

Climate Changes

“For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. 2 Corinthians 1:5

There are a few "commodities" and "luxuries" our family had in Chicago which we no longer have, relatively speaking, here in El Quiche, Guatemala. For example, having access to potable water is not only a national problem, but for our area has been a years-long problem. The water truck drives down our street as early as 6 am every day of the week honking the horn and selling water. We buy our water this way. It is then stored in cisterns where the already murky water gets even murkier. Some days I wish I could submerge myself in Lake Michigan to bathe - and to be honest, I have never been interested in Lake Michigan, but now I miss it!

Having access to potable water is not only a social problem but also an environmental one. There have been mild droughts each of the recent years, but in the past year throughout most of Guatemala and much of Central America there was no rainfall whatsoever. Now the government has officially announced a severe drought. The drought destroyed most of next year's subsistence maize (corn) crops, and the cost of maize has increased astronomically. Not only is there a lack of food for the upcoming year, but this has created a serious economic hardship for most families. While historically, many rural residents have been internally displaced, or uprooted from their communities due to colonialism, the 36-year-old armed conflict and the recent mining business, now many are being displaced due to grave environmental changes. Yet there is something impressive about an organization like Guatemalan Cultural Action (ACG), which has a staff so committed and dedicated to improving the lives of each person in the community even while living with their own economic hardships.

Pray with me, giving thanks to God for the Guatemalan Cultural Action (ACG). May God bless you and your family in everything you do to support me and my family and the ACG. I humbly ask for your continued prayers.

Gloria Vicente serves through Global Ministries with Guatemalan Culture Action (ACG) as a youth and communication worker.



Excerpts from: A Letter from Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

...In these last weeks, God's care has indeed been the shelter and fortress for many as wind has howled and water risen. Ten days ago, in just a few hours, torrential rains brought flooding to Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky, including to many Disciples. In the last several days a seasonal outbreak of tornadoes has brought death and destruction to Oklahoma and Kansas. Now that the skies have cleared and the waters are beginning to recede, we mourn the deaths of more than 30 people and the loss of scores of homes and offices, and a lifetime of people's personal artifacts...

...In times such as these, the sheltering care of God is shown through the outreach of God's children to each other. The outpouring of help offered by churches, church people, Week of Compassion, Disciples Volunteering, and regional staff are signs of the love of God...

...The flood waters will recede and communities will rebuild. God's earth will heal. And we Disciples will continue to do our part to live out our identity of being a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world by helping to bring hope and healing to those in need. Thanks be to God.

For Rev. Dr. Watkins' complete letter including details of the help being given those in need, go to www.disciples.org/OfficeoftheGeneralMinisterandPresident

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share hope and life in community.

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God's
Love Is
Everywhere!!



A MOMENT WITH TIM

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Hopefully you have noticed that the grounds of our church are looking great. This newsletter includes a thank you to those who have been working with great effort on that project. It was suggested to me that we take time to give thanks. I think that is a great idea. If I was to give thanks for all those who serve in the church, however, I would take up my allotted space in no time. I have also been told by some whom I have singled out in other moments, "Please don't do that. I am seeking to serve God and the church, and it embarrasses me to be singled out."

So instead today I give thanks to everyone who serves in this congregation, and ask forgiveness to anyone I may leave out. I give thanks for those who serve in ways which are evident and in ways which may not be so evident. I give thanks for those who have been at work to make our grounds beautiful when we notice it and for those who change a light bulb, work on our furnace, and wipe down tables when we don't notice. I give thanks for our Elders, Deacons, Worship Leaders, Children's Moment leaders, Choir, Song Leaders, Musicians, and Greeters who we often see at work in our service. I also give thanks for those who open up the building and prepare the sanctuary, clean up and lock up afterward, those who decorate the Sanctuary, our Financial Secretaries, Van Drivers, and the Sound Operators who we might not see at work.

I give thanks for Sunday School Teachers, Children's Church Leaders, Youth Group Leaders, Camp Counselors, those who lead Men's and Women's groups, Vacation Bible School Workers, Wednesday Night Leaders, Bible Study Leaders, Cooks, those who host Coffee Hour, and those who plan fun church events and GIFT and LAFF.

I give thanks for those who work with Room at the Inn, those involved with Greeley Interfaith Association, those who visit our shut-ins, those who lead in worship at Meadowview Assisted Living Home, those who make sure our donated clothes, food, and other items get to the right place, those who work with Habitat and Campus Ministries, and for those who help out in so many ways in the wider community.

I give thanks for ministry teams who plan and help us live out our ministry, the General Board who sets our course, Trustees, those who serve on special committees, the Historian, the Church Clerk, the Staff Relations Committee, the Scholarship Committee and gift certificate sellers, and those who plan sales and fairs, block parties, and events like Daughter's Dessert and Irish Stew. I give thanks for those who provide office help and assist with assembling the newsletter, for those who help our office equipment run smoothly, and for our Web Designer.

I give thanks for those who make worship a priority, those who pray, those attend Sunday School, and those who seek to serve God in many ways both inside and outside our community.

I give thanks to our staff who are at work sometimes out front and sometimes behind the scenes. I give thanks for our Administrative Assistant, our Bookkeeper, Preschool teachers, Nursery Staff, Music Director, and Youth Director. I could easily go on, but I think I'm out of space.

As I give thanks, I invite you to give thanks to God and to all of these people.

Bendiciones (Blessings),

Tim



Colorado Rockies Faith Day

Come with us to Coors Field on August 15th to watch the Rockies play the Milwaukee Brewers! After the game we'll stay for a concert by the very talented Christian music performer Jeremy Camp. The sign-up sheet is on the easel outside Fellowship Hall. As long as we have a group of at least 25, tickets are only \$20 for \$38 seats! (Children 2 and under are free.) The game starts at 1:10 p.m. For those wanting to ride in the church van, we will leave the church at 11:00. Payment must be turned in to the office or to Charlotte Shetler by Sunday, July 11th. (Make checks out to FCC.) Bring your sunscreen, hat, and a water bottle and get ready to cheer the Rockies to victory!



Attention All Campers

We will again have a Labor Day Camping trip for all who want to have FELLOWSHIP, FUN AND FISHING (with a little spirituality thrown in). This year it will be at Dowdy Lake, located at Red Feather Lakes. The cost is \$65.00 for all three nights. **Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.**

Don't have camping equipment? We have extra!!! Contact Tom and Shirley Miller or the church office for more details. Sign up NOW on the bulletin board in the south hall. See you there!



"Life After Fifty-Five" and "Generally In-between Fifty-five and Twenty"

There will be no LAFF or GIFT group activities in June. Stayed tuned to the Weekly Caller announcement page for summer-time plans.

FCC Greeley Baptisms

On Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010, Tori Brown, Jessi Brown, and Pyper Evans were baptized.

On May 23rd Baylee Brems was baptized.

To My Church Family,

Thanks for every prayer, every call, every card, and every flower I received during recovery. Again, First Christian has the best church family I've known.

Marie C.



Landscaping Volunteers

"Thank you" to everyone who has worked so hard to improve and care for our church lawn and landscaping: Paul, Emily, and Pamela Warntz, Gary Ikenouye, Carl England, Michael Recor, Todd Loschen and the CMF group! The church grounds look great!

Thank You!

Your cooperation in our church kitchen has prevented food from getting spoiled in the past six or eight months. We need the information on the simple data form found in the envelope on the refrigerator so that we can continue this successful project. Data on the form has been the key to helping us donate a considerable amount of food to the Transitional House and to the Guadalupe Center. Please be sure to put your name on the form so we can contact you if necessary. Check the supplies in the appliances and cupboards before you buy. We have lots of catsup, margarine, barbecue sauce, flour, salt, syrup, pancake mix, and other foods waiting to be used. We also have several unlabeled boxes of pizza that showed up in the refrigerator that we placed in the freezer to avoid spoilage. We need the donor to fill out the tag so we know what to do with the pizzas. Thank you. ~George and Carol Hypes



Save the Date!



VBS will be June 7-11
and will conclude with a
multicultural celebration on
Sunday, June 13th.



Our theme this year is
God's Love is Everywhere!



We will be visiting the countries of India,
Congo, Argentina and Haiti—and then we'll
learn to be missionaries where we are.

We welcome ideas, suggestions and
help, as well as glue bottle tops
and the other materials listed on
the b-board outside Pastor Linda's office.
Let Jodi Bobbitt or Caitlin Berg know if
you are interested in helping out.



Registration forms are available outside Pastor
Linda's office. Sign up your kids and grandkids,
neighbors, friends and even your neighbor's
friends. Come and join the fun!

♥ ♥ ♥ See you there! ♥ ♥ ♥

Transitional Regional Minister to Speak at FCC in Greeley

Our guest speaker on June 6 will be our Transi-
tional Regional Minister José Morales. Pastor
Morales recently served as associate pastor of
Iglesia del Pueblo - Hope Center - Christian
Church (DOC) in Hammond, Indiana, a predomi-
nantly Hispanic congregation that has evolved
into a multi-cultural church with a substantial
number of Asian Americans, African Americans,
Native Americans, and Euro Americans. He is
fluent in Spanish and English and hopes to
strengthen the Central Rocky Mountain
Region's youth ministry and reach out to its
Spanish-speaking people, as well as to other
racial-ethnic groups.

Colorado Church History

The following book is now in the church library:
The History of the Christian Church (Disciples
of Christ) in Colorado 1873-1997.

This 317-page book is the only one like it
and was recently donated to our church.
Numerous previous members and previous
ministers of our church are named throughout
this very interesting book. First Christian
Churches in Ault, Windsor, Ft. Collins,
Ft. Morgan, and Greeley are described.

Help Decorate for VBS

Your help would be appreciated
immediately after Worship on June 6th.



"Let It Go" Sale



FCC is planning a yard and heirloom
sale on Saturday, June 5th, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
During the week prior to the sale, you may store
larger items in the church garage; please bring
smaller items to the room next to the library in
the preschool hall.

In regard to heirloom pieces:

- FCC will provide advertising and space—
please let us know about your special items
so we may advertise them properly.
- Seller will decide asking price & lowest price.
- We may be able to assist with
transportation of your items if you arrange
it with us ahead of time.
- FCC requests a \$5 fee per seller to offset
advertising. Feel free to donate more!
- Anything that does not sell must be picked
up shortly after 3 p.m. (we may be able to
return them if arranged beforehand).

Proceeds: 10% will go to Outreach/Mission
and the remainder will benefit the Youth
Group and church improvements. Volunteers
are needed to set up, price, sell, greet, clean up
and cashier. See the sign-up sheet in the main
hall. —Jodi Bobbitt, Verna Recor & Diane Doyle

Youth News

Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Ephesians 1:3

Even though we had our last Youth Group meeting for the school year, we will still have
lots of fun stuff going on throughout the summer! Some of the first events are camp!
We have several youth and adults attending camps this summer. You will find a list of
camps, dates, names and the address for La Foret below. Please feel free to send cards,
letters, care packages and prayers! Camp is a wonderful opportunity for the youth to
grow spiritually. The theme for this year is *Be a Hero Like Jesus*. We will be discussing
everyday heroes and the ways in which they reach out to others. Not only do the youth
have opportunities to connect with God, they also have opportunities to connect with one
another and with youth from different Disciples churches. On behalf of the youth, I
want to say *thank you* to our congregation for all the support and encouragement you
provide for the camping program! Linda

Upcoming Dates:

June 7th-11th: VBS Older youth—if you would like to volunteer, please contact
Jodi Bobbitt or Linda Harding.

June 13th: Room at the Inn

Please Pray for Our Campers and Staff

Church camps are held in June and July. Please send our
campers a note—let them know you are thinking about
them and praying for them. Send your notes to:



(Name of Camper)
(Name of Camp: *CYF* or *Chi Rho*)
Camp La Foret
6145 Shoup Rd.
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80908



CYF Camp: June 13-19 Director: Todd Loschen
Cambrie Bishop, Jessi Brown, Tori Brown, Kaylen Fields,
Nick Harding, Dani Malcom, Katelyn Waldo
Chi Rho Camp: June 20-26
Counselors: Tim Bobbitt, David Haining, Linda Harding
Andrew Bishop, Josh Bobbitt, Alex Brems, Scott Haining,
Brady Harding, Ian Ploegstra, Daniel Recor, Emilee Wolsey
Junior Camp: June 27-July 3 Counselor: Tom Rainbolt
Discovery Camp: July 9-11
Austin Loschen, David and Kevin King, Nathan Bobbitt

Thank You from Linda

I would like to take this
opportunity to say thanks
to everyone at
First Christian Church.
You all have made my family
and me feel very welcomed,
and we are grateful for
all the love, support and
encouragement!
I especially want to thank
Roger Harbert and
Gary Ikenouye for
painting my office.
It looks great!



Sincerely,
Linda Harding





Christian Women's Fellowship

Thanks for a great year of CWF! I hope you have a fun and relaxing summer! We will begin meeting again in September with the general meeting on the 2nd and the board meeting on the 9th. Our study book for next year will be Moments That Take Your Breath Away by James W. Moore. Each group will have a copy for the leader to use, but if you wish to have your own copy, you can purchase that on your own. If you wish to purchase your own copy of "New Day," which we will be using for the mission piece, you can order it from Chalicepress.com. We are also beginning to plan our women's retreat for October 9, 2010. Mark your calendars, and more details will come as we get closer to the event. If you have any ideas, please speak with one of the CWF board members.

Our next service project will be collecting school supplies, and we will begin that in mid July. There will be a collection box in Fellowship Hall at that time.

Judi Ring

A Look at Our Personal Stewardship

Let us all take a look at our financial STEWARDSHIP from a Biblical point of view. Consider that for each of us our financial contributions are a way for each of us to grow spiritually. By giving a percentage of our income to our church's missions and ministries, we are able to grow in our personal relationships with God.

Over the past period of time, we have heard a great deal about our congregation's budgets and dollar amounts necessary to operate our programs and our building. From the standpoint of being a successful business operation, this will always be true.

But I am suggesting that each of us, you and me, use our STEWARDSHIP as a means to grow spiritually in our relationship with God. For us to grow it is important how we use our time, talents and abilities, and that from Biblical and spiritual principles we be genuinely generous.

Thank you and God bless,

Milt Hollingshead



Let's Go to the Rodeo!

Round up the family and let's head over to the Greeley Stampede Rodeo on June 30! There is a sign-up sheet on the easel outside Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 3-12. Payment needs to be made to the church office or to Carla Ikenouye by June 6. (Make checks out to First Christian Church.) The tickets will be available in the office or from Carla by the following Sunday. You can meet us at the church at 5:30p and go together, or we'll see you at the rodeo at 7:00p. We'll take the church van and enjoy dinner in the Food Court at the Stampede beforehand. It should be a great time!



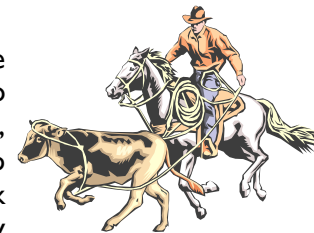
Elder's Message

John 10:14-15

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."

The city of Greeley will soon be celebrating its western heritage as the Greeley Stampede kicks off later this month. Hundreds of people have been working hard for nearly a year to bring us this annual extravaganza. Visitors from all over the state and beyond will come to Greeley to watch the cowboys and cowgirls compete in the "World's Largest Fourth of July Rodeo." Our very own Membership Ministry Team is sponsoring an all-church outing to the June 30th rodeo to enjoy watching these athletes compete. In fact, many of us consider the American cowboy to be somewhat of a national hero. With all due respect to our home-grown hero, Max Lucado, a best-selling Christian author, explains why the hero in the Bible is the Good Shepherd rather than the Good Cowboy.

Max points out that the cowboy drives his cattle, to market no less. In contrast, the shepherd leads his sheep and keeps the same flock year after year. A herd may



have a dozen cowboys, while a flock of sheep has but one shepherd. The cowboy wrestles, brands, and ropes his herd; the shepherd guides, guards, and tends his flock. The cowboy knows the names of the trail hands, but the shepherd knows the names of the sheep. While the cowboy whoops and hollers at the cattle, the shepherd calls each sheep by name.

Jesus, as our Good Shepherd, calls us by name and cares about us so much that he gave his life that we might live. When we stray, he finds us. When we fall, he carries us. When we are hurt, he heals us.



Aren't we glad God sent us a Good Shepherd to guide us and care for us rather than a Good Cowboy to merely herd and drive us?

Gary Ikenouye

Transformers: The Sequel

In 2007 we finished an 18-month process of developing a Spiritual, Strategic Journey as a congregation. You may have participated in Prayer Triplets and meetings during that time. We developed a future story of our understanding of God's call for us as a congregation. We also developed some actions which would lead us in that direction. We have been working on some of those actions, including hospitality, prayer, outreach, and community involvement.

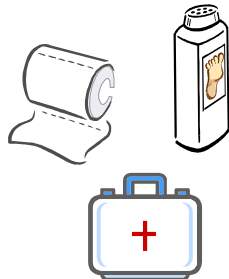
We now have a group called **Transformers: The Sequel**, which is reviewing those actions, asking what we have accomplished, what we need today, and what changes we need to make in our priorities. The group is made up of representatives from our Elders, Ministry Teams, and the Senior Minister. Please keep this process in your prayers and communicate with any of the members of the group if you have ideas to share. The group members are Lynne Waldo, Gerre Tjardes, Tessa Johnson, Carla Ikenouye, Milt Hollingshead, Connie Harbert, David Haining, and Tim Bobbitt.

Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF)

We will be meeting on Saturday, June 12, from 8-9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have breakfast and fellowship. For those who are able, we will then do some work around the church. Come join us!

Tennyson Center Needs for June

Chapstick
Foot Powder
Hand Lotion
Deodorant
First Aid Kits
Toilet Paper
Kids' Body Wash
Slim Fit Tampons
Sunscreen (30+ SPF)



Room At The Inn



FCC will again host Room at the Inn June 13th through June 19th. A sign-up sheet is posted for members to volunteer for various activities. There has been a great response when we have hosted in the past. Through this wonderful hands-on ministry, we are helping those who have fallen in difficult circumstances to get back on their feet. Those who are unable to volunteer may help by making a donation to help with expenses. Simply indicate *Room at the Inn* on the memo line of your check.



June Birthdays



3 Dorothy Boston	9 Carla Ikenouye	17 Connie Davis	26 Fred Tjardes
4 John Campbell	9 Marla Johnson	18 Carolyn Schroeder	29 Bernie Holland
4 Kathy Lee	13 Sarah Recor	19 Louise Graber	30 Rich Recor
6 Amy Haining	13 Carol Smith	19 Kelli Hays	30 Paul Schneider
6 Dalia Ramirez	14 Richard Simon	22 Rose Marie Shafer	
6 Ivar Samuelson	16 Emily Warntz	24 Ashley Malcom	

Baby Bottle Offering



We will continue our tradition of collecting money in baby bottles through Father's Day (June 20th). This year our donations will go to the Haiti's Babies project sponsored by Church World Service. This program helps provide medical care, clothing, food and shelter for infants and children who are the most vulnerable during and after disasters including the earthquake that occurred in Haiti on January 12.

A baby bottle represents the nourishment we received from someone who loved us and took care of us when we couldn't do it ourselves. Someone was there to help us grow physically. Someone was also there to introduce us to God and help us grow spiritually. Let's see how many children we can help grow!

Church Financial Update

Income 2010

Budgeted Year to Date \$98,969.36*
Actual as of 04/30/10 \$86,525.17**

Expenses 2010

Budgeted Year to Date \$98,969.36
Actual as of 04/30/10 \$88,614.51

*Includes \$11,000.00 from Trustees.

**Includes \$1,150.00 from Trustees (paid back in May).

Changes have taken place in our personnel expenses since the 2010 Plan for Mission and Ministry was approved by the congregation last December. We hope not to permanently draw down Trustee funds to meet expenses in 2010. Because of this change, we expect the budgeted expenses to be significantly higher than actual expenses.

Ordination and Installation

You are invited to the ordination service of our new youth director, Linda Harding. This special service or Ordination into Christian Ministry will take place at Heart of the Rockies Christian Church in Fort Collins (6501 Brittany Street). The service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 5th.

On the following day, Sunday, June 6th, at 9:30 a.m., we will celebrate Linda's installation service here at First Christian. Transitional Regional Minister José Morales will be preaching. Please plan to participate in these exciting events.



Spiritual Strategic Journey Reunion

South Broadway Christian Church in Denver is hosting a reunion for those who participated in the Spiritual Strategic Journey process in 2006-2007. The event will take place on Saturday, June 12th, from 9:00-3:00. It will be a time to reconnect with each other, share how we are progressing on our future stories and the changes we may have made, and anything else we would like to share. Plan to bring a few dollars to help pay for lunch. Talk with Pastor Tim about transportation and more details.

Servers for the Month of June

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
9:30 Sanctuary Service				
Elder: North	Kris King	Nita White	Roger Harbert	Tom Rainbolt
Elder: South	Nita White	Tessa Johnson	Tom Rainbolt	Kris King
Worship Leader	Bessie Bishop	Von Prichard	Jim Prichard	Andrew Bishop
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Bill Kehl	Connie Davis	Gerre Tjardes
Sound Operator	Caitlin Berg	Caren Renee Haining	Janice Billings	Gary Ikenouye
Van Driver	Paul Warntz	Gary Ikenouye	Paul Warntz	Fred Tjardes
Diaconate	Marla Johnson ±	Marla Johnson ■	Marla Johnson ▸	Connie Harbert ▲
	Kathleen Davis ±	Kathleen Davis ■	Kathleen Davis ▸	Kathleen Davis ▲
	Shannon King ▲	Shannon King ±	Shannon King ■	Shannon King ▸
	Cambrie Bishop ▲	Cambrie Bishop ±	Cambrie Bishop ■	Cambrie Bishop ▸
	Susan Luecht ▸	Susan Luecht ▲	Susan Luecht ±	Susan Luecht ■
	Carolyn Rainbolt ▸	Carolyn Rainbolt ▲	Carolyn Rainbolt ±	Carolyn Rainbolt ■
	Verna Recor ■	Verna Recor ▸	Verna Recor ▲	Verna Recor ±
	Lauryn Waldo ■	Lauryn Waldo ▸	Lauryn Waldo ▲	Lauryn Waldo ±
Greeters	Jim & Susan Luecht Ron & Charlotte Shetler Carl & Carolyn England	Evelyn Kehl Helen Stolte Darron & Debbie Berg	Marilyn Lesser Norma Basey Marie Caster	Marilyn Lesser Kathleen Davis Betty Jensen
Coffee Hour Host	Worship Ministries Team	Rainbolts	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
Acolytes	Baylee Brems Emilee Ploegstra	Andrew Bishop Scott Haining	Weston Boyce Becky Boyce	Daniel Recor Ian Ploegstra
Children's Moment	Kris King	Kris King	Connie Harbert	Linda Harding
Children's Church	Michelle Gray Andrew Bishop	VBS Sunday VBS Sunday	Jodi Bobbitt Katelyn Waldo	Family Sunday Family Sunday

KEY: Preparation=± Clean Up Sanctuary=▲ No Extra Duties=▸ Clean Up Communion=■

If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please make arrangements for a replacement. Please notify your team leader and the church of any changes.