

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

December 28, 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: Thomas Loftus

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 Decision Counselors.

Thomas Loftus Going to England

Thomas Loftus will be working with the *International Christian Youthworks* team in Birmingham, England. His ministry will be to work with youth in the located church and in a local school. His passion for evangelism and hospitality will serve well as he works in small groups and teaching. He has made an initial commitment of three years to train and to minister in England.



Thomas grew up at FCC and has been working in the youth and children's ministries. He was ordained at FCC this past summer and continues the strong heritage of young people who have dedicated themselves to full time Christian service. Pray for Thomas in planning, prepping and fund raising.

Thomas will be our speaker in both morning services.

2009 Offering Envelopes

The 2009 Offering envelopes are available in the foyer. Please throw away your left over GREEN 2008 envelopes in January. Thank you for your faithful giving throughout the year. If you cannot locate your envelopes or desire to have a set for your 2009 giving, please contact the church office (294-0630).

Today

◆Decision Counselors: Burns ◆Shut-in-Communion: Cordova

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* (Headley)
LOWER LEVEL: *College (18-20+)Class* (John Linn)

Tonight

FUSION: Youth Ministry 6:00 PM

NEW Service Times Begin January 11, 2009 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

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			10:45 AM		
Room 105	Beyond Fusion	Linn	Room 100	Truthseekers	Cordova
Room 108	New Life	Junker	Room 101	Evidence	Harger
Room 109	Joint Heirs	Headley	Room 108	New Life	Zeter
Room 112	9 & 10 th Grade	Moore			
Room 113	Mid School	Cross			
Room 201	11 & 12 th Grade	Headley	Library	Ladies Class	Peltier / Burns

10:15—11:15 AM

Room 110 Bible Characters Cavin

NEW Classes are coming this February and throughout the year for men, women, new and mature believers. Be watching for your opportunity to grow in His Word.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Kitchen Team Orientation Meeting, January 7th at 7:00 PM

Anyone who will be a part of the Kitchen Team (cooking, serving, cleaning, etc.) in 2009 are to be at the Orientation Meeting on January 7th at 7:00 PM in the Family Center.

Joey Wimmer, Regional Manager for Fuddruckers of Albuquerque, will be our guest trainer. Kitchen Team Coordinators Clara Mapstone and Jane Gregory will be providing general direction for this season.

If you are interested in cooking, serving, or cleaning, please plan to attend!

FACTS & FIGURES for December 21, 2008

Attendance: 316 General Fund: \$9883.79 Weekly Budget Need: \$10,630

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

Wednesday Night Dinners Begin on January 14th

Plan to join us this coming new year on Wednesday nights for dinner! Our first night will be January 14th at 6:00 P.M. Sign-ups for WND will begin January 4th.

Upcoming Menus:

- January 14 Baked chicken, seasoned potatoes, veggies, salad, dessert, drinks
Cook: Melissa Keeling
- January 21 Lasagna, Broccoli Normandy, salad, breadsticks, dessert, drinks
Cooks: Chuck & Rhoda Winters
- January 28 Swiss Chicken with rice, green beans, rolls, salad, dessert, drinks
Cooks: Marvin & Maryann Pendergrass

If you are interested in planning and cooking a meal this season, please contact the church office. We would enjoy new cooks this season.

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.

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Mon-Thurs 9:00—5:00
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PRAYER Hotline 857-PRAY

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) _____
- Please have my Shepherding Elder contact me.
- I would like to speak with a Minister.



Make An Eternal Difference...in the Lives of Children!

We are looking for people who love children and are willing to spend time with them in Children's Ministry. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! We will provide you with the resources and training you need to make an ETERNAL difference on your first day on the mission.

You can work with...preschool or elementary...9:00 AM or 10:45 AM...you can read a story...sing...ask some questions...help with a craft...be a guide...play a game...laugh...pray...talk...shout...be a mentor...whew!

Children's Ministry is easy, fun, about two hours a week (counting Sunday) and you will make an ETERNAL DIFFERENCE immediately.

Take the challenge! Give us an opportunity to answer your questions and tell you about what we do on Sunday mornings. You just may find out the eternal benefits God has in store for you!

Complete the Welcome Card below drop it off at the Welcome Center.

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

Welcome Card

December 28, 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

Knowing more about the Children's Ministry Team's challenge to spend two hours a week making an eternal difference!

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

Scott Berry, Jr. Health
William Hill, Pat Hill's son. Bladder cancer. Improving.
Lana, Friend of Patti Mulcahy. Recovering from hip replacement surgery.
Patti Mulcahy, Praise. Blessing of answered prayer for family health.
Mary Cavin. Health.
Caitlyn Hill. Pat Hill's granddaughter. Prayers have helped. No epileptic seizures for 6 mo.
William Hill. Pat Hill's son. Bladder cancer. Improving.
Kurtz Family. Travel to Montana 12/21-12/30
Dorothy Mill. Health care.
James Smith. Berry's son-in-law. Job search.
Anna Piercy. Died on Wednesday, December 17th. Pray for her family.
Ingham Family. Kristi Headley's family as they grieve the death of Conrad.

ONGOING REQUESTS

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

HEALTH & HEALING

Gfellers, Praise. Staying in Albuquerque. Derek.
Bob & Betty McNutt. Health
Betty Born. Eric Gfeller's mother. Blood clots & comfort
Alice Lippard. Mary Tagert's sister. Health
Hemtong. Pathira Best's dad. Stroke recovery
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.
Danny Morgan. Asher's life-long friend. Praise. Cancer treatment was successful.
William Mattingly. Steve Asher's Brother. Heath & spiritual issues
Cameron Wong. Pathira Best's girlfriend's 2-yr-old son. Awaiting heart surgery.

Scott Berry, Jr. Health
Kristin Brown. Recovering/surgery
May Livesay. Prayer for her vision
Dot Stansbury. Medical issues.
Carolyn Neuber. Recovering/surgery
Dorothy Mills. Compression in back

FAMILY MATTERS

Patti Mulcahy. Work situation.
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. Job Search

PREGNANCY

Kaylee Hamilton
Jessica Victor
Rachel Dostal
Jennifer Dean

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

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.
*Cindee Hibbits. Poortvliet's niece. Deployed to Afghanistan.

*Jeanine Frazier. Iraq.
*Ryan Davis. Stills' Nephew. Iraq.
*John Keeling. Navy.

"...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.

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