

WEEKLY CALENDAR

O=Orchard Campus
H=Heritage Campus

SERMON NOTES

March 4, 2007

Today, Sunday, March 4

7:45 a.m.	CORP Class	Rm 114	O
9:00 a.m.	Wild at Heart for Men	Rm 027A	O
9:00 a.m.	Wild at Heart for Women	Rm 114	O
9:00 a.m.	Shepherding a Child's Heart	Rm 005	O
9:00 a.m.	Faith & Fellowship Class	Rm 004	O
9:00 a.m.	Kindergarten & 4-Year-Olds	Rm 025	O
9:00 a.m.	Birth through 3-Year-Olds	Children's Wing	O
9:00 a.m.	Children's Classes (Grades 1-5)	Rms 022/023	O
9:00 a.m.	Student Class (Grades 6-12)	Student Center	O
9:30 a.m.	JOY Class	Fellowship Hall	H
9:30 a.m.	Evergreen Class	Library	H
9:30 a.m.	Homebuilders Class	Rm 313	H
9:30 a.m.	Birth to 1-Year Olds	Nursery Rm 116	H
9:30 a.m.	3- & 2-Year Olds	Rm 114	H
9:30 a.m.	4-Year Olds	Rms 206/208	H
9:30 a.m.	Kindergarten	Rms 206/208	H
9:30 a.m.	Children's Class (Grades 1-5)	Rms 301/311	H
9:30 a.m.	Student Class (Grades 6-12)-Impact	Rm 214/216	H
10:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Class	Rm 004	O
10:30 a.m.	Birth through 3-Year-Olds	Children's Wing	O
10:30 a.m.	Kindergarten & 4-Year Olds	Rm 025	O
10:30 a.m.	Children's Classes (Grades 1-5)	Rms 022/023	O
10:30 a.m.	Student Class (Grad 6-12)	Student Center	O
11:00 a.m.	Seekers Class	Library	H
2:00 p.m.	Gal Pals HS Girls' Study	Rm 102	O
4:00 p.m.	Anderson Financial Freedom	Rm 27A	O
4:30 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 114	O
6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	Sanctuary	H

Monday, March 5

6:00 p.m.	Vergamini Financial Freedom	Rm 107	H
6:30 p.m.	Grief Share	Rm 103	H

Tuesday, March 6

9:30 a.m.	Moms and Tots	Rm 114	H
7:30 p.m.	Adult Pick-up Basketball	Rm 013	O

Wednesday, March 7

9:30 a.m.	Moms and Tots	Rm 114	H
5:00 p.m.	Family First Viner's Diner	Rm 013	O
5:15 p.m.	Bible Bowl	Rm 114	O
6:00 p.m.	Love of Your Life	Rm 004	O
6:15 p.m.	Visionary Parenting	Rm 27A	O
6:15 p.m.	Surge	Children's Wing	O
6:30 p.m.	Fletcher Women's Study	Rm 114	O
6:30 p.m.	Putnam Women's Study	Rm 027	O
6:30 p.m.	Praise Team	Sanctuary	H
6:30 p.m.	Circle 1	Rm 005	O
6:45 p.m.	Morgan Men's Study	Rm 103	H
7:00 p.m.	HS Student Body	Rm 102	O

Thursday, March 8

9:00 a.m.	Circle 2	Bobbie Lake's	
9:00 a.m.	Circle 6	Rm 107	H
2:00 p.m.	Rock of Agers	Rm 107	H
6:30 p.m.	Praise Team	Sanctuary	H
7:00 p.m.	Circle 5	Rm 107	H

Friday, March 9

12:00 p.m.	Circle 3	Rm 107	H
2:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Movies	Rm 103	H
6:30 p.m.	Senior Adult Movies	Rm 103	H

Saturday, March 10

9:15 a.m.	Sr Adults to Cabela's/Lincoln		
6:00 p.m.	MS Student Body	Rm 102	O

CHOSEN | Series: Journey to God—Connect

Ephesians 1:3-14

1. Thank the One who made the playground.

He _____ us!
³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

God's sovereignty means . . .

- God prepares the environment of creation in the first place.
- God designs it with a plan from beginning to end.
- God creates all the possible opportunities within His creation.
- God knows how it all works out before it happens.
- God grants extreme freedoms within His plan that do not threaten his plan.
- God places man into the playground with permission to play.
- God provides you with all the necessary tools for the game.
- God knows each player's action before they act and yet each player is completely free to act.

2. Pick teams.

He _____ us!
⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

3. Stay on the base path.

He _____ us!
In Love⁵he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.

4. Don't cheat.

He _____ us!
⁶And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ.

5. Play for the team.

He _____ us!
And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed . . .

6. Wear your jersey with honor.

He _____ us!
Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession.

1st TIME GUESTS

We have a special gift for you today at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

Heritage Campus 532 W. Kanawha Blvd Council Bluffs, IA 51503 8:00am & 9:30am Services
Orchard Campus 20794 Hwy 92 Council Bluffs, IA 51503 9:00am & 10:30am Services

Office Hours (Heritage): M-F, 8am-12pm; 1pm-5pm
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Don't forget Daylight Savings Time begins March 11. "Spring forward" one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

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CONNECTION



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

New Series Begins Today

Pastor Dave begins a four-week series today entitled, "Journey to God-Connect." Today's message, "Chosen," a study of Ephesians 1:3-14, reveals that God's plan includes choosing you. You won't want to miss any of the messages of the new series:

- March 11: Adopted – Ephesians 2:11-22
- March 18: Established – Ephesians 3:14-21
- March 25: Changed – Ephesians 4:17-24

Pray for New Orleans Go Team

Thirty-five individuals (31 from FCC and four from other Council Bluffs churches) are in New Orleans this week to help with the rebuilding effort. Pray that God uses their service for His purposes.

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ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

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BENEFIT FOR DAVE BARNETT

A Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction will be held March 25, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Underwood UMBA Hall. First Christian Church has been asked to provide items for the silent auction. These items can be handmade crafts, themed baskets, art items, purchased or solicited-for gift certificates, etc. Items may be dropped off at the Heritage Campus anytime through Saturday, March 24 or contact any of the following to arrange for them to be picked up. For more information please contact:

Peg McCracken,
Home: 322-3288, Cell: 651-5570

Teresa Osborne,
Home: 323-0842, Work: 351-3464

Steve Brink,
Home: 566-9101, Work: 533-7289

WOMEN'S RETREAT SATURDAY, MARCH 31

All ladies are invited to attend the annual Women's Retreat at Rising Sun Church of Christ. A bus will leave FCC at 6:00 a.m. and return by 8:00 p.m. (same day) Registration forms are available from Jean Provines.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Heartland Christian School will have a pancake supper on Friday, March 9, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. To purchase tickets, call the school at 322-5817.

Connection Submissions

Submissions for the Connection can be e-mailed to news@firstchristiancb.org each Monday, by 5:00 p.m. Please include your name and phone number.

MARCH 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.

Richard Van Horn..... 322-8879
Steve Brink..... 566-9101
Joyce Henderson..... 322-1349
Coral Petersen..... 322-4245

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.

EASTER MUSICAL

FCC's Celebration Choir will be presenting the Easter Musical "The Highest Place," at 7:30 nightly, March 30, March 31, April 1 and April 5. We need volunteers who can help with costuming, makeup, set construction and stage help. Please call Phyllis Rodenburg at 322-5956 or Robin Ziegenfuss at the church, if you would like to help out with this church-wide project.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL DVD'S

DVDs of the performance of the Christmas musical "A Time for Christmas" are available at the welcome centers. Cost is \$3 each. Please make checks payable to First Christian.

LAST CHANCE TO BE A LOSER!

The losers are the winners with First Place—a Christ-centered, health and weight-loss program. For more info: e-mail Tricia LeSieur, tricialady@cox.net.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

... is in Omaha, March 16-18. Call 1-800-358-6329 to register.

PRIMETIME FOR CHILDREN



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

NEW SURGE SERIES BEGINS!

The next five weeks children in grades 1-5 will be digging into God's Word to help us learn how to "be" the kind of people God wants us to be.

- Week 1 Be someone honest
- Week 2 Be someone respectful
- Week 3 Be someone trustworthy
- Week 4 Be someone kind
- Week 5 Be someone loyal

Bring a friend and join us each Wednesday, from 6:15-7:30, as we study, worship, and have fun together.

Don't forget lil' SURGE for children ages 3-kindergarten, which meets at the same time as its big brother SURGE. This year they are exploring God's Word and meeting interesting characters along the way whose true adventures will help guide them as they begin their own spiritual journey.



UW SPORTS CAMP / VBS RETURNS

June 11-15 to FCC. Mark Your Calendars! Keep watching the Connection and login to fcprimetime.com for more details in the coming weeks.



STUDENT MINISTRIES



Gary Davis—Student Ministries, gdavis@firstchristiancb.org



STUDENT BODY

If you want to be encouraged with fresh takes from God's Word, the fellowship of students from several campuses, high-energy activities and the support of an excellent student ministry team, look no further.

High School | Wednesdays 7:00-8.30
Middle School | Saturdays 6:00-7.30

WE BACK IT UP

We love students and their families and have designed a website that will inform, encourage and challenge every student and parent who desires a relationship with God. Our website is updated daily. Download pod casts of our Student Body teaching sessions, be encouraged by our daily blog, check out photos from previous gatherings, stay abreast of weather conditions and possible cancellations, get answers to your Q's about baptism, share a prayer request and more.

Go to fcstudentministry.com today.

MEXICO APPLICATION DEADLINE

Students currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to apply. Application forms are available in the OC Student Center. Our ten-day trip is scheduled for July 20-29 and is limited to 50 participants.

SENIOR ADULTS

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

TODAY'S BIBLE SCHOOL LESSON WILL BE:

"THE LIGHT OF LOVE."
Bible Text: 1 John 2:7-17.
Class will meet in the library
at Heritage.

"MEN ONLY" TRIP TO CABELA'S SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Bus will leave FCC at 9:15 a.m. and will pick up passengers at Risen Son Christian Village at 9:30 a.m. Bring some money for lunch!

GRIEF-SHARE

Grief-share meets every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the library at Heritage.

NO MOVIE THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 9.

The next movie will be on March 16: "One Night with the King." Show times are: 2:30 & 6:30 p.m. Pop and popcorn will be provided. Bring a treat to share with the group.

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

FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY:

Martha Bird – Methodist
Dylan Nice – Mercy

MEMORIALS

Bernard "Chris" Christensen by Charlotte Christensen
Alfred Anderson by Bernie/Karen Swanger

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND FRIENDS:

Bethany

Verna Doherty #127

Elmer Schoeder #112 ALDS

Harriette Smith #231 RC

Risen Son Christian Village

Grace Carter #B03-1

Ken Wadum #207 RC

Muriel Hooker #B22

Chuck Westerbeck #B02-2

Vern Mallory #A05-1

Gladys Malone #B20-1

Hugh Marshall #B12-1

Mildred Morgan #A21-2

Maggie Oder #A14-1

Doreen Saum #C05

Woodlands Rehab Center

Gladys Hendershot #301

Urlene Miller #217

Midlands Living Center

Wilma Brackney #222