

Greetings!

Your staff has been working diligently to enhance several of the ministries at FCC. In the coming weeks and months you are going to witness new and current ministries enhanced to levels which will be God honoring and intentional.

My hope is that you will be encouraged and stimulated to be a part of these ministries as the Holy Spirit prompts you to use your gifts and passions at First Christian. God has given each of us gifts and it is His desire is to stir us to be a part of His grace giving ministry.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms...If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 4:10, 11

“Continuing an Original Idea”

Imagine for a moment that you could be a part of an original God idea. I mean actually being a part of the planning, testing, and tweeking stages of an original invention. You can! No kidding!

Simply by being a part of our Small Groups’ Ministry you can continue God’s original idea for fellowship, spiritual growth and Kingdom building...read Acts 2:42-47 for the detailed plan...but also be ready to join a small group and get to know God and His people the way He originally intended. More information to come...

BLAST

We are few weeks away from opening a new era in Children’s Ministry at First. We are transforming the lower level with the help of some of our very own artists and ministry planners into a themed ministry environment.

Your children will experience a safe, secure and certainly fun ministry. All children will sign-in with their parents and will enter BLAST for age appropriate learning experiences, interactive large group times and smaller groups where relationships can be nurtured.

Children attending our traditional Sunday School hour will stay in the lower level for a fun and creative transition time before BLAST and then will reconnect with their parents at the end of the 10:30 a.m. service.

BLAST will be a continuous ministry for the entire worship hour at 10:30 am. Children will not be dismissed mid-service but are invited to enter BLAST when they arrive.

You will be hearing and seeing more about the new and improved BLAST Children’s Ministry soon! Be praying for our Team and be ready to invite children of all ages to this exciting new ministry environment where they will learn about Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him.

Have a BLAST!

Have a blast by being a part of the Children's Ministry Team. We have short term projects which include wall preparation, painting, minor construction and moving of furniture, etc. We will be priming and taping on Sunday, September 17th with lunch provided and painting on Sunday, September 24th so come and join us!

Long term we are looking for team members with differing gifts who are passionate about creating an effective Children's Ministry with a one year commitment.

Currently we are looking for team members, for registration and security; guiding children to and from learning environments; craft and artistic projects; music and worship and general service. Children's Ministry does not equal teaching...so, if you have a passion and gifts to offer our Children's Ministry Team...then we would certainly like to see you become a member!

If you have interest in becoming a Team member or desire more information about being a part of this exciting ministry...contact Candice Summers or Ryan Nelson at the Church office, 294-0630.

New Mexico Christian Convention

I was recently invited to the planning meeting for the 2007 NMCC. Many of you have participated in the past and the 2007 event looks to be a good one! The two-day event will be held on the beautiful campus of the LifeWay Glorietta Conference Center in March. We will give you more details soon. I hope that many of us will plan to be a part of this statewide fellowship!

Did You Notice?

The fenced area on the parking lot is construction storage for the third and final phase of development for our neighbors directly east. We have a shared agreement with our neighbors to utilize the parking lot for such uses. The fence will be there for the duration of their project. I can't wait for a season when we get our turn to build a fence...

Look Forward To Seeing You

The kids are in school and doing well in the new environment. I appreciate all of the kind words and encouragements you have given to Pamela and me. She is getting acclimated into the APS substitute teaching pool and is enjoying her gardens.

I will be out of town Labor Day Weekend speaking at a Family Conference in Central Illinois. Ben and Ryan will be continuing our series on *Influencing Your World*. Be in prayer as we continue to enhance ministries at First. I look forward to a great Fall season.

Allow me to encourage you to get back to church if it has been a while and to get involved in what God is doing at First!

Tom Caffery