

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

- 4/7 - Charles, Susan, Harold, Michael, Sr., Margaret, Pat, Lee, and Linda
- 4/14 - Lynn, Amanda, Krystal, Robin, Allan, Kelly, Johnny, and Tara
- 4/21 - Lynn, Kendall, Veronica, Virginia, Ann, Brenda, Ken, and Cheryl
- 4/28 - Phil, Jimmy, Kayleigh, Elizabeth, Michael, Jr., Kastina, Allen, and Jeanne

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

- 4/3 - Brandy N.
- 4/7 - Gayle H., Carolyn B., Melanie J.
- 4/10 - Brandy N.
- 4/14 - Diane B., Brandy, Leigh S.
- 4/17 - Brandy N.
- 4/21 - Brandy N., Kastina R., VOLUNTEER
- 4/24 - VOLUNTEER
- 4/28 - Brandy N., Kathryn D., Cheryl P.

CONNECTION CAFÉ SCHEDULE:

- 4/7 - sh1: Steven K and Elizabeth C; sh2: Barry and Gina W; sh3: Gary and Teresa H
- 4/14 - sh1: Pat P and Brian A; sh2: Mike and Mary K; sh3: Robert and Belinda M
- 4/21 - sh1: Steven K and Leigh S; sh2:; Amanda L and Allan L; sh3: Bryan and Twyla S
- 4/28 - sh1: Steven K and Pat P; sh2:; Isa L and Carolyn B; sh3: Griff and Jen C

Weekly at FCC:

Sundays

- 8:00 a.m., Worship Team rehearsal (*sanctuary*)
- 9:00 a.m., Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m., Worship Service & nursery
- 10:25 a.m., Junior Church, 1st - 3rd Graders *
(* - Junior Church meets right outside the main entrance to the sanctuary, when directed)

Monday (April 1st ONLY)

- 6:30 p.m., Hayesod Study (*Connection Café*)

Wednesdays

- 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Meal (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:30 p.m., Worship Team rehearsal (*sanctuary*)
- 6:45 p.m., Youth classes
- 7:00 p.m., Adult Bible study



Ministry Staff

- Ron Nolen**, *Pastor*
- Kevin Adkins**, *Minister of Worship & Connections*
- Rob Shawhan**, *Youth Minister*

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday.....8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Friday.....8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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First Christian Highlights
APRIL 2013

“Connect to God, Grow in Christ, Serve Others”



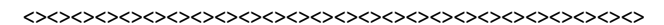
Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser for the Youth
Saturday, April 20

It's nearly time once again for our annual Youth Yard Sale and we are **now accepting items**. The collection point for all donated items will be the Youth Center library.

So bring that STUFF you don't need or want any more and drop it off at the church during office hours.

Contact Rob Shawhan (rob@firstchristian.net or 919-7466) to make arrangements for pickup of items that you wish to donate but have no way to deliver.

*(All proceeds go to help fund this summer's youth trip to the **Christ in Youth** (C.I.Y.) conference.)*



Child Dedication Sunday
Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12

If you want your child to be included, or if you have questions, please contact the church office, at 987-5428.

Welcome New Member:

Karmen Eckles

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR THE MONTH:

Apr. 3 - Chicken Caesar Salad & dessert


Apr. 10 - Spiral Ham, au gratin potatoes,
green beans, & dessert

Apr. 17 - Sloppy Joes, french fries, & dessert

Apr. 24 - Hot Dogs & Fixins, & dessert



FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE—FCC will need items on hand for our host weeks and we are now ready to take **donations** of those items. **Wish Lists are set up at Target and WalMart.** Links to those lists are provided on FCC's website (under the SERVE tab, click on FAMILY PROMISE MINISTRY).

 Don't forget to return those money-filled M & M's tubes to the church and place them in the marked cans, in the foyer. All proceeds go to **help fund this summer's trip to Christ-In-Youth!**

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: *"Forgiveness: Breaking the Power of the Past."* **Unleash the Healing Power of Forgiveness.** In this study, you'll encounter the depths of God's own mercy and discover how choosing forgiveness can free you from a painful past and propel you toward being all that God intends you to be. The class meets in the **Prayer Room on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Study books are \$8.00.**

CAN YOU SERVE IN FCC'S NURSERY?

If you would like to serve in our nursery, especially on Wednesday evenings, please contact the church office at 987-5428, or email us at fcc-staff@firstchristian.net.

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant ...1 Corinthians 13:4-6 by JENNIFER PIERCE

We have been looking at these descriptions of perfect love over the past few months. This month is one that we don't think of very often, in my opinion. Love does not brag. What does it mean to brag? We know part of the meaning. The Greek word translated brag in this verse means to show off verbally using embellishments, praising oneself excessively. This definition makes me think of a sign I saw recently in Bass Pro Shop. There was a place on the wall for pictures that said "Braggers and Liars." I thought that was unfair to group those people together, but now I understand a little better. When we try so hard to make ourselves look good, we find it's a lot easier to do so when we embellish the story a bit.

The instances where people in Scripture bragged are related closely in that they include someone jumping to a quick decision that shows poor judgment. Proverbs 25:8 says, "Through insolence comes nothing but strife." In the book of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar had a dream about a statue that told the future of his empire. His kingdom was represented by a head of gold. Soon after, he ordered that a gigantic golden statue be made for the whole kingdom to worship. Seems that his golden head status went to his head! Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego wouldn't worship it, so he had them thrown in the fiery furnace. Scripture tells us that because of his anger, he impulsively had the furnace heated up extra-hot, so that the men who threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were killed just from being close enough to throw them in. The pride that causes this kind of bragging destroys others. Not only does it destroy the target, but also those around us who are completely innocent bystanders.

Does this make you wonder how to cure bragging? We feel the need to brag when we feel the need to prove ourselves worthier than someone else. But nothing makes us more worthy than when we realize that God made each of us just the way He wanted us to be and that He loves us just the way we are. Yes, we should strive for holiness, but I don't have to strive to decorate like some of my friends or cook like other of my friends. I don't have to have as long a to-do list or as full a closet as they do. I am worthy, not because of my bank account size or what activities my kids are in. I am worthy because I was made and loved by God.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP, Thursday, April 4, at 12:00 noon, in FCC's Fellowship Hall. This group's ministries are: **Love Bears, Christmas Stockings, Blankets, and Blankets and Bears!** For more info., contact Diane South at 988-9718.

YOUTH FAMILY NIGHT, Sunday, April 7, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

UPCOMING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, starting April 16, at 7:00 p.m. (Connection Café)

Study guides are \$11 and the **deadline to sign up is April 7.** For more info., contact Pat Presse at 951-3956.

LEADERSHIP MEETING, Sunday, April 14, at 11:15 a.m.
in FCC's Café Conference Room

LADIES LUNCH, Wednesday, April 17, at 12:00 noon
at The Swanson, in Perry.

For more info., contact Diane South at 988-9718.

Literature & Latte is a Ladies group that meets once a quarter to discuss a Christian fiction novel. For more info., contact Tonya Hipps at 987-2626 or twhipps@windstream.net.

NEXT Literature & Latte

Monday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. (Connection Café)

We will be discussing Levi's Will by W. Dale Cramer.

BELK CHARITY DAYS ARE BACK! April 27, \$5 per ticket

All proceeds will go to Family Promise of Greater Houston County. For more info., contact Twyla South at 952-2065.

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI LUNCH

Sunday, May 5, right after worship

LIVING PROOF LIVE! (Ladies Retreat), May 31—June 1

For more info., contact Pat Presse at 951-3956.