

News and Views

December 2006

First Christian Church
Where Love is First



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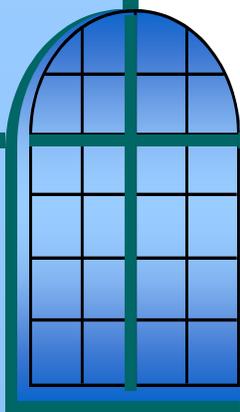
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Staff Hosted Open House
December 16, 2006
3-7 PM
At The Caffery's Home
3711 Chapala Dr NE

Our purpose is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people, and lead them into a fully devoted relationship with Him. Matthew 28:18-20, 22:37-39



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Two Years of Pursuit

What a great time of year. There's energy in the air. People have experienced Thanksgiving and are looking ahead to Christmas. The stores are full of busy shoppers buying for family and friends. Despite the occasional disgruntled consumer there is generally a great enthusiasm around us.

All of these efforts put forth for Christmas are quite impressive. Some people have been shopping for months while others have been putting off shopping for months. There is or will be great effort being put forth to prepare food. Have no doubt, we all have preparation to do for this holiday.

As I reflect on this business, my thoughts land on the Magi. Have you ever considered how committed these men were to worshipping the Savior. Their passion drove them to bring valuable gifts for this one they loved and had never met. Their passion drove them to travel for about **two years** to be in the presence of this Child of God. Their passion drove these men of status to their knees before a small child. Their pursuit of God is inspiring.

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May God bless each of you as you passionately pursue the Savior. May this pursuit be made not just in this holiday season. Seek God out each Sunday as FCC gathers together in corporate worship. Seek God out every day in personal worship. Seek God out as you spend time with your family. Seek God out in all you do.

Imagine if we pursue God this passionately what He might be ready to reveal to us in two years. I'm quite confident that the magi were pleased with what they found. I'm also quite confident that you will be pleased with what you find.

Ryan Nelson

Congregational Meeting and Vote December 10, 2006 Following each service

Please plan to attend to vote on the Budget and election of Elders.

New Elder Candidates:

Bryan Burns
Lloyd Hoover
Todd Zeter

Returning Elder Candidates:

Randy Summers
Tom Headley

Free Wurlitzer Piano

Free piano with bench, in great condition. Needs to be tuned. You Haul. (ASAP please) Call Rhonda or Vic Trujillo, 271.8002.

Audio Downloads of Sunday's sermons are now available online at our website:
www.fccabq.org

Communion Preparation for 2007

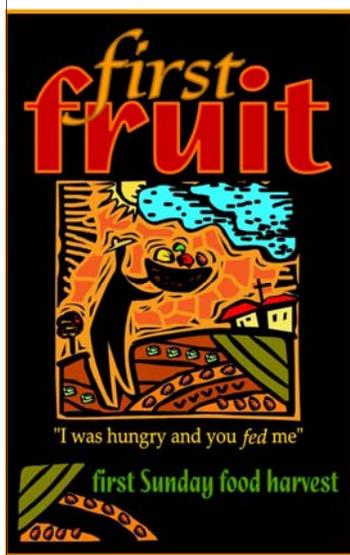
Volunteers are need to prepare communion monthly in 2007. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer for those interested in this ministry.



The Fusion 411



Opening mid-December.



On the first Sunday of every month, we will collect canned meat and baby food for The Storehouse. Bring your donations and place them in the large containers.

Don't forget to bring your First Fruits!!

Ladies' Book Club

Our book for the month of December is *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. We will meet on Tuesday, December 5, at 7:30 PM, at the home of Candice Summers. Interested in joining us? Call Lynn Headley, 293.4930, for details.



Prayer Requests

New or Updated Prayer Requests

Arbelez Family. Duran's friends. Hit a deer on I-25, 18 mo.-old baby and father, age 20, died. Grandmother, Nora, has very serious injuries.

Arthur Campos. Visitor. Deliverance from depression and sadness.

Garnet Mills. Job search.

Jeanine Frazier. Home safely from Iraq.

Krystal Taylor. John Taylor's daughter. To make good decisions in her life.

May Liivesay. Praise. Eye surgery on 11/20 went well.

Ruth Hanson. Don Dean's sister. In ICU, Doctors are not hopeful.

Terry Green. Monica Baittle's Uncle. Waiting to see if he is a candidate for a heart transplant.

The Moss Family. Pastor at Heights Cumberland. Son, age 30, passed away.

Tomecia Weaver. Debra Asher's daughter.

Army. Praise. Home safely from Afghanistan.

Please call the church office to leave prayer requests. They will then be forwarded to the prayer chain.



Senior Saints December Activities

Thursday, December 7
11:30 AM

Lunch at First Christian Church Family Center. There will be a gift exchange. Please bring a white elephant gift or a gift not to exceed \$5. Contact Ruth Duben or Glenda Harrison if you can help with set up or clean up.

Christmas Events at FCC

Saturday, December 9
Shop, Stop, Soup, and/or Wrap
11-2 PM

Ladies, take a shopping break. Come by the church for a quick lunch and fellowship. Bring your own paper or use what will be provided to wrap your Christmas packages. For more information, contact Jane Duncan, at 797.4752 or ou66@comcast.net



December 17, 2006
12 PM
Family Center
Join us for our annual Posole Dinner.

Sunday, December 24,
2006

Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch is this year's recipient of our special offering. Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute to this wonderful program.





Christmas Eve is Sunday, December 24. We will have one Worship service at 10:30 AM, and our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 11 PM. Invite all your friends, family and co-workers. Invitations are available in the foyer.



Christmas Giving to Cookson Hills Children's Home

Cookson Hills is an FCC sponsored mission. Please help us support the children who are unable, at this time, to live with their birth family. Items needed are: any size batteries, gift cards for Wal-Mart, McDonalds or Lowe's, outdoor camping and fishing items, stationary or note cards, stamps, family style DVDs, Christmas music CDs, snack food items, tea, coffee, and hot chocolate mixes. Please bring donations to church by December 10th. There is a box in the foyer for your donations. Thank you so much!

Enchantment

Albuquerque Handbell Ensemble

Sunday, December 3
Christmas Concert
St Paul's United Methodist Church
9500 Constitution NE
4-5 PM

Friday, December 22
Christmas Concert
Central United Methodist Church
1615 Copper Avenue NE
7-8 PM



First Christian Church donated 168 shoebox gifts to Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for participating in this wonderful program. May

December Birthdays

Katie Gross, December 6
Babe McClenahan, December 6
Marian Peltier, December 7
John Richmond, December 10
Andrew Frazier, December 12
Bryan Burns, December 13
Matthew Asher, December 15
Lisa Trujillo, December 15
Clara Mapstone, December 17
Dorene Kurtz, December 19
Chris Colson, December 20
Brianna Hartsfield, December 22
Byron Beddo, December 23
Jane Rawls, December 23
Jerold Palmer, December 24
Lloyd Judy, December 25
Sue Taylor, December 28
Skyler Storey, December 30
Cindy Contreras, December 31

December Anniversaries

Bill & Doreen Hendren, December 16
Jim & Jane Rawls, December 17
Jason & Kyla Torres, December 18
Matthew & Carla Driver, December 20
Art & Virginia Cordova, December 22
Michael & Leslie McReaken, December 27
Marshall & Ruby Clifton, December 28
Dick & Dot Stansbury, December 28

Manolo & Jessica Victor announce the
birth of their son

Logan Daniel

November 7, 2006

9 pounds 4 ounces, 21 inches

Michael & Jennifer Dean announce the
birth of their daughter

Olive Tigertilly

November 14, 2006

8 pounds 4 ounces, 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches



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Deadlines

Sunday *Bulletin* deadline:
Wednesdays, 9AM.
December *News & Views* deadline:
Monday, November 13, noon.

The Sunday *Bulletin* and the monthly *News & Views* can also be seen on the web site:
www.fccabq.org.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(Can also be seen on the website)

Sunday

Worship Service—8 AM
Bible School—9 AM
Worship Service—10:30 AM
Youth Meeting—6 PM
“Transitions” Meeting—6:15 PM

Wednesday

Men’s Prayer Breakfast—6:30 AM
Ladies’ Bible Study—6:30 AM
Peak of the Week Dinners— on break until
January
Adult Bible Studies—7 PM

More small groups are forming all the time,
call the church office for a complete list.