

The Christian Visitor January 2021



We are called to share our Christian Faith and Christ's Love with all people.

Our Life Together in January

Sunday Morning Worship

It is our plan for the foreseeable future to have two worship services on Sunday mornings. The first service is at 8:30am and the second is at our usual worship time of 10:15am. Masks are required. The two services give us an opportunity to worship in person while still following current guidelines for capacity limits. Our county virus numbers are currently low enough that we feel safe in doing this. However, at any point our numbers could spike or stricter regulations could be imposed. Any changes to our morning worship plans will be announced via email and social media. As always, we encourage anyone who does not feel safe attending or is currently feeling sick to please stay home. A video service will continue to be sent out through email and Facebook for those worshipping from home.

In Our Prayers

The Prayer Group is currently praying from home to honor prayer requests and remember those with on-going needs.

Harold Stimmel
Harriet Farney
Patty Benz
Evelyn Fawver
Irene Schaefer
Mike Lorenzen
Phil Walker
Noel Hutchcraft



We invite anyone with a prayer request to drop it in the offering plates on Sunday morning.

ATTENDANCE		SUNDAY WEEK					
		1	2	3	4	5	AVG
2020	JULY	46	44	33	-		41
2020	AUG	-	44	47	41	-	44
2020	SEPT	34	44	53	39		43
2020	OCT	45	36	46	31		40
2020	NOV	50	40	-	-	-	45
2020	DEC	-	-	-	22	-	22
2021	JAN	32					32

On Sundays with two services, the combined number of attendees is reported

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Clyde McRae, who passed away on Wednesday, December 23rd.

Card Tree

Thank you to those who sent Christmas greetings to the church. Cards were received from Arlen & Diane DeWall, Ron & Melanie Warfield, The Barnard Family, David & Cathy Hagan, Robb & Sheila Warfield, and Noel & Carol Hutchcraft. Cards will remain on the tree until decorations are taken down.

More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

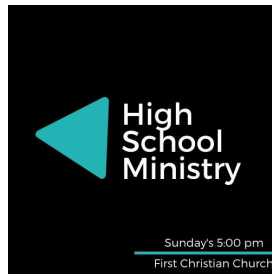
Rise Youth Group



Our Rise Middle School Youth Group meets each Wednesday at 6:00pm in the youth room with pre-packaged snacks and a short lesson. Rise will continue meeting again on January 20th.

High School Ministry

Our High School Ministry meets each Sunday at 5:00pm in the youth room with prepackaged snacks and social distancing. High School Ministry will continue meeting again on January 24th.



Bi-weekly Fellowship Study



A Bi-weekly Fellowship Study will meet every other Thursday beginning January 28th at 6:00pm at Pastor Mat's house. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Elders Meeting

The Elders will meet on Sunday, January 17th immediately following worship.

Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30 pm at the church.

If you have any items to add to the agenda, please notify the church office.

Small Groups

Bi-Weekly Fellowship Study

This small group meets every other Thursday beginning January 28th at 6:00pm at Pastor Mat's house.

DWM

The Disciple Women's Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. These brief gatherings provide a casual atmosphere for the women in the church to study and encourage each other in faith and family. Next meeting: February 16th at 7:00pm at the church.

Seekers

The Seekers Adult Sunday School class is not currently meeting while we have two Sunday morning worship services.

Hustlers

Hustlers Group does not meet during the month of January.

Sunday School

Sunday school is not currently meeting while we have two Sunday morning services.



Office Hours:
 Mon—Fri: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
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January 2021

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2
3	8:30 AM Worship 10:15 AM Worship	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	8:30 AM Worship 10:15 AM Worship	11	12 6:30 PM Church Board	13	14	15	16
17	8:30 AM Worship 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Elders Meeting	18	19	20 6:00 PM Rise Youth Group	21	22	23
24	8:30 AM Worship 10:15 AM Worship 5:00 PM High School Ministry	25	26	27 6:00 PM Rise Youth Group	28 6:00 PM Fellowship Study	29	30
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**LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
*January 2021***

1	Alex Barnard	21	David Ricks
2	Ed Hopkey		Blake Warren
5	Stan Rinehart	22	Janet Glascock
6	Matt Barnard		Trey Van Winkle
	Jay Kristensen	23	Katie Ricks
	Mat & Elizabeth Bowen	25	Francis Glascock
8	Marilyn Hopkey	27	Steve Parsons
10	Noel Hutchcraft	29	Gary & Ruth
11	Billy DeWall		Reiners '72
14	Karen Rankin		
16	Mary Ellen McClure		
	Ava Rylan Rexroat		
19	Desiree Mouser		



Pastor Out of Office

Pastor Mat will be out of the office from January 5th-January 19th.

Church Social Media

First Christian Church is on social media. Our Facebook page can still be found at <https://www.facebook.com/fccdocgc/>. In addition, we now have an Instagram page (fccdocgc) and a Twitter page (@fccdocgc). We hope to keep these sites continuously updated on the current happenings at First Christian Church.



Pastor - Mat Bowen
Administrative Assistant - Jennifer Hagan
Choir Director - Tim Ricks
Church Pianist - Joan Ricks
Custodians - Jeff and Cheryl Elder

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
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