

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sunday, September 27

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.	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.	Belong Class	Rm 027
10:30 a.m.	When God's People Pray	Rm 004
10:30 a.m.	Discover Class	Rm 005
4:30 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 004
6:00 p.m.	Celebration Choir	Rm 027A

Monday, September 28

7:00 p.m.	Women's Study	Rm 027A
7:30 p.m.	FCC Men's Basketball	Rm 013

Tuesday, September 29

9:30 a.m.	Women's Study	Rm 005
6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University	Rm 027A

Wednesday, September 30

5:00 p.m.	Viner's Diner	Rm 013
5:15 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 004
6:00 p.m.	MS Student Body	Rm 102
6:15 p.m.	Fletcher Women's Study	Rm 114
6:15 p.m.	Surge	Rm 023
7:30 p.m.	HS Student Body	Rm 102

Thursday, October 1

2:00 p.m.	Rock of Agers	Rm 027A
6:30 p.m.	Praise Team	Rm 013
7:00 p.m.	Women's Planning Meeting	Rm 005

Friday, October 2

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's
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Saturday, October 3

9:30 a.m.	Bible Bowl Round Robin	Rm 013
10:00 a.m.	Quilt Ministry	Rm 023

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.

SERMON NOTES

September 27, 2009

A HAND FROM THE ONE YOU NEED

Series: Coming Up to Breathe - Prayer

Text: Romans 8:22-30

Helping People Find Their Way Back to God...by Connecting, Growing and Serving
Led by the Holy Spirit, we . . .

Connect with God, one another and the world, through Jesus Christ.

Grow as we surrender to Christ and embrace His teaching.

Are humbled by Christ's love and example to **Serve**.

INHALE/EXHALE

Common mistakes:

1. _____ - _____ Christians

2. _____ - _____ Christians

στενάζω stenadzo - We translate that word . . . *groaning*.

1. _____ groans . . . vs.22

2. _____ groan . . . vs. 23

3. _____ groans . . . vs. 26

groans in your defense

vs. 26 he is interceding... ὑπερεντυγχάνει hyperentynchanei,

"approaches or appeals to someone"

It is a hyper approach.

Hebrews 7:24-25

but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

- **Jesus** helps us _____ the great judge.

- **Holy Spirit** is the _____ with counsel.

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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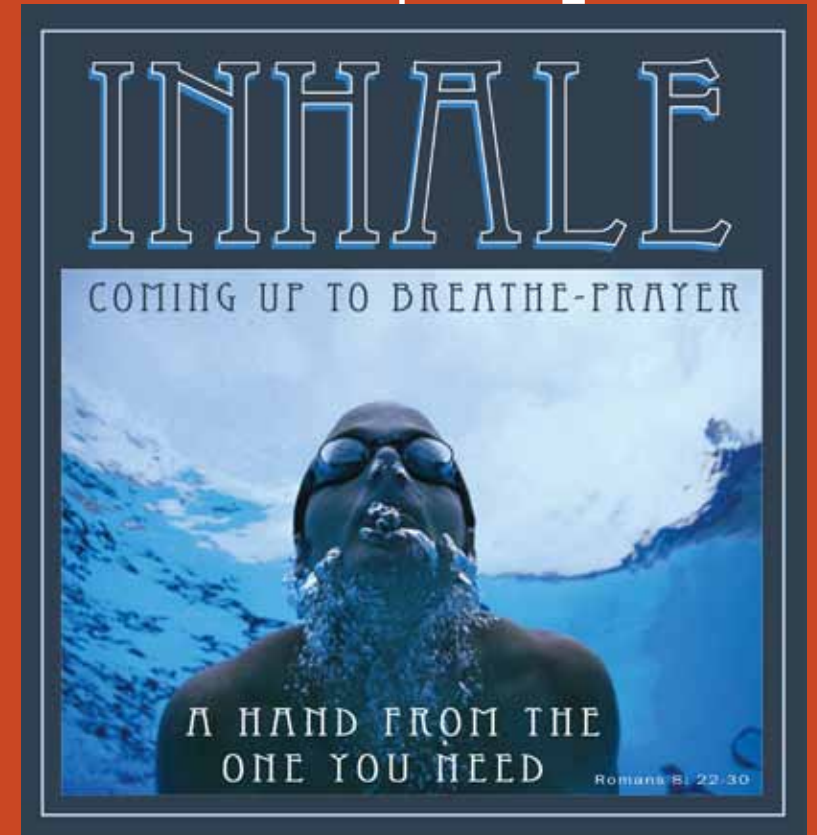
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MINISTRY SHOWCASE TODAY

Meet and visit with the ministry leaders at their respective tables in the upper level Lobby.



See inside for details

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ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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Dave Fremstad—Family Life Pastor
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Robin Ziegenfuss—Worship & Music
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Jonathan Miller—Serve Coordinator
jmiller@firstchristiancb.org

ELDER NOMINATION

It is an important time in the life of the congregation as we open the elder nomination process.

- The following Elders' terms will expire at the end of 2009 and must be re-nominated:

Bob Barney	Geof Sommerville
Paul Beekhuizen	Nate Teigland
Dick Leeper	Aric Yochum
Todd Pettepier	
- Nominations opened on September 20 and close today, September 27.

ART MINISTRY

FCC's Art Ministry has a display of original artwork and poetry in the downstairs Lobby. Please take a minute to view these "visual testimonies" of faith.

QUILT MINISTRY

Quilts from the Bluffs will hold their monthly quilt day Saturday, October 3, 10:00 to 5:00 p.m., Room 023. This will mark their third anniversary and over 500 quilts distributed to the community. For more information on how you can be a part of this ministry, contact Jeanine Williams, 402-350-9441 or williamsj9@cox.net.

NEW ORLEANS

For any of you on the fence, this is your last chance to join the trip this year. The dates are October 10-18. We had some people cancel in the last week and are running into a financial crunch to make it happen with our current number of people. Please consider this trip, or if you absolutely cannot, maybe you could support those who are going. Contact Jonathan Miller with any questions.

ALL-CHURCH COLLECTION DRIVE!

Open Door Mission helps with the needs of the homeless, near homeless and displaced of our area. Women's Ministry launched a full-scale, all-church collection drive for Open Door-Timberlake Outreach. Please join us in finding new and clean-used items. Look for containers in the Alcove. Questions, call Jean Provines, 680-1290 or Letha Solliday, 328-0104.

MINISTRY SHOWCASE

Today is the fifth and final Ministry Showcase for 2009. Meet and visit with the ministry leaders of Christmas Decorating, FCC Fix-it Crew, Grief Share, Historical, Landscape, Love and Care, Marriage and Music at their respective tables in the upper level Lobby. Inquire about the ministries they lead. You might discover a place to serve that not only brings blessing to others, but brings you immense sense of satisfaction.

LIFE CHAIN

Join the Life Chain, Sunday, October 4, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Broadway at 16th and 22nd. See poster on bulletin board.

Please complete and place in the offering plate/basket.

ARE YOU NEW TO FCC?

Today, Sunday, September 27, 10:30 a.m., Room 005, 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

EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Early Childhood Department is still in need of a few volunteers for Sunday mornings. We have all our teachers in place and we're looking for those who would simply show up and assist them. No preparation necessary. It is absolutely necessary for us to acquire this help in order to provide a safe environment for our kids to learn in. Will you please consider serving? Our specific needs are:



- 9:00 a.m. 2-year-olds, two Sundays a month, one person needed
- 9:00 a.m. 4- & 5-year-olds, two Sundays a month, two people needed
- 9:00 a.m. 4- & 5-year-olds, one Sunday a month, one person needed
- 10:30 a.m. Walkers (1-year-olds), one Sunday a month, one person needed
- 10:30 a.m. 4 years - K, two Sundays a month, four people needed

If you'd like to assist in this need, please contact Sarah Kaelin at 328-2606 or skaelin@firstchristiancb.org. Thanks in advance for considering this opportunity!



SURGE HAS RETURNED!

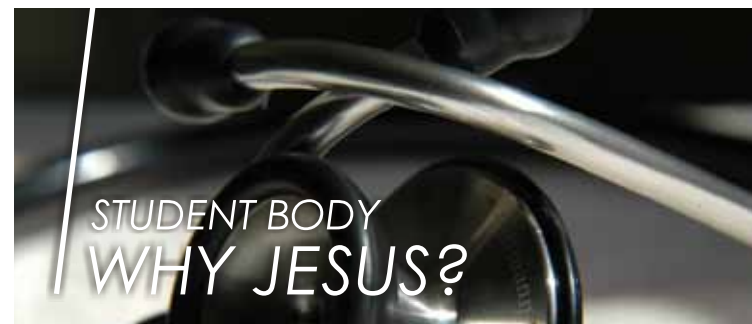
Children, grades 1-5, are invited to join us each Wednesday night from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. as we learn what it means to "Follow" Jesus this year.



STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



We've identified our problem. We've sinned. The result, well, the result is fatal; we're all dying. So what is a person to do? Can you save yourself?

The problem is significant to say the least. The solution? We need saving. 1 Chronicles 28.9 says, 'The Lord searches every heart...' And just what is it that He discovers? Jeremiah 17.9, 'The heart is deceitful above all things.' We need a new heart. Okay, enough bad news, what can be done? The GOOD NEWS is that God wants to give us a second chance with a new heart (Ezekiel 36.26).

Interested? Join the conversation about this great transaction at Student Body this Wednesday. [middle school 6.00 p.m. / high school 7.30 p.m.]

SENIOR ADULTS

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

GARAGE SALE ~ LUNCH ~ BAKE SALE

On Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3, 8:00 - 2:00 p.m. there will be a garage sale, lunch and bake sale at RSCV. FCC has been asked to provide fresh-baked cookies, breads, candy, and pies to the sale. See Jean Provines for disposable pie pans and boxes.



RISEN SON CHRISTIAN VILLAGE PRESENTATION

Come and hear about housing and nursing care at RSCV, Saturday, October 10, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., Room 114.. A financial advisor from Christian Homes will also be present to talk about wills, trusts and estates. Coffee and doughnuts provided!

Alive!
past. present. purpose.

with Watchmen Quarter members
Bob Chitwood
Lowell Burkum
Duane King
October 10, 2009

ALIVE!

An all-day event for senior adults on October 10, 9:00 - 4:00 p.m., at Camp of the Good Shepherd, Louisville, Nebraska. The \$10 registration includes lunch. Preaching by Lowell Burkum, Duane King and Bob Chitwood.

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

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Naomi Watkinson - JE

SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Ken Neff.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Dustin/Kara (Riso) Anderson on the birth of a daughter, Lucia Vonne, Wednesday, August 12.
To Ron and Lisa (Koenig) Hough on the birth of a son, Maxwell Stanley, Thursday, August 20.

OCTOBER 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.

Shirley Saar	323-3403
Bob Depew	323-9052
Marcella Wiebesiek	328-3131
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.