



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

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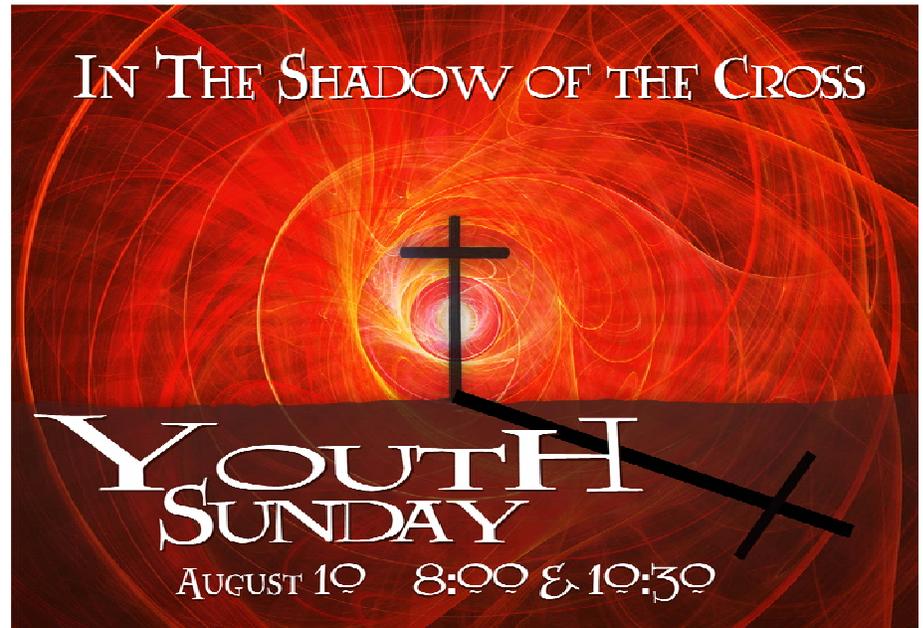
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First Christian Church
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Youth Sunday August 11th 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Join us for an uplifting worship experience as we are led by our *FUSION* Youth Group. The morning will be filled with hope and promise as they lead us to focus on the cross. Ben Cross, our youth intern, will be bringing the message supported by the *FUSION* praise band, drama team and more.

What a great morning to invite friends and family to church!



**Financial Peace University
Beginning Tuesday, August 19th**

Preview Dates: Sunday, August 10 & Sunday, August 17 @ 9 AM in FCC Auditorium

In our first FCC class, the 15 families that participated in the class from start to finish (3 months) they reduced their total debt by \$79,161.00.

Some families shared that they were able to be faithful in giving to God for the first time in their marriage. Many couples shared that they had begun to talk about money for the first time in their marriage. We had participants that were members of FCC and several that were from outside our church.

Sign ups will begin in the foyer this coming weekend. Don't delay in getting in on this tremendous ministry concerning finances. You will be blessed immeasurably.

Class Begins on Tuesday, August 19 from 6:30-8:30 pm

NEW! FCC Prayer Hotline . . . 857-PRAY

The FCC Prayer Team is pleased to announce another way to get your prayer requests to them and the Church. Just call 857-PRAY (7729) and leave your prayer request message. The request is then transcribed and sent via email to our prayer website address. So, you can email your requests at prayers@fccabq.org or simply call in to the Prayer Hotline **857-PRAY**.

If you would like to be a partner on our Prayer Team and receive email prayer list you may easily do so by signing up at prayers@fccabq.org.



New Message Series
from the
Book of James
begins Aug. 17

News & Views is a part of the Communications Ministry of First Christian Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

To receive the *News & Views* via email rather than the USPS contact Candice Summers at csummers@fccabq.org

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The Sunday worship *Bulletins* and monthly *News & Views* are also available at www.fccabq.org.

Audio downloads of Sunday's sermons at www.fccabq.org

Attention Ministry Leaders *firsteam* meeting August 16th



All Ministry Leaders and Coordinators are to begin planning for the 2009 Ministry year including their budget, ministry goals, and a review of what was accomplished in 2008. We praise God for all of our ministries. Please plan to attend the upcoming *firsteam* meeting on Saturday, August 16th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Childcare and lunch will be provided and we will end promptly at noon. Invite your key team members and join all the other ministries from FCC.

Thanks for your continued commitment to *sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people and leading them into a fully devoted relationship with Him.*

Summer Works Parties: Great Success!

Thanks to all who took the time to help spruce up our campus. We have plenty of projects left to do, so if you are interested in helping contact Candice Summers, 294.0630 for more information on specific projects. Here is some of the work accomplished this summer:

Handy Man Jobs

Basement - Bathroom push/pull plates
Basement - Replace ceiling tiles
Basement cabinets (5) - attach to wall
Chapel - Caulk Windows
LAB Rail - Secure
Room 109: Peep Hole in outside door
Stairway Walls Sealed
Install Hand Hold in Attic

Painting

4s & 5s Classroom
Room 100 Classroom
Bathroom: Basement Girls & Boys
Bathroom: Hall Women & Men's
Grit paint west outside walk

Glass/Windows

Detail Window Sills
Old Security Tape - Removed

Electrical

Easy touch light switches/illuminated
Install black outlets of front of stage
Install Kid-safe Outlet Covers in BLAST
Upper Room - Install light at west end
Lobby Bathrooms: Replace fans cleaned

Cleaning

Family Center Chairs/Tables /High Chairs
Fridge: Kitchen, Communion, Craft Room
Pews: Right, Mid-Right, Mid-Left, Left
Basement Toys
Baseboards: Basement, East, West

Outside

Trim Hedges
Trim Rose Bushes
Rake Grass

Glass/Windows

Detail Window Sills
Old Security Tape - Removed

Misc.

Chapel drapes removed
Table Carts - Assemble



FUSION: Upcoming Events

Aug 8

Back-to-School Lock-in
8:00 p.m. — 7:00 a.m.
Cost \$15

Aug 10

FUSION Youth Sunday
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Aug 31 Labor Day

No Youth Group Activities

Sept 5—7

High School Retreat
El Porvenir Camp
Cost \$70

FUSION Youth Group meets on Sunday nights at 6 pm and Wednesdays at 7 pm.

FCC AUGUST CALENDAR REVIEW

- 1 6:00 PM Bible Study (Cordova)
- 3 **Sunday**
First Fruits Food Drive
- 6 7:00 PM Mid & High Youth Group
- 7 11:00 AM Senior Saints - Olive Garden
7:30 PM Worship Rehearsal
- 8 6:00 PM Bible Study (Cordova)
- 10 **Sunday**
- 12 APS: First Day of Class
11:45 AM Ladies Time Out Pot Luck
- 13 7:00 PM Mid & High Youth Group
- 14 7:30 PM Worship Rehearsal
- 15 6:00 PM Bible Study (Cordova)
- 16 10:00 AM Coffee Talk (Women's)
- 17 **Sunday**
- 19 6:15 PM Enchantment Handbell Practice
- 20 7:00 PM Mid & High Youth Group
- 21 9:00 AM Senior Saints: Vic's on Osuna
7:30 PM Worship Rehearsal
- 22 6:00 PM Bible Study (Cordova)
- 24 **Sunday**
- 26 6:15 PM Enchantment Handbell Practice
- 27 7:00 PM Mid & High Youth Group
- 28 7:30 PM Book Club
7:30 PM Worship Rehearsal
- 29 6:00 PM Bible Study (Cordova)
- 29—31 Family Camp II: El Porvenir Christian Camp
- 31 **Sunday**
6:00 PM Elder Prayer Service
6:00 PM Fifth Sunday Singspiration/Ridgecrest



A Sit Down with Ben Cross . . .

Ben Cross, our summer intern, recently sat down with Youth Minister Ben Headley to talk about his experiences and a little bit about life and the future.

BH: *Ben Cross, briefly describe your history at FCC.*

BC: My family began coming to FCC when I was in Kindergarten and have remained here ever since; I was baptized here when I was 5 years old.

BH: *Can you tell us why it is you decided to go into ministry?*

BC: I think it started when you came here as the youth minister because up to that point I'd had very little interaction with any kind of youth program. I saw him as a minister having fun, loving it, and excelling at it and that was the crack in the door that God needed to come in and to prod me into His service.

BH: *You graduated from the youth program at FCC in 2006, what have you been doing since?*

BC: I left FCC for Ozark Christian College in Joplin, MO. I am studying Preaching and New Testament with the intent of entering full-time ministry once I graduate. During my Freshman year, I was blessed to be a part of a band called Frontline which is made up of Ozark students and travels around the country leading worship for various youth events, church services, and other occasions. The Summer after that freshman year, we toured through Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas worshipping with churches.

BH: *You have been the intern at FCC this summer, what have been some of your duties?*

BC: I have gotten to teach the youth group on some Sunday and Wednesday nights, I helped out with VBS, spent two weeks at El Porvenir, got to go to CIY with the high school, helped lead a Bible study for high school guys, preached once up to this point, and really whatever else Ben, Ryan, Tom, and Nan ask me to do.

BH: *What have the highlights of the summer been in your eyes?*

BC: The deepening of the relationships that I had with Ben, Tom, and Ryan has been a pleasure as well as building new ones with people I didn't know before. Especially in the youth ministry, there are so many new faces because of the radical growth that I barely knew most of the kids. There is one that especially sticks out in my mind, I was able to get to know Ty Hill pretty well over the summer and was privileged to see him commit his life to full-time ministry while we were at CIY. That was one of the most exciting things that I could have imagined happening.

BH: *Do you feel that this summer has been a successful addition to your training for ministry?*

BC: I definitely do from two different aspects. First, I saw and experienced things that have helped me to understand the practical applications of my classroom learning at college. Secondly, I have been made aware that my last few years of college are most definitely a necessity. I am no where near fully prepared to do this on a full-time basis yet.

BH: *Any last words for the FCC family as you prepare to finish your internship?*

BC: There is something special about this place. Every time I leave I can't wait to come back. Every time I come back I dread leaving. If this church will continue to grow in unity and in love for one another, its outreach will be immeasurable. The lives that have been changed, are being changed, and will be changed by this church are powerful ones. If the power of this family can be channeled into boldness for the Kingdom of God, this city cannot stay the same. There are lost people everywhere in Albuquerque' if we can bring them into the amazing community of this church and let them see the love of Jesus through our love for them, God WILL move in this city. I beg you: make it happen.

BC: Thank you for allowing me to work with you this summer. It has truly been an exciting privilege that I will not forget.

We're praying for God's continued blessing on you Ben! Ben will be giving the message at the upcoming Youth Sunday on August 10th. You will be blessed by Ben as he opens God's Word for us on the topic of "In the Shadow of the Cross."

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August Birthdays

Little, Karolin	8/2
Battaile, Peter	8/3
Keeling, Ashley	8/4
Shaver, Howard	8/4
Miller, Lesley	8/6
Wu, Christopher	8/6
Zeter, Ben	8/6
Goettsche, Cheryl Lyn	8/8
Colson, Holly	8/10
Poortvliet, Jan	8/12
Wright, Brandon	8/12
Dotson, Angel	8/15
Sullins, Shanna	8/15
Cooper, David	8/16
Hawkins, Donna	8/16
Romero, Dr Jim	8/17
Smith, Carly	8/17
Kill, Tony	8/18
Loftus, Pat	8/18
Wilcox, Megan	8/18
Driver, Sally	8/19
Yasm, Joyce	8/19
Beddo, Joan	8/20
O'Neil, Erin	8/20
McArthur, Rachel	8/21
Best, Don	8/22
Borkert, Nancy	8/22
Helm, Jayson	8/22
Snider, Karen	8/24
Shaver, Eva	8/25
Loeffel, Mary	8/26
Miller, Jared	8/28
Battaile, Corbett	8/29
Trujillo, Vic	8/30

August Anniversaries

Chris & Michelle Lippitt)	5-Aug
Pat & Mitzi Loftus	8-Aug
Mike and Denise Stills	9-Aug
Jayson & Lisa Helm	10-Aug
Dave & Jan Poortvliet	10-Aug
Roy & Nonah Barringer	19-Aug
Howard & Mary Lou Shaver	19-Aug
Jim & Cheryl Swart	22-Aug

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

- Worship Service—8 AM
- Bible School—9 AM
- Fellowship—10 AM
- Worship Service—10:30 AM
- Youth Meeting—6 PM

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FCC's newest online ministry:

The Shepherd's Post

Go to www.fccabq.org

- Sign in with your member login and password
- Click on the ministry dropdown menu
- Choose the Shepherd's Post
- Choose the thread under which you would like to post your item, service or need.
- Also, check out what others have posted.

Stay Connected to the Shepherd's Post!

- Sign up for email notification of posting and changes.
- Click on each desired thread
- Click the watch/un-watch button
- Enter your email and select desired type of notification.

Check it out . . . it's fun and will be a blessing to you and everyone who works the post.

Shepherd's Post is your connection to the needs and wants of your church family.

Please post your request and see how God brings His family together to meet each other's needs!



NEW Message Series from the Book of James Living A Victorious Life

Do you desire to live a victorious life? The Book of James has been called the letter for practical Christian living. Join us in the coming weeks as Tom Caffery presents an expositional study of the letter from James. We will gain insights and practical wisdom on how to live a victorious life in Christ.

The series will begin August 17th!

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