

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

**Sunday, July 19**

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
12:00 p.m.	Senior Adult Workshop/Discussion	Rm 114
5:00 p.m.	Haiti Mission Trip	Rm 102
6:00 p.m.	Arts Meeting	Rm 027A

**Monday, July 20**

9:30 a.m.	Moms and Tots	Rm 133
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**Tuesday, July 21**

7:00 p.m.	Girls Study	Rm 102
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**Wednesday, July 22**

6:30 p.m.	Praise Team	Rm 013
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**Thursday, July 23**

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's
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**Friday, July 24**

2:00 p.m.	Hazel Clark-Carta 80th Birthday Open House	Rm 013
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Note: For the most up-to-date version of our calendar, please visit our website ([www.firstchristiancb.org](http://www.firstchristiancb.org)) and click FCC Calendar under the News and Events.

## SUMMER SERIES GUEST COLUMN BY FCC PASTORS

**Tradition!**

My favorite musical is "Fiddler on the Roof." The music ("Sunrise, Sunset" and "If I Were a Rich Man") is wonderful and the story is funny, touching, and sometimes all too poignant. Tevye, the father, relishes in tradition, but because of changes in the culture, he is forced to consider some of his traditions. In the end, he is willing to give up some traditions, but other traditions he holds fast. What traditions have you kept with your family? What traditions have you given up? Sometimes traditions can lose their meaning and are no longer relevant to those who are keeping the tradition. For example, my family had a tradition of naming the firstborn female in each generation either "Placide Marie" or "Marie Placide," alternating with each generation. Not sure where this tradition came from, but it stopped with me! I just couldn't see the point of continuing that tradition. It had no meaning for me. (However, Marie is our oldest daughter's middle name.) Other traditions transcend time and retain their meaning for generations, i.e., birthday parties, Thanksgiving, etc. Then there are those things that we do because we have no choice. These things are found in the Bible and will never become irrelevant to culture. Can culture become irrelevant to the Bible? Not if Christians hold fast to the truths of the Bible. We should never allow culture to define biblical truths. A few of the areas that culture seeks to redefine are marriage, sexuality, and that Jesus is God's Son. The Bible is clear on these definitions. Stand fast to the biblical traditions that define our faith, that define who we are as Christians. "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" Deuteronomy 6:7.

~Robin Ziegenfuss



# SERMON NOTES

July 19, 2009

## WORKING THROUGH OUR BLIND SPOTS

Series: When the Disciplines Turn Up Empty!

Text: Revelation 2:1-7

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of newfound \_\_\_\_\_

2. Perpetual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ appear to be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Revelation 2:1-7 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: . . . I hold this against you: you have forsaken your first love."*

The greatest commandment:

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ kind.

*John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

\_\_\_\_\_ is putting the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of others \_\_\_\_\_ of our own.

### 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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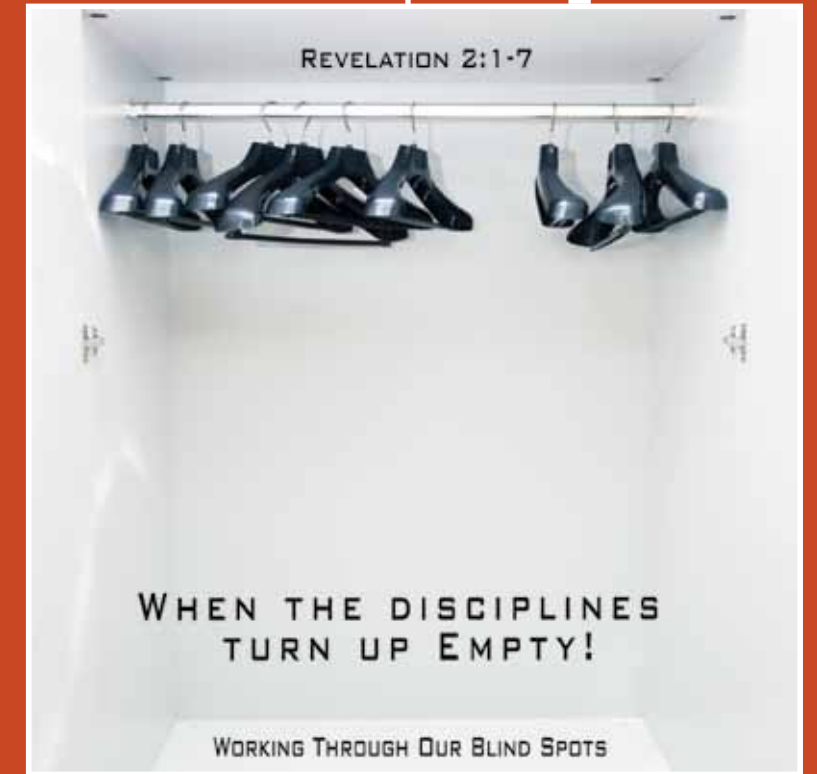
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# CONNECTION



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

## FCC Family HelpLink

Helping each other is what the FCC Family HelpLink is all about.

See inside for details



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# ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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## 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? Come to a meeting today, 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.



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We have set the date to team up with Habitat for Humanity again. On Saturday, August 8, we will take a crew of about 15-20 workers and a few volunteers to prepare lunch as we work to build a house in Council Bluffs. This is a great opportunity to serve God with some physical labor that will bless a family in need with a new house to live in. For more details on the organization, visit [www.habitatcb.org/home.asp](http://www.habitatcb.org/home.asp). If you have questions or would like to volunteer, e-mail Jonathan Miller, [jmiller@firstchristiancb.org](mailto:jmiller@firstchristiancb.org), or sign up today in the Alcove.



## 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. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Miller, 328-2606.



## 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.
- **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.

## BETH MOORE ~ ATLANTIC, IOWA

The First Church of Christ in Atlantic will host a Living Proof Live conference featuring Beth Moore on August 28 and 29. Check the bulletin board for details.

## 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Hazel Clark-Carta will celebrate her 80th birthday at an open house on Saturday, July 25, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center.



## HELPING EACH OTHER

Helping each other is what the FCC Family Helplink is about . . . connecting resources with needs among the FCC community. Do you know of a job opening where you work? Are you looking for a job? Do you own a business that provides goods for sale or services for hire? Do you have a talent you'd be willing to share at no cost to someone in the FCC family? Do you have a need? Fill out a Helplink Entry form. Click FCC Family Helplink on FCC's home page.



# PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



Matt Beckner—Children's Ministries, [mbeckner@firstchristiancb.org](mailto:mbeckner@firstchristiancb.org)  
Sarah Kaelin—Early Childhood Ministries, [skaelin@firstchristiancb.org](mailto:skaelin@firstchristiancb.org)

## SPORTS CAMP/VBS

Thanks to all the coaches and volunteers who made Sports Camp a success. We could not have done it without you!



## SUMMER SCHEDULE IS UNDERWAY!

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.

# STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, [gdavis@firstchristiancb.org](mailto:gdavis@firstchristiancb.org)



The Middle School students just returned from their week at Pine Haven Christian Assembly in Park Rapids, Minnesota. Over thirty attended.

Summer camp is a great time to grow more in love with God, His word and His people. Make plans right now to be a part of camp next summer.

Thanks to the generous gifts received by the camp scholarship fund, several campers and their families were encouraged.

For additional photos from this week of camp go to [www.fcstudentministry.com](http://www.fcstudentministry.com)

# SENIOR ADULTS

Jean Provines—Senior Adult Ministries, [jprovines@firstchristiancb.org](mailto:jprovines@firstchristiancb.org)

## OUR SON IS COMING HOME TODAY!

This will be a great week; our son, Micah Provines, will be arriving at 5:30 p.m. this evening! I am so excited to see him again. He has been living in Bend, Oregon for the past 2 ½ years. All week long I've been making preparations for his visit: his favorite foods, time with friends, a little basketball, some goofing around, and some heart-to-heart sharing.

It makes me think of what's going on in heaven. God said He was preparing a place for us. I can't help but wonder what it will be like. Being the loving Father that He is, I imagine He is "taking notes" on things we like best. Will He have our favorite foods for us? Will we play basketball? Maybe our favorite pastime is something like sewing or woodworking. Will there be sewing machines and woodworking tools for our enjoyment in heaven? I don't know.

I've heard it said that we will enter the pearly gates, we will live in a mansion, receive a crown, and walk on streets of gold. Wow! Imagine that! Those things will be great if that's what God chooses to do. But the more I think about it, I think I'd be happy just walking down a dusty path – as long as I am there with Him. How about you?

~Jean Provines



"Planning for Your Passing" workshop today, Sunday, July 19, at 12:00 p.m., Room 114. Lunch provided with a free will offering.

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

# FAMILY NEWS

## HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Iona Bird - Methodist  
Cameron Rogers - Mercy  
Sue Schuster - Mercy

## MEMORIALS -

**Etta Mae Worlow** by M/M John Kaufman, Vida Goetz, Phyllis Rodenburg, M/M Russell Rains, M/M Ray Lieber, M/M Ron Cook  
**Emil Bertelsen** by Betty Bertelsen

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Dave Fremstad, Family Life Pastor, as he celebrated his second year anniversary with FCC on July 19.  
To Adam Knecht and Jessica Regan on their wedding, July 10.

## 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	256-0236
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.