

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

December 14, 2008

Welcome!

We are glad you came to worship with us during this season of celebrating the coming of the Christ child. 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

We gather to worship God by lifting our voices in song, praise, and prayer. We worship Him with thanksgiving through our giving, by sharing in community and hearing His Word.

The Word

Today's Message: *Simple Gift*, Tom Caffery

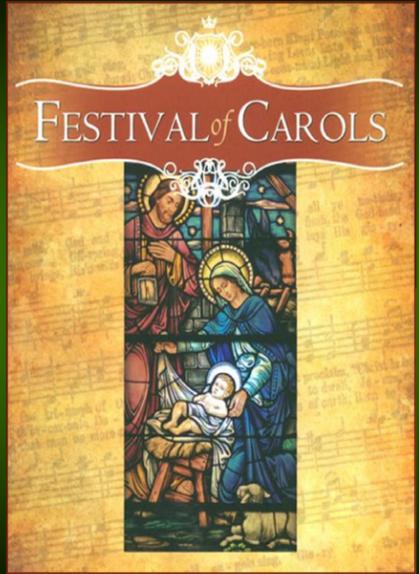


The Table

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. Read 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.



Festival of Carols

Christmas Cantata

Tonight 6:00 PM

Come and enjoy the music of Christmas featuring the FCC Choir & Hand Bells with guest pianist Matthew Stewart and Enchantment Hand Bells.

Enjoy our "Taste of Christmas" reception immediately following the cantata.

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. 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.

Today

◆Decision Counselors: Duran, Cross ◆Shut-in-Communion: Zeter

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

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



Make An Eternal Difference...Join the Children's Ministry Team

We're in need of Sunday School teachers for the K-1st grade class and the 3rd – 4th grade class. Full-time volunteers would be great, but we're also open to those who would do a monthly rotation. Curriculum and delightful children provided. Please contact Virginia Cordova, 344-3110, if for more information.

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 listed below and we will be announcing new classes soon!

Adult Bible Studies Beginning January 11th

9:00 AM	Room 105 Beyond Fusion Linn	10:45 AM	Room 100 Truthseekers Cordova
Room 108 New Life Junker	Room 101 Evidence Harger	Room 108 New Life Zeter	Room 109 Joint Heirs Headley
Room 112 9 & 10 th Grade Moore	Room 201 11 & 12 th Grade Headley	Library Ladies Class Peltier / Burns	
10:15—11:15 AM	Room 110 Bible Characters Cavin		

FACTS & FIGURES for December 7, 2008

Attendance: 338 General Fund: \$9810.61 Weekly Budget Need: \$10,630

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

2009 Mexico Mission Trip

It's not too early to start planning your summer! The Missions Ministry is planning a short-term mission trip to Cris Garcia's Bethshean Mission in Estancia de Animas, Mexico, during the first week of August 2009. We will be having an informational meeting in January, so stay tuned for the date and time. In the meantime, if you have any questions about Bethshean Mission or this trip, you can contact John Linn 828-2550 or Todd Zeter 237-1869.

Congratulations FCC Students

Several members of the FCC youth program were chosen by the NM Music Educators Association to participate in All State music groups during their meeting January 7-10 on the UNM campus. **Ben Zeter** will play trombone in the Symphonic Band. **Colleen Gross** will play trombone in the Concert Band.

The La Cueva High School Jazz Band, in which **Isaac Moore** plays bass, was chosen as the Honor Jazz Band for the convention. The jazz group will perform January 7th, 2009 in Popejoy Hall at 5:15pm. (Check the NMMEA website for the bands performance times.)"

2009 Offering Envelopes

The 2009 Offering envelopes will be available on December 21st in the foyer. Please throw away your left over GREEN 2008 envelopes in January. Thank you for your faithful giving throughout the year.

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Mon-Thurs 9:00—5:00
Fridays 9:00—1:00

Prayer Needs:
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Pastoral Care Needs:
pastoralcare@fccabq.org

Elders: elders@fccabq.org



Have a prayer need? You can now call from anywhere and request prayer . . . 857-7729

Prayer Hotline calls are immediately sent to the Staff, Elders, and Prayer Team.

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) _____

ECHANTMENT
HANDBELLS
christmas Concert
Friday, December 19th
7:00 PM



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Please tear off and place in offering plate as it is passed.**

Welcome Card **December 14, 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 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*

Cindee Hibbits. Poortvliet's niece. Deployed to Afghanistan.
Patti Mulcahy. Work situation.
Jane Gregory. Job Search

ONGOING REQUESTS

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

HEALTH & HEALING

Scott Berry, Jr. Health
Gfellers. Praise. Staying in Albuquerque. Derek.
William Mattingly. Steve Asher's Brother. Heath & spiritual issues
Bob & Betty McNutt. Health
Danny Morgan. Asher's life-long friend. Praise. Cancer treatment was successful.
Betty Borni. Eric Gfeller's mother. Blood clots & comfort
Kristin Brown. Recovering from surgery
Alice Lippard. Mary Tagert's sister. Health
Hemtong. Pathira Best's dad. Stroke recovery
Cameron Wong. Pathira Best's girlfriend's 2-yr-old son. Awaiting heart surgery.
Carol Driscoll. Health & healing. Obedience & strength.
Theresa Salazar. For the sick and for sister to find job.
Dick Stansbury. Total knee replacement 11/28
Jennifer Bass. Pamela Caffery's Cousin. Kidney donor list.
Dick Dudley. Tom Harger's Cousin. Waiting for heart transplant.
Jewel Roach. Pamela Caffery's Mother. Leg pain and diagnosis.
May Livesay. Prayer for her vision
Carolyn Neuber. Recovering from leg surgery.
Dorothy Mills. Compression in her back
Dot Stansbury. Medical issues.
Josh Michelbach. Salvation. Depression.
Caitlyn Hill. Pat Hill's granddaughter. Epilepsy.

PREGNANCY

Kaylee Hamilton
Jessica Victor
Rachel Dostal
Jennifer Dean
Sara Nelson

FAMILY MATTERS

Huff Family. Friends of Kellie Brandon. Family problems
K. Smith. Sale of home.
Tamara & Gary Rea. Marriage
Kent, Khira, Chloe & Max Williams. Divorcing.
Jayne Gregory. Prayers for good tenant to rent apartment.

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.
Darlene. Buck Brandon's Aunt. Liver cancer.
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

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
Cox Family. Peter Thome's daughter. Missionaries to Sudan. Departed states Nov 16

MILITARY *Pray for their safety and families:*

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

*"...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.