



VISITOR

*Our mission: to share the Good News
of Christ's love - in word and deed!*

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Wow! Breaking news this week that Justin Bieber was arrested for DUI, drag racing and resisting arrest. I'm sure that most of you aren't surprised by this. Our culture of celebrity worship has helped recreate this scenario over and over again throughout the past hundred years or so. It seems that as an entertainer's popularity grows, their troubles do as well. Their popularity with their fans seems to give them a sense of invulnerability. This sense is already inherent in teens and 20-something's, but fame only amplifies that. I know that I am not alone among Christians that are concerned about American culture today. Somehow we now have people who are famous for becoming famous. (Anyone else thinking of the Kardashians?)

As we build anticipation for Superbowl 48, the Rocky Mountain region is growing Bronco fans by the bushel! As a lifelong Bronco fan, I'm struggling not to feel a little derision towards all the bandwagon fans. Even worse, since we're recently moved from the Philly area, a few people have accused me of being a new fan! We've been doing a new family devotional with the boys this past week. We're doing readings out of the teen edition of a neat little book by Kyle Idelman called "Not a Fan". In it, he talks about the fact that Jesus had a lot of fans during his Earthly ministry. They loved him when he fed the 5000+ on the shores of Galilee, but when they caught up to him on the other side of the lake, he confronted them for being fans and not being disciples. In John 6:26 Jesus said "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves." His works and wonders entertained them. Many made a decision to believe him, but few decided to be his followers. Like the rich young man, most weren't ready to pay the cost of being a follower of Jesus.

Being a fan is easier than being on the team. There is no cost, no sweat equity, and no risk in being a fan. There is a cost in being a follower of Jesus, there will be sweat, and there will be risky moments. You see, Jesus isn't looking to redecorate your life; he's looking to do a whole renovation of your life. Your calling isn't to sit in the pews and cheer on the home team; you are called to serve in the offensive line, sweating in the trenches. Many of you have made decisions to believe in Jesus, but have you committed to being on the team. Are you a fan or a follower? This is a question that is worth considering as you watch the latest news on Bieber or during the half-time celebration at the Superbowl.

My prayer for all of you is that you come to know more fully the joy of being a follower, fully committed to Jesus and his kingdom! Blessings to you all!

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Sunday School 4

9:30 am



Children's Ministries

Child Care for babies to age 2 in Room 106 from 9:30 am—10:45 am; babies to age 4 10:45 am—Noon, with Trudy Moe

Preschool for children 3—5 not in Kindergarten in Room 109 with Maggie Harrop

Discovery Kingdom for ages 5 (in Kindergarten) - 5th grade in Room 108 with Diana Kocornik and Sandra Brown

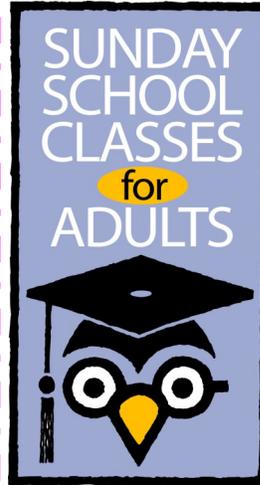


11:15 am after Godprints until 12:15 pm
For ages 5 years old—3rd grade



For grades 6—8 in Room 115 with Christy Oliver

For grades 9—12 in Room 112 with Russ Oliver



Friends of Christ meet on the stage, studying *Seeking a Closer Walk with God*; with Jackie Carter

JOY Class in Room 206, Adult Bible class studying *Jesus and the Just Reign of God*, by Judson Press with Bill Carter

Adult Elective Upward Prayer, in the Prayer Garden with Pastor Jeff



College/Young Adult in the Library with Eric Moorhouse



College-Age Bible Study



College/ Young Adult Weekly Bible Study

Welcome to a weekly Bible study for you!
Monday nights at 7:30 pm at Hastings, next to Kmart
For more information contact: Maggie Harrop at 307-760-0305



Sunday Evenings from 6:00—8:00 pm

At the Church In the Fellowship Hall

All kids grade 6—12 are welcome!

Devotion, Food, Activities, Games, Servicer projects

Youth Group!



women's groups

ABWM
Women
Ministry



(ABWM)

Wednesday, February 5—

Lunch provided.

Hostesses: Louise Richardson and Margaret Prine

Program: Mission to the Hopi Indians

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING



Thank You For...



Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) was received in January. We received \$715.00, we were short of our goal by \$160.14 :(



Knitters!!!

We need squares for our afghan to be given away. Use #6 needles, knit pieces 7" wide by 9" long. Any stitch you like, any yarns you have, OR there is a basket of yarn in the Dorcas Circle Room #110 that you are welcome to use. Help us FINISH this afghan!!

Dorcas Circle—9:30 am on Feb. 12; come to visit, sew and do projects; Come make felt puppets for Discovery Kingdom kids

Inspired Women~

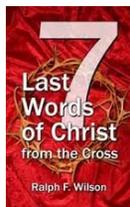
4th Tuesday of every month at 6:45 pm

Starting February 25, 2014

For Younger women of the church; all those who cannot make it to ABW; or those that would like to connect with the Younger Women in the church



(this is replacing Young Women's)



Lenten Studies Coming:

Beginning Sunday, March 9 Sunday School Class for any interested adults: Mary Burman will teach a Lenten study: SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST FROM THE CROSS.

Wednesday Nights, March 5—April 9

Lenten Study led by Pastor Jeff, *Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice for Congregations*, books available. If you would like to donate to the cost it is appreciated but not required! All are welcome to come!



Backpack Food Program, which discreetly provides needy students nutritious, child-friendly food items to take home on weekends and school breaks so they can return to school ready to learn. About 38,000 students in Wyoming, or 40 percent, qualify for free and reduced-price meals in the public schools.

Please donate peanut butter, small containers of fruits, puddings, flip-top soups, ramen noodles, mac 'n cheese, juices, healthy snacks or other kid friendly food. In the blue tub outside the office.



Can you find 38 hearts?



Sundays 12:30 pm
Choir rehearsals every Sunday at 12:30 pm .
All are welcome to come a join in worship through song!



Handbells every Thursday evening at 5:45 pm— 7:00 pm

If you've got rhythm, then we have music for you to play in a handbell choir! For the experienced ringer or for one who'd just like to give ringing a try, there's a place for you in hand bell choir! Everyone is welcome!



Weekly Guitar Workshop

Sundays at 5:30pm

Beginners are especially welcome!
Come and bring along your guitar!



Missionary Update



Greeting from Chiang Rai, Thailand. We have returned to school after a month in Laramie and the death of my mother. January has been the coldest month is over 30 years here in Thailand. The mornings are in the upper 40's to the lower 50's. Now that may not seem very cold to most Wyoming folks but without any heat source in most homes, most people are struggling to keep warm. It is like camping in the Snowies for a month. Some of our friends here have accused us of bring the cold from Wyoming to Thailand.

January is the end of the school year for Thai schools. The schools celebrate a traditional ceremony called, Wai Khruu Day. This is a day to honor the teachers by the students. The students bring flowers to give to their teachers. The ceremony involves the students lining up in front of the teachers, bowing, presenting the flowers and repeating a traditional Thai appreciation phrase. It is a nice time.

It is also a time when one teacher is selected to be the outstanding teacher. Each school selects a teacher for their school and is presented flowers and a certificate. Then there is a province wide ceremony and dinner. We traveled with our outstanding teacher, Tracy Lau, (see picture below) to this traditional event on the east side of our province, about 2 hours. Tracy received a certificate from the chairman of the national governing body. Over one thousand people attended the ceremony from over 100 private schools in our province. A dinner followed with several traditional Thai groups presenting songs and dances.

We appreciate very much your continuing support for us here. In many ways we could not be teaching without your confirmation. Jane & Morley Langdon



The teachers and staff from Chiang Rai International Christian School being honored through a traditional Thai ceremony, Wai Khruu Day.



We are searching for some Volunteers to help with the cleaning of the church. There are several areas that need to be cleaned weekly, semi-monthly and monthly. You can sign-up to help one Saturday, Monthly or dedicate yourself to a room to clean for the quarter. Please let the office know if you are willing to volunteer, there will also be a sign-up sheet in the foyer with the other volunteer positions.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES TRAINING

If you have a heart for children, please consider volunteering in the Nursery or in one of our Sunday school classrooms. You can assist other volunteers to care for children 0-4 years old (nursery), 3-5 year olds (Preschool), K— 5th grade (Discovery Kingdom), K-3rd grade (Children's Church), 6th grade— 12th (Youth).



Downstairs in the Education Wing

Weekly

Bathrooms cleaned
Toilets cleaned
Restocked: paper towels, toilet paper, soap

Monthly

Dry mop and wet mop bathroom floors
Dry mop and wet mop hallway
Sweep stairs, mop if necessary

Rooms to be cleaned monthly

(dusted, swept, mopped, vacuumed)

Library

Prayer Garden

Brown Parlor

Sanctuary

Monthly

Dusting pews, heat registers, table surfaces, railings, and piano



Children's CHURCH

Needs a Volunteer(s)!

Do you know someone who is good with Elementary age children? Would you like to get paid \$25 per Sunday? We are in need of someone to do Children's Church! We have a curriculum that is easy with little preparation. If you know anyone that might be interested, please let the office know!



Donations Needed



Discovery Kingdom and Preschool Sunday school classes are in need of nutritional snacks. If you are



willing to donate some people bring them to the office or let one of the Sunday school teachers: Sandra Brown, Diana Kocornik, or Maggie Harrop; know. We appreciate it!



Do you have an plastic eggs that you can donate for the Children's Easter egg hunt? Or would you like to donate candy? If so, please let the office know or bring them to the church office.



"But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit..." Jude 1:20

Emphasis: Missionaries all over the world, bringing the good news to everyone they meet.

Sympathy: Ruth Mahaffey's friends and family in her passing on Jan. 8.

Health: Briana Bare; Barbara Brewster; Steve DeVries; Bonnie Dumler; Bill Carter; Don Hines; Glenda Hines; Billie Hofferber; Bev Kagel; John Kirkaldie; Bonnie Lankford; Sue Meredith; Leland Powell; Margaret Prine; Lindsey Rodriguez; Wilma Weibel; Lois Wiseman- broke hip; Carolyn Wynes

Out of Town: Frances Beisly; Donna Wheeler

Iverson Home for Ladies: Irene Buckles; Natalie Stoll; Lois Wamhoff

Spring Wind Assisted Living: Willard Leedy; Phil Trumbull; Lois Wiseman

Laramie Care Center: Sharon Moody

Programs: Joann Hudson- pray for the ministry at the Care Center & Spring Wind

Our Region: Region staff; Missionaries Tom and Terry Myers, in Bulgaria; Dan and Estela Schweissing, Region missionaries to refugees in the Denver area, they are in need of financial support; Jane and Morley Langdon; Gutierrez Family, S. Africa

General: Our country and its leaders; families in stress; people who have lost jobs; refugees throughout the world; victims of violence; for peace in our world.

Please contact the church office with your prayer requests.



CHECK IT OUT: Take a look at the new prayer wall in the main hallway. All current prayer request, ongoing prayer requests, etc., pictures are posted of different people and groups as well. You can add prayers and praises to the wall.

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 6—Rick Pantier, Joleen Pantier
- 7—Norma Kirkaldie
- 12—Jeanette Pulley
- 13—Lindsey Rodriguez
- 26—Sandra Brown



ANNIVERSARIES



- 1— Keith & Sandra Brown

Please let the office know if we missed your birthday or anniversary so we can add it to our list!

Our Church Giving in 2013:

* United Mission	\$8,970.00
* Interfaith/Good Samaritan	\$1,905.00
* Intuitional Support	\$2,647.00
* Love Gift	\$ 309.00
* Northern Thailand Mission	\$3,459.00
* Diaconate Fund	\$6,481.75
* All-Daughter Banquet	\$ 123.04

Special Offerings

* Retired Ministers & Missionary	\$ 825.02
* America For Christ	\$1,140.00
* Easter	\$ 165.00
* One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 856.00
* World Mission	\$1,302.00
* Giving Tree	\$ 805.00
Split between 5 families	
* Christmas	\$ 794.00
Split between Soup Kitchen, Philippians and the Disaster Relief Trailer	



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School, All Ages 9:30 am
Worship 11:00 am
Children's Church 11:15 am
Fellowship 12:00 pm



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FBC Upcoming Events



Mark Your Calendars

- Feb. 5: 12:00 pm ABW Women's Luncheon**
- Feb. 9: 4:00 pm Nursery Training**
- Feb. 12 : 9:30 am Dorcas Circle**
- Feb. 25: 6:30 pm Inspired Women's Group**



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We are now on Facebook!

Church @ First Baptist Church of Laramie
Youth @1st Baptist Youth Group -Laramie

