



Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people and leading them into a fully devoted relationship with Him.

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HOME
for
CHRISTMAS
Making Room for a Savior and King

December 23
Home for Christmas
8 am & 10:30 am

December 24
Candlelight
Communion Service
11:00 pm

Congregation Affirms New Elders, By-Laws and 2008 Budget

We are pleased to announce that each of the Elder Candidates, By-law adjustments and the 2008 Budget were affirmed by the members at the December 2nd Annual Meetings following each service.

Joining the Eldership Team are Art Cordova (has previously served), Greg Gross, Lawrence Junker and Steve Peltier. These men will work with our returning Elders; Bryan Burns, Tom Headley (reaffirmed), Lloyd Hoover, Randy Summers (reaffirmed) and Todd Zeter.

Pray for these nine men as they embark on another season of leadership at FCC. They work directly with Tom Caffery and the Staff in the spiritual direction and vision of the church. They are available for prayer, counsel and general spiritual direction.

If you would like to encourage them or have any questions or comments feel free to contact them at elders@fccabq.org.

**Elder's Prayer Service
Sunday, January 27th**

If you have any prayer needs or desire spiritual counsel, then the Elders invite you to join them on Sunday evening January 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel (located in the west end of the facility). The prayer time is a private, come and go format with time to share your needs. No appointment is necessary.

**First Fruit
Sunday, January 6th**

Bring your canned meats, fruits and Ensure on Sunday, Jan. 6th, as we support *Angels Acts of Kindness* in their ministry efforts to support families in need. Join us the first Sunday of each month in 2008 for this essential ministry to those in need.



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The Word
One Another
Service
The Love



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Merry Christmas!

Tom Caffery

What a year! When I look back during this season I am reminded of the many opportunities God afforded us to invite Christ home in our hearts and service.

Our Mission at First Christian is *to reach people for Jesus Christ and to develop them into fully devoted followers of Him*. When we are about our mission God is pleased and He is right at home.

Our vision for 2008 is to carry out His love through reaching people and developing disciples. Each of us is included in this vision of love. See you on the 20th.

Pray for our group traveling to Mexico over Christmas break...they will be working with *Casas por Cristo* on a building a home...and carrying out our vision of love.

May you have a blessed Christmas...

College Care Package Ministry

January 27

We will be assembling our next set of College Care Boxes on Sunday, Jan. 27th at 6:00 p.m. A group of individuals with a heart for caring for FCC college kids get together 6 times per year (3 times per semester) and bring goodies to pack in boxes for them. If you are interested in helping with this ministry this year, please contact Candice Summers, 453-8478. There is also time to turn in any new names of college students you would like to add to our ministry list.



Wednesday Night Dinners Begin January 9th

Mark Wednesdays on your calendar and join us for a dinner and fellowship! Dinners will begin at 6 p.m. Bring a friend!

Upcoming Menus*:

- Jan. 9 Swiss Chicken with rice, green beans, rolls
Cooks are Maryann and Marvin Pendergrass
- Jan. 16 Taco salad, sopaipillas, taquitos, chicken con queso
Cooks are John and Sue Taylor
- Jan. 23 Lasagna, broccoli Normandy, bread sticks
Cooks are Chuck and Rhoda Winters
- Jan. 30 Soup Night: turkey/wild rice, vegetable beef, posole, tortillas
Cooks are Mitzi Loftus and Jan Portvliet

*Dessert, coffee, tea and punch are served with each meal.

BIRTHDAYS

December

Asher, Matthew 15
Blocker, Norm 15
Burns, Bryan 13
Colson, Chris 20
Contreras, Cindy 31
Gross, Katie 6
Judy, Lloyd 25
Keeling, Matthew 23
Keeling, Melissa 3
Kurtz, Dorene 19
Ley, Jill C. 8
Loftus, Mackenzie 28
Mapstone, Clara 17
McClenahan, Babe 6
Palmer, Jerold 24
Parmentier, Jill 14
Peltier, Marian 7
Rawls, Jane 23
Richmond, John 10
Schitoskey, Levi 10
Taylor, Sue 28
Wheny, Justin 24

January

Barringer, Roy 27
Battaile, Lora 21
Brown, Carrie 12
Brownfield, Kay 17
Chavira, Paul 30
Colson, Benjamin 1
Dye, Brian 27
Eichenberg, Tim 19
Fleming, Kim 9
Ford, Barbra 15
Headley, Kristi 16
Hebrlee, Judith 10
Hurst-Mills, Dorothy 8
Miller, Hannah 20
Moore, Trish 25
Mowry, Monique 15
New, Ryan 24
Noonan, Gordon 14
Petrocelli, Rocky 25
Poulsen, Peggy 14
Romero, Joshua 9
Taylor, John M. 27
Wallington, Phyllis 25
Zeter, Daniel 23

ANNIVERSARIES

December

Clifton, Marshall & Ruby 28
Cordova, Art & Virginia 22
Driver, Matthew & Carla 20
Hendren, Bill & Doreen 16
McReaken, Michael & Leslie 27
Rawls, Jim & Jane 17
Stansbury, Dick & Dot 28

January

Asher, Steve & Debra 1
Battaile, Corbett & Monica 20
Hamilton, Jack & JoAnn 29
Noonan, Gordon & Nancy 8
Rozzell, Bob & Mary Ann 3