



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WYOMING

# THE CALL

**OCT.  
2021**

Meet  
Our  
**NEW**  
Pastor  
&  
Family

**WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPT. 26**  
**WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**TIME: 9:15 A.M.**

**COME WELCOME OUR NEW  
PASTOR BRYAN AND HIS  
WIFE TERESA TO FCC.**

**SPONSORED BY THE ELDERS**



**"You'll love the congregation.  
We're just chock-full of sermon material."**

**HOMEBUILDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL starts  
Sunday, October 3rd @ 9:00 a.m. in Inner Room.  
Belle Stapleton will be leading this class.**

## **Church Staff:**

**Lead Pastor:** .Bryan Elliott  
**Lisa Walker,** Bookkeeper  
**Kathy Winders,** Secretary  
**Annette Crain,** Preschool Director  
**Cheryl Dionne,** Nursery Staff  
**Ronnie Sambrano,** Custodial  
Contractor

**Ministers: Every Member!**

**Office hours:**

**Mon.-Thurs.**

**10:30 AM - 2:30 PM**

**Fridays: CLOSED**

## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE:**

**8:15 Worship Service**  
**9:00 Adult Sunday School**  
**10:10 - Worship Service**

**(307) 234-8964**

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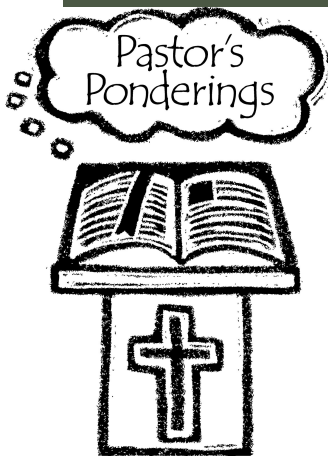
**Preschool - M-F 9:00 - Noon**

**Preschool Phone - 472-0649**



## **ADDRESS:**

**REV. BRYAN & TERESA ELLIOTT**  
**570 S. FOREST DRIVE**  
**CASPER, WY 82609**  
**1-307-355-9232**



Dear Church Family,

As of this writing I have preached 4 times (twice in 8:15 service and twice in 10:10). I have started to meet many of our church family, staff, and school teachers and administrator as well as get lost in Casper more times than I can count! It has been fun living in our trailer and then moving into our house. We have experienced so much in such a short period of time that it can make ones head spin. With head spinning in mind, I would like to lay out what I would like to do in the next three months: **1)**

**preach each Sunday** for our two worship services; **2) Start a Bible Study** starting October 5th called "Sermon in the Round" that will meet on Tuesdays at 11 A.M. and close with a sack lunch for all those who wish to stay; **3) Have us all do a "Trunk or Treat"** on Sunday October 31st where we will invite all First Christian Church Preschool families as well as the families in our church - no age limit to participate--you will decorate your car or truck trunk or bed and handout candy and treats that you supply. We will begin this at 5 PM and run until 6:30 PM. If anyone has some games we can set up we could play some corn hole or other games in the theme of Halloween. Please no real scary or gory costumes. You probably noticed that we have something in the newsletter about it and a sign up sheet on the bulletin board as well. **4) Visit our church family** and get to know you on a personal basis; **5) Have an Elder's Retreat** sometime in the beginning of November. We will share a time of teaching about the role of the elder in our congregation, as well talk about what we will do as elders in the coming months; **6) Faith Promise** is unanticipated income that God blesses you with. All money collected for Faith Promise goes to mission and outreach. We will have a Faith Promise Sunday, a date to be determined, where you will just write down your amount on a card, no name, and put it in the offering plate.

I would like to have you ponder this two part question in the coming days: What is your hope for FCC in the coming days as we strive to embrace our future and What am I willing to sacrifice in my time, treasure and talent to see the work of Christ shared among our church family as well as in Casper and beyond?

October is our Stewardship Month where we prayerfully consider our financial gifts, tithes and offerings to our church. As we ponder that and lay it before God may we also ask ourselves how we can be good stewards in our time with family, church, work, and in our friendships with others. To this end, I strive to be your servant. Also I have a Wyoming cell phone and the number is 307-355-9232. Hope to hear from you in the coming days and Teresa and I are so blessed to be here in this community of great and committed followers of Christ. Blessings an see you soon! ***In His Grip, Pastor Bryan***



### All church TRUNK OR TREAT

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st**

**5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.**

Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Everyone invited to decorate their car trunk, pickup beds or other mode of transportation and hand out candy.



*"Grace to you and peace...when I remember you in my prayers. I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my [friends]. Philemon"*

Friends...For one who always has something to say, your gifts of kindness and love left me completely speechless on our last Sunday together. I am most grateful and humbled by your grace. Thank you for welcoming me and allowing me to walk with you over these many months. It has been my privilege. I leave you in peace and with a faithful future ahead (and yes, I will think of you every time I look at that magnificent John August Swanson print! A thing of beauty it certainly is!!! -- I will be forever grateful to have it. There are not enough words to thank you for that) Blessings to you all. **Caryn Yoast**

In case you were wondering (and in case you weren't): our unnecessary apologies AND our unkind, untrue, unnecessary words from Lent 2021 contributed \$50.80 to the Week of Compassion on Caryn's desk. GREAT for the Week of Compassion!! And not a bad exercise in becoming of aware of how we speak about ourselves AND how we speak to each other. There's something to ponder. Thanks to all, **Caryn**



*"Gift of Water" by John August Swanson* was the print presented to Dr. Yoast from the congregation on her last Sunday in the pulpit. John August Swanson is a world-renowned contemporary artist whose works include many colorful depictions of stories from the Bible and other religious themes. He has lived and worked most of his life in Los Angeles, CA.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Jennifer Grooms will be leading the children ages 3-grade 4 Sunday School class. Michelle Elser will be leading the Chi-Rho grades 5-12 class. Please contact either one if you have any questions.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

### WORSHIP & WONDER PROGRAM (ages 3- grade 3)

is in need of volunteers for this program. This simple worship service meets during the worship service. The children leave prior to the pastoral prayer. Bible stories are shared. Children share a snack and enjoy some playtime together. Everything is planned for you and volunteers sign up for individual Sundays, not for the whole year. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office if you can help. All ages of volunteers are accepted. If you have any questions or would like more information Please contact Michelle Elser or Maggie Grooms



**Worship  
and Wonder**

**October DIACONATE**

Chapel: TBD  
10:10 - TBD

Contact Pat Seamands or Trisha Whitcomb if you cannot serve.

**OFFERTORY STEWARD**

Judy Baker



Dear First Christian Church---- Thank you so much for your generosity in hosting our team during our stay in Casper. We are so grateful for the fellowship, delicious food and tasty snacks that you provided. We hope you follow along as we continue our journey towards Oregon. Find us on Facebook@FullerCenterBicycle Adventure! Our team of cyclists come from Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, California, Illinois and Oregon. We started our cycling adventure in Georgia and will complete it on August 8th in Oregon. In Christ & In service, The FCBA Team (Fuller Center Bicycling Adventure

*A thank you to the DWM ladies that provided the food for the cyclists, Spencer for getting the swamp cooler hooked up, and the anonymous donors who provided bags of goodies for the cyclists to take with them.*

**ADDRESS CHANGE**

Ted & Jennifer Grooms  
1621 Blue Spruce Drive  
Casper, WY 82609

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

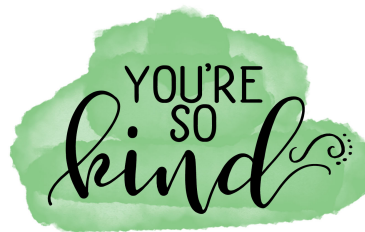
Trudy Woodard	Sept. 3	John Lansing	Sept. 17
Rachel Cazier	Sept. 4	Jack Walts	Sept. 17
Phil Ostrander	Sept. 4	Tina Beall	Sept. 18
Laura Glasspoole	Sept. 7	Jereca Lutz	Sept. 19
Floyd Field	Sept. 8	Josh Black	Sept. 20
Debbie Mestas	Sept. 8	Jacquie Cook	Sept. 22
Rhys Elser	Sept. 9	Jackie Greenlee	Sept. 23
Kevin Budack	Sept. 12	McKenzie Grooms	Sept. 24
Tom Dowler	Sept. 13	Jenn Hawley	Sept. 25
Virginia Yohn	Sept. 15	Gloria Monroe	Sept. 29

Cal Decker	Oct. 3	Sara Williams	Oct. 16
Marie Henthorn	Oct. 5	Carmen Goodman	Oct. 24
Maryann Cain	Oct. 6	Vanita Wilson	Oct. 26
Bryant Badger	Oct. 7	Brian Black	Oct. 27
Amber French	Oct. 10	Chuck Potter	Oct. 29
Mark Williams	Oct. 11	Randisue Davis	Oct. 31
Chris Stoltenberg	Oct. 12		
Kellan Johnson	Oct. 15		

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

John & Sharon Lansing - Sept. 3, 1961  
Abel & Kylie Stewart - Sept. 5, 2009  
Tom & Melanie Dowler - Sept. 6, 1969  
John & Amanda Kirlin - Sept. 12, 2015  
Mark & Lynda Williams - Sept. 14, 1991

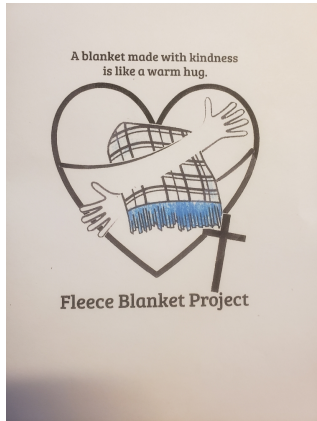
No October Anniversaries are on file.



Thank you to my church family for all the love and support I have received since my husband, Lee's passing. Blessings...**Virginia Yohn**

**YOUTH grades 5-12 will meet with Michelle Elser for Sunday School starting Sept. 19th. Class will not be held September 26, Oct. 31 & Nov. 14th. Michelle will be out of town those days**





## SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 16, 2021 FLEECE BLANKET BLITZ!

The Fleece Blanket Project is gearing up for a blanket blitz on October 16, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We are in need of donations of fleece (2 yards of plain and 2 yards of printed, anti-pill or blizzard fleece per blanket) or money for us to purchase the fleece and volunteers to help make the blankets. If you wish to donate funds to the undertaking, please make your check payable to FCC and put blanket ministry in the memo part. Materials can be dropped off at the church or **contact Trudy Woodard** if you have any questions.

We are looking for ways to raise funds for this project and will keep you updated on our progress.



**Wills, Trusts, Memorials & Scholarships** awarded \$500 scholarships to Nathan Hawley and Eddie Atkinson. Both are attending Casper College. Congratulations to you both.

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I want to thank the Scholarship Committee for your continued support and your generous gift to help me to pursue my degree at Casper College. I am currently in my 3rd semester and will complete my Associates degree in the spring semester. After Casper College my plan is to apply to the IBEW electricians apprenticeship program. Your gift is helping me to achieve this without being forced to incur debts that would follow me into my career after college. --**Nathan Hawley**

**WOW!** This is so amazing and such a big help to me at Casper College. My mom and I both say thank you! I am very excited to start classes at CC. --**Eddie Atkinson**

## MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The Commission will be serving the meals at the Rescue Mission on the 4th Friday of every month starting in September. We continue to:

- provide sandwiches on Saturday mornings in the breezeway at FUMC. Sandwiches are made on Fridays at 3:00 p.m. and lunches are made at 8:15 on Saturday mornings.
- make sandwiches twice a month for Youth for Christ that are taken to the Link for distribution.
- make blankets on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10-3 p.m. Contact Trudy Woodard if you need more information.

We would like to have more volunteers to help with the sandwich making and distributing lunches on Saturdays and the blanket project. If you have available time or ideas for fundraising, please contact Debbie Mestas.

***"Don't waste your time looking back on what you've lost. Move on, for life is not meant to be traveled backwards."***



## PRESCHOOL UNDER THE SEA ADVENTURES

This year our theme is “Under the Sea” and we are looking forward to exciting sea adventures. We have started off with a “Whale” of a good time. We are excited to take our first field trip this month. We are going on a BEAR” hunt on Casper Mountain to find Smokey the Bear. We will be sure to keep our eyes peeled and our bear spray handy.

We have already had music and played our ukuleles. We are learning our letters, colors, shapes and numbers AND we love playing outside.

We still have some openings in pre-K and the young 3’s. We would love to fill those spots so if you know of anyone looking for a great preschool, have them contact the preschool at 472-0649.

Our new teachers this year are: Becky Ostrander, intro & young 3’s; Max Jacobson 3-4 class, Shannan Jerding - preK, Lorrie Svetilk- helper; & Leslie Haydel art teacher.

Stop by and see our underwater bulletin boards and everything else that we do.

***Blessings, Teacher Annette and the gang!***



Dear Friends—Congratulations on the celebration of the 100th anniversary of First Christian Church in Casper. This is an incredible milestone! The First Christian Church is a pillar in the community. You open your doors to all who search for guidance and comfort from God. In its 100 years, the Church has been a meeting place for worship and fellowship, acting as a shining beacon of hope during dark times. Thank you for the important role you play in Casper. Bobbi joins me in sending our best wishes for a special occasion.

With warm regards, **Sen. John Barrasso, M.D**

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Members of FCC—We were members of this church many years. Hester C. Dowler and her first husband visited us to welcome us in and we joined in March of 1967 with our two little boys 5 and 2 years of age. We were regulars until we moved to Greeley, CO to attend advanced college and when we returned were again at the church until 2012 when we moved to Cheyenne as our two sons now 59 and 55 lived there. We transferred our membership in January 2013 to FCC/DOC in Cheyenne at that time. Here we were the “neat nicks” from 2013 to 2019 straightening hymnals and picking up the sanctuary. Since the pandemic, the congregation now picks up after themselves so we are greeters for two months. We made many friends while going to church in Casper. In Christian Love, **David & Verla Jerde**

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Deserving of a strong pat on the back, and “THANK YOU” is Paul Hallock, the 100th Celebration Committee and all of those who helped with the celebration. You exceeded our wildest expectations, BY FAR! The grand finale with Rev. Dr. Pumphrey (great grandson of Rev. Charles Stout) was terrific. **Dan & Jan Coey**

# October 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>10</b> 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM Homebuilder's Sunday School 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	<b>11</b> Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day 11:30 AM Group 3 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00 PM Commissions 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 8:00 PM Board Meeting	<b>12</b> 11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study 7:00 PM AA	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM QUILTERS 12:00 PM Group 2	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM GROUP 1 4:00 PM youth for christ	<b>15</b> OFFICE CLOSED 3:15 PM Sandwich making	<b>16</b> 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 10:00 AM Blanket Blitz
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## **WORSHIP TECHNICIANS NEEDED**

The Audio-visual team at FCC has recently undergone an upgrade. We now offer livestream of our church services and are in need of people who are willing to learn the new operations. Are you interested in getting more involved with our church but not wanting to attend additional meetings??? I have just the ticket!!

CONSIDER these Sunday morning opportunities:

- Run Screen, sound tech, camera for the live streaming.
- post services on line
- run the sound system for funerals and weddings as needed.

On the job training. If you or someone you know, are interested in learning this new setup, Contact Rick Black at [fccasperav@gmail.com](mailto:fccasperav@gmail.com) or the church office @ 234-8964.