

Family Connection

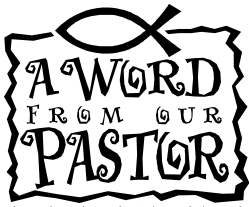
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The mission of Christ's Family Church is to lead people to Christ, to equip them for service in the Kingdom of God, and to send them out to reach others with the Gospel, that God may be glorified.

Family Problems



I bet you can't wait to get the meat of this article because you think this is going to be an Ann Landers article where the pastor is going to spill the dirt on his family. Isn't it interesting how we don't like to get dirty but we like to know the dirt on others. I am sorry that I am going to disappoint you but I am not sharing my dirty laundry in this space. I am going to share that we do have family problems. Christ's Family Church has problems. I have peaked your interest again. We have family problems just like any family does. We have sisters who are lazy and never do their share of the work, we have brothers who are loud and obnoxious and someone people don't want to be around. We have mothers who are sticking their nose in our business. We sound like an episode of "Everybody Loves Raymond". In the middle of the word family are letters which can spell out I Am. That is the root of family problems. When I am the center of attention and trying to have control of things family problems arise. What I need to do is recognize the true I Am that makes us a family. The one true God who we know as the I Am brings us together as a family when we are united around the one and only I Am we put away our family squabbles between us. Christ's Family Church has family problems when we don't put God first in our lives. Acknowledge him as Lord of your life and Lord of Christ's Family Church.

Exodus 3:13-14

13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

-Pastor Brian

This Sunday kids are asked to bring your favorite stuffed animal or blanket for the Children's Message

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 18th

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl mtg.
6:30 p.m. Worship mtg.

August 19-20

Terri on vacation

Friday, 20th

7:00 p.m. Office Closed
Men's Basketball

Week of August 22-28

Sunday, 22nd

8:15 a.m. Adult Learning
9:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Biking

Monday, 23rd

6:00 p.m. Christian Jam Session

Tuesday, 24th

6:30 p.m. Adult volleyball

Wednesday, 25th

1:00 p.m. Heaven Bible study

Friday, 27th

5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Saturday, 8th

6:00 p.m. Hang Time Jr. & Sr. High

Annville Mission Trailer

CFC will be collecting your gently used clothing, furniture, appliances, tools and toys for delivery to Jackson County Ministries. We will be gathering items at the church. Final loading for the trailer will be Saturday, August 21st, from 8-12 a.m. Any donations to the travel gas fund would be greatly appreciated it will cost approx. \$400, we have received \$187.00 so far. The donation "gas can" will be in the church lobby. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Growing in the Spirit
Connecting People
Serving Others**

I will be loyal to Christ's Family Church and will support her with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, and my service.

By our presence:

	<u>Weekly Average</u>	<u>Annualized Amount</u>
Offerings Through July 25	\$9,187.30	\$471,511.46
Other Income Through 6/30	\$442.03	\$22,985.44
Actual Expenses Through 6/30	\$10,145.46	\$543,384.35
Budgeted Expenses	\$11,236.10	\$584,277.00

Opportunities for Learning

SUMMER SUNDAY LEARNING:

SUMMER TREASURE SEEKERS for KIDS AGES 3 YEARS – 5TH GRADE – During Worship...

Following the children's message, kids will go to Family Life Center room 202 for age-appropriate learning. This week (8/8) we'll see the Pharisees try to trap Jesus and find out who 'The Righteous Judge' truly is. Next week (8/16) we'll learn how mourning turned into joy when Jesus' friends discovered that 'He Is Risen!'

ADULTS – Sundays at 8:15 am in FLC Room 201...

'Timothy & Titus: Do What You Have Heard'- This early morning Bible study is led by Pastor Tim. This Sunday (8/8) we'll take a closer look at 2 Timothy 2 and discuss how we can take to heart what we have learned about our faith, and then 'Pass It On.' Then the next week (8/16), we'll talk about 'How to Recognize God's Voice,' as we discuss 2 Timothy

Adult Sunday Learning classes for fall

Want to get into the Bible...but don't know how or where to start?

Our Sunday learning classes for adults are designed to take you progressively deeper into the Bible and help you develop a closer relationship with God. This study program is called **THE ROAD** and its course is laid out in 3 levels : **THE WAY, THE TRUTH,** and **THE LIFE.** Each level uses different study materials that focus on different aspects of being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Start here: Level 1 – THE WAY – Sunday mornings at 10:50 am in the main Sanctuary

NO PREVIOUS BIBLE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY...

This class gives you a clear and simple explanation of "the greatest story ever told" – the Bible. You'll watch and discuss a video series called *"The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus"* by John Cross, and learn how the Bible fits together to tell **one** grand story of love and redemption—Jesus is **THE** only **WAY** to salvation...**THE** only **WAY** to God.

Level 2 – THE TRUTH – Sundays at 10:50 am in Family Life Center room 203

DIG INTO THE BIBLE...

In this level you'll begin to explore **THE TRUTH** the Bible holds with a series of Bible studies by The Navigators called *"Design for Discipleship."* These studies dig deeper into the Bible to discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, and how we can be transformed by the Holy Spirit and His Word.

Level 3 – THE LIFE – Sundays at 8:15 & 10:50 am in Family Life Center rooms 201 & 202

LEARN TO LIVE IT...

Using very different studies by different authors, you'll learn the keys to having **LIFE** 'to the full' as Jesus describes it in John 10:10.

Time in The Word - This year's journey in **THE LIFE** will begin with the last book in the Design for Discipleship series, *Our Life in Christ.* This study will help you develop different Bible study skills that you can use to do an in-depth study of any book in the Bible.

Prayer - *"Live a Praying Life"* by Jennifer Kennedy Dean

Sharing faith - *"Holy Conversations"* by Richard Peace

Spiritual gifts - *"Your Divine Design"* by Chip Ingram

In each study you will explore, practice and develop the skills that mark a transformed life. **THE LIFE** may be the final leg of the trip, but it is only the beginning of an even greater journey!

Look for **THE ROAD** display table in the lobby for more information and to sign up for classes...

Opportunities for Fellowship NEW WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All women (young, middle-aged, older) are invited to our **KICK-OFF MEETING** on **Saturday, Sept. 11th!** We are planning a time of inspiration, fellowship, caring and fun on the 2nd Saturday of each month September through May. We will be meeting 8:00 am to 9:30 am. This is an opportunity to meet new friends, connect with ol' friends, and praise God for what he is and will be doing in each of our lives. Dorothy Smith will be our inspirational guest speaker. Bring an idea to name our group. Also, bring friends, relatives, and neighbors. Child care will be provided. Please come in east, lower-level door to the Family Life Center. Hope to see **YOU** there.

Small Group Sign-Ups

Adults/families are encouraged to take part in this great opportunity to meet with other church members for a simple Bible study twice a month. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith, connect with other church members, and invite others to your group to discuss the Bible. Sign up in the lobby or contact Pastor Tim for more information.

Dinner Group Sign-Ups

For any adults/families interested in getting to know more people from church, Dinner Groups are a great way to meet people over a meal in each other's homes. Dinner Groups will meet monthly this year. For the fall session: Sundays, October 10, November 14, and December 12. For the winter session, Dinner Groups will meet Feb 13, March 13, and April 10. Sign up for one or both sessions in the lobby or contact Pastor Tim for more information.

Opportunities to Serve

TREASUR **TREASURE SEEKERS** - on Sunday morning (following Worship until 11:50 am):

You can be part of God's work in the hearts and minds of Christ's Family Church kids...please pray about how God might use you in one of the following roles...

-Small Group Leader – Shepherd your group of kids through questions about the morning's story and biblical truths. You'll engage the kids in community-building activities, and help them create a remembrance of their experience.

-Host – During the large group gathering you'll welcome kids and create a sense of inclusiveness and excitement for learning about our awesome God.

-Storyteller – The Storyteller recounts the Bible passage for kids in an engaging way, sometimes including personal stories or examples of similar experiences today.

-Worship Leader – Leads the kids and small group leaders in responding to the morning's lesson with praise and worship in song and prayer.

-AV Technician – Facilitates music, drama, power point slides, etc. Our set up is simple and easy to follow and run!

-Prayer Warrior – You'll commit to praying daily for a specific group of kids, their parents, and their leaders. We expect to see the Holy Spirit work in mighty ways this year...and we **need** prayer cover!

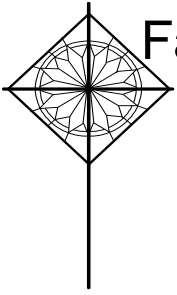
If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about how you might use your gifts in Children's Ministry, please contact Becky at becky.schuetz@yahoo.com or 940-7605.

College Students

If you have a student in college, please get their information to the church office: tfox@christfamilychurch.org

Wedding Coordinator

There is an opportunity for someone to serve as Wedding Coordinator at Christ's Family. Job descriptions are available in the church office.



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Pastor Brian Akker
Pastor Tim Truesdell
Worship with us Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:50 a.m.

Youth Ministry

Jr. High Controlled Chaos begins Wed., Sept. 15
6:30 -8:30 p.m.

Sr. High Oasis begins Sun., Sept. 12—7-8:30 p.m.

Hang Time - Aug. 28th 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Family
Life Center

All Jr. and Sr. High students are invited to come,
hang out and have fun. Activities include (but are
not limited to) volleyball, dodgeball, basketball,
foosball, and air hockey. We usually have a
competitive game of Apples to Apples going while
others are playing on the Wii. Its a great night of
hanging out with friends, having fun and eating food.
Bring a snack to share. Parents and friends are
welcome. Age limit is 6th grade and older.

Questions, email or call Torri @
torrivz@hotmail.com or 563-320-5360.

Can You Help?

Emily Johnston (daughter of Calvin & Catherine) &
her husband Michael lost most of their belongings in
the flooding of Ames, IA. We would like to help the
get restarted. They are in need of:
Dressers, Table & Chairs, Bookshelf, Computer Desk
& chair, TV stand, Nightstands, Coffee Table. We
will also be accepting gift cards to Hy-Vee,
Wal-Mart, Target or cash donations.

NO CHECKS

You can put the gift cards or cash in the box on the
information desk. If you have any of listed items,
please contact Calvin or Catherine @ 332-1772 or
betendorf_reader@hotmail.com

Donation Closet

As part of their project to rearrange the church lobby to
be hospitable, the Hospitality Committee will be
relocating donation items (pop cans, food pantry, prison
ministry, manor care, pop can tabs, eye glasses, labels
for Day Care etc. to the SE closet in the lobby. If you
have any questions or comments on these changes,
the Hospitality Committee would love to hear from you.

Exciting New Study from Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): The Book of ISAIAH

Bible Study Fellowship, a comprehensive,
interdenominational Bible study program, is offering a new
study for the 2010-11 year: Isaiah! In BSF, members
receive the tools, relationships and support they need to
grow in knowledge and understanding of God and
Scripture, and learn to apply the Bible to their daily lives.
We offer a live lecture, small group discussions, and
comprehensive notes complete with questions to take
home and study.

Beginning in September, classes run for 30 weeks with
breaks for holidays, ending in May.

At BSF children study the same passages as their
parents do on their level! A preschool Bible program from
birth to Kindergarten is available during the day class, while
Bible instruction for first grade through twelfth grade is
offered during the evening classes.

Classes and materials are made available at no charge.
Don't miss out on this life changing study! You can learn
more and register by attending an Introduction Class:

Thursday Women's Day: 9:10-11:00 a.m., Sept. 16, 2010
First Evangelical Free Church @ 3321 7th St. Moline, IL
Class Contact: Sandy Nass 563-676-9881

Monday Men's Evening: 6:55-8:45 p.m., Sept. 13, 2010
Bettendorf Presbyterian Church @ I-74 and Middle Rd,
Bettendorf, IA
Class Contact: Duane Truman 563-355-1689

Monday Women's Evening: 6:55-8:45 p.m., Sept. 13, 2010
Edgewood Baptist Church @ 2704 38th St. Rock Island,
IL
Class Contact: Joni Ketelaar 563-332-9865

Adults are encouraged to make arrangements for childcare
until the child has been registered. For additional
information, please visit the BSF website at
www.bsfindernational.org.

Empty Printer Cartridges

Bring your empty ink & toner cartridges to the information
desk, we can turn them in for cash on our office supplies.
Thank you to everyone who has brought them. We saved
\$60 last month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 8:15 Adult Learning, 9:30 Worship 5:00 Biking	16	17 6:00 Elder's 6:30 Consistory 6:30 Adult Volleyball	18 10:00 Prayer Shawl, 6:30 Worship mtg.	19	20 7:00 Men's Basketball AUGUST	21
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5 9:30 Worship	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 6:30 Adult Volleyball	8 1:00 Bible study, 6:00 Praise Band 6:30 Choir	9	10 7:00 Men's Basketball	11 9:00 Women's Ministry, 6:00 Hang Time
12 8:15 Adult Learning 9:30 Worship, 10:50 Sunday Learning 7:00 Sr. High	13 6:00 Christian Jam Terri vacation	14 6:30 Adult Volleyball	15 10:00 Prayer Shawl, 6:00 Praise Band 6:30 Choir, Jr. High, Parenting class	16	17 Office Closed, 7:00 Men's Basketball	18 7:30 a.m. Men's "Son Rise" B & B
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September

Sunday 8/22/10 9:30 a.m.

Message: "Comfort In Comfort Out"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Greeters/Doors: Doug & Joyce Taylor, Debbie Clement, Sandy Ross
Bulletins: Dave & Sandy Schafer
Lead Usher: Steve Keller
Ushers: Harold Eriks, Kyle Akker
Projectionist: Tom Schuetz
Church Nursery: Sheryl Vermeer, Donna Muilenburg Andrea Vermeer
Ambassadors: Terry & Donna Muilenburg
Information Desk: Metta Beninga
Exit Greeters: Earl & Barb Paasch, Carol Schipper
Coffee Pot Clean Up: Dick & Sue Kvach

Sunday 8/29/10 9:30 a.m.

Message: "Giving it All to God"

Scripture: Acts 4:32-5:11

Greeters/Doors: Scott & Tammy Roehlk, LaJuan Gault, Lynn Rankin
Bulletins: Dick & Sue Kvach
Lead Usher: Steve Keller
Ushers: Patrick Martin, Mike Oeschner
Projectionist: Connor Kincard
Church Nursery: Valarie Hessel, Scott & Michelle Koops
Ambassadors: Dan & Rebecca Stansberry
Information Desk: Wendy Ballou
Exit Greeters: Ken & Merle Berkompas, Sheryl & Bruce Vermeer
Coffee Pot Clean Up: Tom & Becky Schuetz