

**NOT A FAN.** Come enjoy this brand new 6-week Sunday School series that examines what it meant to truly follow Jesus. Kyle Idleman will lead us on this one-of-a-kind series.

Twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus issued a compelling and challenging invitation for people to follow Him. He does not want fans. He does not want enthusiastic admirers. He wants Completely Committed Followers.

Come join Traver and Jennifer Pierce on Sunday mornings, at 9:00 a.m., in the Café Conference room, as we explore together what it meant to truly follow Jesus.

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**Literature & Latte, Tuesday, July 10, at 7:00 p.m.**

Meets in the Connection Café. The book is The Discovery, by Dan Walsh, (purchase your copy at any bookstore or online).

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**Wednesday Night Activities** will resume on **August 1.** For more information, contact Lee Dunbar.

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**Veterans Video for Veterans Day 2012**

If you are or have ever been in the U.S. Military, any branch, I would like to share your service to our country in a Veterans Video for Veterans Day 2012. If you have already given me your military information (rank, name, branch of military, time served, i.e., SSgt Clyde Adkins, U.S.A.F., Jan. 1981—Jul. 1999, and a military picture), then you need not provide it again.

I want to recognize you and thank you for serving in this nation's military, so please email me ([kevin@firstchristian.net](mailto:kevin@firstchristian.net)) or drop the information off at the church.

Thanks, **Pastor Kevin**

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders \*  
(\* - Junior Church meets right outside the main entrance to the sanctuary, when directed)

**Wednesdays**

6:30 p.m., Worship Team rehearsal (*sanctuary*)  
**\*\* NO OTHER WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES IN JULY \*\***



**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**  
**JULY 2012**

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



**Casas por Cristo**  
*short term missions*

You won't want to miss Worship on

**Sunday, July 22!**

**Guest speaker: Jason Laffan**  
*(missionary serving Christ at Casas por Cristo)*

Back in September 2011, Jason came to FCC and shared with us the vision—as well as the impact—of the life-changing mission organization called *Casas por Cristo*. Here is a quote from the organization's mission statement:

*“Through cross-cultural partnerships, volunteer teams are presented with an amazing opportunity to build a home for a family in need. And in just one week teams transform an otherwise empty lot into a safe and secure home - complete with cement foundation, electricity, windows, and doors. As a result of this experience, each family receives a tangible symbol of the faithfulness and unconditional love of Jesus Christ. As volunteers gain perspective on the extreme poverty that exists in our world, so do these families better understand God's plan for their lives and His deep desire to take care of their needs.”*

For more information, go to [www.casasporcristo.org](http://www.casasporcristo.org).

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:**

**Kaleb Greishop**

**Monthly Ladies Get-together** meets in the **Fellowship Hall**, at **1:00 p.m.** You are welcome to bring a snack if you like. This month, the group is meeting on **Thursday, July 12!** For more information, contact *Diane South*, at 988-9718.

**Monthly Ladies Lunch** is at *Lil' Mama's*, in Byron (311 Hwy. 49, N. Suite 140), on **Thursday, July 19**, at **11:30 a.m.!** For more information, contact *Diane South*, at 988-9718.

**\*\* Next Leadership Meeting: July 22, 11:15 a.m. \*\***

**LADIES NIGHT OUT**

**Friday, July 27 - Dinner and a Movie**

**Place:** FCC's Fellowship Hall / Youth Center

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$5.00

**5:30 p.m.**—Meal preparation (join us when possible, if 5:30 is too early)

**6:30 p.m.**—Dinner Time (see flyer in foyer for menu)

**7:00 p.m.**—Movie (Jane Austen's Pride & Prejudice)

Sign up in the foyer on or before July 22 (payment due to Pat Presse or Virginia Stewart at signup).

**NEXT LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m., in the Connection Café**

*Malachi: A Love that Never Let's Go*, by Lisa Harper is an eight-week study. Study guides are \$14 each (we will let you know when the books are available for purchase).

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:**

7/1 - Charles, Ann, Susan, Jimmy, Elizabeth, Pat, Lee, and Linda

7/8 - Lynn, Jen, Harold, Michael, Margaret, Brenda, Johnny, and Tara

7/15 - Lynn, Allan, Kendall, Krystal, Amanda, Kelly, Ken, and Cheryl

7/22 - Phil, Robin, Kayleigh, Veronica, Virginia, Kastina, Allen, and Jeanne

7/29 - Phil, Ann, Jimmy, Elizabeth, Jen, Pat, Lee, and Linda

**NURSERY SCHEDULE:**

7/1 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie

7/8 - Diane B., Jessica J., Leigh

7/15 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER

7/22 - Brandy, Kathryn, Cheryl

7/29 - Linda, Angela B, VOLUNTEER

**CONNECTION CAFÉ SCHEDULE:**

7/1 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Amanda L and Allan L; sh3: Gary and Teresa H

7/8 - sh1: Steven K and Pat P; sh2: Mike and Mary K; sh3: Bryan and Twyla S

7/15 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Virginia S and Leigh S; sh3: Robert and Belinda M

7/22 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2:; Virginia S and Cheri R; sh3: Tonya H and Carolyn B

7/29 - sh1: Steven K and Elizabeth C; sh2: Pat P and Brian A; sh3: Griff and Jen C

**Challenging Words**

by

*Jennifer Pierce*

1 Chronicles 28:9 records the words that David spoke to his son Solomon in the presence of all his higher government officials. He said, "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever." These wise words from the man after God's own heart can still challenge our lives today.

How about you? *Do you know God?* No one can know him fully, but do you grow in your knowledge of Him every day? *Do you serve God wholeheartedly?* Do you love both God and yourself? Both God and money? Both God and your reputation? Or do you regularly sacrifice your own desires so that God can be honored in your life? *When you do serve, do you do it willingly?* Willingness comes from the mind, as shown in this verse. It's not an emotion, so we can choose to control it. Are you willing to serve God?

The good news is God knows and understands us completely. He knows that we make mistakes, but He does call us to obedience. He knows when we are seeking Him and when we do seek, He will make it easier on us to find Him. God doesn't expect anything from us that we are unable to give. He asks us to know Him, to serve Him, and to seek Him. He gives the command, we take the steps of obedience, and He provides the power we need.

**CURRENT SERMON SERIES: *Summer in Rome***

Join us on Sunday mornings for the remainder of the Summer (through August) as we continue our in-depth look at the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans.