

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sunday, October 5

7:45 a.m.	CORP Class	Rm 114
7:45 a.m.	Life Changes	Rm 004
7:45 a.m.	New Testament	Rm 005
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 027
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
10:30 a.m.	What We Believe	Rm 114
10:30 a.m.	Walk as Jesus Walked Study	Rm 005
4:30 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 004
6:00 p.m.	Celebration Choir	Rm 027A

Monday, October 6

3:00 p.m.	HOT drop off	Rm 013
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Tuesday, October 7

9:00 a.m.	Beth Moore Study	Rm 005
9:30 a.m.	Moms and Tots	Rm 133
3:00 p.m.	HOT drop off	Rm 013
6:30 p.m.	HOT Weapons Safety for Real	Rm 102
6:30 p.m.	Christmas Musical Rehearsal	Rm 027A

Wednesday, October 8

3:00 p.m.	HOT drop off	Rm 013
3:45 p.m.	Christmas Musical Rehearsal	Rm 027A
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.	Surge	Children's Wing
6:15 p.m.	Fletcher Women's Study	Rm 114
7:30 p.m.	HS Student Body	Rm 102

Thursday, October 9

9:00 a.m.	Circle 6	Rm 004
9:30 a.m.	Circle 2	Bobbie Lake's
1:00 p.m.	Senior Adults	Kimmel Orchard
2:00 p.m.	Rock of Agers	Rm 114
3:00 p.m.	HOT drop off	Rm 013
6:30 p.m.	Circle 5	Rm 005
6:30 p.m.	Praise Team	Rm 013

Friday, October 10

6:15 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Panera's
12:00 p.m.	Circle 3	Rm 114
3:00 p.m.	HOT drop off	Rm 013
6:30 p.m.	Mission Ministry Potluck	Barney's

Saturday, October 11

8:00 a.m.	Harvest of Talents Day	Rm 013
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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

October 5, 2008

ANY HESITATION TO YOUR MISSION?

Series: Critical Passage-The Journey We All Must Make

Text: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Timothy ...

- _____
- _____
- _____

And yet ...

- _____

1. Timothy became _____ with Paul in encouraging churches and answering questions and dealing with the issues presented to fledgling congregations.

2. The connection was also _____ Son and Father

The central issue of discipleship is '_____.'

Q. How do you take an unlikely disciple like Timothy and grow him into a man who is making disciples of his own?

A. Godly training.

- _____ - ... learn the playbook. Bible
- _____ - ... doing the right thing.

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)

Office Hours: M-F, 8 am-12 pm; 1 pm-5 pm
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CONNECTION

ANY Hesitation to Your Mission?

2 Timothy 4:1-8



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

HARVEST OF TALENTS

Saturday,
October 11
8:00 a.m.

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ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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RICK AND JEN CARLSON FUNDRAISER

There will be a dinner and silent auction, Saturday, October 18, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center. Join us in helping raise funds to cover not only Rick's growing medical expenses, but for his two children who have Cystic Fibrosis.

KIDZ KWOIR

Calling all children in grades K-5! Your voices are needed to sing with our Celebration Choir, Sunday, November 23. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 8, 5:30 p.m., Room 027. Contact Paula Erickson, 323-0447.

WEAPONS SAFETY FOR REAL

As part of this year's Harvest of Talents, a general weapons safety class will be offered. This class will be taught by a certified firearms instructor with 26 years of experience. No ammunition will be present. This is an excellent class for scouts, teens and entire families to attend, gun owners or not. Contact Steve Brink, 566-9101. Cost is \$3 per adult and \$1 per child. Entire proceeds will go to Harvest of Talents. The class will be Tuesday, October 7, 6:30 p.m., in the Student Center.

LOST AND FOUND

Be sure and stop by the lost and found table next to Room 114. Items will be displayed until Wednesday, October 15. Anything unclaimed will be donated.

HARVEST OF TALENTS

The HOT craft fair will be Saturday, October 11, 8:00 to 12:30 p.m. with a live auction at 1:00 p.m. A silent auction bidding will run all morning with winners announced at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be available from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Door prizes announced every 15 minutes. You must be present to win door prizes and silent auction items. An antique car club will be outdoors all morning. Children's activities available, including face painting and giant bubbles.

If you plan to make and donate items, please stop by our table so we can answer any questions you might have. Completed crafts can be dropped off today before and after services in the Alcove. You may also drop crafts off in the Family Life Center this week, Monday through Friday.

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.

LIFE CHAIN

Today, Sunday, October 5, 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. Gabriel's Corner will host an open house immediately following Life Chain, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Contact Ray and Marie Turpen, 328-2665, for more information.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ OCTOBER

We will collect new underwear, clothing, socks, scissors, glue, markers, stickers, craft foam, construction paper and beads for For God's Children International.

Camp of the Good Shepherd is in need of bath and kitchen towels, new single fitted sheets, and pillows.

MISSION MINISTRY

The Mission Ministry and all those who have taken short-term mission trips to Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch in Montana are invited to a potluck on Friday, October 10, 6:30 p.m., at Bob and Joyce Barney's. Bob Larrison will be our guest. KFC will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

The business meeting will be Thursday, October 16, 7:00 p.m., Room 114.

PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



Matt Beckner—Children's Ministries, mbeckner@firstchristiancb.org

LIGHT NIGHT

Light Night Trunk or Treat will take place Sunday, October 26, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., at the Heritage Campus parking lot, 532 W. Kanessville. We are now taking donations of candy at the lower level children's check-in area. We are also looking for individuals who have cool or unique cars, motorcycles, or other vehicles to join us and distribute candy to the children of FCC and the downtown area. Over the past several years we have had over 400 children on average take part. If you would like to bring your vehicle and participate in this exciting ministry, please contact Matt Beckner, 328-2606 or e-mail mbeckner@firstchristiancb.org or call Jenny Hecker, 526-2245.



FAMILY WORSHIP

Beginning today, we will set aside the first Sunday of every month as Family Worship Sunday in an effort to mentor kids as they build a strong faith in God. On these Sundays, children will attend worship with their families for the first half of the service and then be dismissed just before the sermon for their regular class. Grades 2-5, at 9:00 a.m., and grades 1-5, at 10:30 a.m. During these Sundays, it is our goal for adults to model authentic worship to children as well as for them to understand they are a part of the larger church body. We will reserve a special section in the back with an adult leader for students whose parents are attending class or serving.



STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



At Student Body we love our middle school students. Talk about energy for life and God. It's encouraging to see these students gather every week to sing, study, roast marshmallows, thump beach balls, toss frisbees and gather together in their SPOT groups around God's Word.

Do you have a son or daughter in grades 6-8 that would be encouraged by hanging out with around eighty others? We'd love to meet them. Join us this Wednesday in the Student Center.

Middle School 6:00 p.m.
High School 7:30 p.m.

SENIOR ADULTS

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

MOVIE NIGHT: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6:30 p.m.

Now that the garage sale is over, it's time to "fire up" the popcorn popper and enjoy a movie! Tonight's show will be "That's Entertainment." Bring a treat to share. Soft drinks and fresh, hot popcorn will be provided!



HARVEST OF TALENTS ~ BAKERY

The senior adults are in charge of the bakery for the Harvest of Talents. If you are providing homemade goodies, please bring them by Friday evening. Please package your delicacies as follows:

Cookies: 6 or 12 to a bag

Brownies: 2 in a package or 8 on a plate

Please note if your baked goods contain nuts. Pie tins and pie boxes are available in Room 114 or at the HOT display in the alcove.

KIMMEL ORCHARD, NEBRASKA CITY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

The bus will leave FCC at 1:00 p.m. and RSCV at 1:10 p.m. All 25 seats have been reserved. If you did not make a reservation but want to go, please contact me by Monday afternoon, October 6, and I will try to make some additional arrangements for transportation.

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

FAMILY NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

Amy and Emily Whitney were baptized, Saturday, September 6, and placed their memberships on Sunday, September 28. Amy and Emily live with their parents, Brian and Ruby, 120 Rosebud Lane, Council Bluffs/325-9825.

MEMORIALS

Merle Morehouse by M/M Vernon Morehouse, M/M Robert Krabbe, M/M Bill Wilson, Lavon Nihsen, M/M Richard Reed, M/M John Roth, M/M Gene Theel, M/M Robert Reed, Judy Cory, M/M Lynn Watson, M/M Mike Watson, Bev Harbold, Cindy Peters, M/M Bud Harker, Sonja Morton, Liz Tribolet, M/M Jerry Watson, M/M Richard Mann, M/M Jack Provines

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.

Charlotte Christensen	322-8879
Bobbie Lake	322-8879
Jane Field	322-5371
Robert Boseck	310-6397

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.