's Ministry supports Alpha Christian Children's Home and School in Perry, Kansas. See the bulletin board for more details.
- **BETH MOORE** ~ The First Church of Christ in Atlantic, Iowa, will host a Living Proof Live conference featuring Beth Moore on August 28 and 29. See the flyer on our bulletin board for details.
- **CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES** coming to The Arts Center at Iowa Western Community College, Wednesday, October 14 thru Sunday, October 18. See poster on bulletin board.
- The Council Bluffs MOPS group is looking for volunteers to help look after children while moms get together to grow and bond in motherhood! If you would like more information, please contact Tonya Kuranda, 402-516-4982.

FCC COMMISSIONING MISSION TRIPS

Two mission teams will be commissioned during today's morning services. The Austria team will leave Thursday, July 16, and the Mexico team will leave Friday, July 17. Please keep them in your prayers as they share God's love.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Do you enjoy creating works of art? Do you paint, draw, work with ceramics, quilt, cross-stitch, shoot photography, or write poetry? We are creating a ministry for people just like you! If you are interested in finding out more, there will be a meeting next 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.



HOPE MINISTRY

What a great response Big Diaper Daze had for Gabriel's Corner! We received 3,706 diapers, 47 training pants, 21 Pull-Ups, 1000 baby wipes, handmade quilts, many other baby items and \$2,585.36. You have blessed many families with your generosity. Bless all of you.

There will be an organizational/training meeting at Gabriel's Corner, Monday, July 13, 7:00 p.m., for all volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, but haven't signed up yet, please join us! For more information, contact Ray and Marie Turpen, 328-2665.

ARE YOU NEW TO FCC?

Today, 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.

PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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

SPORTS CAMP/VBS BEGINS TOMORROW

It's not too late to sign your child up for sports camp. Don't miss out on a fantastic week! We can still use your help at sports camp/VBS. Stop at the table in the Alcove today!



SUMMER SCHEDULE

Children in grades 2-5, 9:00 a.m., and 1-5, 10:30 a.m. will worship with their families and will be dismissed during the sermon for a special children's lesson.



COURAGE AT THE FUN FACTORY BEGINS TOMORROW

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.



STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org

July 17-26
mexico

Our Mexico missions team will be heading down the road on Friday, July 17. Here are ways you can pray for us:

- 1 Travel dates include: July 17-19; 24-26.
- 2 Border crossing dates include: July 19; July 24.
- 3 Construction includes: July 20-foundation. July 21-framing. July 22-roofing and windows installed; stucco begins. July 23-stucco complete; keys given to family.

SENIOR ADULTS

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

WEATHER

Weather can sometimes spoil our fun – particularly when it is really **hot** or really **cold**. It can be dangerous as well. We don't want to take any chances with your health and safety. We are issuing a "Weather Cancellation Policy" for future reference.

We can almost always reschedule our activity at another time. I don't want to endanger anybody just for an activity. Use your best judgment and stay **SAFE**.

Our trip to Plattsmouth, NE, June 23, had to be cancelled due to a high heat index. We will reschedule that trip this fall.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

When the weather forecast calls for unusually high or low temperatures or extreme conditions (snow, sleet, ice, hail, wind, humidity, fog, thunderstorms, tornado watches/warnings, excessive heat index etc.), we will **CANCEL** our senior adult activities for that day. If you have any questions, please call Jean Provines, 328-2606/church, 328-2074/home or 680-1290/cell.



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

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Iona Bird - Methodist

SYMPATHY

To family and friends of Bob Brown.
To Dee Brandt on the death of her father.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Charlie Brandt and Danielle Mescher on their wedding, July 4.

MEMORIALS

Etta Mae Worlow by M/M Bob Jackson, M/M Don Atchley, Katheryn Thomas, Joan Batten, Cleo Christoffersen, M/M Henry Mollett, M/M Jack Doty, Betty Bertelsen, Elaine Collier

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.