

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.

In Second Timothy Paul encourages Timothy to "...pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace ..." (2 Timothy 2:22) I have come to the conclusion that those are very useful spiritual goals for myself and I pray every day that God help me in these areas.

While my ultimate righteousness comes from the work of Christ on the cross for my sins, I am convinced God wants me to "pursue" a life that is obedient to His word, that takes holy living seriously, and that recognizes that how I live matters to God.

I want to be a man of faith – trusting God in the things that matter, not trusting in my hard work, cleverness, or well-intended plans. Paul says in Romans 14:23. "...everything that does not come from faith is sin." I believe the more I live my life relying on God, the more I will please Him. Relying on God means I need to pray first, pray more, and pray "without ceasing".

Jesus made it clear that we are to love God and love one another. Since I am fundamentally selfish, I need to pursue having a loving heart every day. I recently read someone who was offering advice on how to hand a difficult situation. That author said to ask yourself, "What would love do?" I took that to mean that I should structure my response in such a way that love for others was communicated in my decision and actions. That has been helpful to me.

Finally, I need to pursue peace. Jesus tells the church to be unified, to be one. My "know-it-all" attitude can become combative. I need to "let the peace of Christ rule" in my heart. (Colossians 3:15). I need to do all I can to promote peace and unity with others and in the church if I am to be an effective follower of Jesus.

As I have returned to the Consistory this year, I have been thinking about how I can apply these four goals as an elder helping to lead Christ Family Church. I think they are relevant. As a church I think we need to value righteousness - teaching and living the standards laid out in God's word. I think we need to take on Godly endeavors in faith, recognizing that we are just instruments of God, attempting to prayerfully accomplish His purposes. We need to love God with all our heart leading to a priority for worship and the worship service and to love and serve one another as Jesus has loved us. Finally we need to be a unified church, serving God together with peaceful hearts – avoiding needless conflict. As an elder, I need to try to help resolve conflicts out of love for Christ and His church. Here's the whole verse, "Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with all those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

This is my prayer for me. This is my prayer for Christ's Family Church.

Don Olsen, Elder

Jennie Williamson Concert

God is Great Concert!

Saturday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Door Open and FREE Meal at 4:30 p.m.

Invite your family and friends!

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.

August 5 - 11

Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Adult Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Discipleship Time
Tuesday		Pastor Kurt vacation
Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	Lego Builder's
	6:30 p.m.	Work as Worship study
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Andringa Rehearsal
Saturday	3:30 p.m.	Andringa Wedding
	5:30 p.m.	Family Camp Out Dinner

August 12 - 18

Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Adult Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Discipleship Time
Tues-Wed		PB out of the office
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl
	6:30 p.m.	Work as Worship study

August 19 - 25

Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Adult Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Discipleship Time, Coffee & Questions, Nursery Training
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Work as Worship study,
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee mtg
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	FREE MEAL
	6:30 p.m.	Jennie Williamson concert

August 26 - September 1

Sunday	8:15 a.m.	Adult Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Discipleship Time
		Nursery Training
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Elder's mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	Consistory

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

	June	Year To Date June
General Fund Offerings and Other Income*	75,728	324,062
Total General Fund Actual Expenses	53,328	310,273
Total Surplus/(Shortfall)	22,400	13,789
Total Budgeted Expenses	56,300	337,801

* 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 6th 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:

August 12: Ephesians 5:22-6:9

August 19: Ephesians 6:10-24

August 26: *Catch up on videos you may have missed.*

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>

Help make sure we can have SUMMER SUNDAY LEARNING!



Can you give a Sunday 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 have been offering 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 AUGUST:

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

August 19: 1 leader needed for Elementary

August 26: 1 leader needed for Pre-K; 1 leader for Elementary

September 2: 2 leaders 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 or 563-940-7605.

Thanks for serving!

W.O.V.E.N. Opportunity

We have a WOVEN opportunity for someone who is willing to commit their time and talents and share God's love to the women of CFC.

Becky Meurs has stepped down from the leadership position after many years of service.

If God may be nudging you in this direction, please contact one of the current board members or Mavis Wahlert, Consistory Liaison.

Asking for prayers from the congregation for our women's ministry.

Coffee & Questions About Christ's Family Church Sunday, August 19th

If you're new to CFC, we know that you probably have questions about the church. Well, we want to help you get those questions answered! Join Pastor Kurt on August 19th for Coffee & Questions in Room 202. This will be an informal time in which you can ask Pastor Kurt any questions you may have about the church to help you get to know us more! This will be an open forum format, and completely driven by your questions. We'll be meeting at 10:50. Donuts and of course, coffee will be provided.

Nursery Volunteer Training

Whether you have been serving as a nursery volunteer for year or you just want to know what it takes to serve in this way, please plan to attend a brief training session either Sunday, August 19th or Sunday, August 26th. We will meet in room 202 from 10:45-11:15. If you want to volunteer but are not able to attend one of these sessions, please contact **Erica Odegard** ericodegaard@yahoo.com or **Sara Fossey** sarafossey@yahoo.com

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).

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, 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!

VBS Mission Collection Thank You...



At this year's Time Lab VBS, our generous VBS kids, volunteers and families collected a grand total of \$1488 for One Eighty Ministry in Davenport!!! We want to share their thanks with you:

Greetings from One Eighty!

We are overjoyed and blessed by the

generous donation to our ministry that was raised during your VBS!

Thank you for opening your students' eyes to what we do and challenging them to give selflessly. We will use this money to meet the needs of kids and adults in poverty in West Davenport. Our hope is to share the love of Jesus and break the cycles of poverty, crime and addiction.

Thank you!

One Eighty Family

Coffee Makers Needed

We need someone to make coffee the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of each month. Sign up at the information desk or contact the Church office 359-3765, if you can do this. We need your help to have coffee every Sunday.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9:30 Worship, Communion	6 	7	8 10:00 Prayer Shawl, Cook for Meal site 6:30 Work as Worship	9 6:00 Serve @ Davenport Meal Site	10 Church Camp Out 5:30 Andringa Rehearsal	11 3:30 Andringa Wedding 5:30 Family Camp Out diinner
12 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship 10:45 Discipleship Time	13	14 PB out of the office 6:30 Volleyball	15 10:00 Prayer Shawl 6:30 Work as Worship	16	17	18 7:00-3:00 Day Care cleaning
19 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship 10:50 Discipleship Time	20	21 6:30 Volleyball	22 6:30 Work as Worship	23	24	25 4:30 FREE MEAL 6:30 Jennie Williamson
26 8:15 Adult Class 9:30 Worship 10:45 Discipleship Time	27	28 6:30 Volleyball	29	30 6:00 Elder's mtg. 7:00 Consistory	31	1
2 9:30 Worship	3 Office Closed	4 6:30 Volleyball	5	6 	7	8

Day Care News

Prayers:

Virginia Lawhorn - Kim Gravert's grandmother passed away

John Pfautz - in Africa, he has malaria

Brownell Family - on the passing of Jill's Grandfather

Chuck Dubberstine - Carla Minnich's father, blood infection and infection in his bone

Pastor Brian - gall bladder surgery on Aug. 14

Nancy Kaseman - recovery from removal of toe

La Juan Gault - adjusting to Senior Star

Greta Habak - recurring cancer

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

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

Calvin Moss - recovery from broken hand

Phil Corwin - recovery from knee surgery

Wow what a great summer we've had. As summer comes to an end and children start preparing for their next milestone, I can't help but think about all the children that have come through our doors. This is my 13th year at Christ's Family Day Care and I've been blessed with meeting a LOT of children and families. Each year a few of our children leave to attend Kindergarten and never return to the center. My staff and I sometimes have a hard time saying good bye. Some of the children who were here when I first started are now in college. I have seen a few over the years. A few months ago I was pumping gas in the town where I live. I heard a voice say, "Hi Miss Debi". Knowing the voice couldn't be a current child, it was much too deep. I turned around and as I looked up I saw a young adult standing there with a huge smile on his face. I just couldn't put a name to his face. He finally told me his name. I couldn't believe my eyes, so grown up. His dad was standing there as well and thanked me for the "job" CFDC staff had done with his son. He said he was positive CFDC inspired his son to do the things he loved and helped him become the young adult he is today! Well I couldn't be more proud. My staff and I will continue to provide quality Christian day care to children and hope we continue to inspire them.

1 Corinthians 16:14 – "Let all that you do be done in love."

Youth Ministry

This summer has been such a great blessing to our Youth Ministry, between VBS and our trips to Waupun, WI and Lookout Mountain, GA, our teens have had so many opportunities to serve their church family and grow deeper spiritually. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up and into chaperone, mentor and leadership roles this year! Our teens are striving towards greatness and glorifying God in all they do.

As we get back into the swing of things be checking the bulletins and website for events for both Middle School and High School students. Incoming students are welcome to join us on any outings and events.

Be sure to sign up for our Remind text messages. Send a message to the phone number 81010 with the message "@25c57b".

Backyard Ministries

At end of September, Backyard Ministries will have been in existence for 2 years! Many of you have donated furniture, kitchen supplies, microwaves, small electronics, linens and even a few toys. While our storage space isn't too roomy, we have always managed to keep things moving in and out on a regular basis. As work of our mission has spread, we are now receiving call for assistance not only from Eldridge and Davenport, but also from counselors from Bettendorf Elementary, Middle and High Schools. Additionally, we have been able to meet emergency needs thru referrals from Hope at the Brick House, Safe Families, Sonshine Ministries, and St. Ann's Catholic Church as well as individual requests from our congregation and Northridge's congregation. Requests primarily include a need for beds (and linens), dressers and night stands and lamps. However, we have filled 4 entire apartments meeting needs of many children. We have sent out 8 sofas, 5 kitchen tables and chairs, many end tables and lamps and pots, pans, small appliances, and 6 bunk beds. Every situation is unique and gives us a chance to build a relationship with someone in need. Because many of these requests require an immediate response, our phone calls for help are with little notice. A huge thank you to all of you who continue to pray for our ministry or who have donated, helped us deliver furniture or even offered a truck. Also, thanks to Consistory for providing laundry tokens since many of our families do not have washers or dryers available to them. Currently, our needs include bunk beds or bed frames for mostly twin and full size beds, dressers with drawers that move easily, sofas and chairs, night stands and end tables. We have plenty of kitchen supplies but can always use another microwave. For those of you unfamiliar with our mission, the furniture can be gently used (no pet stains, or tears or smells). We are unable to take appliances, mattresses, bikes, hideabeds or entertainment centers (too heavy for us to move). Time after time we have been blessed with just what we need at the exact time. Like Pastor Kurt says, God is Good! Thank you to all for being supportive of our outreach to the communities in which we live and work.

Nursery Volunteers Needed!



Nursery
Ministry

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 or 563-370-7935 for further information. Thank you!

Thank You

Thank you to the entire CFC family for your support, cards, notes, comments and concern during my sister's recent illness and passing. It's difficult to express just how much this meant to our entire family as her condition progressed. It's so comforting to know there are so many people providing support in so many ways. That's one of the many reasons we love our CFC family. – The Schuetz Family

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 will 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.

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