

Participants	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
8:15 Chapel	No Chapel Service				
Elder	N/A	Bob Corliss	Judi Ring	Carol R/Michelle G	Lena Morris
Worship Leader	N/A	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Diaconate	N/A	Colleen Heitman	Colleen Heitman	Colleen Heitman	Colleen Heitman
Sanctuary Worship	9:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Phyllis Hansberry	Bob Corliss	Judi Ring	Carol R/Michelle G	Lena Morris
Worship Leader	Stuart Murphy	Gary Ikenouye	Verna Recor	Phyllis Hansberry	Gretchen Howland
Announcements	Colleen Heitman	Colleen Heitman	Colleen Heitman	Colleen Heitman	Colleen Heitman
Song Leader	Rich Recor	Judi Ring	Connie Davis	Gary Dobbins	Judi Ring
Children's Moment	TBD	Pastor Mark, Rod Phillips	TBD	TBD	TBD
Slides	Lorilee Scott	Darron Berg	David Haining	Ken Thompson	Lorilee Scott
Sound Operator	Kris King	Nita White	Caren Renee Haining	Sue Tjardes	Ken Thompson
Diaconate	Kris King ± ▲	Ron Creighton ± ▲	Kris King ■	Ron Creighton ■	Kris King ± ▲
Please have communion ready by 10:00 am	Kevin King ± ▲	Lorilee Scott ± ▲	Kevin King ■	Lorilee Scott ■	Kevin King ± ▲
	Bill Rusher ■	Gary Ikenouye ■	Bill Rusher ± ▲	Gary Ikenouye ± ▲	Bill Rusher ■
	Theresa Rusher ■	Carla Ikenouye ■	Theresa Rusher ± ▲	Carla Ikenouye ± ▲	Theresa Rusher ■
Van Driver	Gary I./Ray White	Gary Ikenouye/Ray W.	Gary I./Ray White	Gary Ikenouye/Ray W.	Gary I./Ray W.
Greeters	Stu, Sharon Murphy Tom, Lynn Teixeira Tom, Shirley Miller	Ray White The McMichaels Helen, Kathy Herman	Julie Hoskins Carol Reynolds	Marla Johnson Carl, Carolyn England	Carol Williams LaVonne Rogakis Phyllis Hansberry
Coffee Hour Host	May, Linenbroker	Johnson, Ikenouye	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Diaconate
Acolytes	Taylor Gray Isaiah Gray	Regan Ring	Jack Ring Michael Beiser	Annabelle Loschen	Bradford Loschen

Preparation ± Clean Up Sanctuary ▲ Clean Up Communion ■ If unable, please find a substitute.



The Christian Caller Newsletter September 2018

Message from Mark

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, September 30, it will be my privilege to share in the installation services for Amy Piatt as she is installed as the co-minister of the First Christian Church in Grandbury, Texas.

I have known Amy for 44 years. I was there at Parkview Hospital in Pueblo when Dr. Hurley handed me this brand new baby and said, "Well, Dad, you have a little girl." I was there when we got to take care of an orphan lamb for a week—as I watched a four-year-old little girl bottle-feed this hairy little creature. I was there when we took the training wheels off her bike, and when she walked across the stage to pick up three different diplomas. I got to be part of her conversation when in fear and trembling she said that she thought God was calling her into the ministry. For the last 15 years I've watched her start Milagro Christian Church in Pueblo and serve FCC of Portland—and now this new adventure in Texas.

Amy asked me to be the preacher for this event. Here is the text from Isaiah 43:18-19:

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

We can relate!!!

Love, Mark P.S. Please see the invitation (inside) to a concert at Mary Kay's & my home.

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He gives power to the faint. Isaiah 40

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September Sermons



- 9/02 — Mark 7:1-23
“What Goes in... Does Not Have to Be What Comes Out”
- 9/09 — Mark 7:24-37
“Turning Points”
- 9/16 — Mark 8:27-38
“Name It... Claim It”
- 9/23 — Mark 9:30-37
“Kids... First”
- 9/30 — Tom Webster will preach

Bereavement

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Bernadine (Bernie) Holland, who passed away on August 5, 2018. Her memorial service took place here at First Christian Church on August 22.



LAFF Group “Hayless” Ride & Wiener Roast with S’Mores

Save the Date: Friday, October 5th, 5:00-8:00
Suggested cost: \$2
More info later ~ Call LaVonne at 506-0236
 Sign-Up Sheet on Board 

Women’s Activities

Christian Women’s Fellowship

You are invited to the CWF luncheon on Thursday, **September 6th**, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for the catered lunch is \$6.00. Reservations are needed by Sept. 2nd. Peace Group is the hostess. Following the lunch, at 1:00 Kelly Osthoff will present the program, “Know the Ten Signs of Alzheimer’s: Early Detection Matters.” Phyllis Hansberry will lead the devotion.

Other CWF Meeting Dates:

September 13th—CWF Board Meeting at 9:45
September 18th—Joy Group at 1:15
September 27th—Kindness Group at 9:30
September 27th—Peace Group at 1:30

“Thank you for all the items for layettes. It has been so fun to put sets together with blankets for the newborns. The parents are always so happy to get them.” ~Grace
(Volunteer Office at North Colorado Medical Center)

Time for the Labor Day Weekend Camping Trip

The annual Camping Trip will take place at Jack’s Gulch (up the Poudre Canyon) from August 31st through September 3rd. **All are welcome.**

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet.

We will have a worship service on Sunday night with a meal. **Come up for a day if you like.** If you need a map, let us know. Questions? Talk to Charlotte Shetler or Shari Lueking.



Attention Book Lovers!

Our two FCC book clubs will start up again in September. If you've wanted to join one of the groups, now is the time! The **Evening Book Club** normally meets the first Monday of the month at 6:00 in the parlor; however, due to Labor Day, their fall kick-off will be Tuesday, Sept. 4. The **Morning Book Club** meets the second Friday of each month at 10:00 in the parlor. Their first meeting this fall will be Sept. 14. Both groups will discuss what they read over the summer & select their next book. Talk with Carla Ikenouye (evening group) or Beverley Martin (morning) if you would like to join us!

Greet the Light, Focus on Jesus

The lazy days of summer are winding down and everyone is gearing up for fall activities, school, and crisp weather. An artist (Turrell) said that as a boy his grandmother taught him the reason for going to church was to “greet the light” in spirituality, and find the good in scriptures. All God’s children come to earth with the light of Christ. We are taught that the light of Christ is like our conscience and prepares us to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In John 8:12 we find Christ speaking to the Pharisees, saying, “I am the *light of the world*: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the *light of life*.” Our experience on earth is to gain knowledge and intelligence; engaging in learning and teaching is a significant way to add more light to our life. There is a great blessing promised for those who have light and truth. Today’s world places many challenges before us. Focus on those things that add to your light and be an example to those around you. Focus on Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, and build upon His rock, which enables us to withstand the storms (Belka, 2016).

The FCC General Board extends our invitation to take advantage of the many opportunities offered through the church. Autumn brings with it beautiful colors, bountiful harvest, and gathering of many in fellowship. We hope to see you at all our activities, events and programs. “Greet the light” and share it with others.

~Colleen Heitman, General Board Chair

**Sunday
September 9**
“SUNDAE FUN”
9:30-10:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Breakfast Burritos
Ice Cream Sundaes

All-Church Event! Enjoy music and a sing-along with Rod Phillips of Branson, Missouri. Rod will also join us in both worship services.

“DigDeep” Navajo Nation Well Project

Sunday School classes are supporting the *DigDeep* project with their Sunday School offerings. ALL are invited to donate through Christmas to help a family receive storage for running water in their home. Clean running water is a necessity, as is spiritual, living water. Join us as we help our neighbors in New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona attain clean drinking water.

~ Education Team

Elder’s Message

~Carol Williams

I have been blessed in attending several Women of Faith conferences. The excitement and joy of attending is indescribable. The speakers were fantastic. I brought several books home with me, but over time I forgot to read them. One of the speakers was Luci Swindoll. She co-authored a book called *Laughter for a Woman’s Soul*. She wrote an article about the Power of Faith, which I believe applies to all of us. These are her words:

“Everybody experiences difficult situations in life. Things that make us want to scream out or give up. Deprivations. Sacrifices. Losses. Misunderstandings. But isn’t there some way for the Christian to respond without getting mad at God? Otherwise, what’s the good of our faith? There has to be some key to being joyful in the midst of discouraging circumstances and crabby people. What is it?”

“It’s taking God at His Word. It’s believing He will do what he says, no matter how things look or how we feel. Nobody said it would be easy. If you find any Scripture that even hints that life will be easy, call me collect. Please. But I can tell you now—it ain’t in there! However, trusting God with everything we have, everything we are, every problem that is ours, every loss we endure, every battle we face, every person that disappoints us—with thanksgiving—gives us the grace to come through it with flying colors.”

We look at world events and become filled with fear of the days that lie ahead. No matter what is going on around us, God is in control. He has not abandoned us and never will. Every moment of our lives is planned by God, and He makes no mistakes.

Psalm 30:11-12: “You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord, my God, I will give you thanks forever.”

Mission Matters

“And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”
Micah 6:8

Hope4-2Morrow Run/Walk 5k Race – September 16

This inaugural Run/Walk 5k Race will raise funds for **Partners Mentoring Youth** while increasing suicide-prevention awareness. The chip-timed race will take place at Island Grove Park on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 8:30 AM with a Celebration of Life from 11 AM-5 PM. The cost is \$25 until 9/14/18 and \$30 at the event. Children under 5 are free. Register at www.raceroster.com or at Bells Running (3620 W. 10th St.).

2018 Walk to End Alzheimer’s—Sept. 29

Join First Christian Church team captain Gary Ikenouye on Saturday, September 29. **Walk or wheel (wheelchairs are welcome)** around **Bittersweet Park** (35th Ave. & 16th St.) to raise funds to further the Alzheimer’s Association’s care, support and research. Donations are encouraged; our team goal is \$500. Look for a sign-up sheet and register at www.act.alz.org or at the event.

Schedule: 1) **Registration** at 8 AM
2) **Ceremony** at 9 AM 3) **Walk** at 9:30 AM
Route Length: 2 miles

Back-to-School Drive – Sept. 29

The Immigration & Refugee Center of Northern Colorado (IRCNOCO) will host their annual simulation event, *A Walk in Their Shoes*, on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 1:00-4:00 PM at Centennial Village Museum (1475 A St.). This year’s presentation, *Spotlight: Burma*, will focus on the experiences of two brave survivors who crossed the border into Thailand and Bangladesh to escape persecution in Burma. The event is geared for ages 12 and up. Tickets are \$28.45 for adults and \$17.89 for youth (includes fees). Tickets go fast; purchase yours at www.ircnoco.org/awits2018.

Reconciliation Offering – Sept. 30, Oct. 7
Promotes healing justice and love that binds us together with our God and neighbors.



All-Church Event: Annual Elders' Picnic

~Darron Berg

The annual Elders' Picnic will take place on **September 23** immediately following the 10:30 am service. Elders will provide the main dish and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hope to see everyone there.



Come to a House Concert

~Pastor Mark

You are invited: Saturday, September 8, Mary Kay and I will host a singer-songwriter concert with my good friend and pro musician Rod Phillips of Branson, Missouri.

The concert will be at our home at [14474 W 88th Drive, Unit C, in Arvada](#). There's a cul-de-sac that is seldom used to park cars—there should be plenty of room for you to park. The concert is set for **7:00 PM**. Plan to come **at 6:30** and bring your favorite drink and a snack/light food item. There is a suggested donation of \$15.

Please RSVP & invite others who might enjoy it—just be sure to tell Mary Kay or myself how many are coming.

Rod has flourished in the world of music since he graduated with me at Phillips University, class of 1971. He did national tours with [The New Christy Minstrels](#) (Grammy-award winning group), cowboy songwriter [Michael Martin Murphey](#), and bluegrass group [The Dillards](#) of [Andy Griffith](#) show fame. For the past 33 years he has been in Branson playing with the likes of comedian [Jim Stafford](#) and family show favorite, the Presley Family Jubilee. He has also been staff musician for Branson Christian Church for over 30 years.

Rod will be singing from his ten songwriter albums and three Christian contemporary albums. He is able to play 12 instruments and will accompany his songs on guitar, keys, cello, harp, mandolin, and flute. For us hearing-impaired old folks, his poetic-leaning lyrics are displayed on a monitor! His music is described as Americana and Folk with themes of family, faith, and humor. (Rod's 45-year band friends, *Young Country* from Dallas, are emceed by Randy Brooks, who wrote *Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer*- and yes, he can play it... but why? ;-)

Please join us as we host this unique event in our home. Rod is really looking forward to playing for the Colorado crowd—after spending six days in Taos, a second home for him and inspiration for much of his South-western-themed music. **Rod will also join us for Sundae Fun and in Worship on September 9th.**

A Note from Diana Laws

I recently had the honor of helping two women get needed assistance. One, a human-trafficking survivor and single mom, was preparing for a new job working in food service and needed "uniform" pants and safe, comfortable shoes. The second was another single mom who was escaping extreme domestic violence and an assault on one of her children. With a referral from the Zonta Club, Leanna's Closet supplied both (and a teen daughter) with three complete outfits each.

Each of the children received one of our recently made backpacks, including a couple items to make them smile. Talking with the second woman, I realized she escaped with literally only clothing and a few personal items. After a trip to our backpack "stash" and to the store for other basics such as personal care and home cleaning items, plus a little help with gas to get her to work short term, her burden was lessened. This woman has never asked for nor received public help before and has already begun to look for ways to "pay it forward."

My point is beyond the actual items of help. I provided the "hands" of connection on behalf of multiple caring outreach efforts, including First Christian Church and the Greeley Interfaith Association (GIA). I wish I could bottle and hand out the feeling of love and connection to those who give since they seldom meet the receivers face-to-face. This, in His name, is what we're called to do.

Diana Laws, NECCAT Coordinator, North Eastern Colorado Coalition Against Trafficking

NEW GENERATIONS

~ A New Avenue of Participation ~

20s, 30s, 40s, 50s and Beyond

Meet at the
Gourmet Grub Restaurant

2118 35th Ave., Greeley
(Westlake Shopping Center)

Sept. 28, 7:00-8:30 PM

2 Complementary Drinks and Appetizers

(Dinner at attendee's expense.)

Child Care

at First Christian Church 6:30-9:00

Pizza, movie, and games.

Men's Group News

Lon Sassman has agreed to take over some of the responsibilities in overseeing the Christian Men's Fellowship Group. He will be assisted by Sam McMichael, whose long-time leadership has been very much appreciated. Watch the bulletin for updates on Men's Group plans.

New Generations

The Lord has blessed FCC with many members looking for a different avenue to participate in church and its activities. So Friday, September 28th, we invite anyone interested in **NEW GENERATIONS** to join us at Gourmet Grub Grill at 2118 35th Ave., (Westlake Shopping Center).

Enjoy complementary drinks and appetizers at **Gourmet Grub** from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. and discuss future plans. (Child care will be provided from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the church—the youth will have pizza and watch a movie.) First Christian is delighted to kick off this new group and encourages anyone interested to attend. Please R.S.V.P. to the church at 352-1292 with number attending. Blessings!

"For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them."

Regional Fall Feast 9-21

Please see the bulletin board & past newsletters for details or talk to Mark.

September Birthdays

- 3 Austin Loschen
- 4 John Hammons
- 4 Kathy Stossel
- 5 Michelle Gray
- 6 Bradford Loschen
- 6 Regan Ring
- 7 Tom Teixeira
- 10 Ella Heitman
- 12 Eric Beiser
- 17 Evelyn Fletcher
- 21 Charlotte Shetler
- 22 Susan Evans

FCC Financial Update

(as of 7/31/18)

Income Year to Date: \$126,955.09
Expenses YTD: \$134,838.86

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2018					Labor Day Weekend Campout Goes Through Monday	1 <u>No</u> Women's Prayer Breakfast
2 RHRN Offering 9:30a Sanctuary Worship	3 Labor Day Campout Ends	4 8:30a Men's Coffee 6:00p Book Club	5	6 Noon CWF Lunch & Program 5:15p Worship Team 6:30p Chancel Choir	7	8 8:30a Men's Breakfast 7:00p Concert at Pumphreys' Home
9 8:15a Chapel Service 9:30a Sundae Fun 10:30a Sanctuary Worship 11:30a Mission & Fellowship	10	11 8:30a Men's Coffee	12	13 9:45a CWF Board 6:30p Chancel Choir	14 10:00a Book Club	15
16 8:15a Chapel 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Sanctuary Worship Noon Youth Kick-Off 3:30p Guadalupe Meal	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 8:30a Men's Coffee 1:30p Joy Group 5:30p Ministries Cab.	19	20 6:30p Chancel Choir	21 Fall Feast in Casper, Wyoming, thru Sun.	22 9:30-11:30a Stitch in Time
23 8:15a Chapel 9:15a SS 10:30a Sanctuary 11:30a Elders' Picnic	24	25 8:30a Men's Coffee	26	27 9:30a Kindness Grp 1:30p Peace Group 6:30p Chancel Choir	28 6:30p FCC Child Care 7:00p New Generations at Gourmet Grub	29
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