

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.

Real Christian Community

If you attended The Most Amazing Race event at our church last week, you saw the illustration done at the final stop on the race to show us that the church is not just a building. If you missed it, I'll give you a quick recap. One member of each group was asked to extend his arms straight above his head. Then, one at a time, hardcover books were placed in the outstretched hands of this person. The first book wasn't too hard to hold up, but as book after book was added, it became difficult for the one person to hold them up and they started to fall. Then the other members of the group were invited to put their hands under the books so there were ten hands instead of just two. Then it was quite easy to hold the entire stack of books. The illustration showed that while the first person may have thought he could handle things on his own, he really needed others. Other Christians can help us through challenges in our life and can also provide so many other benefits too. I found an article from *Relevant Magazine* that highlighted 10 unexpected benefits of real Christian community:

1. Challenges You To Be More Like Jesus. (Hebrews 10:24-25)
2. Meets Practical Needs. (Acts 2:42-47)
3. Carries You Emotionally. (Galatians 6:2)
4. Reveals Your Gifts And Talents. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
5. Opens Your Eyes To The Needs Of Others. (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
6. Empowers Your Relationship With God. (Proverbs 27:17)
7. Helps Meet Our Need For Love. (Proverbs 17:17)
8. Offers Opportunities For Confession, Which Leads To Healing. (James 5:16)
9. Teaches You To Work Through Conflicts. (1 Corinthians 1:10)
10. Gives You The Chance To Forgive. (1 Peter 4:8-11)

This is a really powerful list! If you read this list and wonder why you do not have someone or a group of people with whom you have experienced any of these benefits, pray that God helps you to see opportunities to build Christian community in your life. If you read the list and realized how blessed you are to have this, Thank God for those individuals! If you are interested, you can read the entire article in *Relevant Magazine* at the website below:

<https://relevantmagazine.com/life5/10-unexpected-benefits-real-community/>

In Christ,

Sara Fossey, Deacon

September 8 - 14

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Mission meeting @ Baxter's
Wednesday 6:45 p.m. Choir

September 15 - 21

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Praying the Word
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. GAP
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl
Thursday 10-3 Classis meeting
Saturday 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

September 22 - 28

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Elder's mtg.
7:00 p.m. Consistory

September 29 - October 5

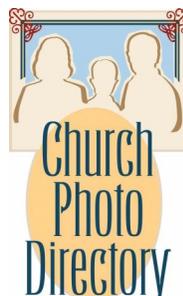
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10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl
Thursday 6:00 p.m. Serve @ Davenport Meal Site

Weekly Events

Sunday - 8:15 Adult class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Discipleship
Monday - Women's Bible Study Fellowship
Tuesday - 6:30-9:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball
Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. Family Dinner, 6:30 Worship, Prayer, Circle of Friends
6:45 Choir, Middle School
Friday - 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

	July	YTD July
General Fund Offerings and Other Income*	32,800	367,332
Total General Fund Actual Expenses	53,630	376,350
Total Surplus/(Shortfall)	(20,830)	(9,018)
	11,812	
Total Budgeted Expenses	57,848	404,934

- Year to date General Fund Offerings include \$22,101 of donations received as a restricted gift designated for 2019 expenses



New Directory

Photos taken October 2 - 5th
Check e-mail for how to sign up or sign up Sunday at the information desk.

2020 Vision
Inspiring Outreach
Growing in Fellowship
Serving our Community
Together

Grow as a disciple of Jesus...

Not that I have already reached the goal or am already fully mature, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:12 HCSB



As Paul pointed out in his letter to the church at Philippi - disciples of Jesus are never done growing! **We have discipleship classes on Sunday morning for ALL**

ages and stages of life. Come check it out this fall!

Here's what is coming up this month...

Sept. 15 (8:15 only): Jesus in Jerusalem – Matthew 21:1-17

Matthew 21 contains three scenes that occurred on the day Jesus entered Jerusalem during the week prior to His crucifixion. Jesus' entry into the city was welcomed with great fanfare, even though He approached in humility while sitting on a donkey. He cleansed the temple of those who were there to take advantage of the worshipers, but healed the broken and welcomed the praise of children.

Our Mission: God calls us to put away hypocritical and hollow worship and to exalt Jesus as Savior of the world.

Sept. 22: The Last Supper – John 13:1-15; Matthew 26:26-30

For more than a thousand years, the Passover meal celebrated God's deliverance in the exodus of His people from Egypt and simultaneously pointed ahead to an even grander sacrifice and work of God. At the Last Supper, Jesus reinterpreted the Passover meal in light of His coming sacrifice on the cross for the sins of the world.

Our Mission: God calls us to take the Lord's Supper, looking back to Christ's finished work and looking forward to Christ's return.

Sept. 29: The Savior is Arrested – Matthew 26:36-68

Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Man, chose to obey His Father and drink the full cup of suffering and wrath in order to purchase eternal life for believers. Even though He would be betrayed and endure false accusations, mockery, physical abuse, and death, Jesus accepted the foretold plan of His Father and fulfilled His identity as the promised Messiah sent as the Savior of the world.

Our Mission: God calls us to embrace suffering willingly as we follow in the footsteps of our Savior, whose mission was to seek and save the lost.

WHERE WILL CLASSES MEET?

The Gospel Project for ADULTS

8:15 am class - Room 202

10:45 am classes – Room 201 & 202

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 & Toddlers – FLC Nursery

Preschool – 5th Grade – Lower Level

Additional Sunday Discipleship class for Adults:

The Heidelberg Catechism

10:45 am – Conference Room

This class **starts October 6** and will be led by Amber Bush.

Weekly Fellowship group for Adults:

Fellowship & Prayer Group

10:45 am – FLC Room 110 (Lower Level)

This group meets to share conversation and prayer.

Praying the Word

A new team of women from Christ's Family has begun gathering to pray for this church. We do not pray personal requests or specific ministry requests; we simply pray Scripture, God's purposes from His very Word! Each comes prepared with passages from the Bible to pray.

A.W. Tozer best sums up our prayer focus for Christ's Family, "...to become individuals whose heart desires have all been reduced to one, knowing and pleasing Him (Colossians 1:10-18) in such a way that Christ might come to have first place in everything."

'Praying the Word' meets biweekly on Tuesday afternoons in the sanctuary. We welcome more women to join us! Please contact Diane Patterson for more information. dipatt17@gmail.com

"O Lord, I need you, I come seeking you and needing help. Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of the word."
Psalms 119:18

Fellowship Event

College and Career kick off is this month. Each month we will offer a Sunday lunch to all College and Career folks, for an afternoon of hanging out and connecting. This is a time to relax, get out the house or dorm, meet new people and share lunch. Please check the website and bulletins regularly for host addresses. We are also planning outings and events each month.

This month Dave and Sandy Schafer are hosting lunch on September 15 after Sunday Discipleship, around 12:15pm. Join them at 4520 31st Street, Bettendorf, 52722.

Also, mark your calendar for Friday, September 27th, for the Bett Plex Bowling and Escape Room, at 6:30pm! Touch base with Cadena to get your spot! cadenatrusty@gmail.com and (563)320-3456

Second Act is a new group for seniors and retirees, or folks with some free time. We will be going on adventures each month, so check your bulletin regularly for plans! This month is our first outing. Join us on Monday, September 23 at 9:30am, at the church, to carpool, for a trip to Fulton's De Immigrant Windmill and Cultural Center. We will follow our Windmill visit with lunch at Krumpets Café and Bakery. Please contact Cadena to RSVP! cadenatrusty@gmail.com and (563)320-3456

Woven

Woven is offering an opportunity to attend a "Women of Joy" conference in Branson, Mo. on October 10 thru 14, 2019. Their focus is bringing women from across the nation together to worship, praising God thru speakers and music. This year the theme is Overwhelmed- finding peace in a chaotic world.

Several women from our congregation are attending. Please consider joining us, setting aside the worries of the world and become overwhelmed by the LOVE of Christ.

For more information go online WOMENOFJOY.ORG.

To sign up for the trip see the information desk for more details

Celebrate Fall & Much S-more!

Saturday 10/26/2019, 4:30-8:30pm

Join us around the bonfire for food, fun, singing & s'mores! ALL are welcome! Hot dogs & fixings, chips, baked beans, bottled water, and s'mores will be provided. After dinner, Mike Franzman will strum and lead us in singing Camp Shalom songs around the bonfire! All you need to bring is lawn chairs to sit around the fire. **Please sign up at the information desk to help us estimate amount of food needed.

The bonfire & "much s'more" will be held at Greg and Sandy VerMeer's home, 3726 Kathleen Way, Davenport. If you have questions, call Greg VerMeer 563-940-2626.

Trunk or Treat



Trunk or treat is back for 2019! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 30 and keep watching your bulletins and the info desk for more details coming soon. In the meantime, start thinking about who you might be able to invite to Trunk or Treat AND how you might decorate your trunk this year!



Wednesday nights are Family Nights at CFC!

Starting September 11... 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 will need some servers and clean up help each week. You can sign up to provide some serving or clean up assistance at the information table... or at the first meal. You can also sign up through this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EA4AA2DAAF85-2019>

Here is what is coming up on the menu:

Sept. 11: Walking Tacos, carrots, celery and dessert
Sept. 18: Pulled pork sliders, chips, salsa, fruit and dessert
Sept. 25: Baked potato bar, applesauce and dessert
Oct. 2: Pizza, salad 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 'Real Life' with Pastor Kurt in FLC Room 202.

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

Join us this week for a great night of fellowship and growing!

Coming this fall on Wednesday nights...

Real Life – Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Room 202

Join Pastor Kurt for some great discussion and encouragement. Starts this week!

As we looked at the world today, it's easy to feel discouraged and overwhelmed. Paul's letter to the Philippians, written from prison, addresses these same feelings with hope found in Christ. In this 6-part series, pastor Akshay Rajkumar addresses the discouragement that people face today and offers the hope of real joy, truth, freedom, and love that Paul writes about in Philippians. If we have Christ, we have real life!

Worship 4 CFC Kids...

The worship bulletin 4 kids is back! This interactive kids' bulletin explains what we are doing in worship and why, so kids can follow along and join in as worshippers. You can bring your filled in bulletin downstairs after worship for a treat...



Teaching Kids 2 Worship: After the Children's Message, kids who are in 1st – 3rd grades will go to Room 201 (across from the Nursery) to explore the worship Bible passage in a kid

friendly way. Kids will rejoice parents during the hymn that follows corporate prayer.

Please Notice This



STARTING OCT. 6 – The first Sunday of every month we will invite the kids from Teaching Kids 2 Worship to stay in the Sanctuary to worship for

the whole service with us to practice what we are learning to do!



Young Children and Worship teaches children ages 3 ½ - kindergarten how to worship too! They meet in Room 106 in the Lower Level. **Parents: please come sign your child out of class following worship.**



WE HAVE NEW FAMILY TABLE TALKERS FOR SEPTEMBER!

The Table Talker theme for September is **DOING YOUR BEST.**

Pick up your Family Table Talker at the Children's Ministry Resource area in the lobby or downstairs in CFC Kids and get ready for some great family time!!



Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval. John 6:27

Children's Ministry is a great way to give your time to food that will not spoil!

Opportunities to SERVE

Teach CFC Kids to WORSHIP: (Sundays during worship service) Help kids in 1st-2nd grades read through the Bible passage we are using in the worship service in a kid-friendly Bible and explore it in an age appropriate way. You can sign up to lead this time once or twice...or join a rotating schedule.

Here is a link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EA4AA2DAAF85-teaching>

Young Children & Worship: (Sundays during worship service) Help 3 ½ year old – Kindergarten age kids learn to worship using a unique storytelling format and multi-sensory materials. You can sign up to lead this time once or twice...or join a rotating schedule.

Here is a link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EA4AA2DAAF85-young>

Sunday Discipleship 4 Kids: (Sundays from 10:45-11:45 am)

Lead a small group of kids every week or serve as a sub as we seek to help kids grow as disciples of Jesus!

Child Care on Wednesday nights: (6 Wednesdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 16) You can care for kids who are kindergarten age and younger on Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:45 pm so their parents can attend the Real Life class.



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 Discipleship 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 CFC Kids. Thank you for partnering with us in discipling your children!!

Pregnancy Resources Walk for Life 2019

Saturday, September 14. Veterans Memorial Park 1645 23rd Street Bettendorf IA.

Become a pledge-raising walker or financially support your favorite walker and help us reach our GOAL of \$65,000.00 Plus new walker rewards! You can impact lives both NOW and for ETERNITY.

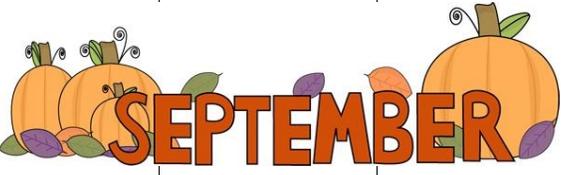
Pledge forms are on the information desk.

Visit www.qcpregnancypartners.org/events

Habitat for Humanity Project

On 7-25-19 and 8-6-19 the following people worked on a flooring repair job at a home on Scott St in Davenport: Mark Baumgarten, Byron Baxter, Bruce Houzenga, Richard Madsen, Rick McAnally and Dan Stansberry. Habitat does a lot of home construction projects but is now also doing home repair projects. The carpet and trim in 3 rooms was removed and replaced with a laminate snap fit flooring surface. Some door and trim replacement work was also done. Thanks to all who helped on this project.

Byron Baxter

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday Discipleship	9	10 6:30 Volleyball	11 5:30 Family Meal 6:30 Circle of Friends, Praise & Prayer 6:45 Choir, Middle School, Adult class	12 	13 7:00 Men's Basketball	14
15 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Discipleship 12:15 College & Career lunch	16	17 2:00 Praying the Word 6:30 Volleyball	18 9:00 - GAP, 10:00 Prayer Shawl 5:30 Family Meal 6:30 Circle of Friends, Praise & Prayer 6:45 Choir, Middle School, Adult class	19 10-3:00 Classis meeting	20 7:00 Men's Basketball	21 8:00 Men's Breakfast
22 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:45 Sunday Discipleship	23 9:30 a.m. Second Act Outing	24 6:30 Volleyball	25 5:30 Family Meal 6:30 Circle of Friends, Praise & Prayer 6:45 Choir, Middle School, Adult class	26 6:00 Elder's mtg 7:00 Consistory	27 7:00 Men's Basketball	28
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Directory Photos

Day Care News

Prayers:

JT & Sharon Andringa - on the passing of Wayne Sharon father, was laid to rest on Saturday

Pastor Brian - pinched nerve in his back

LaJuan Gault - recovery from fractured hip at Kahl Home N208

Helen Wundram - recovering at home

Larry - Judy Getting's brother; recovering at home from pace- maker; small improvements daily

Billy Moylan - 35-yr.-old brother of Kelan; stage 4 colorectal cancer w/ metastasis to liver (intestinal cancer); recent scans show chemo effective at shrinking some of the larger tumors and eliminating some smaller ones

James Blohm - Shirley De Wy's son-in-law, doing infusions and physical therapy, getting around better, nerve pain in torso and legs

The Day Care open house was a success. The Day Care would like to thank The Church for your continuous support of us. The Day Care celebrated 25 years this August by hosting an open house on the 25th. The Day Care staff enjoyed meeting some of the congregation.

CFDC FUN FACTS:

- Served over 900 children
- Served over 575 families
- Over 2500 Bible Stories told
- 20 plus Christmas programs
- 20 plus Graduation programs
- Taken over 400 field trips
- and over 90,000 waffles served

COUNTLESS SEEDS PLANED

"Show me your ways O Lord, teach me your paths."
Psalm 25:4

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry Middle and High School students are kicking off activities this month. Our Middle School kicks off September 11 with dinner at 5:30pm and group at 6:45pm, with a MONOCHROME PARTY, make sure to wear an outfit of one single color!

Everyone is invited to a movie night: Friday, September 13th, 7:15pm Overcomer at Cinemark on 53rd. Contact Cadena to claim your ticket.

-Next Sunday we are kicking off our HS Bible Study; we are changing things up a bit this year. We will be meeting on Sundays at 3:30pm for Bible Study.

If you have any questions or need information regarding Youth Ministry at CFC you can reach Cadena Trusty at cadenatrusty@yahoo.com, (563)320-3456



Hoops for Hope Flight Squad vs. Scott & Rock Island County School Districts Family Fun Entertainment Basketball

When: Saturday—September 28th

Game Time: 6:00 p.m.

Where: Davenport Central Gym

Tickets: \$10 per person \$25 per family

Fundraiser for Hope at the Brick House www.hopeatthebrickhouse.org and Heart of Hope Church

www.heartofhopeqc.org

Online ticket Sales at Brick House or Heart of Hope

websites

Hope at the Brick House Needs

Volunteers: do you have one hour a week you can invest in the life of a young person? 3:30-4:30 Mon.-Thur.

Van drivers: (mini van or 12 pass.) 45 min (1 day/wk)

Snacks: provide a snack

After school meals— once a month, one time or occasional!

If you, your small group, your neighbors and/or friends would like to help prepare and serve a meal after school for approximately 25-30 students, please let us know and we will set up a date(s). Serve time is 4:45 p.m. Mon-Thur.

Finish time is 5:30 p.m.

We are no longer collecting cereal boxes or t-shirts for Haiti. Thank you for your support of this project.

Help Build a Bridge!

Your Gifts Can Help People Move Forward in Life

Driving on local bridges at times means getting stuck in traffic. People experiencing homelessness often feel stuck and don't know how to move forward. Become an ongoing financial partner with Christian Care through our Building a Bridge Back Home program where a gift of just \$40/ month helps provide 3 meals and a night of shelter for someone in need. Any sized gift can make a difference and help get someone moving forward in life again. Learn more and explore giving options at christiancareqc.org.



Carol Schipper
schippercarol2@gmail.com

Thank You

Thank you everyone that came out to our Costa Rica Luncheon. We enjoyed sharing about our experiences, our hearts for the people of Belen and how we were able to share time with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

We would like to thank everyone for their encouraging words, kindness shown nad for keeping us in your prayers. The care and encouragement shown helped us in dealing with the death of Catherine's mother.

Calvin & Catherine Moss

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY, for helping make my 90th birthday one to remember and reflect on the goodness and love of God in all seasons of our life. God's blessings to each of you!
Sorry this is late, but what can I say -"just part of life! ".
Merle Berkompas

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Bible Study Fellowship

2019-2020 study: Acts & Letters of the Apostles

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) is a comprehensive, interdenominational Bible study providing the tools needed to grow in the knowledge of God and His Word, and to apply Scripture to daily life.

Classes meet weekly September through April, and are studying the book of Acts and several letters of the Apostles.

At BSF, children study the same Scripture passages as the adults, at an age appropriate level. The Women's day class provides a children's program for newborns through age 5, while the evening classes provide programming for 1st - 12th grades, (Kindergarten considered on request).

Classes and materials are made available at no charge. Classes begin at the dates, times and locations listed below. If you are not a current class member, we would strongly encourage you to register yourself and children through the class contact listed below before attending to expedite your placement.

Thursday Women's Day: Classes begin - Sept. 12 2019
First E Free Church, 3321 7th St. Moline, IL, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Class Contact: Stacey Cotty
Stacey.Cotty@hotmail.com

Monday Women's Evening: Classes begin - Sept. 9 2019

Christ's Family Church, 4601 Utica Ridge Road, Dav. IA 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Class Contact: Sheryl VerMeer vmsheryl@gmail.com

Monday Men's Evening: Classes begin - Sept. 9, 2019
Bettendorf Presbyterian, I-74 & Middle Rd. Bettendorf, IA 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Visit www.bsfindernational.org for more info.