



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) CASPER, WY

# THE CALL



ALWAYS PRAY. IT'S THE MOST  
POWERFUL TOOL AGAINST  
WORRY, DOUBT AND FEAR.



## Church Staff:

**Bryan Elliott:** Lead Pastor  
**Rhonda Padilla:** Associate Pastor  
**Kathy Winders,** Secretary  
**Gracie Keizer -** Music Director  
**Kaylee Waters,** Nursery attendant  
**Michelle Griebel,** Custodian  
**Ministers:** Every Member!

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Thurs.

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Fridays: CLOSED

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Worship Service

9:00 Adult Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Gr. 4-8 Sunday School

10:10 - Worship Service

11:30 - Coffee Fellowship



**MISSION**  
*Statement*

**"Gathering at Christ's Table,  
We Welcome and Serve Others."**



## Pastor Bryan's Column

Dear Church Family,

God is good! His mercies endure forever! I am so thankful to God for his loving kindness and his blessing of this church family for Teresa and I. As you all know, Teresa and I have had tough Spring: The passing of her father was very difficult; eye surgery for me; Teresa is looking at eye surgery hopefully this month as well. But in the midst of the rocky hills and valley's of life we have the blessing of Mother's Day and all the baptisms and new members who have joined the church this past month. And Father's Day is just a couple of weeks away!

June is a time when all of us kick off summer plans: graduations, golfing, water sports, fishing trips, and family vacations! June will see Teresa and I on a trip to see the grandchildren and celebrate the middle granddaughters 8th Birthday, while enjoying the time of re-creation with friends as well as God's great vast wilderness as we travel through Wyoming and Idaho. We will be thinking of you as you are out and about this summer. Please remember to tell us how things are going in your world and drop in from time to time and say hello, as we value seeing you and knowing what is going on in your lives.

My prayer is that you experience not a string of many, many experiences that run together, but a summer that you can experience with one another as time slows down and conversations and activities with family and friends are both pleasant and meaningful. One of those "meaningful" times will be here at FCC on Sunday's as we worship together with our New Music Director, Gracie Keizer. Many of you may remember her as she accompanied the choir on piano around 4 years ago. She has since graduated from college has a music degree, and brings her expanded talents to us. Choir will resume soon and we will continue to enjoy our worship time together!

Also, after much soul searching I have decided that my last Sunday in the pulpit will be October 25, 2026. That is the date of my retirement party and feel it would be appropriate to make that my last month of pastoring with you all. Many things weighed on this decision; first, I believe that Rhonda is ready to be Lead Pastor; She has demonstrated leadership on many fronts including pastoring families through loss and grief; she is take a lead role in many administrative decision' she is preaching on a regular basis and doing a fine job; she is organizing and planning for the future as she helps lead the "Visioning Team" as well as day to day functions of the church. Also, Teresa and I would prefer not to move in the winter. This decision was not reached without input from our Regional Minister, FCC staff and elders. It has been and continues to be a pleasure serving as one of your pastors and it is my goal tat we continue to Gather at Christ's table, as we welcome and serve others. Blessings and see you soon!

In His Care,

Bryan





# GARAGE SALE EXTRAVAGANZA!

Hosted by DWM

— SATURDAY JUNE 27 —

9AM TO 2PM

**First Christian Church**

PARKING LOT

520 CY AVE

**Join us and sell your stuff!**

Do you have a bunch of stuff laying around that you want to get rid of? Do you have crafts to sell? Well we have the place for you make that happen. Rent a parking space in our Church lot for \$10 and set up your tables and come sell your stuff. All your profits are yours to keep, you are in charge of your own space, items and money. If you or a friend or family member would like to participate please contact Kimberly Ireland at 307-251-5868. Sign up and fees must be received by June 20<sup>th</sup>.



The winners of the DWM Mother's Day Gift Basket Raffle are:

- Gardening Basket -Brandi Maddox
- Gardening Basket-Nita Martin (generously gifted to Carla Schanck)
- Pampering Basket - Debbie Mestas
- Pampering Basket -Jenny Black
- BBQ Basket - Nell Bessette
- Kitchen Basket - Nita Martin (Generously gifted to Niki Storey)

On behalf of DWM, **thank you** to everyone who supported our fundraiser. We raised \$400. We appreciate your generosity!

# HEROES Walk for Life

Be a lifesaver—come walk with True Care!

**The Heroes Walk for Life** is Saturday, June 6 at the North Casper Athletic Complex across from the Boys and Girls Club. Registration starts at 8:00 am and the walk begins at 9:00 am. Come dressed as your favorite hero! Free pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30. The walk is just 2 miles and is a non-athletic event and folks of all ages can participate. Not available on June 6? No problem—walk at your convenience! Don't like to collect money? No problem—True Care will collect your pledges!

For more information, visit [www.TCGiving.org](http://www.TCGiving.org) or call Lilly at (307) 472-2810.

Blessings,

The 20th annual [True Care Heroes Walk for Life](#) in Casper, WY, is scheduled for **Saturday, June 6, 2026**, at the North Casper Athletic Complex (1700 East K Street). The event, starting at 9:00 a.m., features a 2-mile walk, a free pancake breakfast by the Knights of Columbus from 8:30–10:00 a.m., and a photo booth for participants dressed as superheroes. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)]

### **Key Event Details (2026):**

**Date:** Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (Breakfast 8:30 a.m.).

**Location:** North Casper Athletic Complex, 1700 East K Street.

**Theme:** Dress as your favorite Super Hero.

**Purpose:** Fundraising for True Care Women's Resource Center to support local pregnancy services.

**Registration:** Participants can register as individuals, families, or teams on the [True Care Giving website](#).

**Fundraising Goals:** \$250 in pledges earns a free t-shirt, with higher targets for families (\$500) and teams (\$1,000). [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]

JUNE 2026

# what's coming up

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH** is planning summer events for the congregation. Mark your calendar with these dates:



## **SPUDS BASEBALL GAME**

June 21st - 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. free hotdogs

Game is at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets \$12.00 a piece

Kids 12 and under are free accompanied by a adult

Sign up sheet outside of the office.

**PAY JANE IN ADVANCE**

## **A DAY AT THE LAKE**

August 15th

More details to follow

## **WORSHIP AT AYRES NATURAL BRIDGE**

July 26th - 11:00

Details next month

## **PASTOR BRYAN'S RETIREMENT LUNCHEON**

October 25th - after 10:10 service

Further details to come.



On Mother's Day, Pastor Bryan baptized the following kids into the church:

Abel C.

Rhys E.

Lenna M.

Omari S.

Abigail, Brielle & Cailynne S.

We also welcomed by confession of faith Bill and Niki Storey and Cindy Barrett.

**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH**

# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



## DIACONATE FOR June 2026

8:15 - TBD

10:10- Debbie Mestas

## OFFERING STEWARD

Steve Huckfeldt

## ELDERS

**May 24** - Dewey Smith, Nancy Thomas

**May 31**- Carmen Goodman (Both)

**June 7** - Steve Huckfeldt (both)

**June 14**- Donna Osterholt & Dennis Baker

**June 21**- Steve Huckfeldt (both)

**June 28**- Donna Osterholt (both)

## ACOLYTES

**May 24** - Abel Cazier & McKenzie Grooms

**May 31** - Rayden Herbst & Cailynne Storey

**June 7**- Althea Wardell & Brielle Storey

**June 14**- Alex Storey & Leena Maddox

**June 21**- Leena Maddox & Cailynne Storey

**June 28**- Rhys Elser & Alex Storey

(Contact Nancy Thomas if you wish to be an acolyte for the 10:10 service)



Annette Ambrosino	June 1	Peg Jackson	June 10 (99 yr)
Jason Baker	June 1	Gary Jacobson	June 13
Zach Hawley	June 1	Steve Huckfeldt	June 20
Dewey Smith	June 4	Nic Grooms	June 26
Colin Stewart	June 4	Nina Hytrek	June 26
Brandon Wardell	June 4	Sandie Stoltenberg	June 29
Cindy Barrett	June 7	Jerry Meeks	June 30
Gene Martin	June 7		

## ANNIVERSARIES

- Rob & Jolene Knaus - June 3, 1995
- Raylan & Tammy Heck - June 7, 1986
- Cal & Nancy Decker - June 9, 2022
- Rich & Janie Nelson - June 10, 1970
- Chook & Lani McBee - June 15, 1965
- Bob & Laura Glasspoole - June 19, 1965
- Paul & Brandie Maddox - June 26, 2004
- Tim & JoAnn Neal - June 26, 1981
- Chuck & Judy Potter - June 26, 1957



OCTOBER 25, 2026

## RETIREMENT LUNCHEON FOR PASTOR BRYAN

Stay for BBQ and say goodbye To Pastor Bryan and Teresa as they begin a new stage of life in Idaho.



## CLASS OF 2026

- Caleb Woods - KW
- Emillia Wardell - KW
- Zachary Hawley - Casper College
- Abigail Storey
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University



## A Message From Pastor Rhonda

Dear FCC Family,

As the summer season begins to unfold before us, I am reminded of how much life changes with the seasons. Schools let out, vacations begin, gardens are planted, baseball games fill our evenings, and many of us find ourselves spending more time outdoors enjoying God's creation. In the midst of all these upcoming holidays, celebrations, and busy schedules, I pray we continue to remember the heart of who we are as a church family.

Our mission statement reminds us that we are continually "*Gathering at Christ's table, we welcome and serve others.*" I see this mission being lived out every single week through your kindness, generosity, compassion, and willingness to be faith in action. We are beginning to live more deeply into our core values, and I truly believe buds are forming on the FCC fruit tree. Like any season of growth, bearing fruit takes time, patience, and care—but when harvest season comes, we will be ready because of the faithful work being done now.

I want to take a moment to thank each of you for supporting me throughout my seminary journey. Your encouragement, prayers, conversations, and investment in my education mean more than I can fully express. From June 11–23, I will be attending intensive seminary courses. I ask for your continued prayers during that time as I focus deeply on my studies. I know the sacrifice will be worth it as I continue preparing for the future ministry God is calling me into here at FCC. Thank you for believing in me and investing not only in my future, but in the future of this church.

As Father's Day approaches, I also want to extend gratitude and encouragement to all the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, mentors, and father figures in our congregation. Thank you for the ways you lead, guide, support, and love those around you. Your faithfulness matters, and your example leaves lasting footprints for generations to come. May God continue to strengthen and encourage you in all you do.

This summer, whether you are traveling, gardening, camping, cheering at sporting events, or simply enjoying quiet moments at home, I encourage you to intentionally seek God in the ordinary moments of life. Take time to pray not only for your family, but also for the future of FCC as we continue growing together.

And while you are at it, I want to encourage each of us to take one more small but meaningful step. Pull out our church directory and call someone you may not know very well. Have a conversation. Share a story. Invite someone to lunch or coffee. Even though we worship in the same building, sometimes we do not always fully connect with one another. But we are one body in Christ, and relationships matter deeply. We truly get out of this church what we are willing to put into it—and I promise I will be doing the same.

In fact, if you would ever like to meet for lunch or share a cup of tea, I would absolutely love the opportunity to get to know you better and hear your FCC story. This church has a rich and beautiful history, and every Sunday we choose to gather together, we are helping pave the way for the future ahead.

Thank you as well for the incredible love you showed Ruby as she prepared for her move to Texas. Your cards, hugs, encouragement, and kind words reminded her—and all of us—what makes FCC so special. Even as she begins this new chapter, she shared that "we will always be family." What a beautiful testimony to the welcoming spirit of this congregation.

I also know that when our new music director, Gracie Keizer, joins us, we will welcome her with open hearts and open arms. One of the things I love most about FCC is that this is a church filled with courageous people willing to live out their faith in action. You continue pouring love into the lives of others, and it shows.

Thank you for investing in FCC. Thank you for **choosing** to make this your church home. Thank you for welcoming, serving, loving, and growing together as we continue gathering at Christ's table.

Grace and peace, Pastor Rhonda



**VOLUNTEER**  
*Appreciation Event*

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

Our church is alive with ministry because of you. From the sandwich and blanket ministries to our dedicated quilters...from Elders and Deacons to those serving in children's ministry and bereavement care...from making coffee and providing refreshments to helping with set up, cleanup, work and especially yard work—your hands make a difference every single day.

We are deeply grateful for the many ways you serve, often quietly and behind the scenes where love is lived out in real and meaningful ways.

To celebrate you, we will be hosting a **Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on June 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. here at the church.** More details are coming soon! We will also have a signup sheet available so you can let us know if you have volunteered this past year and if you're able to attend. We are letting you know in advance so we can budget and plan. An RSVP will be needed as we get closer.

Thank you for all you do—you are a blessing to this church and to all who walk through our doors.



**The Storey Family**  
3301 Arroyo Dr  
Casper, WY. 82604  
307-262-9201

Bill, Niki, Abigail, Brielle, Cailynne, Alexander

**Cindy Barrett**  
1240 Nottingham Dr.  
Casper, WY. 82609  
307-262-2361  
KLCENLNAHN@aol.com

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:**

Annette Ambrosino - [annette307wyo@gmail.com](mailto:annette307wyo@gmail.com)  
Donna Osterholt - [dosterholt@unionwireless.com](mailto:dosterholt@unionwireless.com)

**THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY**

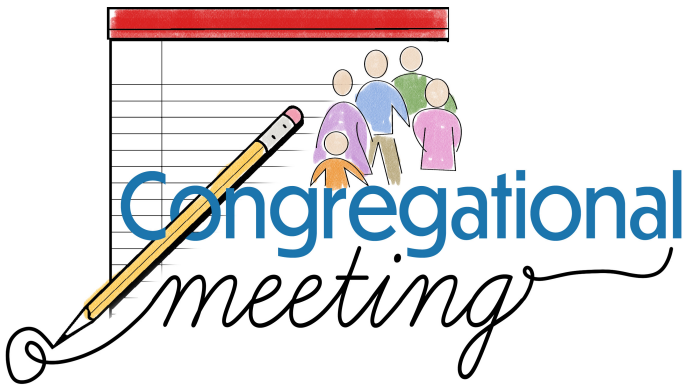
**Generosity is an expression of joy, not obligation.**

We give freely and cheerfully, trusting God to multiply every gift and use it for His glory (2 Corinthians 9:7). Your generosity strengthens our church family and helps extend our ministry far beyond these walls. We invite you to prayerfully partner with us as we continue carrying this mission forward for generations to come.

**You can scan the QR code to give as you feel led.** On behalf of First Christian Church, thank you for your faithful and generous hearts.



JUNE 2026



**DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 28**  
**WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**TIME: 9:30 A.M.**

**PURPOSE: To approve the below amendment.**

**This is the only item for discussion and voting.**  
**NO OTHER BUSINESS will be presented!**

From the Board President Steve Huckfeldt;

It was brought to the attention of the board that a vote for a change in the bylaw presented below was required since we have in the past circumvented this law to fit our current needs and we need to update it to eliminate confusion in the future.

Please note that this will be the only item of business to be discussed at the meeting.

**PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE**  
**APPROVED BY FCC BOARD ON MARCH 9, 2026**

Article 13.2 Selection of Ministerial Staff  
Subsection 13.2.2

**NOW READS:**

The Executive Board shall determine the job responsibilities for **ordained** ministerial staff members to be hired.

**CHANGE TO READ:**

The Executive Board shall determine job responsibilities for **commissioned**/ordained ministerial staff members to be hired.

**REASON FOR CHANGE:**

This procedure has not been followed in the prior years so the wording needs to be changed to encompass the commissioning/ordination of ministerial staff.

Proposed change approved by the Elders  
Dewey Smith, Chair  
Dennis Baker  
Carmen Goodman  
Nicholas Grooms  
Steve Huckfeldt  
Donna Osterholt.

# June 2026

May 2026							June 2026							July 2026										
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