

# 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, to send them out to reach others with the Gospel that God may be glorified.**

## Psalm 19:14

May these words of my mouth and this **meditation** of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Some time ago, I fell behind in my Bible reading and meditation. Don't get me wrong, I read the word every day, but meditation as a ritual of reflection, maybe not every day; much as I would like to claim that. So as the time slipped away for both reading and meditation, I found myself looking for revelation from other students of the Word of God. Over the years I've collected several of these well-known Bible teachers. One year, one of them, in their teaching cautioned me not to rely on "their" Word from God only. Instead she encouraged me to create and carve out my own time to hear from God on my own. As God's children, we all have the same spirit revealing His heart to us, specific to our understanding.

An African story from my past shows my attitude clearly. I was 19 then and in my first job. I was an order typist for equipment parts for a mining company. The mining company mined several minerals like tin, copper, chromium, and gold. As I began my employment, I had a tour of their largest mine. We had to dress like a miner go down a mine shaft with a lamp on our head, they only took us about 500 meters below in this tin can of an elevator, only to arrive at a damp smelling level so a silent we were grateful when a generator started off in the distance around the bend, somewhere. The guide was brief and took us back up. 'yap nothing to see here', I thought. Back at on top, they gave us each; a rough rock that looks like unpolished granite with dirty yellowish orange-like specks on it; about the size of a small coffee mug, it was gold ore. I looked at it briefly, put it down, so did my new friend from the typing pool. We checked our equipment back in, had lunch and got back on the bus. I never thought about that tour until a few days later when our supervisor asked us what we felt about the gold room and if we were proud to hold pure African gold in our hands.

The naivety of 19-year-old me did not realize the worth of what I was holding in my hand enough to inquire how you get the valuable shiny gold bars out of that useless rock. I had no time for this old rock in the way I did not have time for real meditation of the word of God for a period in my life. You may feel that way at times. I think we all do at times. But honestly, when we do spend thoughtful time in the word, he is sure to carve out extra time for all other activities and reveal amazing gold nuggets into our lives. At first, meditation looks like a rigid requirement yet once you get started it is the most beautiful thing.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
And on his law, he meditates day and night (Psalms 1:2).

Tsitsi Bergman, Elder

**Mark your calendars**  
**CFC Camp Out/ Gathering Saturday, August 11th**  
**at West Lake Park**

## July 15-21

|                     |            |                       |
|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>       | 8:15 a.m.  | Adult Class           |
|                     | 9:30 a.m.  | Worship               |
|                     | 10:45 a.m. | Discipleship Time     |
| <b>Sun - Friday</b> |            | High School Trip      |
| <b>Monday</b>       | 7:00 p.m.  | Women's Bible study   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>    | 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Shawl          |
|                     | 2:00 p.m.  | Lego Builders Club    |
|                     | 6:30 p.m.  | Work as Worship study |

## July 22-28

|                  |            |                       |
|------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8:15 a.m.  | Adult Class           |
|                  | 9:30 a.m.  | Worship               |
|                  | 10:45 a.m. | Discipleship Time     |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 7:00 p.m.  | Women's Bible study   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 2:00 p.m.  | Lego Builders Club    |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.  | Work as Worship study |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 6:00 p.m.  | Elder's mtg.          |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.  | Consistory            |

## July 29-August 4

|               |            |                     |
|---------------|------------|---------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | 8:15 a.m.  | Adult Class         |
|               | 9:30 a.m.  | Worship             |
|               | 10:45 a.m. | Discipleship Time   |
|               |            | Membership Class    |
| <b>Monday</b> | 7:00 p.m.  | Women's Bible study |

## Amazon Smile

When shopping on Amazon, if you use **smile.Amazon.com**, 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.  
**Tuesday** - 6:30-9:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball

**2020 Vision**  
**Inspiring Outreach**  
**Growing in Fellowship**  
**Serving our Community**  
**Together**

|   | May             | Year To Date   |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>General Fund Offerings and Other Income*</b> | <b>41,356</b>   | <b>248,334</b> |
| <b>Total General Fund Actual Expenses</b>       | <b>64,235</b>   | <b>256,945</b> |
| <b>Total Surplus/(Shortfall)</b>                | <b>(22,879)</b> | <b>(8,611)</b> |
| <b>14,268</b>                                   |                 |                |
| <b>Total Budgeted Expenses</b>                  | <b>56,300</b>   | <b>281,501</b> |

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

## FEED YOUR SOUL WITH SUMMER SUNDAY LEARNING!

Don't experience summer drought because you have no spiritual nourishment...make plans to include Summer Bible Study in your schedule!

### CFC KIDS & YOUTH

#### *Sundays during the worship hour*

Kids ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (in the fall) will worship with their families until the Children's Message and then they will go downstairs to the Children's Ministry area for age-appropriate learning.

**Preschool and incoming Kindergarten age** kids will meet in the Young Children & Worship room.

**Elementary age kids** will meet in the large group area downstairs.

**Middle School and High School Youth** are invited (and encouraged!) to come downstairs to help shepherd children in either class any Sunday!

**+++PARENTS: Please come downstairs following worship to sign your children out from class! Children will NOT be released without a parent signature.** Please also check the sign out sheet to make sure your child's full name is listed and spelled correctly. Thanks for your help!

### ADULTS

#### **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**. 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. Here is our schedule:

**July 15:** Ephesians 3:14-4:16

**July 22:** Ephesians 4:17-5:7

**July 29:** Ephesians 5:8-21

**August 5:** Ephesians 5:22-6:9

**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! Follow this link to find *The Book of Ephesians* by J.D. Greear: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/195647>



#### **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!

#### **VOLUNTEER NEEDS FOR JUNE-JULY:**

**July 22: 2 leaders needed for Pre-K**

**July 29: 2 leaders needed for Pre-K; 2 leaders for Elementary**

**August 5: 2 leaders needed for Pre-K; 2 leaders for Elementary**

**August 12: 1 leader needed for Pre-K; 2 leaders for Elementary**

You can sign up several ways: at the Information table in the lobby, on Sign Up Genius (follow this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4ea4aa2daaf85-take1>), or by contacting Becky at [beckyschuetz6@gmail.com](mailto:beckyschuetz6@gmail.com) or 563-940-7605. **Thanks for serving!**



### **Nursery Volunteers Needed!**

The nursery ministry is a great ministry, we are able to provide to families in our congregation and also to those who may be visiting us. Please consider giving of yourself

once every 3 months to Christ's Family's youngest and showing them God's love on Sunday mornings. Do you have older children who love little ones? Consider volunteering with your whole family! Not only will you help fill a need, but serving together can be a wonderful way of teaching your own kids about supporting church ministries. No prep involved, just show up, and love on some kiddos! Please reach out to Erica Odegaard at [Erica.Odegaard@yahoo.com](mailto:Erica.Odegaard@yahoo.com) or 563-370-7935 for further information. Thank you!

### **New! Family Summer Discipleship**

We have a passion for you to follow Christ's call of making disciples, starting in your very own home. We know summer is a busy time and growing as disciples can be a challenge. We are here to help! **Every Sunday, immediately following worship**, join us in the Family Life Center Gym with your whole family for a **short family discipleship time**. We will spend a short time in family devotions and family centered discussion. Families of all generations welcome. We will wrap up and be done by 11:15. Questions, please contact Amber Bush ([amberbush04@gmail.com](mailto:amberbush04@gmail.com)).

### **Summer Midweek Class!**

You spend a large percentage of your time at work. Have you ever thought about how that work might be intentional worship? Well, we want to help you think about that. On Wednesday nights this summer, starting 7/18, Pastor Kurt will be leading a study called "Work as Worship" by J.D. Greear. Classes will start at 6:30 in room 202 with childcare provided. Please contact Pastor Kurt for more details!

### **Volunteers needed to move items from kitchen and pantry on Monday, July 23 and Tuesday, July 24.**

**Contact the office if you can help 359-3765 or e-mail Terri at [tfox@christsfamilychurch.org](mailto:tfox@christsfamilychurch.org)**

### **Membership Class**

Have you ever wondered what it means to be a member at CFC and to be on Jesus' mission together? Well, you're in luck! On 7/29 after worship, Pastor Kurt will be leading a membership class. This is a time to learn about membership, more about CFC, and more about our denomination. If you're not a member you're invited to join us during this informal time to learn more about membership with no obligation to join. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up at the info table, and please pick up a membership packet to take with you as well!

### **MISSION OPPORTUNITY: August 12-18**


For over 100 years the Winnebago Reformed Church has ministered to the needs of the Winnebago Indian Tribe. The church sits in the middle of the town of Winnebago, Nebraska, on the Winnebago Indian Reservation, a short drive from the Quad Cities. Pastor Lowell TenClay and his wife Connie have ministered there, providing effective and large-scale ministries to those in need in the Winnebago Reservation Community. From August 12 – 18, Christ's Family Church is committed to send a mission team to the Winnebago Tribe to assist in the TenClays' ministry on various work projects. These projects will be designed to fit the skills of the team members.

If you desire more information or want to express your interest in this mission trip, please contact Calvin Moss at 563-579-7933 or [cemoss@mchsi.com](mailto:cemoss@mchsi.com).

### **Serve Summer Refreshments**

Sign up at the Information Desk

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| July 22   | August 19 |
| July 29   | August 26 |
| August 5  |           |
| August 12 |           |

| Sun  | Mon                                  | Tue                      | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                            |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------|
| 8<br>9:30<br>Worship   | 9<br>7:00<br>Women's<br>Bible study  | 10                       | 11   | 12   | 13   | 14                             |
| Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:45   |                                      |                          |  |  |  |                                |
| 15<br>8:15 Adult<br>Class, 9:30<br>Worship<br>10:45<br>Discipleship<br>Time                        | 16<br>7:00<br>Women's<br>Bible study | 17<br>6:30<br>Volleyball | 18<br>10:00 Prayer<br>Shawl<br>2:00-3:30<br>Lego Builders<br>6:30 Work as<br>Worship                               | 19   | 20<br><i>July</i> ☆☆☆                                      | 21                             |
| High School Camp   |                                      |                          |  |  |  |                                |
| 22<br>8:15 Adult<br>Class,<br>9:30 Worship<br>10:50<br>Discipleship<br>Time<br>Membership<br>Class | 23<br>7:00<br>Women's<br>Bible Study | 24<br>6:30<br>Volleyball | 25<br>2:00-3:30<br>Lego Builders<br>6:30 Work as<br>Worship  | 26<br>6:00 Elder's<br>mtg.<br>7:00<br>Consistory | 27   | 28                             |
| 29<br>8:15 Adult<br>Class<br>9:30 Worship<br>10:45<br>Discipleship<br>Time                         | 30<br>7:00<br>Women's<br>Bible Study | 31<br>6:30<br>Volleyball | 1<br>10:00 Prayer<br>Shawl<br>2:00-3:30<br>Lego Builders<br>10:00 Cook for<br>Meal Site<br>6:30 Work as<br>Worship | 2<br>Serve @<br>Davenport<br>Meal Site           | 3  | 4                              |
|               |                                      |                          |  |  |  |                                |
| 5 8:15<br>Adult Class<br>9:30 Worship,<br>Communion<br>10:45<br>Discipleship<br>Time               | 6<br>7:00<br>Women's<br>Bible Study  | 7<br>6:30<br>Volleyball  | 8<br>2:00-3:30<br>Lego Builders<br>6:30 Work as<br>Worship   | 9  | 10<br><b>Church Camp Out</b><br>5:30 Andringa<br>Rehearsal | 11<br>3:30 Andringa<br>Wedding |

**Prayers:**

**Terry Muilenburg** - recovery and healing from knee replacement surgery

**La Juan Gault** - recovery at Manor Care from hip replacement

**Greta Habak** - recurring cancer

**Stephanie Gorsh** - sister-in-law of Dexter's daughter-in-law; ovarian cancer; having chemo

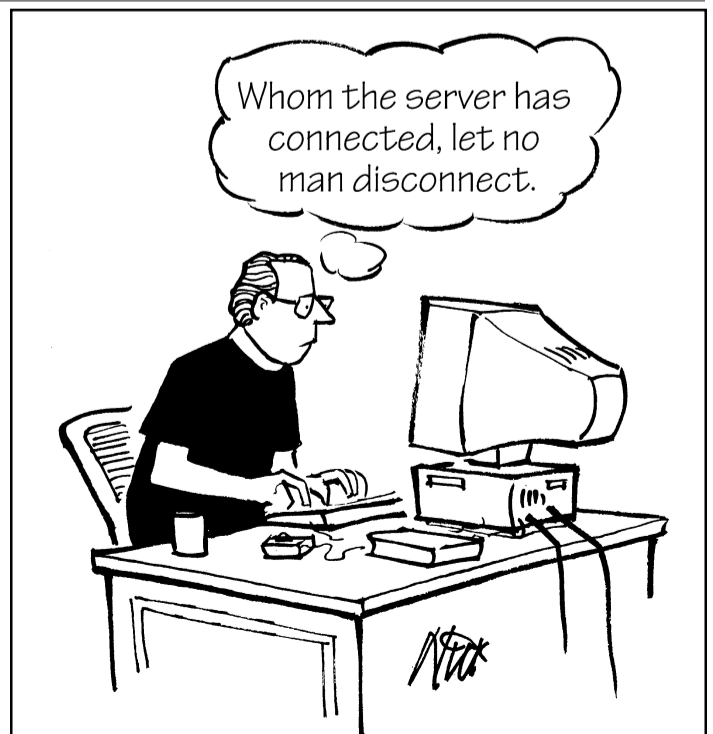
**Craig Klavon** - Robin Schaver's brother; ongoing optivo treatments to kill squamous cancer cells for more than 1 year now; keep his strength as this medication works in his body

**Karen Rascher** - Don Downing's sister; breast cancer, finishing chemo, starting radiation

**Charles Swift** - rehab at Manor Care for a fall

**Gerald Grell** - adjustment to living at Davenport Lutheran Home

**Guy Lundvall** - adjustment to living at Palmer Hills



# Youth Ministry



## It's not too late to join our VBS Mission!

Over 200 kids registered for VBS 2018 to join our 'Time Lab' adventure! So far we are having a great week...with a record attendance of 170 kids on the first day!

We have over 55 volunteers serving to make this VBS a fun, meaningful and memorable experience. **We have some volunteer holes to fill towards the end of the week...would you be willing to serve?** Contact Becky at [beckyschuetz6@gmail.com](mailto:beckyschuetz6@gmail.com) or sign up online at <http://www.christsfamilychurch.org/vacation-bible-school/>. Follow the link to our online registration page and select 'Volunteer Registration'. Thanks for joining our VBS mission!

### Missions

Grace Covenant Ministries was founded in 1979 and took over leadership of Annville Institute, the name was changed in 2016 from Jackson County Ministries. They are associated with Reformed Churches of America. They have numerous projects such as: Barnabas Home (Shelter for Men), Day Camps, Gym Ministry, Veterans Outreach and Trade Stores (to help those in the poverty stricken area purchase items at a lower cost). CFC helps fund them by an annual mission donation of \$2500. and also \$650. in purchases to help in the trade store. They credit their success to our Heavenly Father and His provision of a great volunteer staff and donations. Missions Committee, Joyce Taylor

### 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.

**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. Thank you so much!

### Opportunity to Serve:

**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.

### 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.

We are still living up our summer!!! Everyone thinks things slow down and get quiet around here, but if you are with kids or teens you know it doesn't! Once we decorate for VBS and then help with the week by leading stations, groups and dancing it is time for our High School students to jump in the van and head to camp. We will be leaving for High School camp on Sunday, July 15, at 1pm; we are heading to a great week at Lookout Mountain, GA. We will hear from amazing speakers, have great worship and explore what the Word. This is always a great week for us and we thank you all for helping us get there. Please be praying for our teens: Alex B., Joslyn S., Grace S., Allie S., Logan V., Breanna V. and our leaders: Bryan V., Denise B. and Cadena.

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

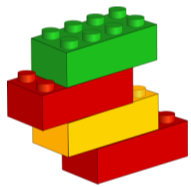


Change of phone number  
**Richard Madsen**  
**563-514-6658**

### Thank You

We deeply appreciate your prayers and expressions of love and sympathy following the death of Glenn's mother, Bertha Zylstra.

Glenn and Nancy Zylstra.



### **Lego Builder's Club starts up again on Wednesday, July 18 from 2:00-3:30 pm.**

Kids, youth, adults are all welcome to come create. You can choose to build whatever you want, or to participate in our daily building challenge. **We are asking pre-k**

**kids to please bring a parent with them to build.** If you have any questions, contact Becky at [beckyschuetz6@gmail.com](mailto:beckyschuetz6@gmail.com).

**Do you have any spare LEGOS floating around in your closets or basement?** We are seeking donations to increase our building supplies! Look for the donation tub near the information desk in the lobby.