



THE CALL



January 2025

January

Sparkling winter sunshine,
 Faces all aglow
 Making resolutions,
 And angels in the snow ~
 Steaming cups of cocoa,
 A year that's fresh and new...
 All of this is magic ~
 Unfolding just for you.



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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
 11:30-Choir Rehearsal
 12:30 Handbell Rehearsal

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Pastor Bryan out of office Dec, 25- Jan. 4, 2025.
 Dennis Baker pulpit guest December 29, 2024.

OFFICE IS CLOSED - Dec. 24 - Dec. 27, 2024



Dear Church Family,

As I write this, Teresa and I are looking forward to spending the day after Christmas with our son, daughter, son-in-law, and most importantly, our three granddaughters. This will be a truly special time, as it's been several years since we were able to celebrate Christmas together. While it's not on Christmas Day, it will be Christmas in our hearts. And here's some exciting news: for the second time, our daughter has mentioned they may come out to visit in the summer! But, that was said last year and with young families life seems to happen in rapid and every changing speed.

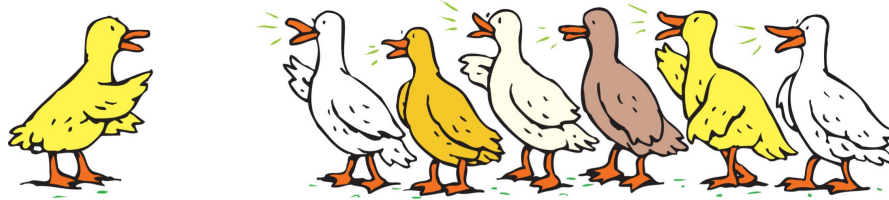
Life changes as the years pass. It used to be that our children came and went pretty much at our will—but as they've grown, their lives have become increasingly full and separate from ours. Many of you know exactly what this is like, having walked this path already. Others may still have little ones at home and find this conversation a bit distant. But time has a way of weaving this shared understanding into our lives, whether our children are near or far.

This has me asking a question that's been weighing on my heart lately: How are we showing those we love, that we love them? The losses we've experienced as a church family, along with the passing of my parents, even though it has been many years ago, and Teresa's parents aging and growing increasingly less independent, have brought this question into sharper focus for me. In the face of all this, I'm reminded of the constants that anchor my life: God and His abiding presence, His church, family—both by blood and by choice—and friends, whose fellowship and laughter brighten my days. One of the changes that will hopefully happen to our church this year will be the inclusion of an Associate Minister. The duties that this pastor will help with will be family and youth ministries, visitation, music and worship and as with all pastors - other duties as assigned. We are looking to have this person start in July, 2025. It is our prayer that God will bring us the right person for our church family. It is the hope and desire that this person will become the Lead Minister when I retire in 2027. Turning 65 this past month has been an eye opener for me. The reality of time moving forward and me aging has never really hit me until this past birthday. And since we all only have so much time on this earth, it is vital that we spend it building up those around us. That will be my goal in the coming years, to use my time to the fullest that I can.

As we step into a new year, many of us carry hopeful resolutions: to lose weight, develop better habits, or spend more time with family. But, if we're honest, those exercise bikes in the corner (or in my case a rowing machine) may still serve as makeshift coat racks, and our habits often revert to what they were. Even our time with family can devolve into texts and emails. (By the way, that's how my kids send me birthday wishes—not that I'm complaining! But wouldn't it be nice to get a phone call, a visit, or even a handwritten note in the mail?)

This past year has taught me a few things: life is precious, time with loved ones is invaluable, and time with God is what sustains me and keeps me moving forward. So, as we begin a new year, I wonder: What have you learned from this past year that you want to carry into 2025?**Bryan**

Happy New Year ♪ *Happy New Year* ♪ *Happy New Year*



From the 2025 Board President

HELLO! My name is Trisha Whitcomb and I am the new 2025 FCC Board Chair. For those of you who don't know me, I was born and raised in Casper, graduating from NCHS. I'm a mom of two: Evan is a sophomore in college in Miles City, Montana and Caleb is junior at Kelly Walsh High School. I am a physical therapist of nearly 25 years and work at Rocky Mountain Therapy. I have been a member of FCC since 2013, transferring my membership from First Baptist Church. I've served in several roles at our church over the years. I have been a deacon (currently), a member of Christian Education Commission, member of Nominating Committee, played in the bell choir, and planned VBS. I was the 2024 Board Vice Chair and I'm also currently serving on the search committee for an Associate Pastor. I am looking forward to a productive and rewarding year ahead. Please join me in praying for our congregation throughout 2025 as we strive to fulfill God's purpose in our church, our community, and our world.

In Christ, Trisha Whitcomb.

2025 BOARD OFFICERS

Chair - Trisha Whitcomb

Vice-Chair - Steve Huckfeldt

Secretary - Kathy Winders

Stewardship - Ted Grooms

Elders Chair - Dewey Smith

WTM&S - Randisue Davis

Christian Education - Michelle Elser

Mission Commission - Nancy Thomas

Property - Bill Shughart

Spiritual Growth - Kimberly Ireland

Diaconate Chair - Belle Stapleton

Member - at - large - Donna Osterholt & Floyd Field

Nominating Chairs 2025 - Belle Stapleton & Gary Jacobson

Elders: Teresa Elliott, Nancy Thomas, Dan Coey, Dennis Baker, Nicholas Grooms, Dewey Smith & Steve Huckfeldt.

Diaconate: Dale Gregory, Gary & Max Jacobson, Belle Stapleton, Nylia Cazier, Marcus Hayden, Kelley Lackey, Debbie Mestas, Spencer Stupak, Travis & Robin Sibal, Amanda Wardell & Trish Whitcomb.

Junior Diaconate - Caleb Woods



MISSIONS HEADLINES

The Mission Commission has done great work in helping people who need extra support. Many thanks to Annette Ambrosino and Wanda Hogan for their leadership. I will be the new Mission Commission chair in 2025 and we will have a meeting at 11:30 on January 5, 2025 in the church library. I encourage anyone interested in the mission and outreach projects to attend, especially if you have new ideas.

The Sandwich Ministry and the Blanket Ministry are “hands-on” projects. I would like to explore more “hands-on” opportunities such as Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Joshua’s Storehouse. Giving money is a good way to support agencies but actually using our skills is excellent stewardship of our time and talents.

Please attend the Mission/Outreach Commission meeting on January 5, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. in the church library. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Nancy Thomas, Commission Chair 2025.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications for the 2025 spring college semester are available on the bulletin board. Please make sure you include your transcript from the 2024 Fall semester. Deadline is January 6, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Randisue Davis.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION does not have any activities scheduled for the month January.

I would like to thank all of the youth and parents who came to the Youth Christmas party on the 14th. Special thank you to Jenny Black for her help and contributions to make it a big success. We had a **BLAST!**

Also if you plan to attend MidWinter Retreat please fill out your forms and return to the church by January 19th.





DWM

January 14, 2025 1:00 pm

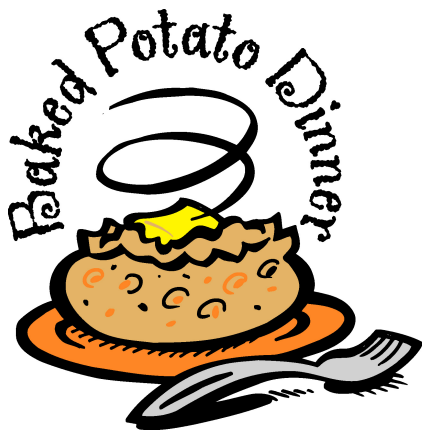
Read Acts 6

Join us in the challenge
to read the Bible in a year!

We will be donating to the
Olivia Caldwell Foundation
as our January Service Project.

Come and enjoy the fellowship
of your First Christian SISTERS!

**Happy
New
Year**



The Annual Elder Appreciation Dinner will be held Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. All elders--currently serving or who have served in past years--are invited to attend with a spouse or guest.

The dinner will be a baked potato bar (it was popular last year). There is no charge, but bringing a side dish or dessert to share is encouraged. The current elders will bring the traditional potato toppings.

Please let Nancy Thomas know you will attend on January 9 at 6:00 p.m. Thank you.



CRMV Youth Midwinter Retreat

Feb. 14 – 17, 2025

La Foret – Keynoter Rev. Erin Tyler

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

6th – 12th grade - \$235

Registration deadline: January 22

Forms are available from your church, or at crmrdoc.org or by emailing your request to Shelly at skgarrison50@gmail.com

DEADLINE TO FCC CHURCH OFFICE
JANUARY 19, 2025

January 2025

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FCC CASPER CALL

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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FCC Board Meeting & Orientation

When: Monday, January 13, 2025

Time: 8:00 p.m.

ALL NEW AND RETURNING BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE.

Commissions will meet at their usual time. All Commission Chairs are asked to contact their commission members and recruit new members to serve and let me know of your meeting schedule.

If you cannot attend, please contact Trisha Whitcomb, Board Chair or the church office.



FCC 2025 DIRECTORY



UPDATE FOR THE FCC 2025 DIRECTORY

We are doing the yearly update for the 2025 Directory. Please email any changes to your status (address, phone number, school age, etc) fccasper@gmail.com by January 13 2025.

DIACONATE FOR JANUARY, 2025

**CHAPEL: Pat Seamands
10:10 SERVICE - TBD**

**OFFERING STEWARD
Randisue Davis**

ELDERS

- Jan. 5 - Teresa Elliott & Nicholas Grooms
- Jan. 12 - Dewey Smith & Nicholas Grooms
- Jan 19- Teresa Elliott & Dewey Smith
- January 26 - Dewey Smith & Nancy Thomas



Max Jacobson	Jan 1	Jane Perez	Jan 13
Robin Nelson	Jan 2	Lynda Williams	Jan 13
Maggie Grooms	Jan 4	Marcus Hayden	Jan 19
Judy Baker	Jan 6	Evan Wood	Jan 19
Carol Sage	Jan 6	Nylia Cazier	Jan 22
Debbie Mapp	Jan 10		

