

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

December 20, 2009

Welcome!

We are glad you have come to worship with us at First Christian.

We desire to reach all people with the Good News of Jesus Christ and develop them into fully devoted followers of Him. Our Sunday ministries will provide opportunities for you and your family to worship and grow in your journey with God.

If you are a guest this morning please 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 today to worship God as His community, the church! Our songs, praises, and prayers are worship to Him. He delights in our thanksgiving through our giving, by sharing in community and hearing His Word.

Today's Message: Tom Caffery—It's a Wonderful Life

The Table

We follow Jesus' teaching to remember His sacrificial death on a cross for the sins of all people 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)

The Sending

Each week we reflect on our experience with God. Many take this time to collect their thoughts on where they are with Him and where they want to be. Each of us are sent when we depart. Our life of worship continues when we leave the gathering of believers. (Romans 12)

Sometimes individuals desire prayer for a pressing need, pray for a renewed focus, or desire to receive Jesus' forgiveness and restoration through His free gift of salvation.

Maybe He is calling you to Himself.

If you desire 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 Pastors.



PRAYER Hotline 857-PRAY

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

Today

Sunday Children's Ministries

NURSERY

• Nursery (Newborn to 24 months) 9:00—11:55 AM West Hall

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

• Sunday School (2 yrs old — 5th gr.) 9:00—10:20 AM Lower Level
 • BLAST Children's Worship (2yr—5th) 10:20—11:55 AM Lower Level

Adult & Student Bible Studies

9:00 AM

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| Room B102 | College Age | Linn | Room 100 | Truth Seekers | Cordova |
| Room 108 | James/1John | Junker | Room 101 | Evidence | Harger |
| Room 109 | Life of Christ 1 | Headley | Room 110 | Bible Characters | Cavin |
| Room 112 | Mid School | Loftus | | | |
| Room 113 | 9 & 10 th Gr. | Moore | | | |
| Room 201 | 11 & 12 th Gr. | Headley | | | |
| Library | Ladies Class | Peltier/Burns | | | |

10:45 AM

Tonight

FUSION: Youth Ministry 6:00 PM

This Week

WEDNESDAY

- *Through the Bible* Study on Campus (Cavin) 10:00 AM
- Financial Peace University 7:00 PM
- Dorcas Group 7:00 PM
- FUSION Youth Group 7:00 PM

THURSDAY

- Bible Bowl 6:00 PM

FRIDAY

- Bible Study at Cordova's (344-3110) 7:00 PM

Regular Monthly/Weekly Events

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| Elder Prayer Service | Last Sunday | 6 PM |
| Senior Saints Activities | First & Third Thursdays | 9&11AM |
| Ladies' Book Club | Last Thursday | 7:30 PM |
| Youth Group | Every Sunday Evening | 6 PM |
| Youth Group | Every Wednesday Evening | 7 PM |
| Friday Night Bible Study | Every Friday | 7 PM |

This Month and Beyond

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| Dec. 23rd | Wed | NO YOUTH GROUP | |
| Dec. 26th | Sat | Brown's 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception | 2:30 PM |
| Jan. 13th | Wed | Wednesday Night Dinner | 6:00PM |
| Jan. 17th | Sun | Sleeping Bag Project Benefit Bean Dinner | 4:00PM |

FACTS & FIGURES for December 13, 2009

Attendance: 343 General Fund: \$11,260.79 Weekly Budget Need: \$10,450

FCC Christmas Calendar

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| Dec 20, Sun | Enchantment Handbell Concert | 4:00 PM |
| Dec 24, Thurs | Christmas Eve Service | 11 PM |

2010 Offering Envelopes

The 2010 Offering envelopes are available for pick up in the foyer. Please throw away your left over YELLOW 2009 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 2010 giving, please contact the church office (294-0630).

Would you like to purchase luminaries? The Boy Scout Troop that meets at the church will have them available for drive-by pick up **TODAY**, from 1 to 5 pm, in the church parking lot. Cost is \$5.50/dozen.

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Coy and Barbara Brown they are requesting the pleasure of your company at a reception on December 26, 2009 at 2:30pm in the FCC Fellowship Hall. No gifts please.

Our Staff

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| Tom Caffery, <i>Senior Minister</i> | tcaffery@fccabq.org |
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| Candice Summers, <i>Administrator</i> | csummers@fccabq.org |
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Church Office: 294-0630

Mon-Thurs 9:00—5:00
Fridays 9:00—1:00

Prayer Needs:
prayers@fccabq.org

Pastoral Care Needs:
pastoralcare@fccabq.org

Elders: elders@fccabq.org

Our Elders

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| Randy Summers, Chairman | 299.5891 | | | |
| Tom Headley | 293.4930 | Lawrence Junker | 264.4657 | Todd Zeter 237.1869 |
| Art Cordova | 344.3110 | Greg Gross | 797.3620 | Steve Peltier 881.2921 |

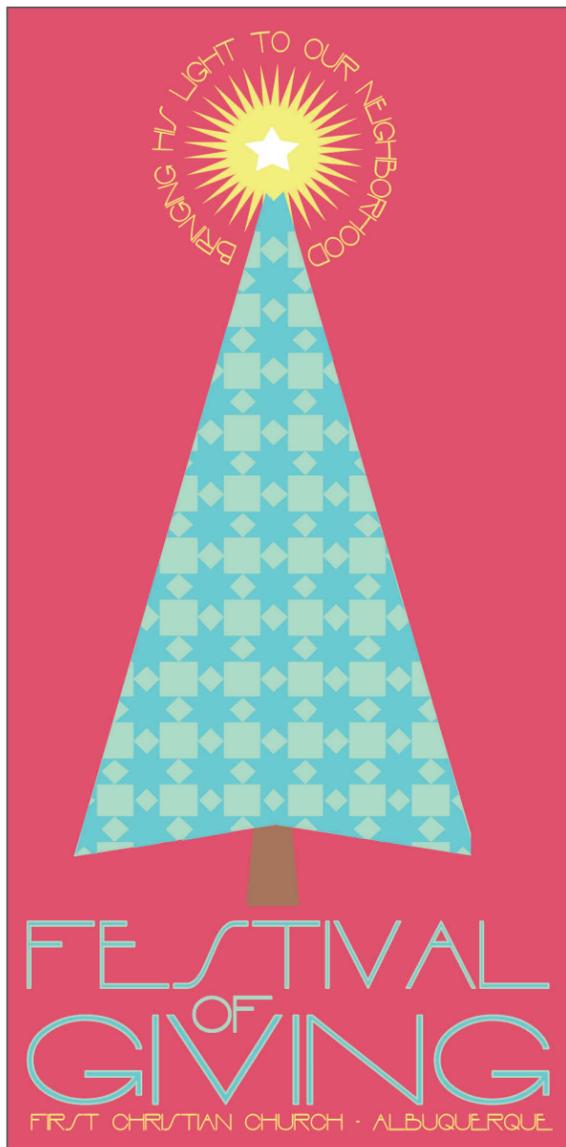
Prayer & Pastoral Care Requests

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.



Celebrate

Christmas

**by participating
in FCC's**

**Festival of
Giving**

**Christmas Season
Sermon Series**
It's A Wonderful Life

The FCC office will be closed Christmas Day and December 30th, 31st and January 1st for the New Year's holiday.

Welcome Card

December 20, 2009

Service Attended: 9:00 AM 10:45 AM

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 can help with:

Set out Luminaries, Thurs, Dec 24, 3:30– 4:30 pm

NEW or UPDATED PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Cavin. Recovering from surgery to re-repair knee
Paul Chavira. Seeing doctor for leg pain
Art Cordova. Suffering from shingles. Please pray for minimal pain and a quick recovery.
Gfellers. Holiday travel
Cindy Gfeller. Dealing with diabetes
Friend of Gfeller Family. Son missing since November 21(still missing)
Jack and Watseka Hanna, Sr., Nonah Barringer's sister and husband. Health issues.
Martha Luhrs: Arrived safely in Maryland for 1 year tour of duty
Bill Mapstone. Clara's son. Hearth surgery went great, thanks for all the prayers.
Buddy Morris. Sandy Sandien's father. Recovering from heart problems.

ONGOING REQUESTS

Family Matters

Family of John Driver – Memorial Service Tuesday, December 8
Family of Dorothy Mills – Memorial Service schedule for January 9

Job Needs

Daniel. Luhrs' son.
Gfeller Family. Cindy's niece – Nikki
Jayne Gregory.
Tom Tagert.

Missions

Baijo Christian Mission. Hoffs in Honduras political problems.
Morning Glory School. Guatemala. Political Problems.
Steven & Angie Anderson. Missionary in Asia and daughter of Bryan and Vickie Burns. Being treated for sleeping disorder.
ApMp Outreach in PNG. There has been an outbreak of cholera in the area.
World Mission Builders. Upcoming project in Vietnam

Health

Rylie Brown. 2 yr old daughter of Trish Moore's cousin. Meningitis. Home. Daily physical therapy. 9 mo. recovery
Barney Carol. Pat Fleming's uncle. Health.
Scott DeVore. Debbie Mitchell's brother. Surgery to repair clavicle on Dec 17
Bill Hendren. Health.
Kristin. Michelle Lippitt's sister. Health problems. Pray for diagnosis.
Andrea Kotowski. Travis & Clayton Bohl's stepmom – Heart attack
William Mattingly. Steve Asher's Brother. Heath & spiritual issues
Kathryn Varney. Niece of Deans & Fabians. 7 month old has histiocytosis. In UNMH starting chemo.

Cancer

Trish Arnold. Jim & Jane Rawls' Niece. 2-time breast cancer survivor. Brain tumor surgery successful, now waiting for radiation treatments.
Kelli Campbell's Dad. Cancer
Jackie Carol. Pat Fleming's Aunt. Stage 4 lung cancer. In hospital
Daniel Green. Son of a friend of Monica Battaile. Acute Lymphoblastic Lymphoma. Receiving more chemo.
Erica Encincias. Denise Stills' Friend. Breast cancer.
Al Halber. Friend of Tom & Lynn Headley. Leukemia
Suzie. Marcella Smith's niece in Montana. Beginning chemo & radiation for larynx cancer.
Todd Myers. Friend of Noonan's.
James Ward. Continued prayers. Going to clinic in Houston for therapy
Don Whatley. Nancy Noonan's co-worker's husband. Advanced liver and pancreatic cancer.

Military

Brian Duben. Ruth Duben's grandson. Deployed to Afghanistan. Marines.
Casady Guenzler.. Marcella Smith's grandson. Deployed to Iraq.
Jerry Jackson. Howard Jackson's brother. Deployed to Iraq. Army.
John Keeling. Navy
Brian Smith. Caitlyn Lippitt's cousin. Marine serving in Afghanistan.