



November 2008 marks FCC's 105th Anniversary of ministry.

What was planted in the hearts of men and women in 1903 grew into a strong presence for Christ today.

Did you know?

In 1903, when Albuquerque was a dusty town of 30,000, a small band of believers organized a church patterned after the First Century church described in the New Testament. Thus, First Christian Church came into existence.

During the early years of the church, the congregation met at 122 Broadway Southeast, east of the railroad tracks that border Albuquerque's downtown.

The church's slogan at the time was "A Friendly Church in the Heart of a Friendly City."

Although the building has changed owners numerous times since then, the cornerstone bearing the name "First Christian Church" remains visible from the street.

## our mission

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

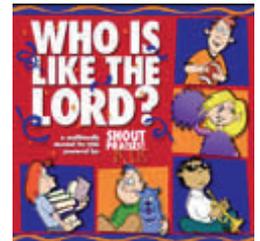
# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

November 2008

### Who Is Like the Lord?

Children's Choir Presentation, November 16th

Sunday, November 16th, the Children's Choir will present "Who is Like the Lord?" a musical drama in both services. You are sure to be blessed by the hard work of the kids, so be sure to invite family and friends.



### Congregation Affirm 2009 Budget and Elder

We are pleased to announce that the 2009 Budget and Elder were affirmed by the FCC members at the October 26th Annual Meetings following each service. Todd Zeter was affirmed for another 2 year term as Elder. Todd will work in 2009 with the Eldership Team of Art Cordova, Greg Gross, Lawrence Junker, Steve Peltier, Tom Headley, and Randy Summers.

### Worship Service Time Changes begin January 11th

9:00 AM and 10:45 AM

We will be moving our 8:00 am service to 9:00 am and the 10:30 am service to 10:45 am beginning January 11th. Each service will be 70 minutes. Adult Sunday School will be available for both hours and Children's Ministry will run a continuous program from 9:00 am to 11:55 AM.

### Operation Christmas Child "the Power of a Simple Gift"

Join our campaign partnering with Samaritan's Purse by collecting shoe boxes filled with gifts for children around the world. You can begin the process by taking one of the OCC brochures, gathering up your old shoe boxes, and begin filling them with the recommended items for a boy or a girl...or maybe you will decide to do both!

Once you have filled your boxes, please bring them back within the next two weeks to be turned into the distribution center. Brochures available on Sundays in the foyer.

### 80th Birthday Party for Mary Tagert

November 8th, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

The daughters and son of Mary Tagert would like to invite you to a celebration of our mother's 80th birthday! Please come to the Family Center here at First Christian on Saturday, November 8th between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. If you'd like to bring a card for a memory book for her, that would be great, but your presence is the only gift needed.

### FIRST FRUITS this weekend — Sunday, November 2

Bring your canned meats, baby food and Ensure as we help supply Angel's Acts of Kindness in their food distribution program.

## Engage: loving, learning, and living

Tom Caffery

I shared on Vision Sunday that engaging in God's mission is risky, radical, oft times judged as ridiculous, but always revolutionary. Jesus went to the synagogue, to the streets, and even sat in a boat on the Sea of Galilee to create environments where people were challenged to engage in a relationship with Him and then be about His mission.

Our specific goals for 2009 are to enhance the environments of discipleship, fellowship and outreach. We will accomplish these through upgrading the foyer, kitchen, and family center, creating more Bible study opportunities, developing group life, and establishing key events where we can confidently invite our friends and families.

One key initiative for 2009 will begin on Sunday, January 11th, when we begin a back to back worship service format where worship and Bible study will be available during both worship services for adults and children. On January 11, 2009 our worship services will begin at 9:00 am and 10:45 am. Each service will last 70 minutes. Children's Ministry will be a continuous program from 9:00 am to 11:55 am. This change opens up more options and opportunities for us to obediently follow where God is moving.

We will continue to expend our ministry, fiscal and emotional energies to maximize our vision to engage in God's mission in Albuquerque and around the globe. I look forward to the coming year!

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## Join Our Christmas Decoration Team

Would you like to get into the spirit of our Lord's birth early? Then help us get the church ready for the season by being a part of the Christmas Decoration Team. We will begin our planning soon, so let us know soon if you would like to help. Please contact Tom Caffery [tcaffery@fccabq.org](mailto:tcaffery@fccabq.org) or 294-0630 to get more information.

## Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

Poinsettias used in our Christmas décor will be available for purchase to memorialize or honor a loved one. Flowers will be \$10 and are available for pick up on Sunday, December 21st or the Christmas Eve services.

## Ladies' Shop, Soup, and Wrap

Saturday, December 6th

Have you started thinking about Christmas presents yet?

Shop, Soup and Wrap is Saturday, Dec. 6th this year. Mark your calendars for this opportunity to kick start your Christmas wrapping and reduce your holiday stress! Watch the Sunday bulletin for more information!

If you would like to be involved in planning this event (making soup, decorating, donating wrapping supplies, etc.) call Sharon Burcham at 505-270-5541.

## CHRISTMAS 2008

Join us in December as we celebrate Christmas.

Sunday, Dec. 7      Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM \* FCC Choir

Sunday, Dec. 14    Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM \* FCC Choir

Sunday, Dec. 14    Christmas Cantata 7:00 PM

The FCC Choir & Handbells accompanied by Matthew Stewart and Enchantment Handbells will present *Festival of Carols*. Reception following.

Friday, Dec. 19    Enchantment Handbells Christmas Concert 7:00 PM

Sunday, Dec. 21    Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM \* FCC Choir

Wed., Dec. 24      Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services  
6:00 PM & 11:00 PM

## BIRTHDAYS

### NOVEMBER

Monica Battaile	1
Barbara Harger	1
Doreen Hendren	1
Peter Thome	3
Michael McArthur	4
Katelyn Wu	4
Kevin Schitoskey	6
Xavier Miller	7
Logan Victor	7
Christine Cooper	9
Aaron Dye	9
Denae Junker	9
Mary Pendergrass	10
Heather Schitoskey	10
Rachel Dostal	11
Lauren Swart	11
Mary Tagert	11
Karla Romero	12
Tom Tagert	12
Olive Dean	14
Lucas Dotson	14
Thomas Loftus	14
Tyler Hill	15
David Catanzaro	16
Derek Hartig	17
Lanie Peltier	17
Isaac Moore	19
Elizabeth Harger	20
John Hawkins	20
Mary Cavin	21
Seth Eggleton	21
Melissa Benton	22
Larry Brownfield	23
Kaylee Hamilton	23
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