

ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, August 9, during our worship services for the purpose of voting on the recommendation of the elders to sell our downtown Heritage Building property (on the block bordered by Kanessville Boulevard, 6th Street and Washington Avenue) to Orange Development - Nebraska, LLC.



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.

QUILT MINISTRY

Quilts from the Bluffs will meet this Saturday, August 1, Room 023, 10:00 – 5:00 p.m. We will make the Scrap 2-Rail Fence quilts. Registration and payment is due for the quilt retreat, if you plan to attend. For more information on the quilt ministry, please contact Jeanine Williams at williamsj9@cox.net or 402-350-9441.



OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to attend a graduation open house honoring Dr. Carl Smith, Sunday, August 2, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Room 102. No gifts please.



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. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, e-mail Jonathan Miller, jmiller@firstchristiancb.org, or sign up today in the Alcove.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

January - June				
Planned Giving (Budget)	Actual Giving	Variance	% Variance	
\$734,739	\$721,132	-\$13,607	-1.852%	

Even though giving through June is \$13,607 below budget, we've held expenses to 6.5% below budget, allowing us to maintain a positive balance through June.

THE ONLY THING MISSING IS YOU!

Join your FCC family next Sunday, August 2, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., for a picnic and pool party, (horse shoes, basketball, and other games available too!) at Camp of the Good Shepherd, 10312 Agnew Road, Louisville, Nebraska. If you haven't been to camp or it's been a while, this will be a great opportunity. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please visit our table in the Alcove to sign up your family. Maps to camp will be available. We hope to see you there!



PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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



STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



Our Mexico team will arrive home this evening. Here is a quick bio on the Ramos family.

Jose (38) and Maria (35) and their children Cristian (16), Jonaton (12) and Melani (2) attend Igesia de Cristo Church. They formerly lived in a house with one room with a dirt floor and a cardboard roof. They didn't even have an outhouse of their own. They do not own a telephone or a car.

A message from the family: "Thank you very much, First Christian Church, for your time and your heart, and for helping those who need it most. May God bless you always."

Thanks to everyone for your prayers and encouragement. To God be the glory!

SENIOR ADULTS

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Lu-WOW! Wednesday, July 29

Dig out your grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts. Grab your bongo drums and ukuleles! We're headed for a Lu-WOW! Meet us at the "Tiki-Hut" in Room 114, at 5:30 p.m. Come hungry because we're having a pig roast! Featured entertainment includes flame-throwers, professional Hawaiian dancers, a Hawaiian serenade, and soft, gentle breezes off the ocean. Freewill offering appreciated to cover cost of food.



Vacation Bible School for the Senior Adults August 3-4-5 (M-T-W)

Almost every senior adult has helped provide VBS for the kids at one time or another. Now it's YOUR turn to have fun! This VBS is for YOU! Music with Lowell and Dixie Burkum, exciting Bible dramas, missionaries from the Open Door Mission in Omaha, craft projects, refreshments and a good time with friends! This is one of our biggest events of the year. Don't miss it! 9:30 – 11:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

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

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Sue Schuster - Mercy
Jane Kirchner - Mercy

SYMPATHY

To family and friends of Joseph Knezevich.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Dave Erickson, Senior Pastor, as he celebrates 16 years with FCC on August 1.
To Robin Ziegenfuss, Worship and Music Pastor, as he celebrates seven years with FCC on August 1.
To David Atchley, Director of Facilities, as he celebrates three years with FCC on August 1.
To Todd and Jennifer Hayes on the birth of their son, William Thomas, July 9.

MEMORIALS

Etta Mae Worlow, Emil Bertelsen by M/M Larry John

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.