



THE CALL



Hello October

- O**ne of the best things you
- C**an do for yourself is
- T**aking time to learn and grow.
- O**nce you give yourself patience, you
- B**ecome your best friend. And the
- E**mpathy, self-kindness and
- R**esilience are what you need to grow

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Church Staff:

- Bryan Elliott:** Lead Pastor
- Kathy Winders,** Secretary
- Daniel Galbreath,** Music Director
- Mikayla Fulwider,** pianist
- Donna Osterholt,** Nursery
- Michelle Griebel,** 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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HAVE A PUMPKIN KIND OF DAY!

- Praise God**
- Uplift others**
- Meditate on God's Word**
- Pray about everything**
- Know your limits**
- Influence others for good**
- Never give up**



Dear Church Family,

As of this writing I am entering my 4th year as pastor of FCC. I have preached about 324 times (twice a Sunday - 8:15 am, 10:10 am Worship Services and several times at Primrose- 2nd Sunday of the month). 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 don't remember 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? Or the communion we took? Or the people we have conversations and connect with? 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 that are 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, but Oh well!). Our church interactions with sermons, songs, prayers and fellowship add to our lives. That is how 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 - **we are the sum of that experience and it benefits us all!** Enough said. Here are a few other things I would like to share with you that are happening this month in the life of our church:

We will be celebrating a **"Trunk or Treat" on the Sunday, October 27th, 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 have hot beverages and snacks in Fellowship Hall. We will begin this at **2 PM and run 4 PM**. 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 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?

The elders are in the beginning stages of putting together a search committee for an Associate Minister. If you would like to be on this committee you can contact Nancy Thomas or Dennis Baker. The following is what I said to the Board in my Pastor's Board Report for our September Board Meeting: The Elders have met and discussed it and have directed Nancy Thomas, Elder Chair to bring a motion to the Board for vote. FCC has used the Interim Minister approach several times in the past with mixed reviews. There is also a model called "Succession." It is where you hire an Associate Minister who has a job description that is very loosely specific and over time takes on more Lead Pastor responsibilities. Succession models usually are around a year to two years in length. Through the generosity and foresight of several long time past and present members we have a fund for an Associate Minister position. It will help with the ease of transition for the church both financially and spiritual leadership as well. If you are interested in being on an Associate Minister Search team please see me or our Board Leadership.

October is our Stewardship Month where we prayerfully consider our financial gifts, tithes and offerings to our church. On Sunday, October 6th I will be preaching a Stewardship message entitled: **Commitment to the Call of God - Giving**, it will explore the themes of calling, commitment, and stewardship through the lens of **Matthew 16:16-18** and **Mark 12:14-17**. In the Gospel of Matthew, Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ reveals his direct, unfiltered connection to God's call, symbolizing the importance of listening to and accepting God's call in our lives. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus deftly handles a trap about taxes, reminding us to give to Caesar (for us it would be Federal Taxes and fees) what is Caesar's and to God what is God's. The message challenges us to reflect on our own lives: are we giving to God what truly belongs to Him—our time, talents, and treasure? As an aside you may 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, trusts and endowments, we would be looking at serious cuts in our budget. Please consider that when you receive your stewardship pledge card.

Through these passages, the call is for a deep, lasting commitment to God, urging us to offer our whole selves to His service, knowing that true giving is eternal and never depleted. To this end, I strive to be a servant of God while I serve FCC as Lead Pastor. May we all strive to be good stewards of God's blessings in our lives as we share in this vital work of ministry.

In His Service, Pastor Bryan



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2025

So here we are about ready to do the time change and fall back. But now is not the time to fall back with the church. We need your help in sustaining all the good programs that currently exist and the potential to expand our ministry throughout Casper. But here is the thing. The Church cannot do it without your help. Now more than ever God’s love and gospel is needed not only in Casper but throughout the US and the world. It is time that we all remember that we are Christ like and share our blessings with those who could use God’s gifts.

As we remember the past, enjoy the present let us think about how we want the future to look and then let us make it happen! Please send your pledge card in so that we can plan. One will be sent to you within the next week and cards will be in the pew pockets also or you can use the pledge card below to send to the church **OR** you can come to church and put it in the offering plate. **We ask that you return your card to the church by November 3rd.**

If you have any questions, please contact Ted Grooms, Chair of Stewardship.

2025 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PLEDGE FUND

In preparing for the future, FCC Casper would like to thank you for this opportunity to have your support in the ministries of this congregation. Please return your pledge by November 3, 2024.

The pledging commitment for 2025 will be \$ _____ per week/month/year. Please Circle One

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone (307) _____ Email: _____

DIACONATE FOR OCTOBER
Chapel - Pat Seamands
10:10 - Gary & Max Jacobson

OFFERING STEWARD
Paul Hallock

ELDERS

Sept 29 Teresa Elliott & Nicholas Grooms

Oct. 6 Dewey Smith & Nicholas Grooms

Oct. 13. Teresa Elliott & Gloria Monroe

Oct. 20 Dewey Smith & Nicholas Grooms

October 27 Teresa Elliott & Dennis Baker

Nancy Thomas preaching -Pastor Bryan will be attending a conference in Phoenix, AZ

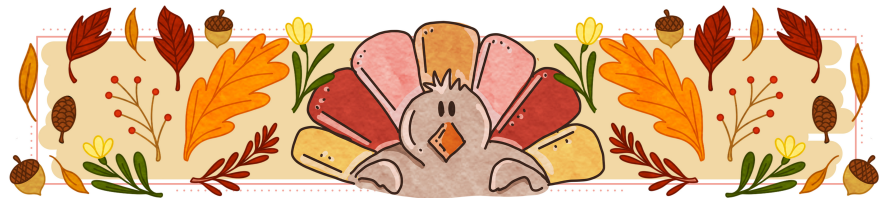


Cal Decker	Oct. 3	Carmen Goodman	Oct. 24
Mark Williams	Oct. 11	Brian Black	Oct. 27
Chris Stoltenberg	Oct. 12	Kelley Lackey	Oct. 27
Sara Williams	Oct. 16	Chuck Potter	Oct. 29
Dale Gregory	Oct. 20	Randisue Davis	Oct. 31
Neal Jacquot	Oct. 20		



Stan & Dana Fox
October 24, 2015

Dewey & Jan Smith
October 25, 2003



THANK YOU

Dear Church Family--. Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, texts, phone calls and food when I was recovering from back surgery AND thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers this past week as Larry and I are slowly recovering from the car accident we had on Sept. 14th. As Dennis said in his talk on Sunday "Keep Calm and Keep Moving Forward" and that's what we are doing. God Bless You All. **Larry & Kathy Winders**

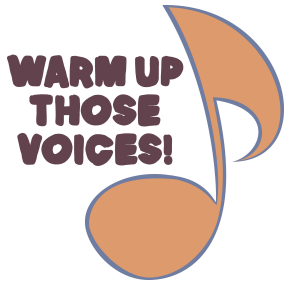
Thank you for the Scholarship I received for my fall semester at Casper College. I appreciate very much. **Thank you, Zach Hawley**



Please sign up if you would like to have a trunk outside in the parking lot or a table inside in Fellowship Hall. Spiritual Growth is looking for people to bring cookies (either homemade or store bought) that can be handed out inside to the kids and families. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in having a trunk, table inside, or bringing cookies. You can also bring more than one thing if you so desire. For further information contact Kimberly Ireland.

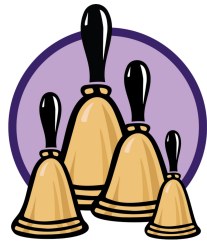


Scholarships were awarded this year in the amount of \$400 to: Cristopf Atkinson, Zach Hawley and Evan Woods. We are proud of our FCC members and their accomplishments and wish them well on their College degrees. ***The Wills, Trusts, Memorials & Scholarship Committee.***



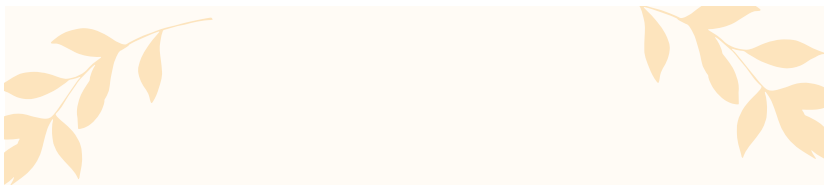
ATTENTION ALL CHURCH MEMBERS

The choir has started to practice and will sing in church on September 22, 2025. Everyone that filled out a music survey and said they would sing in the choir please show up but everyone in the church is welcome to come and make a joyful noise to the Lord.



HANDBELL CHOIR

The Handbell Choir is meeting every Sunday at 12:30 to rehearse for upcoming performances. Mikayla Fulwider will be the director so everyone that wants to play bells please show up on Sunday's and **"ring them golden bells."**



THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24TH, 2024
AFTER THE 10:10 SERVICE

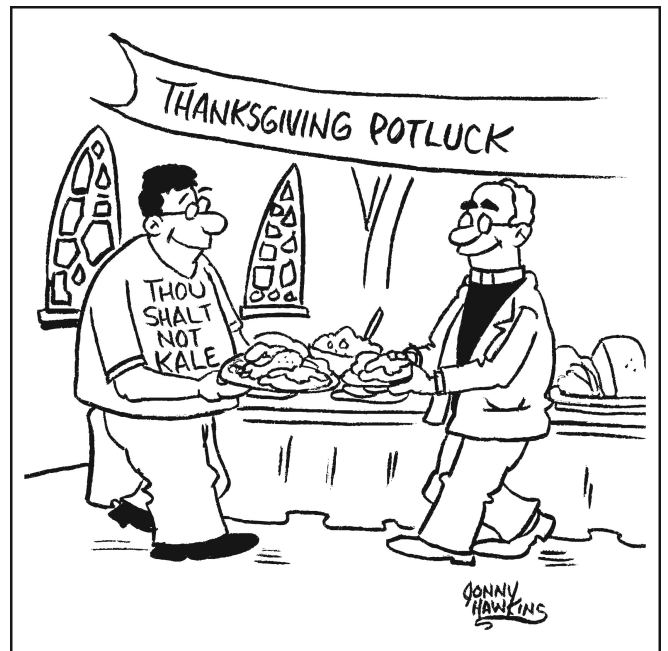
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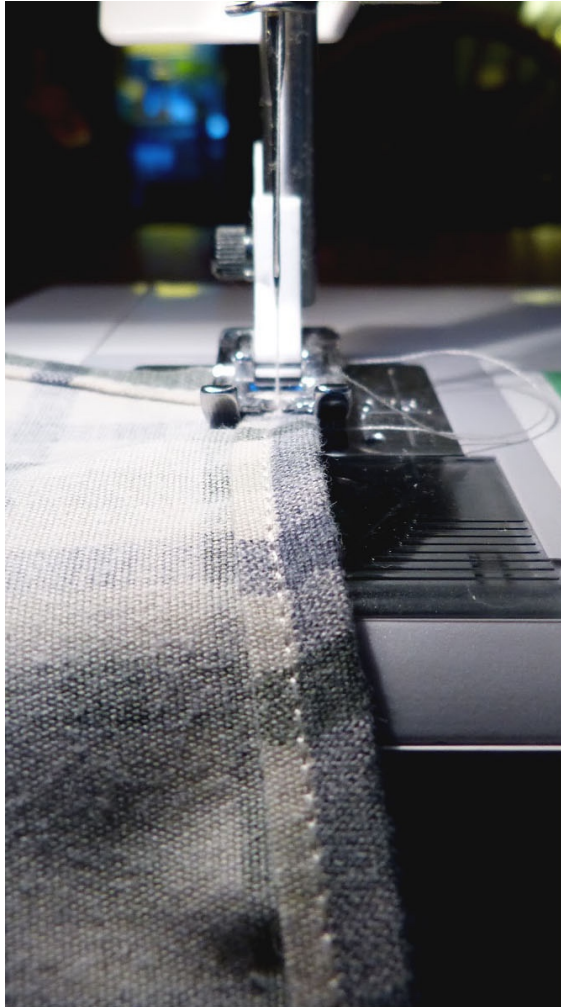
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

The annual FCC Thanksgiving potluck will be on Sunday, November 24th after the 10:10 service. A sign up sheet will be posted for this potluck beginning of November but **SAVE THE DATE.**

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

NOVEMBER 24TH AFTER THE THANKSGIVING POTLUCK SPIRITUAL GROWTH WILL BE NEEDING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON. PLEASE STAY AND HELP DECORATE.





The Happy Quilters are having a 2 service days on Nov. 8 & 9 from 9-4p.m. at FCC. We will be making dog beds, quilts of valor, and quilts for graduating seniors.

We have the materials and quilt kits for the dog beds and kids quilts. The fee is \$5 each day & a lunch will be provided. Come join us for a day of fellowship & caring. Contact Jane Wallace if you have questions.

Bring your own sewing machine.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK AND
PAGEANT!!



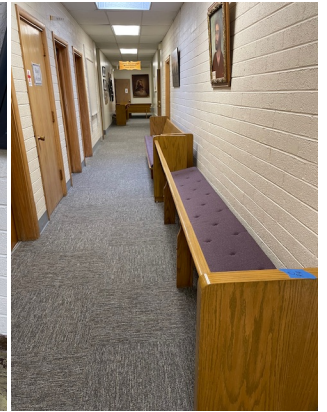
This year Spiritual Growth will be hosting a Christmas Potluck and Christmas Pageant on December 8th after the 10:10 service. We are looking for kids to be in the pageant that will be presented during the 10:10 service on December 8th. If you have a child that would be interested in being in the pageant please reach out to Teresa Elliott.

There will be a sign up sheet for food and attendees for this in November

FCC CARPET AND PAINT REDECORATING 2024



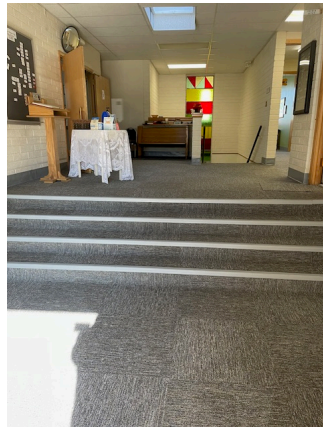
Entrance to Sanctuary
Before and After



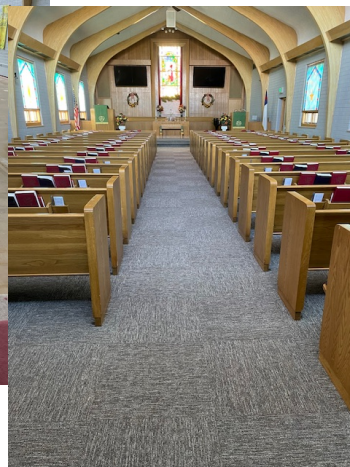
Hallway before and after



Stairs to Fellowship Hall
Before and After



Front Door Entrance
Before and After



Sanctuary
Before and After

PEWS! PEWS! EVERYWHERE!!!!

DWM

October 8th, Tuesday

1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Read Acts Four

Our Service Project this month is the Wyoming Rescue Mission, currently using their emergency housing as they care for a large crowd of men, women, and children of all ages. We would once again like to "treat" them with a generous donation of wrapped candy to celebrate all the festivities of Fall!



October 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15AM Worship School 9:00AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Boy Scouts 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00PM AA 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM QUILTERS 11:00AM Sermon study group 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosh Hashanah 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MIN-ISTRY
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<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15AM Worship School 9:00AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00PM CALL deadline 6:00PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Boy Scouts 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00PM AA 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM QUILTERS 11:00AM Sermon study group 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional As...by Cheyenne OFFICE CLOSED 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 5:00PM Mission Meal 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MIN-ISTRY
<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PASTOR'S PREACHING CONV. PHOENIX Pulpit Guest- NANCY THOMAS 8:15AM Worship School 9:00AM Adult's Sunday School 10:10AM Worship 11:30AM Coffee Fellowship 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00PM Cub Scouts 7:00PM Boy Scouts 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00PM AA 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM QUILTERS 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED Diwali 10:00AM Quilters 1:00PM Sandwich making 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day of the Dead 7:30AM Men's BS 8:15AM SANDWICH MIN-ISTRY