

Welcome!

We are glad you came to worship this morning. If you are a guest this morning would you take a moment and fill out the Welcome Card attached to this worship bulletin? Just drop it in the offering plate or turn it in at the Welcome Center.

Our Worship Today

The Gathering

Our worship focuses on gathering to worship God through lifting our voices in song, praise, and prayer. We bring forth our thanksgiving from the fruit of our lips, being attentive to the reading of His Word and through our regular giving. We celebrate who He is and what He has done and continues to do in our lives.

The Offering

Each week we worship God by bringing an offering to Him from the first fruits of our labor. *“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”* 2 Corinthians 9:7

The Word

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16

Today’s Message: Ben Headley, Youth Minister

The Table

Each week we remember what Jesus has done for us by worshipping at the Lord’s Table. We invite all believers to partake of the emblems of his body and blood as the trays are passed.
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Sending

Each week we reflect on what God has said to each of us in the worship experience. Maybe He is calling you to Himself. If you are ready to become a Christian, to rededicate your life to Christ, or desire to become a member of First Christian, then, we invite you to come forward at the end of the service to speak and pray with one of our Ministers or Decision Counselors.



**Thanksgiving Offering Today
November 23rd & 30th**

Today we are taking up our Thanksgiving Offering for our Benevolence Fund which assists our families when emergencies arise. This year we are adding the Mission’s Special Projects Fund which will act as an emergency fund for the missionaries we support. Thanks in advance for your generosity. Write your checks out to FCC and *“Thanksgiving Offering”* on your note.

Today

♦Decision Counselors: Hamilton / Summers ♦Shut-in-Communion: Nelson

Sunday Children’s Ministries

- Nursery (Newborn to 24 months) 9:00—11:45 AM
- Sunday School (2 yrs old — 5th gr.) 9:00—10:00 AM
- BLAST Children’s Worship (2yr—5th) 10:30—11:45 AM
- FUSION Lab (Jr /Sr High): 9:00—10:00 AM

Sunday Adult Bible Studies Classes meet at 9:00 AM

- RM 100: Hebrews (Art Cordova) Library: Women’s Bible Study
- RM 101: 10 Commandments (T. Harger) RM 110: James (Bud Cavin)
- RM 108: The Book of Proverbs (T. Zeter) RM 109: The Book of Mark (T. Headley)
- LOWER LEVEL: College (18-20+)Class (John Linn)

Tonight

- Hand Bells Rehearsal 3:15 PM
- Adult Choir Practice 4:30 PM
- FUSION: Youth Ministry 6:00 PM

This Week

- MONDAY 24**
Bible Study at the Cavin’s (821-1373) 7:00 PM
- TUESDAY 25**
Ladies Bible Study: Bridges Book 10:30 AM
Financial Peace University 6:30 PM
- WEDNESDAY 26**
Through the Bible Study on Campus (Cavin) 10:00 AM
- THURSDAY 26**
Thanksgiving Day
- FRIDAY 21**
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Bible Study at the Cordova’s (344-3110) 6:00 PM

Singspiration Sunday November 30th

The fifth Sunday Singspiration will be at the church in Belen. Come for a time of singing favorite hymns and dessert. For more information contact Bud & Mary Cavin (821-1373)

Coming Soon at FCC

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| NO FUSION Youth Group | Wednesday, November 26 |
| THANKSGIVING DAY | Thursday, November 27 |
| Fifth Sunday Singspiration in Belen | Sunday, November 30 |
| College Care Package Ministry | Sunday, November 30 |
| Elder Prayer Service | Sunday, November 30 |
| Book Club at Quilt’s Ole | Thursday, December 4 |
| Soup, Shop & Wrap | Saturday, December 6 |
| Ladies Time-Out Potluck | Tuesday, December 9 |

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Mon-Thurs 9:00—5:00
Fridays 9:00—1:00

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FACTS & FIGURES for November 16, 2008

Attendance: 365 General Fund: \$16,584.08 Weekly Budget Need: \$10,630

DEADLINES: News and Views deadline is the 15th of every month. Bulletin is Tuesday by Noon.

Christmas 2008

Sunday Worship
December 7
8 & 10:30 AM

Simple Idea
* FCC Choir & Praise Teams

Sunday Worship
December 14
8 & 10:30 AM

Simple Gift
* FCC Choir & Praise Teams

Sunday Evening
December 14
6:00 PM

Festival of Carols Christmas Cantata
* FCC Choir & Hand Bells accompanied by Matthew Stewart and the *Enchantment Hand Bells*.
* “Taste of Christmas” Reception

Friday Evening
December 19
7:00 PM

Enchantment Hand Bells Christmas Concert
* *Enchantment Hand Bells* will present a wonderful bell concert with Christmas music from around the world.

Sunday Worship
December 21
8 & 10:30 AM

Simple Message
* FCC Choir & Praise Teams

Wednesday Evening
December 24
6:00 & 11:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services



Getting Ready for the Season

Join Our Christmas Decoration Team

Help us get the church ready for the season by being a part of the Christmas Decoration Team. We will begin our decorating soon, so let us know soon if you would like to help. Please contact Tom Caffery tcaffery@fccabq.org or 294-0630 to get more information or sign-up on your Welcome Card.

Ladies’ Shop, Soup, and Wrap — Saturday, December 6th 11 — 2 PM

Have you started thinking about Christmas presents yet? There are only 27 more days until FCC’s annual *Shop, Soup and Wrap* so start making those lists and hitting the stores! *Shop, Soup and Wrap* is Saturday, Dec. 6th this year. Kick start your Christmas wrapping and reduce your holiday stress! Be watching the bulletin for more information!

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

Prayer & Pastoral Care Requests

Please share my requests with:

- Staff & Elders only. Staff, Elders and Prayer Chain. For Publication.

Pastoral Care Requests:

- I have an upcoming surgery at _____ hospital on (date) _____ (time) _____

- I plan to attend the Elder’s Prayer Service on November 30 at 6:00 PM

Operation Christmas Child
“the Power of a Simple Gift”

Thank you for partnering with us and Samaritan’s Purse. We collected over 120 shoe boxes filled with gifts for children around the world.



We will see you next year!



TREK 101
Starting Your Journey with First Christian

Trek 101 Membership Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of First Christian? Do you desire to know more about a relationship with Jesus? We invite you to TREK 101 Membership Class. Join Pastor Tom at 9:10 am in the chapel. Sign-up up for the class on the Welcome Card or call the church office, 294-0630. We look forward to seeing you.

Sign-up Today for the December 7 & 14 Classes!

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, Dec.21st or the Christmas Eve services. You may sign-up on your Welcome Card or by noting “Poinsettias” on your check and placing it in the offering. Also, indicate the person you are honoring on the card or check.

NEW Service Times Begin January 11, 2009

Our new service times will be 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM starting on January 11, 2009. Adult Bible Studies and Children’s Ministries will be available at both hours. New adult class schedule will be announced soon!

Thank you for filling out the Welcome Card.
Please tear off and place in offering plate as it is passed.

Welcome Card **November 23, 2008**

Service Attended: 8:00AM 10:30AM
 First Time Guest Second Other Member

Name _____

Address _____ Apt # _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home / Cell / Work Phone _____

Email _____

I am interested in:

- Becoming a Christian Membership Speaking with a Minister
- I would like to sign-up for TREK 101 meeting on December 7 & 14
- I want to help by being on the Christmas Décor Team
- I would like purchase a Memorial Poinsettia:
 In Honor/Memory of _____

Prayer Requests

NEW or UPDATED PRAYER REQUESTS*

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” Philippians 4:6

- Darlene. Buck Brandon's Aunt. Liver cancer.
- Carol Driscoll. Health & healing. Obedience & strength.
- Nicole Gollihar. Illness
- Huff Family. Friends of Kellie Brandon. Family problems.
- Theresa Salazar. For the sick and for sister to find job.
- Michael Trower. Home from Afghanistan (Antje Sandoval's brother & Derek Hartig's Uncle).
- Cox Family. Peter Thome's daughter. Missionaries to Sudan. Departed states Nov 16

ONGOING REQUESTS

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17

FAMILY MATTERS

- Gfellers. Move news, Derek
- Jayne Gregory. Prayers for good tenant to rent apartment.
- William Mattingly. Steve Asher's Brother.
- Tamara & Gary Rea. Marriage
- Jared Miller. Clear thought, peace & understanding
- Kent, Khira, Chloe & Max Williams. Divorcing.
- Janice Donalson. (quest). Francios to become Christian;
- Caleigh to have long and healthy, happy life;
- Rosemary to recover with no pain from her surgery.

HEALTH & HEALING

- Pathira Best's Dad, Hemtong. Stroke/Lost 60% agility. Rehab.
- Dick Stansbury. Total knee replacement 11/28
- Julian Wong. Pathira Best's girlfriend's son. Heart surgery.
- Jennifer Bass. Pamela Caffery's Cousin. Kidney donor list.
- Dick Dudley. Tom Harger's Cousin. Waiting for heart transplant.
- Robert McNutt. Health issues
- Jewel Roach. Pamela Caffery's Mother. Leg pain and diagnosis.
- K. Smith. Sale of home.
- Joyce Yasm. Health
- May Livesay. Prayer for her vision
- Carolyn Neuber. Recovering from leg surgery.
- Dorothy Mills. Compression in her back
- Dot Stansbury. Medical issues.
- Gladys Wood. Recovering from fall.
- Josh Michelbach. Salvation. Depression.
- Betty Bornt. Eric Gfeller's grandmother. Blood clots.
- Caitlyn Hill. Pat Hill's granddaughter. Epilepsy.

CANCER Pray for treatment, healing and family

- James Ward. (Past Minister at FCC) Prostate.
- Tom Lehman. Friend of Doreen Kurtz.
- Kim Morgan. Steve Asher's friend. Breast.
- George Demarse. Monica Battaile's Uncle.
- Dave Mills. Marcella Smith's brother. Lung / COPD.
- Kay Dixon. Tami Jackson's sister. Lung.
- Jeanine McDevitt. Carolyn Neuber's friend. Pancreatic.
- Debbie Bowers. Wayne Myers' sister. Skin cancer on nose.
- Candida Kingston. Addie Mohoney's sister-in-law's granddaughter. Leukemia.
- May Livesay's Co-worker
- Stan Coleman. Pendergrass' Friend.
- Cyril Misenko. Liver. Chemo/PT.
- William Hill. Pat Hill's Son. Bladder.
- Danny Morgan. Asher's friend
- Beth Morris. Cancer

MILITARY Pray for their safety and families:

- *Jayson Tennyson. Sara Driver's friend. Iraq.
- *Ben Yarbrough. Sharon Burcham's brother. Navy.
- *Sean Leonard. PHL. Second tour, safety, family.
- *Tomecia. Debra Asher's Daughter. Iraq.
- *Michael Trower. Antje Sandoval's brother. Afghanistan.
- *Ryan Eckstrom. Sandra Eichenberg's nephew. In Iraq with Marines.
- *Jeanine Frazier. Iraq.
- *Ryan Davis. Stills' Nephew. Iraq.
- *John Keeling. Navy.

MISSIONARIES

Bill Hoff in Honduras. Broken ribs, Hoff's son-in-law Tom in Phoenix with acute leukemia
Jul & LuzCastellano in Philippines. Nov. 13-15 evangelistic mtg. in a Muslim area

“...we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.” Acts 6:4

*Requests will be removed from the prayer list every four weeks. You can update or renew requests as needed.