

Family Connection

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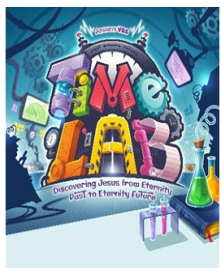
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The mission of Christ's Family Church is: to lead people to Christ, to equip them for service in the Kingdom of God, to send them out to reach others with the Gospel that God may be glorified.

It's May and after a cool April, it finally feels like spring is here. One of the things I like to do in warmer weather is ride my bike to work. Since I've been doing this for the past couple of years, one of the things I've noticed is that it takes a while to get into the rhythm of riding. I feel a lot more tired after my first couple rides to work after winter than I do later in the season. I also notice that it takes at least five minutes more to ride to work earlier in the season than later in the season. Finally, waking up earlier to make up for the time difference of riding against driving seems difficult. As the summer goes on, riding into work starts to feel like a habit. As I get used to it, it gets easier and easier. In the same way, I'm not always as good as I should be about reading the Bible daily. As I start each time, it seems more difficult to make the time until it too becomes a habit. But, just like riding a bike will improve my physical health and fitness, doing my daily devotions will improve my spiritual health and fitness. Most importantly, daily devotions will improve my relationship with God. As I Timothy 4:7-8 says: "Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

Mitch Andringa, Deacon



OUR BIGGEST WAY TO REACH KIDS IS VBS!!!

You can help us plan and take part in an incredible outreach event for kids in our community...VBS! There are many ways to get involved...both BEFORE and DURING VBS! It takes all kinds of volunteers to get us ready to share Jesus and His love with kids in our

community...and there is a job that fits what you are available to do! **What is God calling you to do?**

Come check it out at one of our upcoming planning meetings:

Monday, May 14 at 1:00 pm

Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN online for both Kids AND VOLUNTEERS! Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for a spectacularly FUN time-travelling adventure! You can register anytime through the CFC website: <http://www.christsfamilychurch.org/vacation-bible-school/>

SAVE THE DATES!!!

TIME LAB VBS 2018

July 9-13

9:00-11:45 am

Join the VBS Prayer Team! VBS only runs on God's Power, through the prayers of His people. Sign up to join our army of prayer warriors at the information table or by contacting Becky at beckyschuetz6@gmail.com. Thanks for getting us started on a firm foundation!!!

This Week

Mon - Fri Pastor Kurt to Seminary
Friday Office Closed
Saturday 9:00 a.m. Women's W.O.V.E.N. program

May 13 - 19

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship
May 13 - 17 PB vacation
Monday 7:00 p.m. Mission Committee mtg. @ Baxter's house

May 20 - 26

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship, Graduation Sunday

May 27 - June 2

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship - No Sunday Learning
Monday Office Closed
Thursday 6:00 p.m. Elder's mtg.
 7:00 p.m. Consistory

Amazon Smile

When shopping on Amazon, if you use [smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile), look for Christ's Family Church and a portion of your purchase comes back to CFC. Same products, same prices, it is an easy way to support our Church.

Weekly Events

Sunday - 8:15 Adult class, 9:30 Worship. 10:50 Sunday Learning for all ages
Tuesday - 6:30-9:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball
Wednesday - 6:30 Choir, Middle School Bible study
Friday - 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

2020 Vision
Inspiring Outreach
Growing in Fellowship
Serving our Community
Together

	March	Year To Date March
General Fund Offerings and Other Income*	38,628	156,177
Total General Fund Actual Expenses	54,650	140,063
Total Surplus/(Shortfall)	(16,022)	16,114
Total Budgeted Expenses	56,300	168,901

* Year to date General Offerings include \$39,640 of donations received in 2017 as prepaid 2018



Want to learn more about the Bible and God's incredible rescue plan? Try The Gospel Project Sunday Learning...we have classes for all ages!

Here's what's coming up in this month's journey...

May 13 – Adults: *The God Who Deserves Our Allegiance*

Youth: *Protection in the Furnace*

Kids: *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego*

Bible Passage – *Daniel 3*

May 20 – Adults: *The Handwriting of God*

Youth: *The Handwriting on the Wall*

Bible Passage – *Daniel 5*

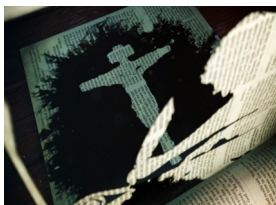
Kids: *Daniel Was Rescued*

Bible Passage – *Daniel 6*

The Gospel Project will take a break for the summer months...we will resume our journey in September. Join us for Summer Bible Study for Adults and Summer Sunday Learning 4 Kids!

For a listing of The Gospel Project classroom locations look for the sign near the elevator. There are also cards in all the pews that list the locations.

The Gospel Project for Adults: You can now pick up a copy of the next week's lesson at the information table. Look it over this week and join us for some great discussion!



**Every word, every verse,
bears His testimony.
Of the Holy Messiah.
Jesus Christ.
Eternal King.
This is The Gospel Project.**

Coming this summer...

Summer Bible Study for Adults – Sundays at 8:15 am in FLC Room 202

This summer we're going to dig into the book of **Ephesians**. The Book of Ephesians is a survival manual—it equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle writes to encourage believers to live well—we've been lifted from the graveyard of sin and called to shout the gospel into the darkened world. In this video series, pastor and author J.D. Greear digs into the text of Ephesians verse-by-verse and challenges believers to live out the gospel.

The Book of Ephesians video study is also available on Right Now Media. If you can't make it on Sunday, you can still follow along from home! Check it out by following this link: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/195647>

Christ's Family Church is looking to hire a part-time (hours flexible) Education Assistant for the summer to assist the education department in preparing for summer into fall programming.

If you are a person with a heart for the Lord and his church, and you are interested in joining the CFC team for the summer, please see details below.

The Education assistant would:

- Assist in lesson planning and prep for Summer Sunday Learning 4 Kids
- Coordinate and train volunteers for Summer Sunday Learning 4 Kids
- Assist with planning and prep for VBS (July 9 to July 13)
- Help supervise youth and kids during VBS set building
- Other administrative tasks as needed

If you are interested in being considered for this position within the church, please submit your interest to Pastor Kurt Bush via email at kbush@christfamilychurch.org by Tuesday, May 22. CFC is an equal opportunity employer.

W.O.V.E.N. PROGRAM - Please join us this coming **Saturday, May 12, from 9 – 10:30 a.m.** in the FLC, lower level, Door #6 for our final program of the season. "For the Love of Dolls", is the name of the program which will be presented by Sue Sharp-Page. Sue will be showing dolls manufactured in France and Germany during the last half of the 19th century. Her love for old antique dolls came in 1987 when she attended an exhibition and went on to gain certification to teach porcelain doll making. Sue also sews costumes for collectors throughout the Midwest region as well as the dolls she makes. Her talent is extraordinary – a must see for younger and older eyes. Bring a friend and recapture the innocence of loving and appreciating the wonder and beauty of dolls. We will also be presenting our Sharing Makes Cents check to our recipient, The Friendly House. Don't miss the magic of what can be collected in nine months of time with purse change! It seizes to amaze. Refreshments will be served and **free** babysitting is available by calling Becky Meurs (563-355-5944) **OR** to cancel. The centerpieces will intrigue and entice the moment you walk in! Bring a friend(s) – you won't be sorry. Guests are always welcome.



NEW THIS SUMMER – LEGO BUILDER'S CLUB!

We're going to try a new thing for kids this summer...a LEGO Builder's Club. **We could use some help getting it started!** If you have ideas for ways to make this a great summer activity, or thoughts about when we should

[This Photo](#) by Unknown schedule it (daytime, evening, etc.) please contact Becky at beckyschuetz6@gmail.com.

TAKE 2!



Can you give two of your Sundays this summer as a volunteer in Summer Sunday Learning 4 Kids?

Kids need to continue to hear about Christ's amazing love for them in the summer. We plan to offer Summer Sunday Learning 4 Kids each week **during the worship hour**, but we need volunteers to make it happen! **Four volunteers are required each week** - two for the Pre-K class and two for the Elementary class.

The lessons are very easy...each week will feature a story on video mixed with activities that reinforce the morning's message. **NO EXPERIENCE** with Children's Ministry is necessary – just a soft heart for kids and Jesus! Sign up at the Information table in the lobby, or watch for an email invitation to volunteer using Sign Up Genius.

Thanks for serving!

SAVE THE DATE

Coffee Time is Wednesday June 12th at 9:00 AM in the FLC. Join us for coffee, tea, pastries and fruit!

Missions

One of the missionaries our church has supported the past few years is Brad and Karla Thiessen, located in Slovakia. They have lived there over 25 years. Among their many ministries, they have a language school called WordArt, which provides numerous avenues for connecting to not only Slovak people, but also refugees and exchange students. The Thiessens also host an English camp every summer, which draws people of all ages and backgrounds, and uses the Bible to teach English (they are always looking for volunteers to help at these camps). Our church will support them with \$3,550 this year. Kristen Andringa

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 9:30 Worship, Communion	7 	8 6:30 Volleyball	9 9:00 7:14 GAP, 10:00 Prayer Shawl, 6:00 Youth Dinner 6:30 Choir, Middle School Bible study	10	11 7:00 Men's Basketball	12 9:00 Women's W.O.V.E.N. Program
13 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship 10:50 Sunday Learning	14	15 9:00-1:00 PB to Pastor's mtg. 6:30 Volleyball	16 1:30 Bible Study, 6:30 Choir, Middle School Bible study	17 7:00 Day Care Graduation	18 7:00 Men's Basketball	19
20 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, Graduation Sunday 10:50 Sunday Learning	21	22 6:30 Volleyball	23 9:00 7:14 GAP, 10:00 Prayer Shawl, 6:30 Choir,	24	25 7:00 Men's Basketball	26 8:00 Men's Bible study
27 8:15 Adult Class 9:30 Worship,	28	29 6:30 Volleyball	30 1:30 Bible study	31 6:00 Elder's mtg. 7:00 Consistory	1 7:00 Men's Basketball	2 
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Prayers:

Karen Rascher - Don Downing's sister diagnosed with breast cancer
Sonja Rekers - passing of her cousin
Guy Lundvall - continued recovery at home
Karen Dexter - recovery from foot surgery
Jim Adams - recovery & healing from ankle surgery
Cheryl Vice - Sister of Tom Schuetz, has an aggressive form of brain cancer
June Freis - Jean Norton's mother, she is 92, has Alzheimers, and has fallen and broken three ribs she is recovering at home
Cathy Akker - recovery from surgery to replace bone patch doing rehab in Ankeny
Greta Habak - recurring cancer
Stephanie Goorsh - Dexter's daughter-in-laws, sister-in-law, ovarian cancer having chemo
Kristy - cousin of Greg VerMeer, passed away last week
Craig Klavon - Robin Schaver's brother on going optivo treatments to kill squamous cancer cells for more than 1 year now, keep his strength as this medication works in his body

Day Care News

Happy May! We are preparing for our 4-5 year old graduation. They have learned so much this year and are growing into productive, happy little soon to be kindergarteners. If you would like to see our littles graduation ceremony, it is Thursday May 17th at 7:00 PM (stay for treats, punch and fellowship afterwards). We are also getting ready for our summer school age program. Our summer program offers care for school age children who have completed Kindergarten and are under 10 years old. They go on a lot of adventures, do a ton of fun filled experiments and of course a few projects (shh don't tell them but they are also learning while do all those things too). We do have a few spaces available, so contact Debi or Melissa for more information. Our Monday/Wednesday/ Friday preschool program was a huge hit this year too! We are currently taking applications for our 2018-2019 school year.
 "Be kind to one another and build each other up."
 1 Thessalonians 5:11A

Youth Ministry

The school year is coming to a close but schedules continue to be full. Check with teens in our church to see if you can make it to any of their games, matches, shows or recitals.

Our High School students are finishing their study, *Anxious for Nothing; Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*, by Max Lucado. It continues to provide helpful tools for our teens to apply to life and their futures. As we finish this study we will go directly into our "College Ready: Making the Most of Your Next Great Adventure" Series. We will meet on Sunday nights, 6:30pm unless otherwise posted.

Our Middle Schoolers are in a "Back to Basics" series. We are looking forward to exploring and better understanding our Faith. We will meet on Wednesdays nights, with an end of year celebration on May 16.

Please note that Sunday Learning will end on May 20. We will start our summer calendar after the 20th. Please note that Cadena has a new, local number, (563)320-3456.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Cadena Trusty, Youth Ministries Director via cadenatrusty@yahoo.com or (563)320-3456.



Please join us on **Sunday, June 3rd, for an Open House from 1-4 PM at The Women's Choice Center new location, 2740 Happy Joe Drive**, which is directly across the street from our previous building. At the same time we will be **celebrating the life and legacy of Vicki Tyler** as we gather to share our sentiments and love with her before she officially retires on June 15th. Mark your calendars so you can tour our new space with the double blessing of sharing your sentiments with Vicki and Todd. Life at the Women's Choice Center will never be the same...but it will be better because of Vicki's dedication, commitment, vision, and the powerful love she shares with each person she meets. We hope to see you on June 3rd.

Friendly House Birthday Bags - Thank you for your assistance to provide supplies to allocate and commit 30 bags a month to the pantry at the Friendly House. The stock room is empty and your considerations of necessary supplies or monetary donations are very much in need again. Place any purchases in the plastic tub in the narthex and give or send donations to Becky Meurs or Sharon Andringa. We are happy to shop for you and replenish the stock room. Your quick response will assist us to make a delivery for March. Thank you so much!

RightNow Media

If you haven't heard, we're giving all of you a FREE gift! It's our passion to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus and to equip you to help your family grow, and RightNow Media will help you do just that! If you haven't heard about this, or if you haven't received your FREE subscription, please contact Pastor Kurt for more details.

Thank You

Dear CFC Family and Pastor Brian,

Thank you for the many prayers the past four months. Your support gave me peace of mind, perseverance, and hope. God listens and performs healing miracles. As Psalm 28:6-7 says, "Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped." Blessing to each and every one of you. You're in my heart forever.

In Christian love,
Karen Dexter

Friendly House

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that summer is just around the corner every thought we have yet to have many signs of spring. At Friendly House, summer is the busiest season for our food pantry as many families; food budget often doubles with children being at home for the summer and families add full day child care costs to their already tight budgets. Thanks to donations like yours, we are able to assist those families through our pantry with food, paper products, and many hygiene products. We just wanted to once again take the time to thank you for your consistent donations that help our programs continue to serve those in need.

Thanks again for supporting the Friendly House.

Best regards,
Jodi Stock, LMSW
Family & Senior Services Supervisor

Graduation Celebration

Celebrate with the graduate, Ashlyn Haack, at our home 6107 Lakeshore Circle, Davenport Saturday, May 26, 5PM to 9PM

Food Pantry

The first Sunday of the month is food pantry Sunday. Please bring your contributions of canned, bottled and boxed foods, baby food, as well as household and hygiene items. There is a box in the closet in the lobby. We the deliver your donations to Friendly House. You can bring your donations at anytime.

Opportunities to Serve:

Decorating Person - if you have a gift of decorating your gift could be used at church. Decorating for Easter, Christmas and seasonal is needed. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Wedding Coordinator - person to meet with the couple and set up for rehearsal, open the building and run sound for the wedding and clean up after the wedding. You set the fee for services and the couple pays you directly. We have 1 or 2 weddings a year at present. Contact Pastor Brian if you are interested.