

# 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.**

One dictionary defines contentment as "the state of being mentally or emotionally satisfied with things as they are." I don't know about you, but I am not always that way. Today the news opinion programs seem to stir up anger and hatred toward others, we find ourselves wanting things we don't have, being unhappy about health situations, in grief over losses of friends or family members, in disagreement with our bosses or other leaders, not having enough time to do things we want, having to mow the lawn or clean the house when we would rather be doing something else, and the list goes on and on. We are not content.

Why is it that we live in a society with so much, yet we are not content? I have seen statistics that indicate nearly half the world lives on less than \$2.50 per day and if we have shoes to wear we are richer than 75% of the world population. Assuming these statistics are true, why are we not content? Should we be content?

In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus tells us not to be anxious in our life, and in the needs of life because our heavenly Father knows all our needs and if we seek the kingdom of God these things will be added to us. In Philippians 4:11-13, Paul tells us that he has learned to be content whatever the circumstances because he can do everything in him who gives him strength.

True contentment seems to be the ability to overlook all the troubles of the world because we know our God is in control of all things, He will prevail over these troubles. Are you and I content, or do we let life's troubles dominate our thinking? While being lazy and doing nothing about our problems is a different story, allowing our problems to dominate our lives is not what Jesus teaches us. My hope is that all of us will have contentment and strength through that which is found through seeking the kingdom of God.

Duane Truman, Elder

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



Come and check out our new library space, downstairs, in the Family Life Center. Come to the elevator room and explore our films, special topic books like parenting, marriage and prayer, or grab a non-fiction book to enjoy. When you are done with your borrowed material, there is a drop box right outside of the elevator downstairs, where you can return the books and movies. We have space to sit and read or meet with your friends. This month you will find featured movies and books at our library desk recommended by Cadena, our DYM.

## September 9 - 15

<b>Monday- Wed</b>		PB & PK out of the office
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	BSF
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Time
	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Family Dinner
	6:30 p.m.	Circle of Friends, Middle School Kick-Off
	6:30-6:45	Praise & Prayer
	6:45 p.m.	Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Classis mtg.
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

## September 16 - 22

<b>Sunday</b>	8:15 a.m.	Adult Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday Learning
	6:30 p.m.	High School
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	BSF
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	7:14 GAP
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Men's Basketball

## September 23 - 29

<b>Sunday</b>	8:15 a.m.	Adult Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday Learning
	6:30 p.m.	High School
<b>Mon - Thurs</b>		Cadena vacation
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Elder's mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	Consistory

## September 30 - October 6

<b>Sunday</b>	8:15 a.m.	Adult Class
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday Learning
	6:30 p.m.	High School
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 p.m.	BSF
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Cook for Meal Site
<b>Thursday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Serve @ Davenport Meal Site
<b>Friday</b>	5:00 p.m.	Smith/Minch Rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Smith/Minch Wedding

## Weekly Events

**Sunday** - 8:15 Adult class, 9:30 Worship.  
**Tuesday** - 6:30-9:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball  
**Wednesday** - 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Praise & Prayer, Circle of Friends, 6:45 Choir, Middle School  
**Friday** - 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

	July	YTD July
<b>General Fund Offerings and Other Income*</b>	<b>53,697</b>	<b>377,759</b>
<b>Total General Fund Actual Expenses</b>	<b>45,906</b>	<b>356,179</b>
<b>Total Surplus/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>7,791</b>	<b>21,580</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>56,300</b>	<b>394,101</b>

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

## What's coming up in Sunday Learning...



### The Gospel Project

*In the beginning was the Word...*

Jesus is the Word of God...did you know the entire Bible is His Story?

The Gospel Project points kids, students, and adults to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through weekly group Bible studies, all ages discover how God's plan of redemption unfolds throughout Scripture and continues today, compelling us to join the mission of God.

**Sept. 16: The Rebuilding of the Temple - Ezra 4:1-7; 5:1-5; 6:13-22**

*Christ Connection:* God's people rebuilt the temple so they would have a place to worship God. Years later, God sent His Son, Jesus, to be with His people. Now God dwells not in the temple, but directly with His people. Because of Jesus, we don't need a temple anymore.

**Sept. 23: For Such a Time as This – Esther 4**

*Christ Connection:* The command to kill all the Jews threatened the fulfillment of God's promise of a Messiah-King who would bring the blessing of Abraham to the world. But God was in control. He was working out a plan to use Esther to rescue His people and make the way for His Son, Jesus, to come into the world.

**Sept. 30: God Saved His People Through Esther – Esther 5-10**

*Christ Connection:* God was in control over Haman's evil plan to destroy the Jews. Like Haman, Satan wants to destroy believers. Satan thought he had won when Jesus died on the cross, but God raised Jesus from the dead and defeated Satan once and for all.

**Oct. 7: Nehemiah Prays – Nehemiah 1:1-11; 2:1-8**

*Christ Connection:* Nehemiah believed God would keep His promise to bring His people back home, and this is why he prayed and took action the way he did. Jesus is the One who prays to the Father on our behalf, and He is the only way to salvation.

### Classroom locations:

#### **The Gospel Project for ADULTS**

You will be welcomed and blessed by each of these groups...they all use the same material, so feel free to visit any or all of them!

**8:15 am class** - Room 202:Mike Senneff, Becky Schuetz

**10:45 am classes:**

Room 201:Reg Shoesmith, Bruce McEhlinney

Room 202:J.T. Andringa, Don Kincaid

#### **The Gospel Project for YOUTH**

**10:45 am** – Youth Room – Family Life Center – Lower Level

#### **The Gospel Project 4 CFC KIDS!**

**10:45 am** – Children's Ministry area —Lower Level & FLC Nursery

**Babies** – FLC Nursery

**1 ½ years** – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Lower Level

### Here are more classes for Adults at 10:45 am:

**Fellowship Time**– Room 110. Join Pastor Brian and Tom Schuetz for fellowship, and prayer.

#### **Crazy Love– FLC Conference Room**

*Video series by Francis Chan, led by Amber Bush*

It's crazy, if you think about it. The God of the universe loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our typical response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to cuss. God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself...are you listening?

### **New for CFC Kids...**

In September, we welcome kids back to worship with us! We are excited to announce some new ways to include and draw kids into worship of the Lord:

**A new worship bulletin designed just for kids!** Our new interactive kids' bulletin explains what we are doing in worship and why, so kids can follow along and join in as worshippers.

**Teaching Kids 2 Worship:** After the Children's Message, **kids who are in 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades** will go out into the northwest corner of the lobby (by the stairs) to **explore the worship Bible passage in a kid friendly way**, using the NIV Bible translation and talking about it at age appropriate level. We will then join together in prayer and end with the Lord's Prayer (just like in the Sanctuary). Kids will rejoin parents during the hymn that follows the time of prayer to conclude worship with the greater body of believers.

**Young Children and Worship** will start up again today to teach children ages 3 ½ - kindergarten how to worship too.

Something powerful and good happens when people of all ages come together to meet with God and worship Him. Something that pleases Him and blesses us...that gives us a glimpse of what is yet to come.

*Then a voice came from the throne, saying:*

*"Praise our God, all you His servants,*

*you who fear Him, both great and small!*

*...Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!"*

*Revelation 19:5 & 7a*

### Calling all kids in 1st-5th grades...Circle of Friends starts Sept. 12!

What do you get when you mix together fun, friends, games and exploring the Bible? Come join our **Circle of Friends** and see!

**We meet Wednesday nights from 6:45-7:45pm in the Children's Ministry area in the basement.** You can check the schedule for meeting dates and what we will be doing on the CFC website: [www.christsfamilychurch.org/circle-of-friends-meeting-schedule/](http://www.christsfamilychurch.org/circle-of-friends-meeting-schedule/)

**Come join us - our first meeting will be FUN NIGHT with games and treats!!**

### Coffee Makers Needed

We need someone to make coffee the 3rd, 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.

### Hope at the Brick House Fundraising Event

Join us at Pizza Ranch

880 Lincoln Road, Bettendorf

Monday, September 24th from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Pizza Ranch will donate 10% of your guest check to Hope at the Brick House

*Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My Name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the one who sent Me." Mark 9:37*

### Why Should YOU Serve In Children's Ministry?

**Two out of three born again Christians (64%) made that commitment to Christ before their 18th birthday** according to a 2004 Barna Group study.

Please prayerfully ask God if He wants you to be part of His great adventure! There are as many ways to serve in Children's Ministry as there are people...and not all of them take place on Sunday morning.

#### **Here are some of our current opportunities to serve:**

-on a leader team for the Babies class (*one Sunday a month at 10:45 am*)

-on a leader team for Circle of Friends (*Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 pm*)

-on a set up team for Sunday Learning 4 Kids (*Saturdays or Sunday before 9:00am*)

-as a long term sub for Toddler & 2's (*this fall, Sundays at 10:45 am*)

Contact Becky at [beckyschuetz6@gmail.com](mailto:beckyschuetz6@gmail.com) or stop by the Children's Ministry table in the lobby to learn more!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>9</b> 9:30 Worship	<b>10</b> 7:00 BSF  <b>PB &amp; PK gone</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 Coffee Time 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Circle of Friends Middle School 6:30- 6:45 Praise & Prayer	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:00 Men's Ministry
<b>16</b> 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday Learning 6:30 High School	<b>17</b> 7:00 BSF	<b>18</b> 6:30 Volleyball	<b>19</b> 9:00 7:14 GAP 10:00 Prayer Shawl 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Circle of Friends 6:30-6:45 Praise & Prayer 6:45 Choir, Middle School	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday Learning 6:30 High School	<b>24</b> 7:00 BSF	<b>25</b> 6:30 Volleyball	<b>26</b> 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Circle of Friends 6:30-6:45 Praise & Prayer 6:45 Choir, Middle School	<b>27</b> 6:00 Elder's mtg 7:00 Consistory	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:15 Adult Class 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday Learning 6:30 High School	<b>1</b> 7:00 BSF	<b>2</b> 6:30 Volleyball	<b>3</b> 9:00 7:14 GAP 10:00 Prayer Shawl 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Circle of Friends 6:30-6:45 Praise & Prayer 6:45 Choir, Middle School	<b>4</b> 6:00 Serve @ Davenport Meal Site	<b>5</b> 5:00 Smith/ Minch Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 3:00 Smith/ Minch Wedding
<b>7</b> 8:15 Adult Class 9:30 Worship Communion 10:45 Sunday Learning 6:30 High School	<b>8</b> 7:00 BSF	<b>9</b> 6:30 Volleyball	<b>10</b> 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Circle of Friends 6:30- 6:45 Praise & Prayer 6:45 Choir, Middle	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>

**Day Care News**

**Prayers:**

**Elizabeth Wright** - recovery from surgery for broken arm  
**Sue Basala** - recovery from surgery for breast cancer  
**La Juan Gault** - adjusting to Senior Star  
**Graham Kuehl** - Carol's grandson, broken collar bone  
**Chuck Dubberstine** - Carla Minnich's father, blood infection and infection in his bone  
**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

**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.

# Youth Ministry

We are so excited that everything kicks off this month! From Sunday Learning to our weekly evening HS and MS ministry events.

MS Kick-Off Color Wars is Wednesday, Sept. 12 ~ 6:30pm - 7:45pm. Come hang out, play new games and get to know each other, along with your Wednesday night leaders!!! Can't wait to start the year with you!

HS, we will kick-off Sunday, September 16 ~ 6:30-7:45pm!!! Put these on your to do list, to make sure you always know what is going on in our Youth Ministry:

Sign up for our Remind notices, by texting the phone number 81010 with the message @25c57b, to make sure you

Be sure you have turned in a blue general release to me! That helps cover you if we leave the campus, you get hurt or I need to call your folks.

Make sure I have a good email address, if you didn't receive the newsletter on Sept. 6, I don't have one!!!

If you've got questions or want to talk about ways to serve our youth, please contact Cadena Trusty, Youth Ministries Director, at (563)320-3456 or [cadenatrusty@gmail.com](mailto:cadenatrusty@gmail.com).



## It's time to update Family Information/Permission Forms for CFC Kids!

We need to have a family information/permission form for kids to participate in ALL Children's Ministry activities, including Young Children & Worship, Sunday Learning 4 Kids, and Circle of Friends. It is also for those who are cared for in the Nursery regularly. **One form covers all family members, but they need to be updated each fall.** These forms tell us who may pick up your child, if your child has allergies or other special needs, as well as who to contact if a need arises during activities. They also let us know when it's time to celebrate a birthday! You can pick up a form at the Children's Ministry table in the lobby, in the Nursery or at Summer Sunday Learning 4 Kids. Thank you for partnering with us in discipling your children!!

## New Senior Management for MH4H

Many Hands for Haiti is pleased to announce the addition of new senior management in Haiti. Shelly and Darryl De Ruiter of Holland MI, have answered the call and will be joining the Many Hands team in Pignon, Haiti. Both will be filling newly created roles, with Shelly filling the position of Spiritual Direction Coordinator, and Darryl the position of Organizational Development Manager.

Commenting on this, Tim Brand, MH4H Executive leader said "With the continued growth of our programs in Haiti, we have been praying for some time for God to anoint and call the right couple to come along side Craig, Christi and the rest of the staff in Haiti. Our desire has been a couple with administrative experience around education, deep Spiritual maturity and hearts to serve the Lord. Our prayers have been answered with Shelly and Darryl accepting the call. They are both high capacity, servant-hearted leaders, committed to doing the Lord's work. We can't be more excited."

Darryl De Ruiter joins MH4H from Holland Christian Schools in Michigan, where he served for 3 years as the high school principal. Previous to Holland Christian, Darryl served as Principal and head of school for 12 years at Pella Christian in Pella IA. Darryl has more than 30 years of experience in education, holding administrative, coaching and teaching rolls. Darryl will oversee programs involving education, leadership development and Agronomy in Haiti.

Shelly De Ruiter brings 26 years of Physical Therapy experience along with experience in spiritual development. She will facilitate the support of leadership in-country, focusing on mentoring, prayer, staff support and spiritual development.

Our church has sent several mission groups to Haiti in the past few years. We as a church and Mission Committee support MH4H with our prayers and financially (\$2500 per year).

Thank you:  
The Mission Committee

## 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.

## 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.

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## 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 word 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 North Ridge'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.

**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!