



THE CALL

APRIL 2022

Jelly Bean Prayer / Jelly Bean Gospel

Red is for the blood Christ gave.

Green is for the grass God made.

Yellow is for the sun so bright.

Orange is for the edge of night.

Black is for the sins that were made.

White is for the grace Christ gave.

Purple is for the hour of sorrow.

Pink is for the new tomorrow.

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Church Staff:

Bryan Elliott: Lead Pastor
Lisa Walker, Business Manager
Kathy Winders, Secretary
Arlon Miller, Music Director
Jenny Black, Interim Preschool Director
Cheryl Dionne, Nursery Staff
Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fridays: CLOSED



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Worship Service

9:00 Adult/Youth Sunday School

10:10 - Worship Service

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Preschool - M-F 9:00 - Noon

Preschool Phone - 472-0649



EASTER HAPPENINGS

April 6 - "In the Dust" class @ 7:00 pm

April 10 - Palm Sunday

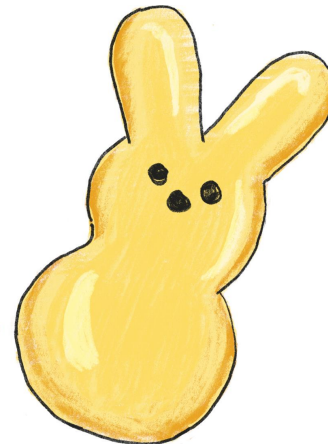
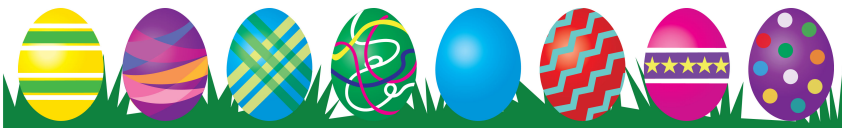
April 13 - "In the Dust" at 7:00 pm

April 14 - Maundy Thursday worship 7:00 pm

April 15 - Good Friday

April 16 - Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m.

April 17 - EASTER SUNDAY



**HAPPY EASTER
FROM**

**Pastor Bryan,
Kathy,
Lisa & Arlon**

Dear Church Family,

One of the best things about being a part of a church family is that we get to experience something that is in short supply nowadays - we care for our community personally with the living love of Jesus. We are called to be all about that abundant life that is Jesus, always available, always needed. We are called to reflect the light of Christ and shine. It seems that many things in our busy lives vie for our attention and especially our time, but how many of the things that we do on a daily basis impact people's lives so intimately as the church community?



As we are nearing our end of our Lenten journey with Jesus this year may we reflect his goal to reproduce faith in those around him by reflecting his light and be like our teacher, the living Lord. The early churches faith community became their life, because without it they often could not eat, drink, have fire or even a place to live. Because they did not bow down and worship the idols and gods of their Roman or Greek neighbors in the market place or the public arena they were seen as outcasts and ironically, ungodly. It is refreshing to me that one thing that Christianity brought to the world was tolerance of others faith practices. Of course their were and are some problems with some of the things that people of faith have done over the years throughout history, but mostly Christians have brought peace, healing, acceptance, forgiveness and love to areas of the world that have only known hate and intolerance.

The reason that I am going on and on with the above “history ramblings” is that Easter is a time when we as believers can offer new life to our various neighbors in our communities that FCC represents and they may actually come to church if invited. We things to invite people to, int this season of renewal - Pastor’s Class for those in 4th grade and up so our young people can learn about Jesus and make a commitment to Him; Our Lenten Study on Wednesdays that walks us through the Holy Land; Sermon in the Round, a Bible Study based on the previous Sunday’s sermon; Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 14th that will celebrate communion and a conversation through Jesus’ last week before the crucifixion; and an Easter egg Hunt at our church on Saturday, April 16th at 10 AM.

This year, it is my desire that we not just invite our friends, family and neighbors to an event but that we reach out to our friends and family welcoming them to church on Easter Sunday, to celebrate with everyone an acceptance of the healing that Jesus offers as we worship him and celebrate his resurrection! People in our communities are probably more open to seeing what being a disciple is all about around Easter than any other time of year. They have probably watched us as we have lived in the neighborhood. They may even wonder why we go to church, what goes on there, and maybe, just maybe they are interested in seeing for themselves, even if out of curiosity what this belief in Jesus is all about. So let this April be the month where we invite our friends and neighbors and share our love with those in our community. So that they can experience the genuineness that comes from Jesus and is reflected in his people. Blessings in this season of new life and I hope to see you and your friends and family on Easter as well as other times during this Lenten Season.

In His Embrace,

Bryan





From the Chairman

It is hard to believe that Spring has sprung and that within just a few weeks we will be celebrating Easter. The weather has been up and down, so I hope that all of you are planning on your spring plantings, spring activities and hopefully getting ready for warmer (and less winder weather).

Things have been busy at the church. A big congratulations and thank you to the blanket ministry on their soup luncheon and raising over \$750.00 for the blanket ministry. These funds will go along way in making blankets for those in need.

The pre-school has anew director (Megan Jones) and we are very pleased to have her joining us starting in April. I also want to give a huge thank you to Jenny Black for stepping in and helping during this transition period. She did a great job, and the kids, teachers and parents love her.

Help!! We desperately need help with Worship & Wonder and Sunday school for our youth. The materials are there and you get to spend time with a great group of kids. You will get plenty of support, so you won't feel left out so please volunteer to help. Once a quarter would be great.

Thank you again for all you do for FCC. Without you our mission and our church would not be successful. As always, any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to me.

Happy Easter! Dennis Baker, Chair

FAITH PROMISE UPDATE

\$15,355.00 Promised

\$950.00 received

PRAISE GOD!!

APRIL DIACONATE

8:15 - Pat Seamands
10:10 - TBD

Greeters: Michelle & Rhys Elser
Contact Pat Seamands or Trisha Whitcomb if you cannot serve.

OFFERTORY STEWARD
Tom Dowler

FELLOWSHIP HOUR
4/3 - Pastor Bryan
4/10 - Annette Ambrosino
4/17 - Al Metz
4/24 - Group 1

If you unable provide for your chosen time, please contact Belle Stapleton @ 215-4568 and other arrangements will be made.

APRIL Birthdays & Anniversaries

Tyler Ambrosino	Apr. 3	Ashley Budack	Apr 17
Kristen Atkinson	Apr. 4	Becky Foster	Apr 18
Don Davis	Apr 5	Natalie Grooms	Apr 18
Teresa Elliott	Apr 7	Dennis Baker	Apr 20
Brock Yohn	Apr 12	Jennifer Grooms	Apr 20
Briana Black	Apr.13	Paul Hallock	Apr 26
Trisha Nichols	Apr 13	Jim Oliver	Apr 26
Harriet Ames	Apr 14		

Anniversaries

Casey & Sarah Brown - April 12, 2008
Darin & Crystal Rodgers - April 15, 2005
Steve & Cindy Huckfeldt - April 24, 1976



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Thank you to our church for allowing us to use the Fellowship Hall for our 70th wedding anniversary family gathering on December 28, 2021. **Blessing to you all, Jacquie Cook & Family.**

Thank you First Christian Church for the Souper Bowl of Caring donations. We appreciate it very much. **Blessings, Kory & USI Staff**

My Christian Friends at FCC-- The words "Thank You" are not enough to express my appreciation to al of you for your cards, phone calls, and especially your prayers at the time of my surgery in Denver, and my recovery these past few weeks. I appreciate your care and concern so very much.

And now I will have chemotherapy and radiation treatments to eliminate all the bad cancer cells. My faith in God and your prayers will assure a good outcome.

First Christian Church is the most caring family of faith I have ever known. You are all very precious to me and to the Lord. **God Bless You All!!**

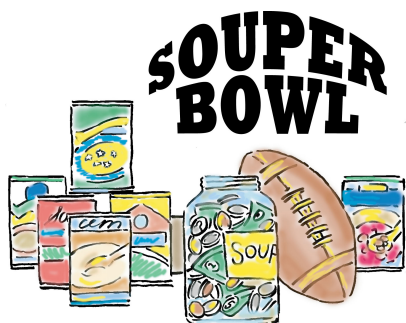
In Christian Love, Elane Burkhalter





ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

We will be doing our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, Apr 16th at 10:00 a.m. Soooo we are in need of candy donations. The pre-filled eggs that already contain candy or toys work very well but will take any donations of plastic eggs, and prewrapped candy. Please label your donations with the name MICHELLE on the bag and put them on the big round table in the CYF room downstairs. We also need volunteers to help hide the eggs on the 16th around 8:30 a.m. If you are interested in helping please call or text Michelle @ 259-1166. More hands gets the job done faster Thank you



THANK YOU to everyone that donated canned goods and money to the Souper Bowl of Caring last month! We raised \$173 and A LOT of food went to the Home for Unaccompanied Students. There were so thankful and appreciative of the donations and said THANK YOU TO EVERYONE! Also the Cincinnati Bengals were definitely our churches choice to win but was not meant to be! Thank you from Christian Ed for your participation. **Michelle Elser, Chair**

MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

The Commission continues to be busy with:

- making sandwiches on Saturday mornings and distributing them to the community
- making blankets on the 3rd Saturday of every month @ 10:00 a.m.
- serve the meal at the Mission on the 4th Friday of every month @ 5:00 p.m.
- continue to collect donations of warm hats, gloves, socks, mittens and scarves for those in need.

Volunteers are always appreciated and needed at each of the functions and on the commission. If you are interested in helping with any of the above, contact Annette Ambrosino or Wanda Hogan.

THANK YOU to everyone that supported our Soup Luncheon after church on February 27th. We received \$735 in donations for the Blanket Ministry.

EASTER FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Due to allergies, we will not be having live Easter Lilies in the sanctuary Easter Sunday. Instead the Spiritual Growth Commission will buy bouquets of fresh flowers to decorate for Easter. If you wish to purchase flowers as a memorial to loved ones or to honor someone, there will be a form in the bulletin. Please feel free to take a bouquet home after the Easter Service. If you have questions or concerns, contact Belle Stapleton, Spiritual Growth Chair @ 215-4568





WORSHIP & WONDER

Volunteers are needed to lead our Worship & Wonder group - Age 3 to kindergarten. The lesson is sent to you in advance, all materials and the snack is provided. If you choose to do other activities (read, sing, color) that's great! We are wanting our youngest disciples to have a time to get to know God and how he loves us!

We cannot combine all the children age 3 to 5th grade regularly because the learning environment is so scatters.

Please let me know if and when (all Sundays are currently available) you can lead this lovely group and if you are interested in assisting with a group, please reach out so we can find a place for your gifts.

If you know of someone who might be interested in leading or assisting, please have them send me their information so I can reach out to them.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to share in faith with our littlest disciples.

Maggie Grooms
maggiegrooms@yahoo.com
 307-399-3840

Join us as DWM "Springs into Action"

When: April 12, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Purpose: We will be on a Mission to ponder, create and approve our new "Mission Statement"

Read Mark 3 before the meeting

Contact Lani McBee if you have any questions.



The Cub Scouts are very busy and having a lot of fun!! They will not be meeting on Monday, March 28 because of Spring Break. In addition to the regular April den meetings, they will be doing:

- A Geocaching Hike at Edness Kimball Wilkins Park on Monday, April 11 @ 6p.m.
- Pinewood Derby on April 30th @ 10 a.m. in the gym at Restoration Church.

All youth, boys and girls, in grades K-5 are welcome to join us on Monday evenings at 6p.m.

Contact Erika Stupak if you have any questions @ 277-8620 or estupak@hotmail.com

What do you call a happy cowboy in Wyoming?

A Jolly Rancher!!

March 2022

April 2022

May 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Church Practice 11:30 AM New Event 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor Bryan out of office Spring Break 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM AA 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM QUILTERS 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Wallace Quilters 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April Fool's Day OFFICE CLOSED 3:15 PM Sandwich making 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning of Ramadan 7:30 AM Men's BS 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY
<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM Choir practice 1:00 PM Handbell Practice 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Wallace Quilter 2:00 PM Circle of Caring 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Pastor's Class 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Elders meeting 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study 7:00 PM AA 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM QUILTERS 4:00 PM YOUTH FOR CHRIST SANDWICHES 7:00 PM in the Dust Lenten 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Wallace Quilters 2:00 PM DWM Leadership group 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 3:15 PM Sandwich making 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men's BS 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 10:00 AM STATE QUILTERS 2:00 PM Christoph Atkinson/Eagle Court of Honor
<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palm Sunday 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Geocaching 6:30 PM Pastor's Class 6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study 2:00 PM DWM Gathering 7:00 PM AA 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM QUILTERS 4:00 PM YOUTH FOR CHRIST SANDWICHES 7:00 PM in the Dust Lenten 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Wallace Quilters 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday Passover OFFICE CLOSED 3:15 PM Sandwich making 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men's BS 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 9:00 AM 3 D's quilters 10:00 AM blankets 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax Day 12:00 PM CALL deadline 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Pastor's Class 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor out for conference 11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study 7:00 PM AA 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM QUILTERS 4:00 PM YOUTH FOR CHRIST SANDWICHES 9:30 AM CALL Folders 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Wallace Quilters 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth Day OFFICE CLOSED 3:15 PM Sandwich making 5:00 PM Mission Meal 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men's BS 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY
<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orthodox Easter 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM Youth Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor vacation 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00 AM Pastor Bible Study 7:00 PM AA 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM QUILTERS 4:00 PM YOUTH FOR CHRIST SANDWICHES 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Wallace Quilters 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 AM Turn Sprinklers On 3:15 PM Sandwich making 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM Men's BS 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY 10:00 AM PINWOOD DERBY

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News from the Preschool

Another fun month at Preschool as we continue through the alphabet of learning! QU brought quilt making and the fun wedding of the two letters that helps us learn about manners and etiquette! G week brought treasure hunts for Gold and the beginning of growing green things for spring and celebrating St. Patricks Day. This is S week so focusing on space and science projects, having the Science Zone visit on Friday and enjoying snow cones!

We have started open enrollment for preregistration for Fall 2022 and have had a lot of interested families come to visit our school! If you know of any 3-5 year olds that might be looking at our preschool, please have them contact the school at 472.0649 to set up a visit and preregistration forms are available downstairs at the preschool board.

EXCITING NEWS! The FCC Personnel Committee has met and approved the hiring of a new director! Megan Jones, former FCC Preschool teacher and parent has accepted the position! Megan's five children attended our preschool and she taught in both the Young 3's and Pre-K classrooms. She has worked in other preschool settings and ran a successful home preschool program for many years. She brings a wealth of early childhood knowledge and love of children to our program. Megan's strong faith in our Lord and belief in a Christian centered school drew her back to our program here at First Christian. She and Jenny will be working side by side to finish the year and prepare for the future of our First Christian Church Preschool.