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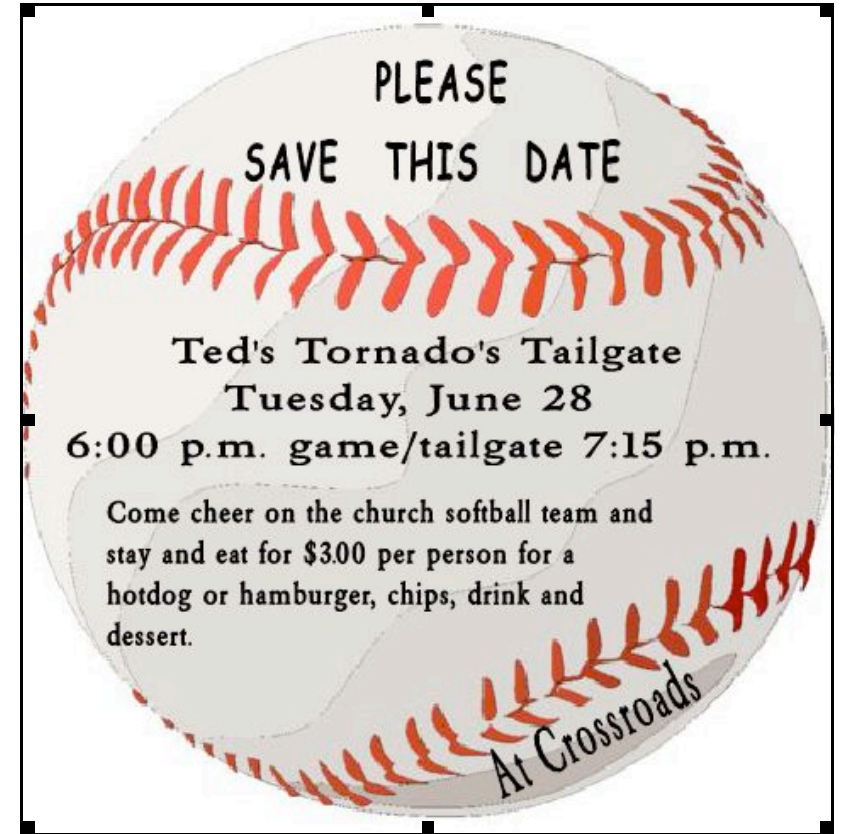
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June

THE CALL

May 26th - Godly Girlfriends
May 30th - Office Closed/Memorial Day
June 12th - PENTECOST - wear red to worship
June 19th - 25th - CYF & Junior camp
June 24th - 26th - Discovery Camp
June 26th - July 2nd - Chi Rho Camp
July 9-13 - General Assembly
July 17-22 - V.B.S.



PLEASE
SAVE THIS DATE

Ted's Tornado's Tailgate
Tuesday, June 28
6:00 p.m. game/tailgate 7:15 p.m.

Come cheer on the church softball team and stay and eat for \$3.00 per person for a hotdog or hamburger, chips, drink and dessert.

At Crossroads

Church Staff: Rev. Cynthia McBride Lead Pastor
Lois Koch Business Manager, Elisa Jones Church Secretary,
Amber French Summer Custodian, Betty Walts Organist,
Amber French Director of Music



"Seeking the Spirit"

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter, hence its exact date varies from year to year. In 2011, Pentecost falls on June 12. Charles and William and I are planning a family vacation to the west coast the end of May/beginning of June. We'll enjoy sharing the presence of God as we experience the beauty of creation at Crater

Lake in Oregon and walking among the giant redwoods in northern California. I'm intentionally planning on being back just in time to preach on Pentecost as it is one of my favorite Sundays. I encourage you to be in worship the next several weeks. On May 22nd, we'll have a special celebration of all graduates. On Memorial Sunday Mike Ward will preach. The first Sunday in June, Keith Rouse will be in our pulpit - sharing his passion for both baseball and the Christian faith. On June 12, we'll celebrate Pentecost with some internationally flavored readings (to remind us of the gift of "tongues" that came on the first Christian Pentecost when Jews from all the known world heard the apostles preach - each in their own language). I encourage you to wear the color RED to worship that day, so that our whole sanctuary will be filled with the color of the Holy Spirit.

Baptisms are a special time when we pray specifically for the coming of the Holy Spirit - on the person being baptized and on the whole church. What a joy it was on Easter Sunday for us to celebrate 9 baptisms at FCC. Then in worship last Sunday, Selena Lucero was baptized as well. Take time to remember your own baptism, and pray for these new believers.

One place I'll be seeking God's Spirit this summer is at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Nashville. If you have the time and opportunity to travel in July, I'd encourage you to join me and *thousands* of our faith family in worship, service and fellowship.

Come to worship every Sunday, seeking God's Spirit - come open to experiencing the Living Word in song, in bread and cup, and in the connections we share with each other. If you're a "summer off" kind of person, don't take the WHOLE summer off from God! Include time for prayer and reflection while you hike a mountain or walk by the lake. If you're traveling, check out a church service in whatever community you visit. Consider hitting the 8 a.m. worship at FCC before starting your summer Sunday. May we be blessed in worship and be a blessing in the world! - *Pastor Cynthia*

PROPERTY NEWS:

Best wishes to Tom May, who served as FCC's custodian for the past year. Tom is returning to his previous career of truck-driving, as the pay is better than the church can offer. Amber French will be cleaning this summer while she's off her main job with Natrona County schools. The personnel committee will discuss options for a replacement to begin in the fall. You are welcome to submit contact information for qualified applicants to the church office.



4 YEAR GAS COMPARISON

<u>Month</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Jan.	1,837.03	2,469.11	1,837.08	1,245.59
Feb.	1,998.86	2,016.46	1,381.39	984.68
Mar.	1,524.80	1,586.60	1,326.66	1,021.26
Apr.	1,544.95	1,409.25	1,086.36	782.93
May	1,259.62	1,232.23	925.58	580.92
TOTALS	12,274.21	11,400.96	8,809.41	4,615.38

Scouting News:

Boy Scout Troop 13 and Cub Pack 13 combined forces for Scout O' Rama on April 30th to man a knot-tying booth where novices learned new knots and experts taught knot tying. On May 2nd, the Boy Scouts went to Caterpillar to help spruce up their grounds for spring. Troop 13 will be meeting at Izaak Walton for the summer. Thank you Izaak Walton League! Thank you First Christian Church for letting them meet at the church during the rest of the year!!!!!!!



Upcoming Events

- 5/20-5/22 Spring Camporee at Natural Bridge
- 6/6 Court of Honor
- 6/18-7/2 Philmont - 16 Boy Scouts (7 from Troop 13) and 6 Adult Leaders (3 from Troop 13) will hike 79 miles!!
- 7/17-7/23 Boy Scout Summer Camp at Little Lemhi in Idaho

Did you enjoy our Lenten series, Jesus the Wounded Healer? Would you like to pass on that blessing to others? Don't toss your book! If you still have your book and don't think you will refer to it in the future, bring it back and we will pass this wonderful resource on to others. Books may be left on the small table in the narthex where we picked them up. Bless you for blessing others!



June Greeters:

8:00 a.m. - Rita Peterson

10:45 a.m. - Emma Crawford

To volunteer as a greeter,
talk with Roger Cook at 234-2525.

Presiding Elder:

	<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>
June 5	Stan McIrvine	Carol Jo Vlastos
June 12	Annette Ambrosino	Kathy Winders
June 19	Brenda Lloyd	Lois Purvis
June 26	Linda Mosteller	Dennis Baker

Summer Church Office hours begin May 27th.
Mon.-Thurs. Lisa will work mornings and Lois will work afternoons to cover our office hours from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. We will be closed on Fridays.



From the Business Office:

Balance on hand, March 31, 2011	7,783.50
April Income from Pledges and Gifts	22,581.00
Invested Funds drawn during April	0.00
Total Income	30,364.50
April Expenses	30,317.27-
Balance on hand, April 30, 2011	47.23

April Special Offerings: Easter - \$799.00
Week of Compassion - \$385.00

On Palm Sunday this year, FCC used sustainably harvested "Eco-Palms." *Thank you for choosing Eco-Palms this year! As a result of your support, the program has continued to grow. This year we'll send over \$40,000 back to the communities in Guatemala & Mexico!* - from Josh Gamble, University of Minnesota, Dept. of Forest Resources, www.ecopalms.org



June Birthdays

Annette Ambrosino	6/1	Keith Rouse	6/17
Jason Baker	6/1	Ali Dugan	6/18
June Forgey	6/3	Steve Huckfeldt	6/20
Connie Lounsberry	6/3	June Wilcox	6/23
Jaden Reece	6/4	Emma Crawford	6/24
Deb King	6/6	Clyde Cain	6/25
Verla Jerde	6/7	Nicholas Grooms	6/26
Dena Roberts	6/9	Nina Hytrek	6/26
Peg Jackson	6/10	Sheila Bush	6/27
Deanna Budack	6/11	Clinton Wenn	6/27
Dan Hallock	6/15	Bob Glasspoole	6/30
Francisco Villa	6/15	Crystal Grooms	6/30
Mary Burgess	6/16	Jerry Meeks	6/30
P.J. Lantz	6/17		



June Wedding Anniversary Dates

Bryant & Kathy Badger	June 1, 1962
Rob & Jolene Knaus	June 3, 1995
Raylan & Tammy Heck	June 7, 1986
Erroll & Bev Miller	June 8, 1958
Richard & Janie Nelson	June 10, 1970
Ted & Lois Purvis	June 13, 1959
Chook & Lani McBee	June 15, 1965
Davis & Grace Sallstrom	June 15, 1951
Bob & Laura Glasspoole	June 19, 1965
Lynn & Anne Klocksiem	June 19, 1960
Francisco & Amber Villa	June 20, 2009
Clyde & Maryann Cain	June 22, 2002
Chuck & Judy Potter	June 26, 1957
Keith & Pam Rouse	June 26, 1993
Joshua & Lyndsey Padilla	June 28, 2008
Kirby & Betty Black	June 30, 1962
Roger & Cecelia Miller	June 30, 1990
Van & Amy Russell	June 30, 1978



"Angels Among Us"

A special thanks to the small band of Angels who descended on First Christian Church May 7th to spruce up our church, inside and out! Your hard work is evident and very much appreciated!



Upcoming Youth Events Special Materials Needed for VBS.

Can you help?

The following are some “special” types of materials we need for VBS this year. Contact Jennifer Grooms at jgrooms11@bresnan.net or 234-1138 if you could loan or donate any of these items: Unusual kitchen tools (pickle grabbers, unique peelers, melon baller, sifter, etc), Hot pads and mitts, Empty plastic water/soda bottles (half liters and two liters), Turkey basters, Serving trays with handles, Plastic Play Food, Foam pool noodles, Beach Balls, Plastic re-sealable eggs, Chef hats, Aprons, Kitchen towels, Disposable table cloths, Empty cereal boxes. A collection site will be prepared at church before VBS... PLEASE start saving items now...



Vacation Bible School – Volunteers Needed

In order to provide a meaningful, fun, and safe experience for Vacation Bible School, July 18 – 22, we need MANY volunteers including a story teller, someone to facilitate science lessons, a recreation leader, a mission leader, craft leader and a song leader. We already have volunteers to teach preschool, to run media presentations, coordinate snack preparation, and assume director responsibilities. Without volunteers, we simply cannot run a quality program—so please call Jennifer Grooms or Sarah Brown SOON if you can help. Thanks!

Shake It Up Café Vacation Bible School - July 18 to 22

Applications for VBS will be available in June. If you want us to send you an application please call the office and let us know!

Youth Off to Camp at La Foret

Our church will be well represented by 12 youth attending various camps at La Foret in June. Eddie Atkinson is attending Discovery Camp; Brady Hover, Dylan Stupak, and Raylan Chapman are attending Junior Camp; Josh Black and Jared Black are headed to Chi Rho Camp; and Briana Black, Hanna Slominski, Lacey Slominski, Brad Black, Valerie Williams, and Katie McGlade will attend CYF Camp. We also have members serving as camp staff: Jenny Black, Erika Stupak, Holly Chapman and Jeff Hover have all volunteered to give a week of their time at La Foret this year.

Opportunities to Serve

We will need a new Worship & Wonder Coordinator in the Fall. This individual schedules the volunteers who serve as story tellers & greeters for Children’s Church each Sunday during the school year. (Thank you to Pat Buck for having done the scheduling this year!) Contact the church office to volunteer.

There are numerous weddings on the church calendar for this summer. Our thanks to Shirley Downs who faithfully serves as the Wedding Coordinator for FCC. Because this is such a vital service for the church, we would like to train a “back-up” wedding coordinator to assist Shirley if she ever needs to be out of town. If you are interested, please speak with Rev. McBride.

Reminders: If you or a loved one are in the hospital, please help keep the church office informed.

The worship commission is responsible for changing the paraments (banners & table runners) in the sanctuary at the change of each liturgical season. Thanks to those who enjoy helping, but please coordinate your efforts with worship chair Amber French.

THANK YOU from the youth groups for your support of Easter candy sales. They raised over \$175 for church camp scholarships and youth group activities.



Thank you to all our Christian friends! Your concern, your prayers, prayer cards & phone calls touched us greatly. Truly God’s Love shines through you. Blessings to all.

Bob & Laura Glasspoole

A belated but heart-felt thank you to our church family for your kindness--cards, calls, food, donations to the rescue mission and attending the graveside service for our mother, Clela Stewart on April 16th. We love you and God bless you.

Chuck & Suzy Stewart

To our friends at FCC:

Kasey & his mom appreciate so very much all your cards, thoughts & prayers; which have meant more than words can say. Kasey anticipates a full recovery. We are so blessed! Amen!

Kasey Stewart & Laurie Anderson

Vacation Bible School “Shake It Up Café” Needs Volunteers



Please prayerfully consider how you can help make our annual Vacation Bible School a success. VBS will meet July 18 – 22. Volunteers should plan to be at the church from 8:30 AM to noon. If we have enough volunteers, we can job share and be more flexible with time commitments. Junior high and high school volunteers are desperately needed to provide “big kid” role models for the youngsters. We need volunteers for the following jobs. Your initial time commitment would be to meet with Jennifer for about an hour prior to June 20. That gives everyone time to plan.

(Registrars, greeters, actors, and general assistance folk are exempt from this hour.)

1. Decorator(s) – We need to turn our education facility into a café for a week.
2. Story Teller(s) – These individuals relate stories about each day’s festival and share the daily Bible “Bite”.
3. Discovery Time Leader – Do you like to carry out simple science experiments? If so, this job is for you.
4. Music Leader(s) – OK –we need someone to “wok and roll” with our children at the Shake It Up Café.
5. Mission Leader – We have some great ideas for mini mission work and need someone to coordinate this work during snack time each day.
6. Crafts Leader – If you are patient and creative, this job is for you. We’ve got terrific craft ideas for the “Shake It Up Café” and need someone to lead this dynamic fun center each day of VBS.
7. Recreation Director(s) – We need some high energy here—someone who likes to get a little physical.
8. Registrars and greeters – folk who would come from 8:30 to 9:30 AM each day to register and greet children as they arrive.
9. Actors (up to 12 actors needed) – These imaginative people work with the storyteller to make stories come alive.
10. General Assistance – Would you like to help, but not be in charge? Are you flexible and willing to do what’s needed when needed, then this role is for you.

Contact Jennifer Grooms, 234-1138 or jgrooms11@bresnan.net to share how you are willing to help.



MYSTERY TRIP

Check out the bulletin board outside the Education Office. We had a ton of fun and learned a lot about our state on our trip to Cheyenne. The highlight of the day was getting to spend some time with our Governor, Matt Mead.



FCC PRESCHOOL NEWS

It's been a busy month at Preschool with a Cinco de Mayo celebration complete with authentic Mexican food and activities, thanks to our Spanish teacher, Wendy Godinez. During “Y week,” we had a Yard work day in which all classes went outside to work around our church and in the playground. We worked really hard and picked up a LOT of trash.

Our preschool year will end with our Graduation Program Thursday, May 19th. A special thanks to Bob Meloy for finding and offering to play with us for our production of “The Golden Apple.” The musical, plus our zoo animal songs will make a memorable evening. Our Annual Family BBQ will be Friday, May 20th from 11-1. We are planning a carnival outside with games, food and great family time.

NEWS FROM SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION:

Every third Thursday, FCC prepares & serves the evening meal at the Central Wyoming Rescue Mission. (This ongoing service project alternates monthly between our Social Action Commission & CWF.) We welcome anyone interested in this ministry to join in cooking & serving. A cake is delivered monthly to Henry Home and the Youth Crisis Center. We also furnish these Youth Homes with cupcakes at Halloween, cookies for Valentine's Day, and candy at Easter. Volunteer (or service) hours are reported every month. In addition to our Social Action Commission members, we are sure there are many church members who regularly volunteer in the community. If you are interested in reporting your hours, we will post a list on the bulletin board for you to sign and your hours will be included in our report.

This month our Commission reports 191 hours from 8 members!

- Request for volunteers received from AMEDISYS HOSPICE... All services are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, at no cost to the patient or family members when the hospice benefit is chosen. For information call Vicki Muckley 266-9991. Social Action has brochures available.

- True Care Women's Resource Center's 6th Annual WALK FOR LIFE will be Sat. June 4th at 9 AM at Crossroads & Adventure Parks. WALK FOR LIFE is a 2 mile, non-athletic event and one of their biggest fundraisers of the year. The key to its success is sponsored walkers. Registration forms available from Darlene McIrvin or Lois Purvis.

CROP WALK

On June 8th, the regional director for Church World Service, Art Zieman (based in Denver) will be in Casper to share updates with our community about the good work made possible by the annual CROP Walk and Blanket Sunday offerings. The public is invited to a presentation at 6 PM at the United Church of Christ (at 15th Street and Melrose). Art will share slides from current projects in Central America and answer questions about Church World Service.

Our congregation recently raised \$ 375.92 for the CROP Walk. We also work closely with Church World Service in the distribution of emergency funds given to the Disciples of Christ "Week of Compassion" offering for disaster response and refugee ministries. To date, we have donated \$ 485.00 (some designated for Japan and other funds to be given "where needed most"). **THANK YOU FCC** for your generosity!!!



This year's graduates: Briana Black & Kolby Hilderbrand, KWHS; William Bjoersdorff, Bailie Marble, Natasha Taylor, Hanna Slominski & Bradley Black, NCHS; Thomas Russell & Laurie Glasspoole Majors, UW; Dave Taylor & Michelle England, CC; Cameron Coleman, SMHS, AZ.

At the CY Middle School **awards assembly**, we had two of our youth recognized. Nominated for the Best Representative Boy and Girl were Trent Hover and Val Williams. They were both in the top 5 in their category and received several additional awards.

"Footprints"

As part of the ongoing celebration of the 90th Birthday of First Christian Church, the Membership Commission invites EVERYONE in the congregation to share their faith "story." These stories will be published in the fall in a book titled "Footprints." We encourage ALL AGES to participate. We'd like everyone from one to one hundred represented!! Please feel free to share with us the following information along with anything you feel is pertinent:

Your early childhood, birth date, place of birth, and something about your family.

Anything interesting that has happened to you that has affected your life.

When you first heard about Jesus.

Share how your belief grew or waned.

Share memories of your baptism.

Your first knowledge of First Christian Church in Casper.

First or lasting Christian friend(s) who helped you along your journey or influenced your life.

Your dream for First Christian Church is....

Your favorite verse or story in the Bible.

This is your chance to share and a chance to really learn about your church family, and a **VERY SPECIAL WAY TO CELEBRATE 90 YEARS AT FCC!** You may turn your story in to the church office or to any member of the Membership Commission.

WHAT WILL YOUR FOOTPRINT TELL GENERATIONS TO COME?

Needed!!! for July 31st Old Fashioned Picnic on the Mountain:

To help, call Becky Foster or Amber French. We need to borrow: jump ropes, gunny sacks, hand-crank ice cream makers, wheel barrows, horse(s) and wagon for hay rides.

Summer Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 A.M to noon & 1:00-4:30 P.M. Fridays - Office Closed
 Lisa will be in the office until 1:30 p.m. and Lois will be in the office during the afternoon until 4:30 p.m.

May

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July

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June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 May Cynthia on vacation 8 AM & 10:45 AM Worship	30 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED 7 PM BSA	31 7 PM AA Meeting	1 June 9 AM Quilters 6 PM New Bible Reading	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 2 PM Denan/Hampton W...
5 Cynthia on vacation 8 AM & 10:45 AM Worship	6 7 PM Elders Meeting	7 6 PM Tornado's game 7 PM AA Meeting	8 CROP walk talk 9 AM Quilters 6 PM New Bible Reading	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 4 PM Hayden Wedding
12 PENTECOST SUNDAY 8 AM & 10:45 AM Worship	13 6:45 PM Prayer in Sanct... 7 PM Commissions 8 PM Exec. Board Mtg	14 7 PM AA Meeting 7:15 PM Tornado's game	15 9 AM Quilters 6 PM New Bible Reading 8 PM Bozeman Youth staying night	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 2 PM Michelle/Tyler rece...
19 CYF & Junior Camp Father's Day 8 AM & 10:45 AM Worship	20 CALL DEADLINE	21 7 PM AA Meeting 8:30 PM Tornado's game	22 9 AM Quilters 10 AM Call Folders 6 PM New Bible Reading	23 5:30 PM Godly Girlfriends	24 Discovery Camp OFFICE CLOSED	25 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
26 Discovery Camp Chi Rho Camp 8 AM & 10:45 AM Worship	27 Lisa's Vacation begins	28 6 PM Tailgate party 6 PM Tornado's game 7 PM AA Meeting	29 9 AM Quilters 4 PM Staff meeting 6 PM New Bible Reading	30	1 July OFFICE CLOSED	2 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study 4 PM Moline/Yann Weddi...