

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.

As we are going into this holiday season, I am reminded about my youth, growing up in the Jewish Faith. I was reminded of this while in Sunday school, studying in The Gospel Project. We were in Ezra 3:11-13 the people were celebrating the foundation of the house had been laid. Again in Ezra 6:19-22 the priests and the Levites kept the Passover and worshiped the Lord God. While I was growing up I realized that all celebrations were centered around waiting for the savior. I also noticed that nobody that I was around seemed to think that he would ever come. That is why I was searching for something better when I was a young adult. I was fortunate to be introduced to the Gospels, and then when I read about the day of Pentecost, I knew that I had found what I was really looking for in my life. It was not the many celebration's that revolved around food, but I had found our Savior. In these trying times we find ourselves in, we need to make sure that as we celebrate this year and every year, we keep Christ at the center of our lives. I know that there have been times when I have strayed from my faith, but as I get older, my faith gets stronger. I am striving to become a stronger and more faithful Christian. My prayer for you this season is for Christ to be a more prominent part of all our lives.

In Christ's Love
Steve Keller, Deacon

Thanks-GIVING Dinner



We want to invite you and your family to come and celebrate Thanksgiving with us here at CFC on 11/18 at 5:00. This year, you'll notice that things are going to look slightly different. Starting this

week, we will be sending out information on how to sign up to bring food, or to help in other areas. The other major difference is that we want to GIVE out of the gratitude that we are here to celebrate. We believe that as we celebrate our thankfulness to God for the year past, this gratitude leads to giving to others. We'd like to ask each of you that comes to bring with you 1 food item and 1 personal item (List of needs can be found at the info desk) to be donated to the Friendly House. Please see the information desk or contact Pastor Kurt with any questions or concerns.

November 4 - 10
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. 7:14 GAP
 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl
Friday Terri vacation
Saturday 9:00 a.m. Women's W.O.V.E.N program

November 11 - 17
Mon - Fri Terri vacation
Wed - Mon Cadena to conference
Thursday 6:00 p.m. Elder's mtg.
 7:00 p.m. Consistory
Saturday 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible study

November 18 - 24
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Coffee & Questions
Wednesday No Activities
Thursday Happy Thanksgiving. Office Closed
Friday Office Closed

November 25 - December 1
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship, Communion

Weekly Events

Sunday - 8:15 Adult class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Learning for all ages, 6:30 High School Youth
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, Anatomy of a Disciple
Friday - 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Veterans Valor Program

Collection for Veterans Valor Program. We will again be collecting items for homeless veterans that participate in the local Valor program. The program helps homeless vets transition into permanent housing. Items needed included: full sheet sets, pillows, full size body wash or shampoo, shaving supplies, toothbrushes/toothpaste. Please bring items to the church by Sunday, November 11, which is Veterans Sunday.

	September	YTD Sept.
General Fund Offerings and Other Income*	51,327	470,283
Total General Fund Actual Expenses	52,075	467,025
Total Surplus/(Shortfall)	(748)	3,258
Total Budgeted Expenses	56,300	506,702

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

2020 Vision
Inspiring Outreach
Growing in Fellowship
Serving our Community
Together

What's coming up in Sunday Learning...



The Gospel Project

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. Come

discover how God's plan of redemption unfolds throughout Scripture...and continues today!

Nov. 11: Mary Praises the Covenant Keeping God – Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

Christ Connection: Mary submitted to God's plan for her life, even though it would bring suffering and heartache. She chose to magnify God, and as a result her faithfulness serves as an example for us. Likewise, Jesus magnified His Father through His obedient life. He submitted to God's plan, even to death on a cross, so that we could be saved.

Nov. 18: God Becomes a Baby - Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-12

Christ Connection: The birth of Jesus is the fulfillment of multiple Old Testament prophecies. The promised Messiah was born in obscurity, but after His death and resurrection, He was exalted as King of the world. In Him we see God's love for all people in every nation. Jesus came into the world to save people from sin and to be their King forever.

Nov.25: Jesus in His Father's House – Luke 2:40-52

Christ Connection: As Jesus grew, He increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and with people. His life prepared Him step by step for the eternal mission He was given by His Father – to die on the cross for our sins and to rise again in victory.

Dec. 2: The Son of God is Baptized – Matthew 3

Christ Connection: Jesus never sinned, but He obeyed God and was baptized like sinners are baptized. Baptism reminds us of Jesus' death and resurrection. It reminds us that when we trust in Jesus, we turn from sin and start a new life—a life lived for Jesus.

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 McEhinney

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 – 5th 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 Christmas Outreach Event

Since we did not have our usual Community Outreach through Trunk or Treat this fall, we would like to try something new during the Christmas season...BUT we will need your help to pull this off!

We would like to encourage and recruit you to join us in spreading the Gospel Message as we share the story of the birth of our Savior, Jesus in a new way.

First the details:

One Night in Bethlehem...

Sunday, December 16, 5:00-7:00

We will be inviting families who participated in VBS and CFC Day Care, as well as encouraging ALL to invite neighbors and friends to come for a Christmas experience as we travel back to the first Christmas in Bethlehem.

Description of the evening:

- Participants will be encouraged to wear pajamas (always a hit with kids!). Visitors will enter the main lobby area and register their families for their journey to Bethlehem. Tour guides would lead through a series of stations that introduce the main people involved in the real Christmas Story:
 - o Mary being visited by the angel Gabriel
 - o Joseph talking with his Dad about marrying Mary
 - o The Wise Men preparing for a LONG journey having seen a special star
 - o The shepherds watching their sheep by night
- The tours then stop in the Bethlehem marketplace filled with booths and 'merchants.' The families will enjoy a simple meal and find several activities they can do together.
- At 6:30, when all have experienced the marketplace, we invite everyone to travel up to the Sanctuary to find Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. Kids will be invited to 'join the story' on stage. We will explain why Christmas is so important, sing some Christmas carols and kids will be invited to play bells.

Now here's where you come in: you can serve behind the scenes, or as a tour guide, as an actor in a stop on the journey, supervise an activity booth, or even help by setting up or providing props for the market place.....

We are hoping to make this outreach as successful as VBS and Trunk or Treat has been in the past. PLEASE consider being part of this event!

For more information or TO VOLUNTEER, please EMAIL Becky: beckyschuetz6@gmail.com

Thanks for spreading the light of Christ this Christmas!!!

Coffee & Questions

Do you have questions about CFC? Have you ever wondered something but never known how to get the answer? Are you new to CFC and want to learn more? Well, Coffee & Questions is the place for you! Join Pastor Kurt for coffee and donuts and come with all of your questions. This is a SUPER informal time in which you can come and ask any questions about the church you may have. Come hang out and ask your questions on Sunday 11/18 at 10:45 in the gym!



ANGEL TREE®
A Program of Prison Fellowship®

Angel Tree

The Prison Fellowship ministry helps prisoners give Christmas gifts to their children. You may participate by buying a gift for \$15-25 and /or delivering gifts. A Christmas tree will be in the lobby with the names of 16 children that you may pick from on Sundays 11-18-18 or 11-25-18.
Byron Baxter

2019 Calendars are available at the information desk

Women's W.O.V.E.N.

Attention all women! WOVEN will have their first gathering on Saturday, November 10, 2018, starting at 9 AM. Come listen to speakers from OneEighty, one of the outreach ministries supported by Christ's Family Church.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:30 Worship PB vacation	5 7:00 BSF	6 6:30 Volleyball	7 9:00 7:14 GAP 10:00 Prayer Shawl 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Circle of Friends Middle School 6:30- 6:45 Praise & Prayer	8	9 Terri vacation 7:00 Men's Basketball	10 9:00 Women's WOVEN program
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Prayers:

Gary McCourt - Val Hessel's brother passed away
Warren Bauer—Wayland's brother passed away
Sam logha - Grace's son, recovery and healing from hip replacement surgery
Greg Lundgren - recovery from foot surgery
Erin O'Brien - Tim & Robin Schaver's daughter, strength as school resumes 11/5, recovery from damage of Florence
Dr. Russell Carlson - Karen Dexter's Podiatric Surgeon, brain aneurism
Bill Wundram - is now at home
James Blohm - son-in-law of Shirley De Wys, continues to struggle with health issues at home, not doing well
La Juan Gault - adjusting to Senior Star, dealing w/ pain
Karen Rascher - Don Downing's sister; breast cancer, finished w/ chemo

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.

Day Care News

Happy November. We are heading into the holiday season and kicking it off with our Fall Festival. The kids love dressing up and parading around in their costumes. The older kids also love parading outside while the passerby's honk and wave. They will be learning about the history of Thanksgiving and how we can be thankful for all our blessings. They will be hearing the story of David and Goliath in Bible Story with Ms Rebecca, a favorite of all. The toddlers will be learning about Amazing Animals in November. Snakes, zebras, fish, leopards, parrots, dogs, and of course lions, tigers and bears OH MY! it will be a zoo in that room. Our infant room is growing by 1 more this month! Welcome baby Nora, that makes 8 in that room. My staff and I are very thankful for the growing support of the day care, from parents to the board to church members.

Deuteronomy 11-1a – "Love the Lord your God and do what He wants you to do."

Youth Ministry

Be sure to stay on Sundays for Sunday Learning, where we are studying the Gospel Project; this curriculum is walking us through the Bible, where are spending time in the Word and seeing God reveal Himself in stories we often flip right by.

High Schoolers come on Sunday nights for HS Youth Group 6:30-8pm. Middle School meets on Wednesday nights, at 6:45-8 pm, after the family dinner time, which runs from 5:30-6:30pm.

Wednesday nights are a great mid-week check in for your faith and family. Our students will begin a series called "After You" where we will be stepping back from our "me first" lives to see how we can serve, love and help others. Coming into holiday season brings lots of fun events and changes to our schedules, so please keep your eyes on the bulletin and check the website frequently to stay on top of Youth and church wide changes.



Wednesday nights will be Family Nights at CFC!

You are invited to **come and have dinner** with our CFC family on Wednesday night from 5:30-6:30 pm in the FLC gym!

We need some cooks and kitchen help make it all happen! Watch for the invitation to sign up online at www.signupgenius.com to provide some of the food or serving assistance...or you can always contact Becky (beckyschuetz6@gmail.com or 563-940-7605).

Here is what is on the menu:

Nov. 7 – Pulled pork or chicken, salad, chips, fruit and dessert

Nov. 14 – Walking tacos, salad, dessert

Nov. 21 – NO DINNER...have a very blessing filled Thanksgiving!

Nov. 28 – Pizza, carrot sticks, fruit, and dessert

Come share a meal with your CFC family at 5:30 pm, and then stick around...**we'll have something for all ages at 6:30 pm:**

6:30 pm:

Adults & Youth come worship and pray together from 6:30-6:45 pm in the Sanctuary.

Kids in 1st-5th grades will have fun with our Circle of Friends, while those who are Kindergarten and younger will enjoy supervised play in the Nursery.

Then at 6:45 pm:

Adults can enjoy singing praises with the choir in the main Sanctuary, or join a group that will be talking about 'The Anatomy of a Disciple' with Pastor Brian in FLC Room 202.

Middle School Youth will dive into Bible Study in the FLC Youth Room.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us!

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 or Sharon Andringa. We are happy to shop for you and replenish the stock room. Thank you so much!



CFC kids are asking for your help with our collection for Operation Christmas Child ...

Operation Christmas Child is a program that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations

worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love.

There are several ways to get involved:

You can fill a gift box and bring it in.

You can donate money to go toward mailing boxes. Each box must be accompanied by a \$9 mailing fee.

You can PRAY for the children and their families who will receive our boxes.

What Goes in My Shoebox?

Start with a quality "wow" item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Fill the rest of the box with other smaller fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

DO NOT INCLUDE: CANDY or toothpaste; USED or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.

The deadline for bringing in OCC gift boxes is THIS WEEK Sunday, November 11.

Meal Ministry

Meal Ministry! We here at CFC are a family. We are a family because of who we are in Christ. We are looking for volunteers to help be Christ to one another in a simple way and join a Meal Service Ministry. Occasionally a family (or individual) could use a meal for a few days (new baby, illness, surgery, grief, etc). This is a wonderful ministry for some of our great cooks. If you don't cook, can't cook or time is a problem then think pizza, tacos or any takeout food. Contact Geri Maitlen either by email at ggmaitlen@icloud.com or by phone or text at 309-721-3212.

Thank you!

Thanks so much for all the cards and gifts and notes of encouragement Amber and I received on Pastor appreciation Sunday! We both continue to be humbled by your support and are truly encouraged by the notes! We feel blessed to be able to serve the Lord and work to build God's Kingdom at CFC right alongside of all of you. Thanks so much!

-- Pastor Kurt & Amber

We would like to thank the congregation for all their prayers, cards and support both before and following the death of Wayland's brother, Warren. It was very meaningful to return home and find all the cards with such wonderful encouragement and love being extended. Thank you very much!

-Wayland & Anne Bauer

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.

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