



THE CALL



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In the cafeteria line one day, a seminary dean noticed a bowl of big, juicy oranges. A sign by it read, "Take only one. God is watching you!" At the other end of the lunch line sat a large plate of. Freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Beside it was a hastily scrawled note, likely from a hungry student: "Take as many cookies as you want. God is back there watching the oranges."

The message behind that good natured irreverence? If you believe that God's sight is limited to one place, then your idea of God is too small!! Adapted from *The Wired Word*.



DWM Fellowship Meeting
Oct. 20, 2023. 1:00 p.m.
Read Philippians Three
Service Project: contributions towards
the DWM Budget -- Bring cards for our
shut-ins.

Church Staff:

Bryan Elliott: Lead Pastor
Kathy Winders, Secretary
Daniel Galbreath, Music Director
Megan Jones, Preschool Director
Donna Osterholt, Nursery
Danny Mayor, Custodian
Ministers: Every Member!

Office hours:

Mon.-Thurs.
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Fridays: CLOSED



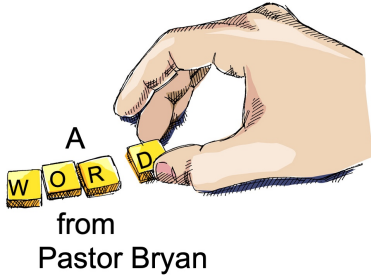
SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:15 Worship Service
9:00 Adult Sunday School
10:10 - Worship Service
11:30 - Coffee Fellowship

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Preschool - M-F 8:30 - 5:30 P.M.
CLOSED JUNE-AUG.
Preschool Phone - 472-0649

LIFT UP YOUR VOICE & SING!!
JOIN THE CHOIR
Practice at noon on Sundays.
Everyone is welcome to join!!



Dear Church Family,

As of this writing I have preached about 219 times (twice a Sunday - 8:15, 10:10 Services and three times at Primrose). Do you remember all of my sermons? Are they seared into your soul? Probably not right? Someone said that church is of no value to them because they

remember hardly any of the sermons they heard. What do you think about that observation? Is church worship of no value because we don't remember the sermon, the songs sung, the special music or choir songs sung? I ask you, how many meals do you remember in the last week, month or year? Do you know what you ate for dinner three weeks ago? If you are like me the answer to that question is "no." But does that mean I didn't benefit from those meals unremembered? The answer to that question is also "no." I have received nutrition from all those meals and they linger with me to this day (I would like a little less lingering around my waist, but Oh well!). Our church interactions with sermons, song, prayers and fellowship add to our lives. That is why we live and breathe and have our being. Do we remember all of it? Probably not, but the benefit remains. Please remember that when you think about not coming to church because it - isn't perfect, or I don't like this or that song, or I don't remember everything that happens or is said - you are the sum of that experience and it benefits us all, you included. Last year the Board (Elders and Personnel) reviewed me over this past year, my first full year as your pastor. And I developed a short list of goals and they are:

- To lead a Spiritual Assessment program with leaders of the congregation
- Have a consultant come in and help leadership with Visioning and goal setting for the congregation with leadership and interested congregants attending
- For me to attend a Transformation Workshop with our Regional pastors
- Theology and Fishing Retreat
- Continue to be a chaplain at WMC
- Start a "Cookie Call" ministry of visitation with interested people visiting homebound members, members and visitors

Of these goals I have not done the first two or the last one. I am thinking that the last one "Cookie Call" may be out of our comfort zone after the pandemic and going into flu and cold season. But would like you all to call or stop me at church and give me some feedback on this. The First two I will talk with the elders and see if we should look into doing this in the coming year. Would like your all's feedback on that as well.

We will be celebrating a **"Trunk or Treat" on the Sunday, October 29th, before Halloween** where we will invite all of First Christian Church Pre-school 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 hand out candy and treats that you supply. We will also have a meal of BBQ sandwiches and chips and a beverage. We will begin this at **4 PM and run 5:30 PM**. If anyone has some games we can set up we could play some corn hole or other games in the theme of Halloween. More information is in a special article in this Call. Hope you all can come and celebrate and share in good times for the whole family.

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

A WORD FROM PASTOR BRYAN CONTINUED:

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. On Sunday, October 15th I will be preaching a Stewardship message entitled: "Faith Basics Decided." Acts 15:22-35. And in this time of evaluating our investments of time, talents and treasure as part of our stewardship to FCC I wonder and invite you to wonder with me: "Who surrounds and invests in your life? Did you know that our giving to the church is what makes our ministry possible. Did you also know that our giving as a congregation over the past several years has fallen short of meeting our obligations to this ministry by some 35 percent? If it wasn't for the giving of saints from our churches past in the form of wills and trusts, we would be looking at serious cuts in our budget. Please consider that when you receive your stewardship pledge card.

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. Blessings and see you soon!

In His Grip,

Pastor Bryan



NOMINATING TIME OF YEAR... It's that time of the year when we nominate people to the Board, Eldership or Diaconate for the year 2024. Please give careful consideration as to members you think would be good servants of the church. **DEADLINE** for nominations is Sunday, October 22nd. Feel free to nominate yourself for a position you feel you can fill to the best of your ability. If you have any questions, please contact Randisue Davis, Nominating Committee Chair.

THE MISSION COMMISSION celebrated the 10th anniversary of the sandwich ministry on Sept. 9th at the United Methodist Church. The meal was prepared and served by volunteers of FCC, the LDS Wards, Sovereign Grace and Good Shepherd Lutheran churches. 48 hot meals were served to our regular participants and regular sack lunches were distributed to more participants. Meals on Wheels has donated free shelf stable ready to eat meals which will be picked up as needed and very much appreciated. We plan to increase the number of lunches given out each week. Blanket ministry has resumed -3rd Saturday from 10-2 each month. Contact Trudy Woodard @ 259-4370 for information. Contact Annette Ambrosino or Wanda Hogan for more details or want to volunteer to help with either of these ministries.

October DIACONATE

8:15 - Pat Seamands

10:10 - Trisha Whitcomb & Melanie Dowler

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

OFFERING STEWARD
Judy Baker

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

October 1 - Nancy Thomas

October 8 - Stupaks

October 15

October 22

October 29

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jennifer Grooms

ELDERS

- Sept. 24 - Teresa Elliott - Dan Coey
- Oct. 1 - Robin Nelson - Gloria Monroe
- Oct. 8 - Teresa Elliott (both services)
- Oct. 15 - Robin Nelson - Gloria Monroe
- Oct. 22 - Teresa Elliott - Colin Hogan
- Oct. 29 - Teresa Elliott - Gloria Monroe



October BIRTHDAYS

Kent Ames	Oct. 3	Dale Gregory	Oct. 20
Cal Decker	Oct. 3	Carmen Goodman	Oct. 24
Bryant Badger	Oct. 7	Brian Black	Oct. 27
Mark Williams	Oct. 11	Kelley Lackey	Oct. 27
Chris Stoltenberg	Oct. 12	Chuck Potter	Oct. 29
Sara Williams	Oct. 16	Randisue Davis	Oct. 31



October ANNIVERSARIES

Dewey & Jan Smith
October 25, 2003

NEW PHONE NUMBER



STAN McIRVIN
307-761-3044



Halloween Fun Facts

- First Jack o lantern was carved out of a turnip
- Pumpkins are a fruit not a vegetable
- Candy corn was originally named chicken feed
- Finding a spider on halloween night is considered good luck
- New York City has the largest halloween parade
- New Hampshire has a Halloween theme park
- Pumpkin spice coffee does not contain any pumpkin



I would like to thank you for your donation towards my trip to Alaska where I was given the opportunity to learn about my faith and their community. — **Austin Lackey**

To the FCC Congregation---. Thank you so much for all the generous donations so that I could go on the mission trip to Alaska. It was such an amazing experience helping so my families. It's a trip I will never forget. — **Kylee Stupak**

To our wonderful FCC congregation---. Thank you so much for supporting our mission trip to Alaska. We don't know all who donated by name, but I wanted to just say how grateful we are to each and every one of you! Thank you so much, we could not have done it without your support! God Bless, **Michelle Elser**



**2023 TRUNK OR TREAT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
4:00 - 5:30 P.M.**

If you would like to participate, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board (only your name is needed), If you do participate, plan for about 200 kids. If you can't come with a car but would still like to participate, you can volunteer to help in the kitchen serving pulled pork sandwiches, you can set up an area in fellowship hall or donate candy to be given out. Contact Kimberly Ireland or Teresa Elliott if you have any questions.



September has flown by! We have had a fire drill, visit from the firemen and started our alphabet studies. We also had our fire KinderMusik lessons with Mr. Dylan from VIBES.

The children and teachers have settled into a nice routine and things are going very smoothly.

We are thankful for your continued support and the preschool couldn't continue without it and also your prayers.

Next month we will be a calendar fundraiser. Each family will take home a calendar and ask their friends and family to "Purchase" a day. Each day costs the date for the first is \$1 and increases daily. This is our first time doing this fundraiser and are looking forward to seeing God provide.

Megan Jones, Director



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have decided to continue The Chosen through Oct. 1 to finish out season 2. Then the class will resume its regular curriculum through January. Beginning February 4 and through March 24 (Lent), we will show season 3 of The Chosen. By then season 4 should be out and we'll have a summer curriculum again! If you have any questions, visit with Nancy Thomas or Belle Stapleton.



Worship and Wonder is combing with the Young Disciples and all kids ages 4-10 will go with Jennifer Grooms after Children's sermon. Volunteers are needed to help Jennifer with the class. Please contact Michelle Elser, or Jennifer Grooms if you have any questions or would like to help with the class.



RECIPES NEEDED!!!

DWM has decided that they would like to put together a cookbook of recipes that they can sell to help with funding for the DWM Group. They would like to include recipes from everyone in the congregation. If you have a recipe or multiple recipes, that you would like included in the recipe book, please give them to Kimberly Ireland by October 29th. You can either provide a hard copy of the recipe, email it to jkireland923@gmail.com or send a picture via text to 307-251-5868.

October 2023

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November 2023

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FCC CASPER CALL

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15 AM Worship 9:00 AM Adults' Sunday School 10:10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	2 9:00 AM Paper Piecing Quilters 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 PM Elders meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	3 7:00 PM AA	4 9:00 AM QUILTERS	5 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Sandwich making	6 OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Quilters 3:00 PM Sandwich making	7 7:30 AM Men's BS 8:15 AM SANDWICH MINISTRY
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CRMR CYF FALL
RETREAT 10/27-29/2023



A mission oriented retreat for Central Rocky
Mountain Region high school youth

Cost: \$40 **Location: CentralCC in Pueblo, CO**

Price includes all meals, snacks, mission supplies, and activities!

Registration forms due by Oct. 17

Get one from your youth pastor or download at: crrmrdoc.org

FALL RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (grades 9-12) will be on October 27-29th at Central Christian Church in Pueblo, CO. The new ECOY team met and collaborated in planning the theme—Open the Eyes of my Heart—Scripture Matthew 6:22-23 and many fun activities for what promises to be a great weekend of fun, faith, friends, and mission.

Registration forms for youth and sponsors are on the bulletin board. Cost is \$40 and registration is due to the church by October 9th. Contact Erika Stupak if you are interested in attending.



JUST A REMINDER

The following people or groups have signed up to pick up garbage around the church and yard. If you find you are unavailable, please let Ted Grooms know.

October - Cub Scout Pack 13

November - Belle Stapleton

Thank you very much for signing up to help keep the church looking nice! Months of December through March are still up for grabs.



Scholarships for the Fall Semester of 2023 were awarded to Evan Woods, Kylee Stupak, Cristopf Atkinson & Owen LaCourt. Each student received \$500. Congratulations!

Scholarships Awarded