

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sunday, September 7

7:45 a.m.	CORP Class	Rm 114
7:45 a.m.	Life Changes	Rm 004
9:00 a.m.	Faith & Fellowship Class	Rm 005
9:00 a.m.	Evergreen Class	Rm 114
9:00 a.m.	JOY Class	Rm 027A
9:00 a.m.	Homebuilders Class	Rm 004
9:00 a.m.	Kindergarten - Grade 1	Rm 027
9:00 a.m.	Student Class (Grades 6-12)	Rm 102
9:00 a.m.	Ages 4 & 5	Rm 025
9:00 a.m.	Grades 2-5	Rm 023
10:30 a.m.	Belong Class	Rm 005
10:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Class	Rm 004
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
6:00 p.m.	Celebration Choir	Rm 27A

Monday, September 8

Tuesday, September 9

9:30 a.m.	Moms and Tots	Rm 133
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Wednesday, September 10

10:00 a.m.	Senior Adults Garage Sale (Pre-Sale)	Heritage
4:00 p.m.	Senior Adults Garage Sale (Pre-Sale)	Heritage
5:00 p.m.	Viner's Diner - Family Life Center	Rm 013
5:15 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 004
6:00 p.m.	MS Student Body	Rm 102
6:15 p.m.	Surge	Children's Wing
6:15 p.m.	Fletcher Women's Study	Rm 114
7:30 p.m.	HS Student Body	Rm 102

Thursday, September 11

9:00 a.m.	Circle 6	Rm 004
9:30 a.m.	Circle 2	Bobbie Lake's
6:30 p.m.	Praise Team	Rm 013
6:30 p.m.	Circle 5	Rm 005

Friday, September 12

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's
8:00 a.m.	Senior Adults Garage Sale	Heritage

Saturday, September 13

8:00 a.m.	Senior Adults Garage Sale	Heritage
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Note: The monthly church calendar is subject to change. For the most up-to-date version of our calendar, please visit our web site (www.firstchristiancb.org) and click FCC Calendar under the News and Events on the right side of the home page.

SERMON NOTES

September 7, 2008

POUNING THE ANVIL

Text: **Philippians 2:12-13; Romans 8:28**

*Defining Discipleship:
Long loving/learning with Jesus:*

*Introduced (to Jesus Christ)
Engaged enough to be familiar
Familiar enough to be influenced
Influenced enough to grow
Grown enough to change
Changed enough to heal
Healed enough to rejoice
Rejoicing enough to be at peace*

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 Welcome Center today and online tomorrow.

Service Times

7:45 a.m. Traditional
9:00 a.m. Contemporary
10:30 a.m. Contemporary
10:30 a.m. Traditional (Chapel Service)

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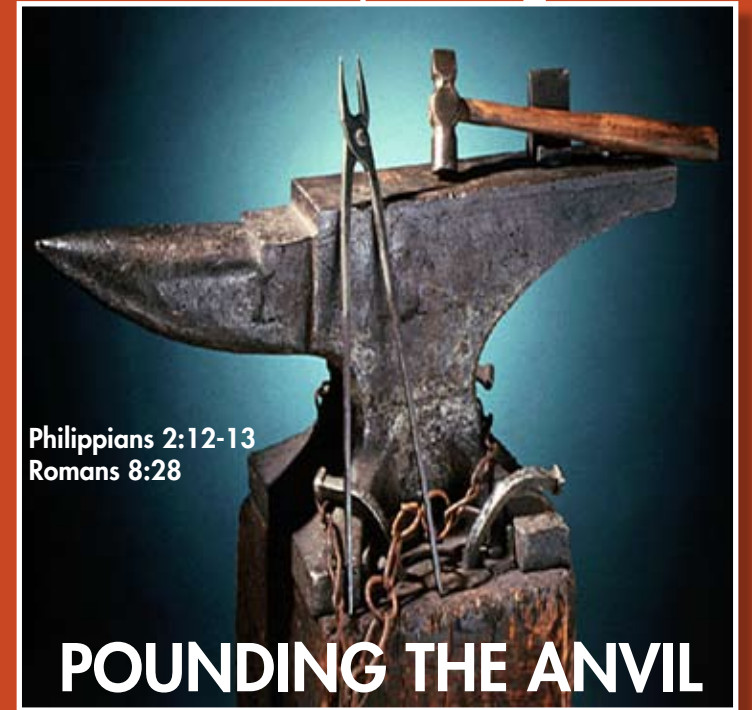
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CONNECTION



Philippians 2:12-13
Romans 8:28

POUNING THE ANVIL

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

SENIOR ADULTS GARAGE SALE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
8:00 - 4:00 P.M.

See senior adult section inside for details

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ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

Dave Erickson—Senior Pastor
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Dave Fremstad—Family Life Pastor
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Robin Ziegenfuss—Worship & Music
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NEW CLASS

“Life Changes” class will begin today, Sunday, September 7 and run through Thanksgiving, 7:45 a.m., Room 004. This class is for people dealing with the effects of addiction, their own or family member. The Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount will be used to learn Jesus’ teaching about spiritual resources; and to see how the Beatitudes fit with the 12 steps of AA. Due to the nature of this class, it is limited to 12 people. To register, please contact Dave Fremstad, 328-2606. This class will be offered again after the holidays.

CLASS ON NEW TESTAMENT

Have a desire to read through and get a good overview of the New Testament? Then we have the class for you! Beginning Sunday, September 14, 7:45 a.m., in the Library, we will begin a study of the New Testament. This class is designed so that each participant will read through the New Testament in approximately 13 weeks. Each Sunday’s lesson will be a summary and application of the reading for that week. Come join others as we dig into the Word of God!



RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE!

The Library/Resource Center is being renovated. The check in and out system will be by computer, which is our biggest need. Do you have a new computer you would like to donate or would you consider providing funds to purchase a new one? Please contact Kris Raney, 323-9383 or 213-3459 for more information.



WOMEN’S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Women’s Ministry program team is looking for women to plan programs for the upcoming year. Do you have any ideas? Please contact Karen Sommerville, 402-212-5008.

WALK AS JESUS WALKED

Are you passionate about your walk with Jesus? Why is it often easier to be excited about hobbies, sports, homes, and occupations than about our faith? *Walk As Jesus Walked: Making Disciples*, beginning the week of September 21, presents teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan on location with faith lessons from the first disciples. You and your small group will be inspired and motivated as you learn what discipleship means, who can be a disciple, how to be a disciple, and what to expect as a disciple. Not currently in a small group? Stop by the tables in the Alcove today to check out where you can get connected!



Please complete and place in the offering plate/basket.

ARE YOU NEW TO FCC?

On Sunday, September 14, 10:30 a.m., Room 114, pastors Dave Erickson and Dave Fremstad 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 the 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

BELONG CLASS

Belong Class begins today, Sunday, September 7, during the 10:30 a.m. hour in the Library. Children who are interested in making Jesus their Lord and Savior are invited to see what it means to belong to the family of God. Kids will learn how the Bible fits together, and what a follower of Jesus looks like.

SURGE

Surge is underway! If you weren’t here last Wednesday, we missed you! Come out and join us from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Viner’s Diner starts at 5:00 p.m.

HERE’S YOUR CHANCE!

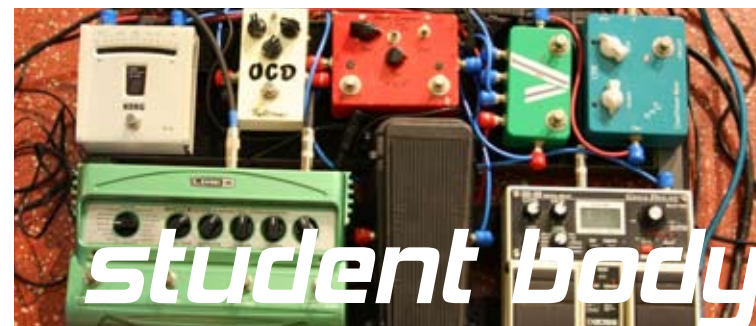
Our fall schedule is underway! We’re still looking for some people who want to serve and “love on” kids. Currently we have 11 open spots. Here’s your chance to get plugged into an exciting ministry that will impact a life forever. Interested? Contact Sarah Kaelin at 328-2606 or skaelin@firstchristiancb.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



Student Body is a great place to get connected. Connect with God through His Word. Connect with other students from around the metro area. Connect with caring adults who love to listen to and do life with teens just like you.

Student Body meets every Wednesday night in the Student Center.

Connect. Grow. Serve.

Middle School 6.00 p.m.
High School 7.30 p.m.

SENIOR ADULTS

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

GARAGE SALE

In the last FCC staff meeting it was mentioned that the garage sale was “the senior adults’ Mexico.” They cannot make such a mission trip – it would be too hard physically. However, they have found a mission trip that they can do right here at home and help meet needs beyond FCC’s walls. The early church (1st century) did something very similar.

“All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.”
Acts 2:44-45

With the funds received, we are planning to buy a popcorn popper for the Senior Adult Ministry and give the remainder to Pinehaven Children’s Ranch and School. There will be a pre-sale for the church family on Wednesday, September 10, at the Heritage Campus from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. The official garage sale will be Friday, September 12, and Saturday, September 13, from 8:00 – 3:00 p.m.



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

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY

Linda Hansen - JE
Gene Woellhof - Mercy

MEMORIALS

Verlee Clements by Nancy Hanke, M/M L.L. Rold, Lona Johnson, M/M Robert McCart, M/M Dennis Wolf, M/M David Johnson, M/M Patrick Ramaekers, M/M Lowell Burkum

James Ord by M/M Henry Mollett

Lee Graybill by M/M Charles Tawzer

Vern Mallory, Emil Bertelsen, Lee Graybill, Gerald Stokes by Marv Ludwick

Paula Erickson’s Sister by Doris Shobe

Velma Ludwick by Doris Shobe

SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Phillip Fields, Sr.
To the family and friends of Merle Morehouse.

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILY

If you have a prayer need, please complete a prayer card and place it in the offering plate so our staff can pray for your need. You may also call Ray and Marie Turpen, 328-2665, to start your prayer request in our September prayer chain.