



First Christian Church

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In the heart of the community, with the community at heart.

Month-At-A-Glance

- 5 Ladies Fellowship & Breakfast—9am
- 13 Board Meeting & Team Huddle
- 13 Youth Spaghetti Lunch
- 25-26 NM Christian Convention

April



Our monthly fellowship and breakfast will be Saturday, April 5th at 9am.

Our Wednesday morning Bible study is studying Mary. We meet at 10am each week.

Come and share your thoughts about Mary, the mother of Jesus.

LADIES COMMITTEE:

- Valerie Knapp
- Rickey Tabor
- Gail Samberson
- & Susie Bogan

COMMUNION:

- Jamie Cunningham
- & Martha Willyard

Search Committee News

The Minster Search Committee continues to prayerfully meet weekly. All criteria has been developed and processes are in place. We are reviewing resumes as they come in and feel that we have received good responses to our ads. Please continue to keep the Church, the Committee, and the candidates in your prayers as we seek to do God's will.

Our Vision
 "To be in the Heart of the Community, with the Community at Heart!"

Our Mission
 To LOVE:
 Lead Others to Christ,
 Obey God and His Word,
 Volunteer Our Abilities,
 Exalt God's Presence

Events For The Month

Board Meeting & Team Huddle

If you are a chairman or co-chairman of a ministry, please join the board on Sunday, April 13th right after Celebration service. We will meet in the cross room. Be prepared to share activities that have been done and needs of the ministry you work with.

Why not buy a Spaghetti plate from the youth and have lunch at the same time?



Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

1 Chronicles 16:29

NM Christian Convention

April 25-26 is the date for this year's New Mexico Christian Convention. Dusty Rubeck, President of Dallas Christian College will bring us a refreshing voice to the topic of influence. He will be joined by a team of students from DCC who will be ministering to our children during the convention. We are in a new location on the beautiful campus of LifeWay Glorieta Conference Center. We will be in the Aspen Auditorium. It's not too late to go. You will find registration forms on the Information Table or you can register online at www.newmexicocc.com.

SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 20, 2008

(Spaghetti, salad, bread & dessert)

The cost is \$6 per meal

All meals are carry out—pick them up in the kitchen at noon

In the past couple of weeks, the youth group has had the opportunity to seek answers to their most fundamental questions about God, Christianity, the Bible and Prayer. We have had some good discussions that have enlightened all of us as to what the Bible says and what our youth think. Today, as I sit looking over this dry brown earth, I have the opportunity, this morning, to ponder a question that several youth have asked lately, "Are we in hell?" I have to tell you that the first time I heard it, I was a bit shocked. I mean, my idea of hell is lakes of fire and those souls lost forever crying in pain for eternity. So my immediate answer to them is "of course not." However, the question begs a better answer and cries for an understanding of where the question comes from. The question then is why do our children ask if this is hell?

War, fighting, murder, broken homes, drugs, the homeless, racial slurs, ethnic cleansing, political, social and economic unrest. All of the things that were prevalent in my youth are still present today. The difference is the amount of it that is thrown in their faces on a daily basis. I can't believe I'm saying this "In my day.." the same atrocities were there but I didn't read of it daily. In this day of instant information our youth are constantly hit with depressing information. This makes me ask the question, "When does information cease to be a good thing?" "How much is too much?" Isn't it time that we try to show the good with the bad? I'm not asking us to candy-coat

everything, for I believe that it is better to be an informed public. But in the midst of the terror and heartache, stories of injustice made right, true heroes doing good things, inspiration and hope need to be placed on the front page, not page three.

So, then, what can we do? Those who can, take part in the work with our youth, decide to be a part of their lives. You may not think you have anything to give, but to some, your very presence and willingness to give of your time is enough. Seek good in things. In the midst of sadness it's good to hear of God's mercy and love. I am humbled when during prayer time I hear not only of the needs of our congregation but also the praises of how God is working in our lives. Our children need to see blessings and hear praise. So as I look up again at the brown earth, I look closer and see that in the midst of the dry brownness, is green. The first sprigs of life beginning again. God affirming that this is not hell but in fact a new year with the promise of new life and hope.

Faithfully yours,
Susie Bogan

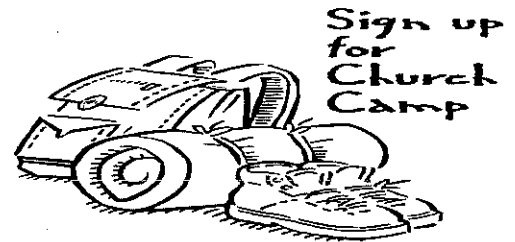


UPCOMING EVENTS AND IDEAS

If you have things you willing to donate to the youth to put in the yard sale let us know!



Youth Car Wash



It's time to start planning for camp.

Senior High

June 1-6

Grades 9-12

\$100 if registered by 5/23

\$110 if registered after 5/23

Middle

June 15-20

Grades 6-8

\$100 if registered by 5/23

\$110 if registered after 5/23

See Jamie for registration and medical forms.