



THE CALL

APRIL 2023

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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EASTER HAPPENINGS

April 2 - Palm Sunday

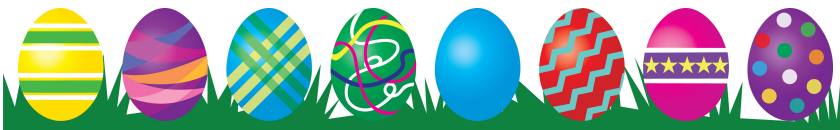
April 6th - Maundy Thursday worship 6:30 pm in Inner Room

April 8 - Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m.

April 9 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:15 Chapel

10:10 Worship



Church Staff:

Bryan Elliott: Lead Pastor

Kathy Winders, Secretary

Arlon Miller, Music Director

Megan Jones, Preschool Director

Donna Osterholt, Nursery Staff

Alexus McKauly, Custodian

Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Fridays: CLOSED



SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Worship Service

9:00 Adult/Youth Sunday School

10:10 - Worship Service

(307) 234-8964

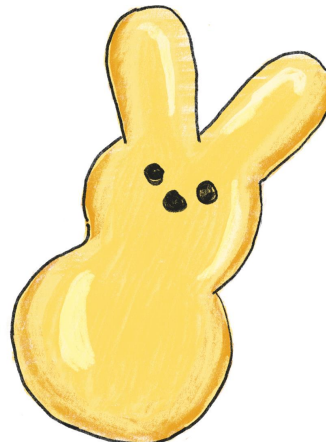
www.fccasper.org

fccasper@gmail.com

Preschool - M-F 9:00 - Noon

CLOSED JUNE-AUG

Preschool Phone - 472-0649



**HAPPY EASTER
FROM
Pastor Bryan,
Kathy,
Alexus, Donna &
Arlon**

Dear Church Family,

We have sure had a winter this year! But, and this is very important — “Spring is coming!” I put that phrase in quotes because as we all know Spring can be a bit elusive as well as stalled out here in Wyoming. But, it will come, however briefly and we need to pay attention. Because change is coming. The first full week of Spring we may have snow. But for the most part snow is not on our streets. The glorious snow lights up Casper Mountain and that means a very green Spring and Summer. I will say that the white over the world does overwhelm our senses. One thing I love about snow is that it reflects light. Have you ever noticed that late after dark on a snowy night how much light there is around you? How the snow catches the light and shines it like millions of diamonds! I have always marveled at that phenomenon.



It comforts me somehow to know that light is being reflected in these precious little accumulated snowflakes. Light breaking forth in darkness, and light being reflected and multiplied all over the earth is what Easter is about. We are here to bear witness to the Light of the World and Shine! It is our purpose. We have several opportunities to be beacons of light in this season of Easter when people go to church and entertain thoughts of God that they may not do at other times of the year. So at this time of the year we have an opportunity to talk to our curious neighbors and invite the to Palm Sunday (April 2nd @ 8:15 and 10:10 a.m.); Maundy Thursday Service (Thursday, April 6 @ 6:30 p.m.); Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday, April 8 @ 10:00 a.m.); Resurrection Day on Easter Morning (Sunday, April 9th @ 8:15 or 10:10 a.m.).

Did you know that most people don't visit a church because they are not asked? Also it may take someone several times of being asked to decide to come and see what this church thing is all about. I believe we here at First Christian Church, Casper offer people an inviting place to experience the presence of Christ. We are unique in that we like to like people and really want to get to know them. That is our gift as a community of faith —we offer hospitality. All we need to do is invite. As we share this month, as the unofficial month of Spring, let us offer new life experiences to those around us by sharing our lives in meaningful ways. Let's share Jesus with people by our actions and use our words to reinforce those actions. And let us meet together in our celebrations as we share our lives together —be it worship, fellowship, games, or just real conversation with real people..

May this be for us a time to shine the light of Jesus and reflect his glory. Blessings and see you all Sunday if not sooner!!

In His Embrace,

Pastor Bryan





SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO FAIRBANKS, ALASKA!!

Our youth have an amazing opportunity to be able to go serve a mission trip in Fairbanks, Alaska from August 5-August 11th. The mission trip is for youth grades 6 and up. The cost would be \$198 registration fee plus airfare. Michelle is interested in being the adult sponsor for the trip and is asking if there are any youth that would be interested in participating in this trip. Michelle is working on getting more information about transportation and will keep anyone interested updated on what she finds out. If you are interested, please email Michelle Elser at swimchickmle@hotmail.com or call 307-259-1166.



ATTENTION ALL FCC YOUTH AND PARENTS!

All summer camps will be June 18-24th except for the Discovery Camp which will be June 23 & 24th at LaForet. All families with campers will be responsible for their own transportation down and back. Families are encouraged to work together to arrange transportation. The church will not be involved with transportation arrangements at all. There will also be no reimbursement of travel expenses. Any questions, please contact Erika Stupak.

ATTENTION SECOND GRADE GRADUATES AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Second Grade Bibles will be handed out on May 14th at the 10:10 service to Rhys Elser, Delilah Stewart, Althea Wardell and Macy Brown.

High School Graduation Bibles will be handed out to Kylie Stupak, and Evan Woods on Graduation Sunday, May 21st. We are going to do a slide show for our high school graduates. Michelle is looking for about 10 photos per student, baby to current. If you would like your photos in the slideshow, please send them to me at swimchickmle@hotmail.com

**APRIL
DIACONATE**

8:15 - Nina Hytrek
10:10 - Paula Freerksen
Dale Gregory

Contact Pat Seamands @ 262-2921
to sign up if you haven't already.

OFFERTORY STEWARD

Larry Winders

WORSHIP & WONDER

APRIL 2 - Open
APRIL 9 - Easter
APRIL 16 - Open
APRIL 23 - Maggie Grooms
April 30 - Open

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

APRIL 2- Nylia Cazier & Barb Allen
APRIL 9 -
APRIL 16 -Wardell Family
APRIL 23 - Colin & Wanda Hogan
April 30 - Nancy Thomas

ELDERS

Apr 2 Robin Nelson - Nancy Thomas
Apr 9 Teresa Elliott - Gloria Monroe
Apr 16 Teresa Elliott - Teresa Elliott
Apr 23 Robin Nelson - Gloria Monroe
Apr 30 Teresa Elliott - Teresa Elliott



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



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, APRIL 8
10:00 A.M.

We are in need of filled eggs with candy or toys and help is needed hiding the eggs on Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 a.m. If you would like to donate filled eggs for the hunt, there will be a basket by the sanctuary doors or downstairs in the CYF room.

If you can help hide the eggs to ensure a great hunt for the kids, please let Michelle know that you can make it. You can call or text 307-259-1166 or email at swimchickmle@hotmail.com. The more people we have to help hide the eggs make for a really quick job!



FROM THE PRESCHOOL

We are so thankful for Spring! The warmer weather means less illness and more fun! We are having a great year and looking forward to all the exciting end of the year activities.

We are VERY excited to announce our Summer Fun 1/2 day Camps!! These sessions will be taught by our exceptional preschool staff. We will be offering 8 weeks of themed weekly fun. This special session is open to ALL 3-6 year old. This includes neighbors, siblings and friends!! Tuition is \$100 a week. Families can sign up for as many sessions as they would like to. For details contact Megan in the preschool @ 472-0649

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

June 12-16. Water Week

June 19-23 Camping Week

June 26-30 Science and STEM

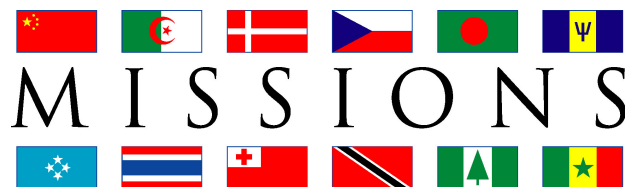
July 10-14 Mermaids & Pirates

July 17-21 Art

July 24-28 Super Heroes

July 31-Aug. 4 Potions

Aug. 7-11 Wonderful Wyoming



MISSION COMMISSION UPDATE

We are very happy to announce that on the First Friday of every month, Shepherd of the Valley will be helping with the Sandwich Ministry. Thank you so much!!

An organization called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" is coming to Casper, They make beds for kids who don't have them and the blanket ministry gave them 69 blankets to go with the beds.



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. Cost \$9.00. **Deadline to order is Sunday, Apr. 2**

We are also in need of small and medium size vases for the flowers. There us a box in Fellowship Hall for you to put your donations in. They can be plain, fancy or whatever you have you wish to donate. If you have questions or concerns, contact Kimberly Ireland, Spiritual Growth Chair @ 251-5868



WORSHIP & WONDER

There will be NO Worship and Wonder on Sunday, April 9th. The nursery will be opened if you need it. We are still in need of volunteers for the rest of the year so please contact:

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



Join us as DWM “Springs into Action”

When: April 11, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Read Mark 13 before the meeting

Service project is Wyoming Rescue Mission. Please bring trash can liners, diapers, toilet paper, foot powder, Kleenex, underwear or chap stick.

Contact Lani McBee if you have any questions.



Cub Scout Pack 13 meets at FCC on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. It is for Boys and Girls in grades K-5th. New Scouts are always welcome!! Come check us out! We have some really fun activities planned in April, including attending the Winter Adventure Day on Casper Mountain and hosting a Glow in the Dark Pinewood Derby! Contact Erika if you are interested in more information at 307-277-8620.

April 2023

FCC CASPER CALL

APRIL, 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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