

First Christian Church

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Church Activities

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

Growing in Faith - Sharing God's Love

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Childcare

Childcare is available for infants through kindergarteners in the nursery in Room 1, immediately off the Welcome Center, during all Sunday morning worship services.

During the 10:45 am service, there is a Children's Moment near the beginning of the service. After the children are dismissed, they are invited to attend PB&J (Prayer, Bible, and Jesus) in Room 3. PB&J is geared for children Pre-Kindergarten to 3rd grade. Children older than 3rd grade are invited to participate in worship. For those children remaining in worship, activity pages are located at the back of the sanctuary.

Families with young children are also welcome to worship in the CRY room, just off the sanctuary. The service can be heard over the speakers in the room.

For other events, small group studies, church activities, childcare is happily available upon request.

Special Needs

Hearing devices are located at the Welcome Center and can be checked out for use during Sunday morning worship.

Becoming a Member

We believe that we are called to commit our lives to worshipping and serving Jesus Christ. We invite people to commit to Christ by joining our congregation in three ways:

Those who are uniting with a church for the first time are asked the question, "Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God?" Baptism by immersion is provided for those making their confession of faith.

For those who transfer their membership from other congregations, no re-baptism is required.

We also offer associate members for those wishing to unite with our congregation, but not sever any ties with a former church.

Along with this we encourage all people not just to attend worship on a regular basis, but find a small group, a community ministry, a sports activity, or a prayer group; we call it "Worship Plus 1." The goal is to find something else besides coming to worship on a regular basis to help you grow in your faith and connect you with others in our congregation.

Worship

Worship Ministry Team

Works to plan, design and implement our worship services. Along with helping to plan special and seasonal worship services such as Ash Wednesday, Maunday Thursday & Good Friday.

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir is a chance for worshipers to help lead and praise through music during our 9am traditional service. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir brings special music to the 9am Traditional service. Rehearsals are weekly and participation in worship is monthly and during special worship services.

Joyful Noise Children's Choir

Pre-K - 6th grade children are invited to join our children's choir. Rehearsals are weekly on Sunday mornings at 10:15am.

W.O.W. Band

The W.O.W. Band leads the 10:45am worship service through contemporary music. Please contact Diane DeJaynes at 319-572-6760 for more information.

Children and Youth

S.E.E.K.

Spiritual Enrichment for Energetic Kids (SEEK) is our Sunday School Program for children and youth. Each class follows age appropriate curriculum which helps your youth or child grow in faith and learn to share God's Love. Classes meet at 9:30am–10:15am.

Children and Youth Programs

PB&J

Prayer, Bible, and Jesus (PB&J) is our Children's Church during the W.O.W. service. Children ages 3-10 will begin in worship and be dismissed after the Children's Moment to pray, hear a Bible story and do fun activities such as crafts and games during PB&J.

M&M

Midweek Miracles (M&M) is our weekly program for children in Preschool - 5th Grade. Each week the children will be led by mentors in a meal, songs, Bible story, crafts, and journaling. M&M meets Wednesday nights 5:30-7:30 PM during the school year.

Crosstown High

First Christian Church's youth group, Crosstown High, meets weekly for a time of fellowship and study as we learn what it means to be and how to live as a Christian. Crosstown meets on Sunday nights 5-7 PM during the school year.

Adult Sunday Small Groups

The Back Room (9:45-10:30) (Backroom/Harbor Room)

This class, for young adults taught by Jeff Taeger, will be studying *Animate: Faith*.

Let's Talk About it! (10:10-10:45) - Room 7

This class, led by Mollie and Jeff Erickson, reviews and discusses that morning's sermon.

The Present Word (10:10-10:45) - Room 5

This class, led by Tom Kuster, follows *The Present Word* curriculum which applies the bible to life.

The Present Word (10:10-10:45) - Room 10

This class, led by Pauline Neff, follows *The Present Word* curriculum which applies the bible to life.

Journey (10:10-10:45) - Room 6

This class, led by Dan Maudlin, studies various books on faith. Currently studying a book by Max Lucado.

Infants and Parents (10:10-10:45) - Room 8

This class, led by Amber Taeger, discusses life and faith issues facing parents with young children.

Bible Studies

Carpenter's Fellowship

Men's Bible study every Monday afternoon at 3:45 p.m. in Room 7.

Pastor's Bible Study

Meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm in room 7 and every Wednesday at 7:00am at Perkin's restaurant to study the scripture texts that he will be preaching from in the subsequent weeks.

Prayer

FCC Prayer Team

Our prayer team receives weekly emails with prayer requests. Each team member is encouraged to pray over the names and issues at their leisure.

Prayer Shawls - Ruth Ann Sandrock

This prayer group meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at 1:30pm in library. Shawls are given to church members and friends in need of prayer and comfort.

Conversational Prayer Training

Meets Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Prayer Chapel; led by Ruth Ann Sandrock.

Occasional Classes

Alpha Course

This eight-week study explores the basics of the Christian faith for those who have been church members for awhile, but would like to think more deeply about the faith and for those who are exploring what it means to be a Christian for the first time. Led by Rev. Yonker.

Pastor's Class - Pastor's class is for youth (usually around 5th grade) who want to be baptized into Christian faith. We study what more in depth what it means to be a Christian and to follow Christ. This class is typically offered in the Spring with baptisms being held on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Contact Dave Yonker 319-754-7140 for more information.

Fellowship

Mending Hearts

Small group for widowed, divorced and single women. Mending Hearts meets monthly for service and fellowship.

Empty Nesters

Small group for singles and couples whose children have "left the nest." This group meets for dinner one Saturday evening a month. Watch *The Caller* and website for information on meeting times and dates.

Navigators

Small group for those who are dealing with a crisis or have experienced a loss in their lives. This group meets for dinner and conversation on the third Thursday evening a month.

CWF Circles

Eva Lou Myers (Martha) & Linda Hoffman (Lydia) Women's fellowship and study groups meet once a month; watch the Caller and website for information on meeting times and dates.

The Niche

Our newest women's fellowship group is being led by Karen Hassel. They will be meeting once a month for fellowship and service. This new group also includes these breakout groups

Soul Food - This group will focus on cooking and learning about various diets and their restrictions.

Acts - (Activities) - This will be a hands-on group engaging in projects ranging from computer usage to planting flowers.

Giggles - (Girls in God Growing, Loving, Eating, Sharing) - This group will be a party group with members going to movies, dinner, lunch and games.

Disciples Men

Disciples Men meets for monthly community building events. Past events have been a group BBQ and Burlington Bees game. Contact Jan Logan at 319-752-2418 for more information.

Young Adults

The FCC Young Adults meet monthly for fellowship. Upcoming events will be an Iowa Hawkeye watching party at Buffalo Wild Wings and a Halloween Party. Contact Will Ryan at 319-754-7140 for more information.

Sports Fellowship

Men's Golf Fellowship - Golfers of all ages and abilities meet at Sheaffer Golf Course to play nine holes and fellowship. They play in the Spring, Summer, and Fall on Sundays twice a month at 2 PM. Contact Mike Prosser 319-752-7711 for more information.

Slowpitch Softball - FCC's Slowpitch Softball Team participates in the Burlington RecPlex's Tuesday night Church league during the Summer months. Contact Jerry Hayes II 319-754-8638 for more information.

Basketball Fellowship - FCC's Basketball Fellowship meets on Tuesday evenings to play basketball. Everyone high school age and up is welcome. Volleyball will be played once a month in lieu of basketball). Contact Justin Livingston at 319-750-3681 for more information

Outreach Opportunities

SUM Dinner - At the end of every month, we partner with local churches to serve a free meal at Grace Methodist Church in South Hill. Contact the Church office for more information.

Salvation Army Dinner - Every quarter, we cook and serve a complete dinner for the community through the Salvation Army. Contact Linda Jones at 319-752-0123 for more information.

Paint-a-thon - Each year we have a team participate in the Community Action Paint-a-thon. We are given an address of a house we will paint and we spend the week getting to know the owner and helping beautify their house. Contact Heather Hayes at 319-754-8638 for more information.

Blood Drive - Twice a year, in August and February, we partner with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center to host a blood drive in our building. Contact Dick Dillon at 319-753-0874 for more information.

CROP Walk - Each October we have a team participate in the Burlington CROP Walk. The goal of the walk is to raise funds to help end hunger locally and globally. CROP is a subsidiary of Church World Service. Contact Will Ryan 319-754-7140 for more information

Blackhawk Elementary Partnership - We are beginning to partner with Blackhawk Elementary this year. We will be helping them by reading and listening to kids read each week, working their movie nights, and volunteering for their Back to School Kick-Off. Contact Will Ryan at 319-754-7140 for more information.