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Where Love is First

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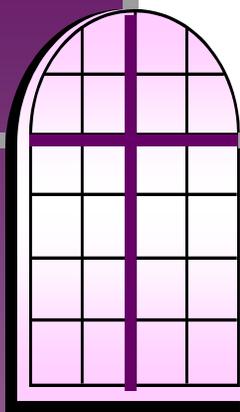
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SATURDAY
OCTOBER 21, 2006
1 - 4 PM
10101 MONTGOMERY
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Our purpose is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people, and lead them into a fully devoted relationship with Him. Matthew 28:18-20, 22:37-39



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“Life on life” – That’s a phrase I heard a couple of years ago and it fascinated me. The concept is tied

to the Proverbs 27:17 passage that says, “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” As FCC grows, we will continue to find that personal relationships will become more and more critical to each one of us.

This “life on life” concept is not new to FCC. We can already catch glimpses of it throughout our church family.

Let me tell you about some places I get to see it every week. In our worship rehearsals I see it as we laugh together, play together, and pray together. We get the joy of building each other up three times a week. I also see “life on life” in our small group. What an incredible community where we can come together and learn about God’s Word, share our struggles, and find joy in the midst of others on the same pursuit towards Christ.

This month I will get to see “life on life” in a new way with our BLAST ministry. Here we will see adults having “life-on-life” interaction with children. We will see children’s lives changed as well as the lives of the adults who will be ministering to them. Whenever we see consistent interaction with a servant’s heart “life on life” takes place.

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I pray that each one of you have “life on life” opportunities built into your routines. Whether it be through our ministries, small groups, or some other opportunity may I encourage you to invest in and be invested in through “life on life” opportunities.



Join us for great food and fellowship. It is very important to sign up on your Welcome Sheet or call the office by 10 AM Tuesdays so that proper amount of food is prepared.

Suggested donations: First time visitors-free, Seniors \$3, Adults \$4, Families \$10. See you there!

October’s Menu

October 4, 2006

Garlic Chicken with Vegetables and Pasta, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Punch
Cooks: Clara Mapstone, Jayne Gregory, Pat Hill, Karolin Little, Ruth Duben, and Addie Mohny

October 11, 2006

Lasagna, Broccoli Normandy, Green Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Punch
Cooks: Chuck & Rhoda Winters

October 18, 2006

Beef Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Chips & Salsa, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Punch
Cooks: Doug & Evelyn Crowley

October 25, 2006

Roast Pork, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Rolls, Applesauce, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Punch
Cook: Ruth Duben



... Taking Off October 15

10...9...8...7...the final countdown to the new and improved **BLAST** Children's Ministry is in progress. Our Teams of over 70 people have prepared a fun and faith building ministry which will engage the hearts and minds of children and bring them closer to Jesus.

The lower level is taking on a whole new child friendly look! Each room is designated for a specific learning skill which enhances the Biblical message for the day. Children love to move and experience new things so each week they will be guided through a series of planned activities, Bible learning and small group interaction.

Candice Summers is the Staff lead along with lay leaders Monica Battaile, Vicki Burns and Sara Nelson on the preschool side while Ryan Nelson and his team are preparing the K-5th grade.

The **BLAST** process looks like this...

Children are invited to attend Sunday School at 9 a.m. at their grade level. They will be checked in by a parent or guardian and each receives an ID Card. Following the Sunday School hour children will stay in the lower level **BLAST** area for a fun time of transition. Children will now receive a complimentary snack in **BLAST**, so families are encouraged to sign their children in as soon as they arrive to church. (Coffee and fellowship will continue for adults in the Family Center.)

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October 6
Coffee House
6:30– 9 PM
Family Center
Bring a friend and \$\$ for Italian
Sodas and snacks



The **Fusion 411**

Fusion youth ministries: "Combining the life of a teen with the power of God for an amazing reaction." The youth group at First Christian Church adopted the name Fusion for our youth ministry a couple of years ago after a competition to name our youth group among our students. We then built a youth website for our teens. It is located at www.fusionym.net and now this month we have closed the rooms where our youth normally meet as we begin renovations on the area. Very soon we will be revealing our new



home...

Coming November 2006

Stay tuned for more
Fusion Youth Ministries news

October Birthdays

Leon Allison, October 1
Debby Eggleton, October 1
Antje Sandoval, October 1
Jackie Loftus, October 4
Mitzi Loftus, October 4
Doris Shaw, October 4
JoAnn Hamilton, October 8
Jane Utsey, October 8
Connor Caffery, October 13
Colleen Gross, October 14
Cheyenne New, October 14
Hope Trujillo, October 14
Nicole Gollihar, October 15
Patrick Wheeler, October 15
Tom Harger, October 16
Lawrence Junker, October 16
Barbaralee Paxton, October 16
Art Cordova, October 17
Dorothy Hiers, October 17
Alice Rouse, October 17
Amanda Pendergrass, October 18
Hailey Colson, October 20
May Livesay, October 20
Chris Burcham, October 22
Debbie Mitchell, October 23
Becky Castlebury, October 24
Rene Shaw, October 26
Anna Piercy, October 27
Carla Driver, October 28
Beverly Hoover, October 28
Wenonah Barringer, October 29
Steve Peltier, October 29

October Anniversaries

Frank & Antje Sandoval, October 1
Anthony & Shanna Sullins, October 8
Carl & Marna Neitzel, October 11
Tom & Barb Harger, October 23
Jim & Karla Romero, October 29

Angela Kathleen Davie
And
James Michael Giuliani
Will be married as one in Jesus Christ
Saturday, the eleventh of November
Smyrna, Georgia

Dan and Jennifer Ross
Announce the birth of their son

Donovan James

September 9
6 pounds 13 ounces
18 inches long

Proud Grandparents: Clint & Darla Davidson

Family Directories

New directories are available
in the foyer.

Thank You

Steve and Angie Anderson want to thank each of you who sent them spices, medicine, coffee, muffin mixes, and all kinds of other great stuff through Angie's parents who recently went to visit them in East Asia. It was so nice for them to receive a little taste of home as they've been living in East Asia now for eight months. Thanks again!

Thank You

Please tell the kids that we are thankful for their interest in helping the Philippines Mission. Our children will surely be blessed with FCC children helping to reach out to other children around the world for the Lord.

Jul and Luz Castellano,
Missionaries in the Philippines
(Our children raised over \$1,200 during VBS to help with the children's program in the Philippines!)

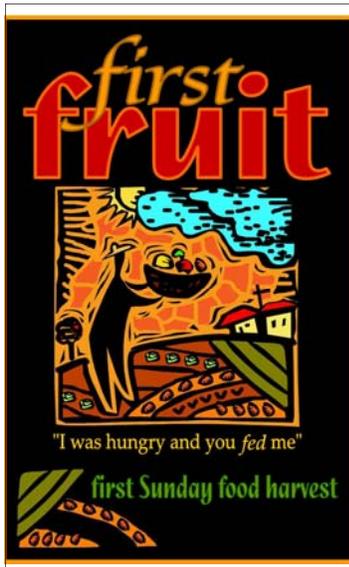
Don't forget to turn
you clocks back one
hour on October 29!



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BLAST will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be during the entire worship hour. Children arriving for second service are to be checked in at the lower level and remain there until a parent or guardian picks them up with ID card. We encourage families to arrive early to sign their children in and have time to be in service on time.

We are excited about the new look and ministry efforts in our BLAST Children's Ministry at First. You can be proud of the Team's progress and plans for your children. They have worked many hours preparing and are gearing up for the new ministry effort. Please plan to attend our Open House coming in November... more details will come your way soon!



Our food pantry at First Christian Church has closed. We will now support the Roadrunner Food Bank and The Storehouse. 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.

Ladies' Book Club

Our book for the month of October is *Marley and Me* by John Grogan. We will meet on Thursday, October 26 at 7:30 PM, at Coronado Mall's Barnes and Noble Books.



Interested in joining us? Call Lynn Headley, 293.4930, for details.

Prayer Requests

New or Updated Prayer Requests

Betty Shafer. Family member of The Mowry's. Health concerns.
Bev Hoover. Sinus trouble.
Bill Mapstone. Praise. Doing well after surgery.
Jennifer Condit. Spinal Meningitis.
Joyce Yasm. Hip replacement surgery on 10/23. Swollen foot.
May Livesay. Eye trouble.
Michael Matthews. Mary Loefel's grandson. Recovering from surgery.

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

Senior Saints June Activities

Thursday, October 5
10 AM

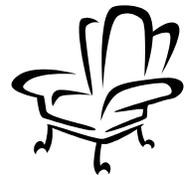
Bus trip to The Harvey House in Belen followed by lunch at Pete's Restaurant.



Thursday, October 19
9 AM
Breakfast at Vic's Cafe
3600 Osuna Blvd

Small Group Forming Now!

Are you in a small group yet? If not, contact the office at 294.0630 to get connected. Don't miss out!



Small Group Leaders Meeting

There will be a Small Groups Leaders Meeting on Saturday, Oct 7th from 11:00 until 1:00. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Dennis Mowry at 269-8400. This will be the first Monthly Leaders meeting and training Session. All Group Leaders (Bible Study or Fellowship Groups) should Attend.



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Deadlines

Sunday *Bulletin* deadline:
Wednesdays, 9AM.
July *News & Views* deadline:
Monday, June 19, 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
Fellowship—10 AM
Worship Service—10:30 AM
Adult Choir—4:45 PM
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— 6 PM
Adult Bible Studies—7 PM

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