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## Announcements

**August Board Meeting:** August's Board Meeting will be Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Missing?** Haven't seen someone for awhile? Know of someone who has not been well? Please let Pastor Dan or the Elders know, so that we can call on them.

Do you need **help with yardwork** or other household tasks due to age and health concerns? We'd be happy to help! Please contact Karen Marr at 399-3395 to specify your needs and discuss the scope of the work required.

### *The Good News Gazette*

*First Christian Church, Laramie WY*

*"Learning together to love God and love others"*

*August 2010*



Dan Russell.....Senior Pastor  
Cheryl Russell.....Children's Pastor  
Rayna Barker..... Adult Discipleship Pastor  
Mindy Tyser.....Bookkeeper  
K.C. Smith.....Secretary      Michelle Ecker.....Nursery Coordinator



## Communication: the Shout-Out

Several days ago as I walked into the office, a crow was perched in the tree, yelling at me. My first thought was, *what an ugly, annoying bird*. The next day, though, I learned what he was yelling about: a younger crow, unable yet to fly, was nestled along the side entrance. The crow was warning me to stay away. Sadly, interspecies dialogue fails me, and so I (and others, I'm told) saw first-hand the very protective nature of the crow community. To their credit, though, they did try: in their way, they tried to warn us.

I have seen so many examples of relationship “blow-outs” that could have been avoided with a simple “shout-out”—a word of warning that something isn't right. I have heard so many people lament, “I don't know why they're mad at me.” Likewise, there are so many times we express frustration *about* someone, but not *to* that person.

I cannot stress enough just how detrimental that is to our spirits. Speak up. Give a “shout-out” when something's wrong. Allow others to speak to you. It's a little thing that will make a big difference. And it's the right thing to do.

See you on Sunday,

--Pastor Dan

# June 2010

General Fund Giving:	\$17,177.40
General Fund Expenses:	<u>23,081.11</u>
	\$-5,903.71
YTD Gen.Fund Giving:	\$100,234.78
YTD Gen.Fund Expenses:	<u>111,511.48</u>
	\$-11,276.70



Stewardship Report

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## Summer Sunday Cinema

Join us in the fellowship hall for a video and short discussion afterwards. Coffee and hot tea will be provided. Feel free to bring your own breakfast (BYOBF). Simultaneously, a different VeggieTales video will be shown in the youth room. Anyone can attend either showing, but the cinema in the fellowship hall will be geared toward youth and adults.



Communion Service is available to our shut-ins. If you are interested in this service, please contact the Church office at 745-4248. An Elder will contact you & set up a time on Sundays for you to receive Communion.



We offer transportation to & from Church on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know is in need of this service, please contact the Church office at 745-4248.

We are also looking for volunteers to ride along, to help our friends from their homes into the bus. Please contact the Church Office if you are willing to serve in this way.

### Our New (Web) Address!

First Christian Church has a new website: [www.FCCLaramie.org](http://www.FCCLaramie.org). New address, new look, new layout, and the same great content. Sunday messages, and our Jesus Symposiums, can now be accessed from the front page. A Discussion Board for internet posting and conversations is available as well! Check us out at: [www.FCCLaramie.org](http://www.FCCLaramie.org).



**June 14<sup>th</sup>-Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>** the Church office will be open **9am-1pm** Monday-Friday.

**Starting Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 2-6pm  
Tuesday 1pm-4:45pm, Thursday 1-6pm

**Nursery Worker Schedule:**

If you are on the list of nursery workers, please consider filling in any holes. Contact Michelle at [eckermichelle@yahoo.com](mailto:eckermichelle@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

Aug. 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

7:50 Leslie Zorko, Patti McGinnis

10:00 Denise Barker, \_\_\_\_\_

Aug. 14 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

7:50 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

10:00 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Aug. 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

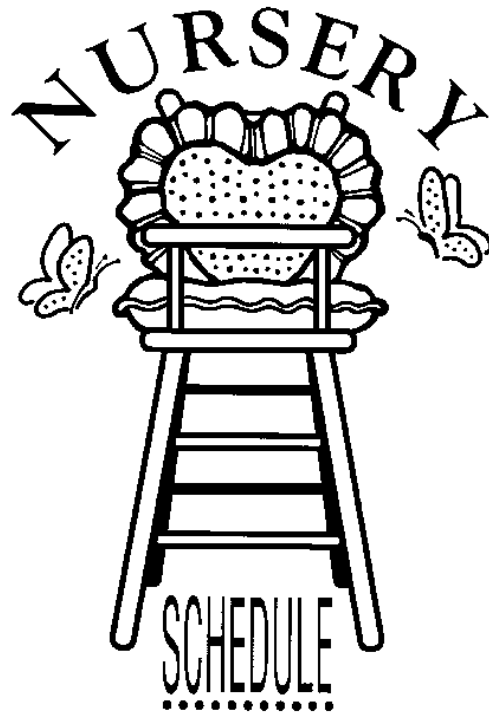
7:50 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

10:00 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Aug. 28 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

7:50 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

10:00 Marcia Doty, \_\_\_\_\_



# New in the Library

New to our library is Kelly Scott's *Lessons From the House With the Polka-Dotted Roof*. In it she shares her journey of "...when her perfectly normal life got turned upside down." This is the story *in detail* of what Kelly shared with our church on the Sunday before Memorial Day. She says, "...its intent is to allow you to laugh with God in the face of adversity and to trust Him when tough times threaten." Please join Kelly as she laughs with God and shares her testimony of how good God truly is. It is available now.

*A Piece of Her Mind* is also now available in the church library.



*August*

**Birthdays**

**Anniversaries**

- 2 Rita Brechlin
- 3 Nancy English
- Ed Mascarenas
- 6 Carol Crain
- 7 Jenny Kidder
- 10 Wanda Day
- Bonnie Ross
- 11 Jerry Spears
- 14 Diann Ginther
- Jerry Walsh
- 16 Sonya Meyer
- 17 Elaine Rodgers
- 19 Abbie Connally
- 20 Aleta Harvey
- 23 Jason Mascarenas
- 27 Kiefer Buescher
- Zach Carter
- 28 Hattie Rahl
- 30 Bob Littlewood

- 2 Roy & Jeanne DeVries
- 4 Brian & Reesa Florum
- 6 Kevin & Rayna Barker
- 8 Bob & Linda Littlewood
- Michael & Susan Barker
- 11 Jason & Rita Brechlin
- 12 Jerry & Karyn Spears
- Joe & Karen Marr
- 19 Pam Eberhart
- 31 Jack & Terri Harvey

If you or a family member has a birthday or anniversary that is listed incorrectly or not at all please contact the Church office at 745-4248 so we can correct the discrepancy.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Aerobics 4:30-5:30p	3	4 Aerobics 4:30-5:30p Choir 6:45pm	5	6	7
8	9 Aerobics 4:30-5:30p Early Birds	10	11 Aerobics 4:30-5:30p Choir 6:45pm	12	13	14
15	16 Aerobics 4:30-5:30p	17 Board Meeting 6:30pm	18 Aerobics 4:30-5:30p Choir 6:45pm	19	20	21
22	23 Aerobics 4:30-5:30p Early Birds	24	25 Aerobics 4:30-5:30p Choir 6:45pm	26	27	28
29	30 Aerobics 4:30-5:30p	31				

**Sunday Services: Traditional 7:50am, Sunday School 9am, Contemporary 10am**

## **Results of Congregational Vote:**

On July 25, the Congregation did pass a proposal to adjust our Sunday morning schedule. Beginning September 12 (Fall Kick-Off), our Sunday mornings will look as follows:

7:50 a.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Service
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Service

Please watch for further communication of this change, including some of the questions raised at the meeting.