



THE CALL



January

2009



EVANGELISM:

Sharing Christ With Others

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Everything we do speaks "Evangelism" loud and clear. A pleasant smile for the sales clerk, a warm greeting to an old friend, special attention paid to a small child or a senior citizen. When we are "out" in our world, we represent not only ourselves, but our church, our families, our employers. We should always be "on" to the work of our Savior with how we present ourselves in every one of life's situations.

As the new year approaches, long before we are ready for it, let's make a resolution to always put our best foot forward, to always think how Jesus would want us to act or react, especially in life's more difficult moments. Let's go beyond our selves - invite one friend, family member, co-worker to worship with us only one Sunday during 2009. If we do that just once, think how much easier it will be to do it a second, third, or fourth time?



Recently when I was in Denver and I took some time to go to the "Molly Brown House." The movie with Debbie Reynolds (The Unsinkable Molly Brown) isn't on television very much but when it is I watch it. Of course the movie and Margaret Brown's real life had very little in common. In some ways the woman was much more fascinating than the movie. She was a devote Roman Catholic and a great worker for miners rights and safety. She helped build her local church and in the days when you paid pew rental her pew was number six. The event in which she is most remembered for her survival of the shipwreck of the Titanic her life boat's number was six.

Now we could make a lot more out of this than perhaps there really is but it will preach and Margaret Brown could do the testifying. The Ship was an early Symbol of the church. It is the church that is tossed around on a "sea of disbelief." And yet that ship's passengers were safe. Biblical references for this are Noah's Ark and Peter and the disciple crossing the stormy Sea of Galilee. Noah and his family arrived safely as did the passengers on Peters' boat.

Right now it is a scary time we are concerned about the economy, terrorism and the environment. According to reports attendance at church and synagogues is up. People are looking for some place safe in turbulent times and so they are relying on the church. They are realizing that religion may offer them something IRAs and stock portfolios cannot. In the start of a new year it is always traditional to make some type of resolution. I would hope that you would make a resolution to strengthen you relationship with God, not out of fear but out of desire. That may mean reading your Bible more regularly, praying together as a family and as an individual, being more conscious of giving and yes maybe even being more diligent about attending church.

See you in church,
Chuck

**Worship Assistants
January 2009**

Elder Presiding:

Mike Ward

Read Elder:

Andra Bentley

Cup Elder:

Kelli Slominski

Diaconate:

BA

Communion Preparation:

10:00 am

BA

10:45 am

BAI

Greeters:

10:00 a.m.

Bob & Bernice Riley

10:45 a.m.

Peg Jackson & Marj Haass

Acolytes:



Poplar Living Center

June Forgey

Life Care Center

Alta Sanders

Donna Ward

Arylne Dunmire

Meadow Wind

Ethel Dunn

Joe Dunmire

Shepherd of the Valley

Effie Smith

Margaret Shriver

Maurice Griffith Manor

Garden Square

Wilma Dee Forester

Betty Snyder

Park Place

Jack Riley

Hospice

Primrose

Catherine Kingsolver

Location	Elders
Poplar Living Center Life Care Center	Mike Ward, Floyd Field, Jack Waltz
At Home	Bob & Laura Glasspoole, Tammy Heck, Shirley Wenn
Shepherd of the Valley Maurice Griffith Manor	Suzy Stewart, Shirley Downs, Rick Black
Garden Square Primrose Place	Kelli Slominski, Lani McBee, Randisue Davis
Hospice	All Elders

2008 Christmas Poinsettia

NAME

Ambrosino Family

Kirby & Betty Black

Lindy Bland

Nylia Cazier & Family

Tom & Melanie Dowler & Family

Jackie Greenlee

Boyd & Wanda Hall

Paul Hallock

Lynn & Anne Klocksiem

Lois Koch

Meline Family

Katherine Meloy

Robin & Kirk Nelson

Chuck & Judy Potter

Marie Robertson

Greg & Deb Schuetz

Terri Shell-Taylor

Slominski Family

Marlene & Jerry Tuttle & John Shorow

Virginia Yohn

NAME

Brian Black & Family

Slominski Family

MEMORY OF

Homer Ellison

Jo & Victor Ambrosino

Kenneth Black, Gene & Joan Black,

Lester & Eleanor Trescott

Ed & Pauline Bland

Don Cazier

Family loved ones

Paul Greenlee

Randall S. Hall

Ralph & Meredith Hallock

George & Ruby Klocksiem

Steven Klocksiem

Delmar & our Parents

Brenda & Cian Newman

Donald G. "Moose" Meloy

Ed Hadlock & his marimba music

Parents

Mont & Grace Robertson

Robert & Amelia Hildebrand

J.C. Schuetz, Gladys Whitney

Buckleo Shell (father)

Virginia Spillane Bartruf (mother)

Buckloe Shell Jr. (brother)

Don Wolfe & Bev Ucher

Vince Slominski

Dorothy & Chester Shorow

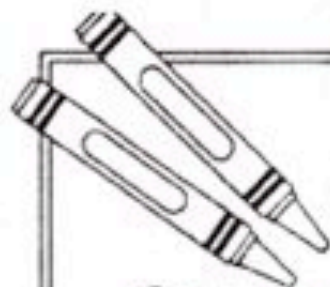
Grace & Lennie Miller

James & Ann Rice

IN HONOR OF

The Badger & Black Family

Our Family

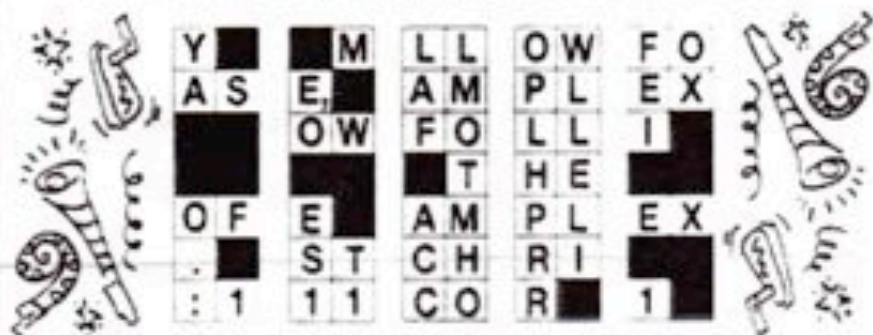


Just for **KIDS**

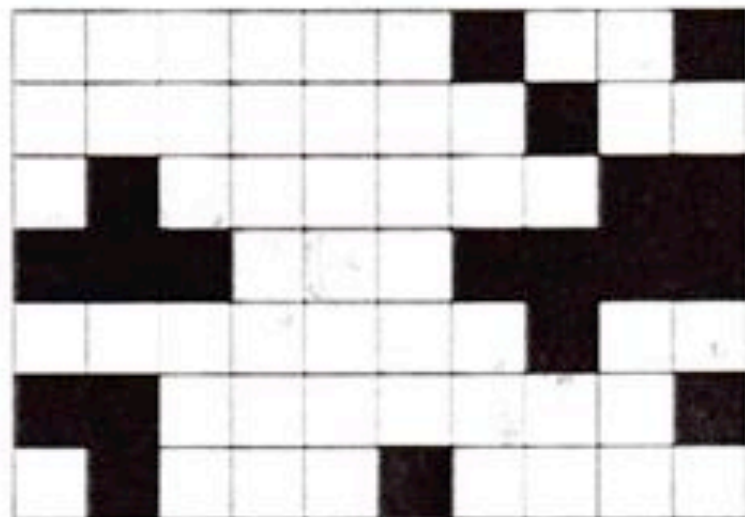
CHARACTER THAT PLEASES

The New Year is a time for renewed commitments and changes in our behavior. Complete the puzzle below to see whose example is worthy of imitating or copying.

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to finish the New Year's puzzle.



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A	S	■	E	■	A	M	P	L	E	X
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O	F	■	E	■	A	M	P	L	E	X
■	■	■	S	T	■	C	H	R	I	■
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WWJD key chain



This craft is a reminder of Jesus' perfect example for us. When we ask "What Would Jesus Do?" we can build our character to be more like his.

What you need:

- 16 inches of bead and jewelry cord (about 1 mm thick)
- 12 mm split ring (key ring)
- 4 wooden beads (about 1 cm or 1/2")
- 5 jewelry beads (plastic or wooden, about 1/2 cm or 1/4")
- black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Fold your jewelry cord in half.
2. Put the loop of the jewelry cord through the split ring.
3. Put the ends of the cord through the loop to make a knot.
4. Thread the two ends through one of your small beads.
5. Then thread the rest of the beads (alternating between small and large, ending with a small bead).
6. Tie two or three knots at the end to hold the beads in place.
7. With a permanent marker, write a letter (W, J, D) on each of the four wooden beads. On the opposite side of each bead, write the same letter.

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
28 December 8 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship Service	29	30
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25 8 AM Worship 9 AM Laity Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship 4 PM Youth Group	26 6 PM CSA 7 PM BSA	27 7 PM AA Meeting 7 PM Home Visit



We have a new music teacher! Mrs. Sue (Barella) Masterson joined our staff this fall and is a welcome addition to our staff. You might remember Sue as a former FCC member and leader of our LOGOS music program about 10 years ago. Sue is a Disciple and was actually married by our Timothy Chuck Shorow when he served in Salem, Oregon.

Thank you to those who gave tuition gifts to help the Weese Family, who lost their father in October. To date we have tuition for Oriana covered through March! You may still donate to the scholarship fund if interested and able. Also, as we come to the end of the year, the preschool always welcomes any monetary gifts for our program that can be used for additional scholarships and needed supplies. Our budget primarily allows for the student's tuition to cover teacher salaries and needed supplies/snacks. There isn't much left over for ongoing improvements and/or purchase of new materials. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of our FCC Preschool Program.



Jan 4 The Boy in the Temple
Jan 11 Jesus' Baptism
Jan 18 Jesus Temptation

Storyteller - Pat Buck, Greeter - Jared Black
Storyteller - Linnea Meline, Greeter - Josh Black
Storyteller - Jenny Black, Greeter - Briana Black

“. . . Under the Shelter of His Wings. . .”

The last vote has been taken and the last meeting held. The new officers have been duly elected, the budget for next year has passed and the building is still standing. The Call deadline is long gone and Veronica is graciously holding the presses—again. The days seem to be sprinting forward in a last wild burst of speed down the home stretch to the New Year. The “President” ribbon that was placed on my name tag on Installation Sunday is rumpled and frayed a little at the bottom. How appropriate! My phone rang with the first problem at 10:00 a.m. on January 2nd. It may ring again before my term is up, but I am not alone. Bob Dundas’s hand has appeared on the wheel right beside mine. I’ve taken a deep breath and relaxed in the seat for the last bend in this part of the road.

In point of fact, I have never been alone. I cannot say thank you here to everyone who has helped and encouraged me this year. The list is as long as our church directory. Every smile, every hug, every word of “well done” has made my road easier. By God’s grace and with your blessing I was given the privilege of serving with Randisue Davis. There have been very few days this year that we have not seen each other or communicated by e-mail or phone. The bond that has been forged between us as we served you is a priceless gift. Dick McCall has won my admiration and a piece of my heart for the wisdom and encouragement he has given me as your president and as Dave’s Mom. Kevin Budack, like Dick, often shared his gift of insight and provided wise counsel that only comes from walking with God. I only pray that I can do as well for Bob. Paul Hallock has been a calm voice in every storm and quietly serves our congregation and its leadership in countless ways. With Darin Rodgers help, there were no runaway trains at the board meetings. Every commission chair and board member faithfully fulfilled their duties which allowed me to fulfill mine. To all the board and the nominating committee, I give my thanks. I also owe a very heartfelt and grateful thank you to Harriet Ames for agreeing to serve as my adviser on the by-laws. Her knowledge and timely answers were such a comfort to me after my bumpy start! And always, in everything, we have relied this year on Lois Koch. I am dispensable—Lois is not!

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It is by now not a surprise to me that the year did not go as I expected. In fact, the one thing that I was sure I could accomplish never got off the drawing board. Yes, there were plenty of minor problems to solve and a few that weren't so minor. We have, like baby birds, twittered and fluttered about and made some noise about getting our needs met. And all the while, we have been safely sheltered beneath His mighty wings. And we will continue to be. It's a warm and safe place filled with the glow of His love and the soft touch of each and every one of you. As I look across our congregation, I am so honored to be a part of you and richer by far from the experience of serving you.

God bless you all,
Deb



I would like to tell everyone Merry Christmas and to have a Happy and Safe New Year. I have enjoyed meeting those of you that I have. Thank you to everyone for all of the goodies at Halloween and for Christmas. My family and I have enjoyed them. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas.

Merry Christmas, Veronica



ADDRESS CHANGES

Catharine Kingsolver
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Casper, WY 82609-4800

I will be collecting the binders with any changes that have been made on December 29th. The directory will go to print the beginning of January. If you haven't had an opportunity to make any changes, please do so. Feel free to call me at the office (234-8964) or send an email to fccasper@qwest.net. Thank you to everyone who has already done theirs.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Veronica



Anchor Cross

The anchor is a symbol of the Christian's hope in Christ. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19, NIV). The early Christians used this cross during the days of persecution. They saw hope in the anchor's cross, while non-Christians saw nothing but an anchor.

January 2009

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31 12 PM Office Closed at N...	1 January 2 OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY		3 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Robin Nelson	02
Becky Hodges	07
Kelly Hover	07
Debbie Mapp	10
David Taylor	11
Dorothy Rhoades	13
Jane Wallace	13
Alta Sanders	17
Wilma Dee Forster	18
Marcus Hayden	19
Jay Georgeson	20
Claudette Mowery	20
Kim Forbis	21
Ron Rasmussen	21
Nylia Cazier	22
Dorothy Jones	22
Dylan Mongan	27
Karen Huckfeldt	30



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Donna Ward 1/25/69

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

- * Dec. 24 - Office closes at Noon thru Dec 28
- * Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services @ 7:30 pm
- * Dec. 25 - Christmas Day - Merry Christmas Everyone
- * Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve - Office closes at Noon thru Jan. 4
- * Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
- * Jan. 4 - Donut Sunday --Don't forget your canned goods.
- * Jan 5 - Board Orientation Meeting at 7 p.m.
- * Jan. 6 - Epiphany
- * Jan. 11 - Planning Retreat at Noon
- * Jan. 21 - **CALL DEADLINE**
- * Jan. 25 - Laity Sunday
- * Jan. 28 - **CALL MAILED**



It is time for Midwinter 2009
February 13-16 at La Foret
Come Learn about . . .

Assembling the puzzle . . . Finding your Place

Rev. Marlene Urban-Funk will be joining us for the week-end and we will be learning about finding our place in the world and assembling the puzzle . . . the puzzle of life, of our world, of our community, of our faith.

A couple of things to know and/or to be reminded about:

- * The cost for everyone (adults included) is \$160.00.
- * Youth currently in grades 6-12 are eligible for for this event, but they must register through their church.
- * All registration forms must be received in the regional office by February 3, 2009.
- * Confirmation and "what to bring lists" will **ONLY** be sent to those who register on or before February 3, 2009.
- * Each church must send a sponsor - at least 2 sponsors are required if sending more than 7 youth. The required church ratio is 1 sponsor for every 7 youths sent.
- * Registration is 7:00 - 8:30 Friday evening. Departure is 10:30 am on Monday morning. All participants are required to be at the Midwinter for the entire time.

****** Registration forms are in the office.***



Dear Church Friends,

We want to thank you all who thru the years have come to visit my mom - Margaret Shriver. After living 5+ years at Maurice Griffith Manor, we had to move her to Shepherd of the Valley Nursing Home September 29th. Thank you for your friendship, prayers, the many cards and flowers you have sent on her Birthday's and stays in the hospital. She still enjoys your visits. She was able to be at our grandson's home for our family Thanksgiving dinner.

We are thankful for God's daily blessings and for his GREATEST GIFT of LOVE sent from Above . . .

from ~ Margaret's daughter & family ~
Carolyn & Bob Fischer

Dear First Christian Church in Casper,

Thank you so much for hosting ECOY the weekend of the 6th & 7th of December. We felt blessed to be with you all. The food was amazing - thanks to Annette Ambrosino, Michelle England, Amber French, Daria Dundas, Kelli Slominksi, Brenda Lloyd, Lani McBee, Roger & Cecelia Miller, Mark & Linda Williams, Amy Russell, Betty Black, Linda Mosteller, Suzy Stewart, David Taylor, Jane Wallace, Jerry Triplett, and Raylen & Tammy Heck. Thanks also to Mike Ward who arranged for the showers at Fort Casper Campground. We enjoyed being with you in worship and thank you for letting us participate. Your hospitality was wonderful. The luncheon raised close to \$600 for ECOY -- thank you!!! Continued blessings in your ministry there in Casper and thanks for supporting Brad Black and Jessica Heck in all that they do for the region as ECOY and young adults serving Christ in the Central Rocky Mountain Region. We will keep you in our prayers as you continue to search for your new minister.

Your sister in Christ, Marcia Meier



Do you have a family member serving on duty for our country--for us?

Do you know of anyone in the FCC family that does?

The Social Action Commission would appreciate names and addresses.

Please call Suzy Stewart at 237-2138 or 262-1178.

If anyone would like to join the Bell Choir, please contact Amber at 247-0338. Counting music is a must, we will teach you the rest.



Please remember to bring your nonperishable items to the church on the first Sunday of each month. These will be delivered to Joshua's storehouse. These items are especially needed at this time of year.

SUGGESTIONS:

1. Canned Goods 2. Packaged Foods 3. Toilet Paper 4. Diapers 5. Soaps
Perishable items such as Turkeys, milk, etc. can be delivered in person to Joshua's at 334 S. Wolcott.

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Month/Day	Offering/ Gen. Fund	Budget Needed	Special Offerings	Amount
11/02/08	8,787.34	6,269.63		
11/09/08	5,030.91	6,269.23		
11/16/08	2,654.00	6,269.23	Thanksgiving	198.00
11/23/08	2,331.00	6,269.23	Thanksgiving	90.00
11/30/08	3,166.90	6,269.23		
TOTAL	21,970.15	31,346.15	Thanksgiving	288.00