

ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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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.



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.

DINNER AT HAUS EDELWEISS

Be our guest at an Austrian dinner hosted by the people from FCC who served at Haus Edelweiss. The menu includes Bigos (a meat dish with sauerkraut), Schopska (salad), Brot (bread) and Apfel Nachtisch (apple dessert). The hosts will also share their favorite memories of Austria and what they learned from the students who attended Haus Edelweiss. A free will offering will be taken. Please sign up in the Alcove on or before October 18.



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.



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.

SUNDAY MORNING ~ CORP CLASS

Join the Corp Class, 7:45 a.m., as they begin a new study today of "Eat This Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading" by Eugene Peterson. This book encourages us to read formatively, reading in order to live.

SUPPORT GROUPS

If you have experienced a loss and would like to "be there" for others, please feel free to join us.

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.)

Jean Provines, Facilitator

PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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

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 Beckner at 328-2606 or mbeckner@firstchristiancb.org if you would like to help.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

The Early Childhood Department is still in need of a few volunteers for Sunday mornings.

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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!

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



It's finally FALL! Fall is a great time to come together and celebrate God's goodness outdoors. God's love and the sweet smell of s'mores filled the air last week.

If you are not currently attending Student Body on Wednesday nights, join us. Middle school (6th-8th) meets from 6.00 - 7.15 p.m. and the senior high meets 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.

Our SPOT groups (small groups) are currently forming and now would be a great time to check out Student Body.

For more, go to fcstudentministry.com



SENIOR ADULTS

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

GRIEF SHARE ~ MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 ~ ROOM 114

This week's video will help you understand what some of the most common reactions to grief are. Topics include anger with your loved one, anger with God, feelings of guilt, helplessness, loneliness, abandonment and more.



OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Fall Celebration for 55 + on Sunday, October 18 and Monday, October 19, at Ozark Christian College, Joplin, Missouri. We will leave FCC on Sunday, 2:00 p.m. and return at approximately 11:00 p.m. on Monday. Great preaching, great singing, and a great time traveling with friends from FCC! 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 Dan Grandick on the death of his mother.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Don and Florence Atchley will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an Open House on Saturday, October 17, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center.

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.