

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

Sunday, August 23

7:45 a.m.	CORP Class	Rm 114
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

Monday, August 24

Tuesday, August 25

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 p.m.	Girls Study	Rm 102
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Thursday, August 27

6:30 p.m.	Praise Team	Rm 013
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Friday, August 28

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's
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Saturday, August 29

Note: The monthly church calendar is subject to change. 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 on the right side of the home page.

SUMMER SERIES
GUEST COLUMN BY FCC PASTORS

AMOR

Twenty-three years ago I heard about a group that was partnering with the local church in the border towns of Tijuana to provide homeless and near homeless families with houses. I thought "brilliant."

Then I heard that they were funding their administrative costs through other channels so that every dollar a person gave them was spent on building the homes. Again, brilliant.

I've personally been blessed to see over thirty-five of these homes go up. Using the hands and feet that God has given us to bless others in His name, well, that's brilliant.

The H1N1 virus along with the struggle for power by the Mexican drug cartels has nearly derailed the building of homes. There are currently over five hundred families on a waiting list. AMOR recently had the roughest week of existence when it was forced to lay off twenty-five percent of its ministry team.

Here's how you can get involved. Go to www.amor.org and shower them with words of encouragement. Pray over them. That's five hundred families. So join in. Because if we all get in on this, well, that would of course, be brilliant.

Hebrews 11:1-2 ~ Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

~Gary Davis



HOW CAN I HANG ON?

Series: **Growing When I Don't Want To**

Text: Psalm 88:6-9, 14-18

_____ is a very significant part of our journey of faith.

COMPLAINT = ' _____ '

A LOOK AT THE LARGER PLAN FIRST:

Perfect love appears to have at least two requirements.

1. Perfect love must be _____.
2. It appears that perfect love can only be honest in the presence of _____!

True love is to have options, and yet choose _____ those options.

God is big enough to take on our anger.

First, He _____ stuff happens.

Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble." John 16:33

Second, He _____ around it.

The model of the Psalmist is that our anger needs to _____.

Something happens to me when I'm angry in the face of God.

1. When I take it to God . . . I don't _____ anyone else.
2. I'm actually talking to someone who has the _____ and the _____ to do something about it.
3. Despair that rises in a direct and vertical line to God _____ to change, real hope, and the possibility of seeing God as He really is.
4. Somewhere in that angry conversation there is a _____ where the Holy Spirit reaches into the deep places of our soul.

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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CONNECTION

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How Can I
Hang On?

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

Financial Peace University

We're bringing Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University to FCC. Classes will begin Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.

See inside for details



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WEST PARKING LOT PROJECT

The earth work being done to the west of our building is for the purpose of adding parking. The cost is being covered by money received from the sale last December of the downtown west block property. The project will also include a garage/storage building to the north of our building.

BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, fall is just around the corner. Mark your calendars to begin a Bible study on Tuesday, September 1, 9:30 a.m. You are all welcome, and you can sign up or ask questions by calling Kris Ranney at 402-213-3459.

FCC GOLF OUTING ~ FOX RUN

Shotgun start on Saturday, September 12. Cost is \$30/player with \$5 going to Gabriel's Corner. Registration forms will be available on Sunday, August 30 and Sunday, September 6.

VINER'S DINER

Would you be willing to help sponsor the cost of Viner's Diner? Please stop by the Viner's Diner table in the Alcove today.

SUMMER INTERN

An envelope is included in the *Connection* today, Sunday, August 23, for you to express your appreciation for our summer intern, Brad Jorde.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

We're bringing Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University to FCC. The classes will begin September 22 and meet each Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for 13 weeks. Attend the free preview class on Sunday, August 30, 10:30 a.m., or on Tuesday, September 1, 6:30 p.m., in Room 027A. Visit the table in the Alcove today for more information.

MINISTRY SHOWCASE NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, August 30, will be the fourth of five 2009 Ministry Showcases. We will introduce leaders of eight more of our ministries - Bible Bowl, Fellowship, Quilt, Small Groups, Student, Viner's Diner, Women's Ministry and Little Bethlehem. Each ministry will have a display in the upper level lobby. Use the opportunity to encourage the leaders and learn about "serve" possibilities.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Your registration is paid! The National Missionary Convention meets November 19 - 22 in Peoria, Illinois. More details to follow next week.

QUICK NOTES

- CHILDREN'S SQUARE Annual "Fruits of the Spirit" event is scheduled for September 27, 3:00 p.m. For more information, see poster on the bulletin board.

Please complete and place in the offering plate/basket.

ARE YOU NEW TO FCC?

Sunday, August 30, 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

BELONG CLASS BEGINS

Children who are interested in making Jesus their Lord and Savior and would like to learn what being a Christian is all about are invited to join the Belong Class beginning Sunday, September 20, during the 10:30 a.m. service. This class is located in the lower level children's area, and is led by Bob Jackson.



PLAYING THE "ZONE"

We currently have a shortage of early childhood and elementary volunteers on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Our goal is to have small groups of children so as volunteers play "the zone" each week, no child misses out on the love of Jesus. Please pray this week that more adults would step forward to serve in these areas. Contact Matt Beckner or Sarah Kaelin, 328-2606, for more information.

Sunday Morning

9:00 a.m.
Small Group Leaders for Grades 2-5
Classroom helpers for Grades K-1
10:30 a.m.
Classroom helpers for ages 4, 5 and Kindergarten
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Classroom helpers Nursery-Age 5

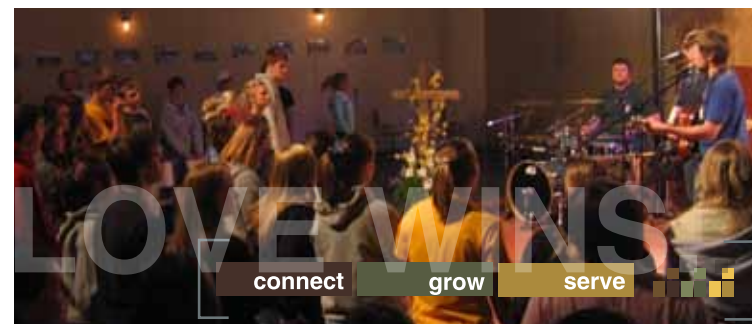
Wednesday Night

6:15-7:30 p.m.
Classroom helpers for ages 3 - 5, and Kindergarten
Small Group Leaders for Grades 1 - 5

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



The '09-'10 STUDENT BODY season begins Wednesday, September 9. Middle school session begins at 6:00 p.m. and the high school session begins at 7:30 p.m.

STUDENT BODY takes place in the Student Center.

The STUDENT BODY ministry team is excited about lifting up Christ on every campus in the metro area. We have been praying that you will make STUDENT BODY the high point of your week. Join us. Bring your friends. Bring your Bibles.

Let's rally together and let the world know that LOVE WINS.

SENIOR ADULTS

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

GLIMPSES OF OUR SUMMER



JULY ~ 4th of July Party



JUNE ~ Senior Adult Christian Conference in Branson

Stay tuned for a listing of our fall activities!



AUGUST ~ Vacation Bible School FOR the Senior Adults

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

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Dave Putnam - Methodist

SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Bill Wilson.

MEMORIALS

Pete Wright by Hazel Kruse

ANNIVERSARY

Dale and Lourean Driver will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on August 31.

AUGUST 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.

Charlotte Christensen	290-3040
Robert Boseck	310-6397
Dale/Erin Ruis	328-2029
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.