

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sunday, October 4

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
4:30 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 004
6:00 p.m.	Celebration Choir	Rm 027A

Monday, October 5

7:00 p.m.	Women's Study	Rm 027A
7:00 p.m.	GriefShare	Rm 114
7:30 p.m.	FCC Men's Basketball	Rm 013

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

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
6:30 p.m.	Circle 1	Rm 004
7:30 p.m.	HS Student Body	Rm 102

Thursday, October 8

9:30 a.m.	Circle 2	Bobbie Lake's
9:30 a.m.	Circle 6	Rm 114
2:00 p.m.	Rock of Agers	Rm 027A
6:30 p.m.	Praise Team	Rm 013

Friday, October 9

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's
12:00 p.m.	Circle 3	Rm 114

Saturday, October 10

9:30 a.m.	Senior Adult ~ RSCV Presentation	Rm 114
5:00 p.m.	Together for Dinner	Homes

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

October 4, 2009

A FIGHT YOU CAN'T WIN ALONE

Series: Coming Up to Breathe - Prayer

Text: Psalms 66:16-20

Have you ever been ignored? Overlooked? Disregarded? Unnoticed? Invisible?

An unthinkable thought - God _____ you sometimes.

Question - When does God ignore me?

Answer - When I have _____ in my life.

Unconfessed sin! It is sin that you are _____.

- actions you quickly _____

- behaviors you have gotten _____

- search for ways to _____ our sin

- we are able _____

God ignores our prayers because we refuse to _____ with Him.

Question - So how do we offer prayers that God will hear and answer?

Answer - Don't start at the point of your demand/request.

Begin at the point of _____.

- Confession humbles us.
- Confession allows God to change us.
- Confession allows God's grace to be activated in our lives.
- Confession allows us to be free.

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

COMING UP TO BREATHE-PRAYER

A FIGHT YOU CAN'T WIN ALONE



PSALMS 66:16-20

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

NCC CHOIR



Nebraska Christian College Choir will perform next Sunday during all worship services.

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ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

Dave Erickson—Senior Pastor
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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.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM DRIVE-THRU

Little Bethlehem will be Friday, December 4, Saturday, December 5, Friday, December 11, Saturday, December 12, and Sunday, December 13. If you haven't signed up for this year's event or have questions, please stop by the booth in the Alcove.

LIFE CHAIN

Today, Sunday, October 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m., please join other Christians in Council Bluffs for Life Chain, a peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life, calling for an end to abortion. Signs will be provided on the north side of Broadway at 16th and 22nd.

ATTENTION, GARDENERS

Garden clean-up day will be Saturday, October 10, 8:30 - 12:00 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Four new friendship/support groups will be introduced in October. If you have experienced a loss and would like to "be there" for someone else and help them through their grief, please feel free to join us.

GriefShare – for anyone who has recently lost a loved one
Will meet every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Empty Arms – for those grieving the loss of a baby and for the infertile
Will meet every other Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Philip's Friends – for newly widowed men
Will meet once a month (2nd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.)

Naomi's Friends – for newly widowed ladies
Will meet once a month (3rd Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.)

These support groups are being offered on a trial basis. If (after two weeks) there is sufficient interest, the groups will continue through December. Jean Provines will be the facilitator.

OCTOBER ~ PASTOR APPRECIATION

We are blessed to have such a wonderful pastoral staff, and doubly blessed for their mates who stand beside them. Together they make wonderful teams. Life happens, schedules fill up, and we miss opportunities to say "thanks." Use this month for those opportunities. How about sending a card - treating them to their favorite food - or kindly sharing a word of appreciation? Let them know how they have touched your life.

MISSION MINISTRY

Kurt and Cathy Michler, missionaries in Ethiopia will present an update on their work at the Mission Ministry meeting, Thursday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 114. FCC supports the Michlers on a monthly basis. Anyone interested in hearing about this mission is encouraged to attend.

TOGETHER FOR DINNER

Today is your last chance to sign up for this new ministry dinner to be held on October 10. The next dinner will be January 23, 2010.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY MISSION PROJECT

Help us bring items for Camp of the Good Shepherd. The camp is in need of queen and twin-sized sheets, pillows and pillow cases, hand soap dispensers, paper towels, toilet paper and cleaning supplies. Place items in "trunk" in lower hall near the stairs. Donations welcomed. Make checks payable to FCC with Camp of the Good Shepherd in memo field.

PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Thanks to those of you who have offered to serve the children at FCC! However, 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. 4- & 5-year-olds, two Sundays a month, two people needed

10:30 a.m. 4 years - K, two Sundays a month, three people needed

10:30 a.m. 4 years - K, one Sunday a month, one person 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!

LIGHT NIGHT!

Join us on Sunday, October 25, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., at the former First Christian Church site, 532 W. Kanessville, for Light Night! This is an exciting evening of fun and fellowship that has served as a vehicle to meet families in our community, as well as, provide a safe night of activity for residents in the downtown Council Bluffs area. Enjoy fellowship with families in our community, cool and unique vehicles, fun bounce houses, face painting, cookies, and of course, free candy and prizes at each vehicle. Come in costume or come as you are. Don't miss it! (Envelopes will be available Sunday, October 18, at the Light Night table in the Alcove and in the Connection on Sunday, October 25, to help offset the cost of this ministry to children and families in our community.) The Light Night Team is also looking for cool and unique vehicles to serve as candy distribution centers for Light Night. Contact Matt Becker at 328-2606 or mbeckner@firstchristiancb.org if you would like to help.



STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org

RAKEVEMBERFEST

The STUDENT BODY is gearing up for RAKEVEMBERFEST.

Our goal is to assist the elderly, shut-ins, widows and recently hospitalized with their fall yard work.

Of course, we need to wait for the trees to drop their leaves. If you need assistance or know of someone who does, contact us at gdavis@firstchristiancb.org and we will make the necessary arrangements.

Interested in joining the effort, contact Jonathan Miller at jmiller@firstchristiancb.org.

SENIOR ADULTS

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

GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare will start on Monday, October 5, 7:00 p.m., for 13 weeks. This is open to anyone of any age. It is intended to help people who have recently lost a loved one. Free workbooks and pamphlets will be available.



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!

OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Fall Celebration for 55 + on Sunday, October 18 and Monday, October 19, at Ozark Christian College, Joplin, Missouri. Hotel is \$45.00 (double occupancy), \$7.00 for lunch, and shared gas expenses. Pick up a flyer from our Minister of Senior Adults, Jean Provines, in Room 114.



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

FAMILY NEWS

SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Virginia Corbaley.
To Katheryn Thomas on the death of her brother.
To the family and friends of David Swigart.

NEW MEMBERS

Alicia Fricke was baptized September 27. Alicia lives at 602 Third Street, Neola/485-2348.

MEMORIALS

Dan Applegate by M/M Larry Hiatt, M/M Randy Smith
Harold Noe by M/M Dave Fairbanks
Pat Lipsett by Bob Taenzler

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.