



We Were Made to Be Courageous!

Want to be involved in a Courageous Class? We will begin the class by watching the movie, Courageous, then, we will meet for weekly studies beginning in February. For more information, contact Pat Presse.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR DECEMBER:

- Jan. 4 - Breakfast: pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, Biscuits, and gravy
- Jan. 11 - Chicken Parmesan and pasta, salad, bread, & dessert
- Jan. 18 - Baked Potato Bar, salad, & dessert
- Jan. 25 - Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, & dessert

New Ladies Bible Study: *One In A Million—Journey to Your Promised Land*, by Priscilla Shirer. This 7-week study begins on Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m., and the cost for the workbooks is \$10. Please sign up in the foyer by January 4. For more information, contact Pat Presse.

Literature & Latte, Monday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.

Ladies, you can purchase your copy of the book, *Shadow in Serenity*, by Terri Blackstock, very reasonably priced, on-line at either www.christianbook.com or www.amazon.com. For more information, contact Tonya Hipps.

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 - 5th Graders *
(* - Junior Church meets right outside the main entrance to the sanctuary, when directed)

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.
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**First Christian Highlights
JANUARY 2012**

"Connect to God, Grow in Christ, Serve Others"



***'The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
and give you peace.'***

Numbers 6:24-26

Upcoming Ladies Retreat...

Ladies, keep watching for more information about the next Ladies Retreat, which is scheduled for the 16th and 17th of March, at Norman Park. Cost will be \$80 per registrant. You will not want to miss it—its always a great time! For more information, contact Pat Presse, at 987-7959.

Learn the Bible in 24 Hours

(an intensive video and discussion workshop)

Are you ready for a detailed yet thoroughly enjoyable study of the most profound book ever written? Using sound, scientific facts, historical analysis, and Biblical narrative, Bible teacher Chuck Missler weaves together the tapestry of Scriptures' relation to Itself, to us, and to the world at large.

A comprehensive workbook is available for \$15 to help you understand, retain, and maximize this learning activity (*the workbook is not required for successful completion*). The first twelve-week installment will begin January 2 in the Cafe Conference Room, during the Sunday School hour. A few books are available now.

Please sign up in the foyer by January 8 at the Welcome Center, so we will have time to order more books, if necessary.

For more information, contact Pat Presse.

First Family News is FCC's weekly e-newsletter (*if you have not been receiving this email, check your email SPAM or JUNK folder*). To receive this email, and/or add prayer requests, make it known on a Connection Card, email us at fcc-staff@firstchristian.net, or just give us a call at 987-5428.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Amanda Story
Mark and Sandra Olsen

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

1/1 - Phil, Krystal, Veronica, Virginia, Kendall, Kelly, Ken, and Cheryl

1/8 - David, Robin, Dalton, Ann, Jimmy, Pat, Allen and Jeanne

1/15 - David, Elizabeth, Jen, Robin, Dalton, Brenda, Lee, and Linda

1/22 - Larry, Carolyn, Kayleigh, Harold, Lynn, Kastina, Johnny, and Tara

1/29 - Larry, Kendall, Amanda, Allan, Margaret, Carolyn, Ken, and Cheryl

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

1/1 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie

1/4 - Lisa A.

1/8 - Diane B., Jessica J., Leigh

1/11 - Melinda L.

1/15 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER

1/18 - Brandy

1/22 - Brandy, Kathryn, Cheryl

1/25 - VOLUNTEER

1/29 - Linda, Angela B, VOLUNTEER

CONNECTION CAFE SCHEDULE:

1/1 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Brian A and Carolyn B; sh3: Tonya H and Ann V

1/8 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Mike and Mary K; sh3: Pat P and Leigh S

1/15 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Brian A and Elizabeth C; sh3: Robert and Belinda M

1/22 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Amanda L and Allan L; sh3: Jen and Griff C

1/29 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Cheri R and Virginia S; sh3: Bryan and Twyla S

Why go to Church?

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!

If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.

If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."



This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing..... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!



"When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, 'Jesus, could you get that for me?'"