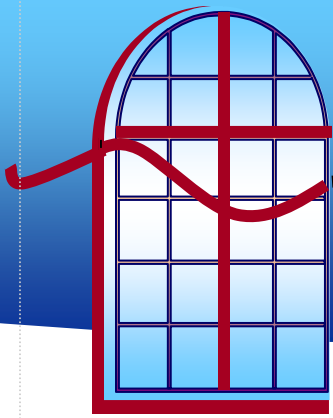




News and Views

First Christian Church
Albuquerque, New Mexico

May 2007

The Power of a Mother's Touch

It really does make a difference
by Elisa Morgan

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Our purpose is
sharing the Good
News of Jesus Christ
with people, and
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relationship
with Him.

Matthew 28:18-20,
22:37-39

I was in line at the grocery checkout. A few feet in front of me, a mother guided her toddler ahead, anchored her baby on her hip and elbowed her checkbook open to pay the clerk. In what seemed one single gesture, she retrieved her toddler's hand from the candy rack, tore the check from her book and offered it to the clerk while placing a comforting smooch atop her baby's head. The baby drooled down the mother's shoulder, the toddler clamp-gripped his mom's leg and the mother wrapped her arms about both while waiting for her payment to be processed.

A mother's touch ... the difference a mom makes.

As I wheeled my cart to my car, I noticed another woman with her kindergarten-age son, rushing into the store I was exiting. Suddenly she stopped and glanced down at her child, reached in her pocket and brought out a wadded Kleenex. Moistening it with her tongue, she swabbed it about his dirty face. He resisted, but only briefly. Satisfied with her work and his appearance, she stuffed the tissue back in her pocket, took up his waiting hand again and marched into the store.

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As I approached my car, I noticed a woman and her teenage daughter chat animatedly. Hands flew—it wasn't an argument exactly, more a debate. The daughter, almost six inches taller than the mother, inclined her head downward. The mother rolled her eyes and patted her daughter's back. As they reached their car, the mother tossed the daughter the car keys and watched her daughter's face break into shock.

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Writing to the Thessalonians about his commitment to lead them with both lessons and life, Paul describes his posture as being "like a mother caring for her little children." In 1 Thessalonians 2:7, he gave his followers an example that wove words with love, truth with touch.

I thought of his words as I drove home and schlepped groceries from trunk to table and finally to cupboards and refrigerator. In the midst of my shelving, Eva and Ethan burst through the door from swim practice. With water circles about their necks from wet hair, they dumped their bags and rummaged through what was yet unpacked. "Yuk—I hate olives!" "Yes! Fruit roll-ups!" "Can we have this pasta tonight?"

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Deadlines

Sunday *Bulletin*
Wednesdays, 9AM.
June *News & Views*
Monday, May 14, noon.

What's Happening in Ministry

Senior Saints April Activities

Thursday, May 3, 11 AM
Lunch at Monroe's on Osuna.

Thursday, May 17, 9 AM
Breakfast at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn followed by shopping in Old Town.



Join us on Sunday, May 20th, as First Christian presents Frontline, a Christian band comprised of students from Ozark Christian College. Frontline will present some special music during the 10:30 Worship Service and a special concert that evening at 6 PM. Two of our own members are part of Frontline, Ben Cross and Karl Mitchell.

Fusion Youth Ministry

Human Size Clue Game

- May 18, 6-8 PM
- See Back page or Ben Headley for details.

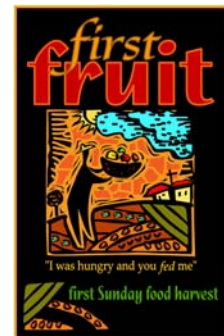
Mother's Day May 13

Order your Mother's Day corsages early. Visit the booth in the foyer. All proceeds benefit the First Ladies Ministry.



Ladies' Book Club

Our book for the month of May is *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. We will meet on Thursday, May 31, at 7:30 PM, at The Barnes and Noble by the Coronado Mall. Interested in joining us? Call *Lynn Headley*, 293.4930, for details.



Sunday May 6

Don't forget to bring your canned meat and baby food to the church to support the Storehouse.

Place your donation in the large containers in front of the church.



God's Word is the lifeline for the Christian. The Class on "Foundations of Christian Living" is studying a series of lessons on "The Disciple and His knowledge of God's Word." In this series we cover attitudes for effective study, basic Bible Study Tools, sound principles of interpreting the Bible, and a couple of very easy to use methods of Bible study. Won't you join us in room B110 on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM?



May Birthdays

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| 1 Logan Malewiski | 14 Virginia Cordova |
| 2 Greg Gross | Ben Headley |
| Mason Malewiski | Katie Purdy |
| 4 Esther Cross | James Winters |
| Lynn Deme | 15 Dorothy Baca |
| Luke Helm | 16 Gene Castlebury |
| Lisa Peltier | Joey Dye |
| Emerson Snider | Jaron Klock |
| 5 Ruth Duben | 18 Elizabeth Gross |
| 8 Erik Kill | 19 Marshall Clifton |
| Lonnie Sturdivant | Christopher Kill |
| Chester VanCleave | Michelle Lippitt |
| 10 Leslie Conrad | 21 Matthew Driver |
| Ashley Forsythe | 22 Rod Forsythe |
| 11 Ken Scott | 24 Lynn Barnes |
| 13 Kyrstal Malewiski | 26 Randy Summers |
| Isaiah McReaken | 27 Lloyd Hoover |
| Emily Moore | 30 Pathira Best |
| Nan Scott | Leigh Mileski |

May Anniversaries

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| 3 James & Jackie Loftus |
| 6 Eddie & Dorothy Baca |
| 7 Ryan & Annie New |
| 13 Buck & Kellie Brandon |
| 15 Randy & Candice Summers |
| 19 Chuck & Rhoda Winters |
| 20 Brian & Jessica Dye |
| 23 John & Sandy Mileski |
| 24 John & Sue Taylor |
| 25 Jonathan & Kaylee Hamilton |
| 29 Pat & Jane Utsey |

A Mother's Touch

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I smiled, reached my hand out and wiped away a streamlet of pool water from Eva's face. I turned and flicked Ethan's hair from its stiff matted mess into some sense of order. I pictured the touch of the mothers I'd witnessed in my grocery-store journey, and I knew then that I feed my children with more than groceries. My touch, laced through the routines and crises, too, is what makes a difference today for tomorrow.

Yes, I tell them to offer kindness to those around them and to avoid drugs and premarital sex and violence. I teach biblical truths of forgiveness when they mess up and of truthfulness when they'd rather lie. I outline the basics of how to get along in life by managing an allowance, making their beds and getting their homework done before they relax.

But there is more to mothering and more to disciplining than telling and teaching and outlining. There is touch.

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The nurture of appropriate touch reaches out and over words and wraps a child in a comforter of conviction that he or she is valued—no matter what.

A mother's touch ... the difference a mom makes.

The above article was taken from the following site:
www.christianitytoday.com

Military Photos

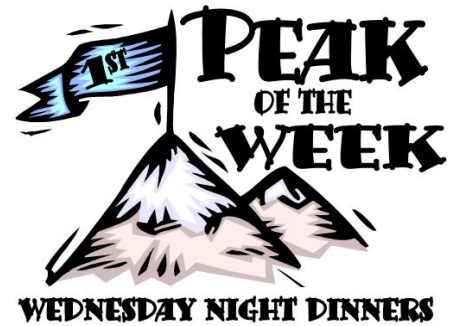
Nancy Noonan would like to have photos of those who have served or are currently serving in the Armed Forces. The photos will be used in the Patriotic musical in June. You can contact her at nnoonan@phs.org or 299.1595.

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, May 20, is Graduation Sunday. In preparation to recognize our graduates, please contact Debra Asher at 294.0630 or by email, dasher@fccabq.org with your graduation information and a picture.

Elders' Prayer Service May 6 6-7 PM

The purpose is to pray for the members and regular guests and to provide an opportunity for individuals, couples or families to come and be prayed for by the Elders. Our desire is for anyone who has a need to come and be prayed for by the Elders. Keeping all things confidential and in line with God's Word (James 5:7-19), we want everyone to grow in Jesus Christ.



Join us for great food
and fellowship.

Dinner is at 6pm...

See you there!

Bring a friend!

May 2, 2007

Breakfast for Dinner!

Cooks: FCC Office Staff

May 9, 2007

Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti, Green Peas, Salad & Garlic Bread

Cooks: John & Sue Taylor

May 16, 2007

Menu not available

Cooks: Don & Pathira Best

May 23, 2007

Brisket, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls

Cooks: Xavier & Lesley Miller

Dessert, coffee, tea, and punch included each week.

First time guests free!

Suggested donations are:

Seniors \$3, Children \$3

Adults \$4, Families \$10.

Call the office 294-0630 by 10 a.m. on Tuesdays or sign-up on your Welcome Card on Sunday, so that we can have a proper count.

It's vacation time for the kitchen crew. Thanks to everyone who helped in anyway to make this another great year. It has been a pleasure to serve you. We plan to continue in the Fall. See you in September.

Jayne Gregory & Clara Mapstone.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

Worship Service—8 AM

Bible School—9 AM

Fellowship—10 AM

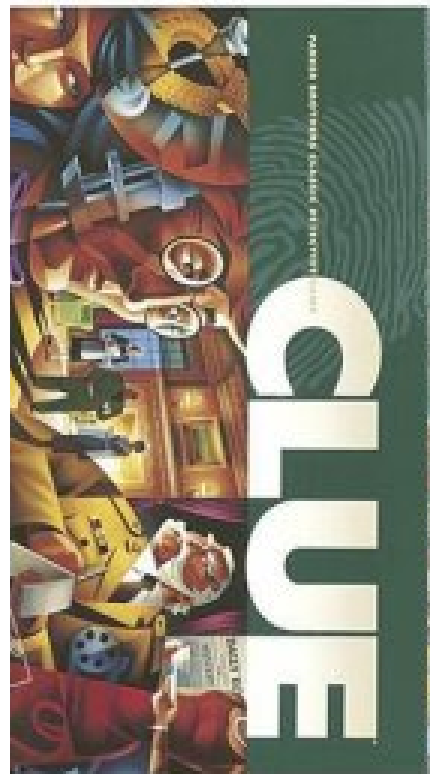
Worship Service—10:30 AM

Youth Meeting—6 PM

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Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with people and leading them into a fully devoted relationship with Him.



Fusion Youth Group members, do you want to feel like a famous detective for an evening? Join in the fun as the classic whodunnit, Clue, is recreated. The Family Center is transforming into a giant, human sized version of the famous game.

Friday, May 18

6-8 PM

\$2 admission

Dress is formal

(or as dressy as you want)

Invite your friends