

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SANDPOINT

November 2014

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Church Office Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon. -Thurs.

201 N. Division Ave. Sandpoint, ID 83864

208.263.4818

Connect

Sunday Children's & Youth Ministry

Nursery

Birth to 3 during both 9 & 11 am worship services

Sunday School

4 yrs.-5th grade during both worship services

6th grade- 12th during 9 am worship service only

Kidz4Praise Choir

All kids age 3-12 (pre-school - 6th grade)

Sundays 10:30am in S. Building

Contact: Alisha Dawson, ald2dawson@yahoo.com

For the Men

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

6:30 am, South Building

Contact: Gary Parsons, 290.3594

Thursday Night Ministries

5:45pm, South Building

Contact: Dan Shupp, 290.7821

For the Women

After God's Heart

Women's Community Bible Study

9am-11am Wednesdays,

North Building Worship Center

www.AGHSandpoint.com

Thursday Night Ministries

5:45 pm. Thursdays, South Building

Contact: Sherry Peasha, 255.8141

Online

Our website with sermons and much more is

www.1stchristian.com

Email us at fcc@1stchristian.com

Facebook www.facebook.com/1stchristian

Twitter <https://twitter.com/sandpointfcc>

Mid-Week Children's & Youth Ministry

Open Gym

Wednesdays, 4-4:45pm, Gym

6-12th grade

Contact: Will Shupp

255.9026 shuppwilliam@yahoo.com

Middle School Gathering

Wednesdays, 4:45-6:30pm, South Building

Contact: Will Shupp

255.9026 shuppwilliam@yahoo.com

High School/Middle Retreat

Friday November 7- Sunday November 9th. \$49 registration forms due November 5. For more information contact Mark Hammer or Will Shupp.

High School Gathering

Wednesdays, 6-7:45pm, South Building

Contact: Mark Hammer

263.4818 ext 208 m.hammer@1stchristian.com

Sandpoint Upward Sports

Basketball and Cheerleading League

Evaluations Night Tuesday, Nov 4 between 4-7pm

All participants must attend 4-7pm

1st-8th grade boys and girls

Contact: Kim Brackett or Hillary Dunbar

263.4818 sandpointupwardsports@gmail.com

Upward Open Gym

Starting Nov. 9 the Gym will be open on Sundays from 2-4 pm for Upward families. NO DROP OFFS parents or coaches must stay with the players.

Staying Connected

Text Messages

To always be in the know you can receive text message notifications about church information and events by texting FCCSANDPOINT to 41411.

For youth notifications text FCCMS for middle school and FCCHS for high school to 41411

Grow

A Word from Family Pastor Mark

Here at First Christian Church, we believe families are important. Whether we are raising kids, empty nesters, single, newly married, or grandparents, we all have the responsibility of being faith influencers in our family and the church family. As a way of keeping us focused on being faith influencers in our own personal families and the church family, we have provided some questions that will challenge you and make you think about your effectiveness in this area of discipleship. We encourage you to meditate on the questions, answer them honestly and make lifestyle changes accordingly.

- * *Does my calendar reflect that Christ and His church are a priority?*
- * *Have I made decisions this week that will lead my family and other Christ followers towards an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ?*
- * *How have I influenced my family and other followers of Christ in their faith this past week?*
- * *What conversations need to take place with my kids or other Christian brothers and sisters this month to instill direction and Christ-like identity in them?*
- * *What sacrifices have I personally made this month to be more intentional about spending time with my family and other believers?*
- * *Have I encouraged my child(ren) or other Christian brothers and sisters in particular activities more than I have encouraged them towards their faith in Jesus?*

Thursday Night Ministry

Thursday Night Ministry is a discipleship and teaching ministry for both men and women designed to provide several opportunities for Christian growth. The ministry meets Thursdays at 5:45 pm in the south building and you can look forward to the following:

1. A great dinner from our team of chefs.
2. An opportunity to connect to God and others.
3. Live Bible teaching that will deepen your understanding of God's Word. The ministry is currently studying Galatians.
4. Small groups for both men and women where you can develop closer relationships.
5. An opportunity to serve others.

For more information contact Dan Shupp at 290-7821.

#FCC7BFAMILYCHALLENGE

The challenge is designed to promote family unity, strengthening the relationships between parents and kids for the purpose of being faith influencers in their lives. On Sunday January 25th, 2015 we will give away an all expense paid trip to Triple Play to one randomly selected family who has completed all the challenges.

Rules:

- 1) Post one picture each to complete that particular week's Family Challenge.
- 2) Your entire family needs to be in the picture!
- 3) Hashtag each picture with **#fcc7bfamilychallenge** and post it on your Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

(If you don't have a Facebook, Twitter or Instagram account email or text Mark a picture to enter the challenge.)
m.hammer@1stchristian.com or 208.610.6298

Challenges:

10/26 – Eat dinner together as a family at the dining room table

11/2 – Play a board game together as a family

11/9 – Take a family picture with one of the pastors from First Christian Church, Sandpoint

11/16 – Watch a movie at home together as a family

11/23 – Do an act of service as a family

11/30 – Make cookies as a family for a neighbor

12/7 – Decorate your Christmas tree as a family

12/14 – Do a Christmas craft as a family (e.g. Ginger Bread House)

12/21 – Read Luke 2 out loud as a family

12/28 – Eat breakfast together as a family

1/4 – As a family, write a card to someone who needs encouragement (e.g. a missionary)

1/11 – Go out to dinner as a family

1/18 – Play in the snow as a family

Connection Gatherings

Connection Gatherings are events hosted by Pastor Tony Nelson and his wife Disa at their home. People who are relatively new to the congregation are invited to spend about an hour and a half or so visiting with Tony, Disa, and other church leaders.

Participants have a chance to learn something about the church, about Tony and Disa, and have an opportunity to share a bit of their background. Childcare can be made available if needed.

If you are interested in receiving an invitation to the next Connection Gathering, call Tommy Cropper at 263-4818 ext. 206, or write "Connection Gathering" on your Connection Card the next time you attend church.

Youth Retreat

@ Ross Point Camp

November 7th – November 9th

Our high school and junior high youth groups will be heading to Ross Point Camp in Post Falls to enjoy a time of fun, fellowship, food, and deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ!

COST: \$49 by Wednesday November 5th

WHERE: Ross Point Camp outside of Post Falls, ID

DEPARTING: Meet at FCC ON 11/7 at 4:30 pm

RETURNING: TO FCC ON 11/9 AT 12:15 pm

BRING: Money for 1 fast food meal (\$5), Bible, notebook, hygienic items, warm clothing, sleeping bag, pillow, money for store, and a good attitude.

WHAT NOT TO BRING: drugs, weapons of any kind, tobacco products, alcohol, or a bad attitude.

Please fill out the medical release form and return it by November 5th

QUESTIONS????

Mark Hammer or Will Shupp at 208-263-4818

m.hammer@1stchristian.com or w.shupp@1stchristian.com



Dates to Remember:

- **Sunday January 18**
Parent info meeting
- **Wednesday Jan 28**
Sign Up deadline
- **Jan/Feb TBD**
Bake sale and Pancake fundraiser
- **February 6-8**
Training weekend at Shupp's
- **March 1, 8 & 15**
Training at FCC
- **March 22nd**
Parent Potluck FCC
- **Sat. March 28-Sat. April 4**
Mission Trip

First Christian Church
Family Ministry

Will Shupp

Middle School Team Leader

E-mail: shuppwilliam@yahoo.com

Radical Sabbathical 2015

*Youth Mission Trip to Utah
March 28th to April 4th 2015*



Who gets to go? Any current 7th through 12th grade students

What does it cost to go? Signup with a deposit of just \$50 (+ fundraiser work)

How do I sign up? Please make a copy of the dates to the left and with your \$50 deposit turn in the signed portion below to the FCC office or email Will Shupp at the email listed.

I (the student) agree to attend all training and fundraising dates listed.

Student signature

Parent Signature

Serve

Prayer Room and Team

A reminder that our Prayer Room is open before, during, and after the church service. If you would like to talk with someone about a concern or a personal issue, drop by the prayer room upstairs. You can pray individually or with a member of our Prayer Ministry Team. All prayer requests are kept confidential. And if you would like to serve and be part of the Prayer Ministry Team and Prayer Chain, please contact Jerry Boquist at jerryboquist@msn.com.



Our Nursery and Early Childhood Ministries are looking for volunteers. Come play with us! If you can commit to a month or two, please contact Sherri Lies at 290-6919 or Jake Oliver at 263-4818 to serve in the Nursery, Preschool or Elementary classes.

Military Personnel



Please take time to pray for our military personnel. Cards and letters of encouragement are always welcome! Take time to thank our troops for their service to our country. A first class postage stamp (48 cents) is all that is required for all cards and letters.

Japan:

BMS Goodin, James Son of Jim and Joanne Goodin
USS Blue Ridge
Deck Dept./2nd Div
FPO AP 96628-3300

Iraq:

SSG Orrin Thompson Son of Pam & Russ Schenck

Stateside:

Christopher Blanchard Son of Enas Blanchard
1310 CV Tow Way
Norfolk, VA 23511

LT. Adam Forrest Son of Jim & Sonja Forrest



Upward Sports Ministry

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading is open to both boys and girls 1st- 8th grade. Cost is \$60 to play. Registration forms available at the church office or online at <http://registration.upward.org/UPW56257>.

Upward Sports Ministry is still in need of Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Referees, and Game Day Volunteers.

No Experience Necessary for most of our volunteer positions. You simply need to have some a passion for sports, kids or sharing Christ. If you possess any or all these qualities you are just who we need! Pray about how you can serve in the Upward Sports Ministry and call Kim Brackett or Hillary Dunbar at the church office 263-4818 with any questions.

Important Dates to Remember

- **Nov 4-** Evaluation Night- **ALL** participants must attend! 4pm -7 pm at First Christian Church
Last Name A-J 4-5 pm
Last Name K-Q 5-6 pm
Last Name R-Z 6-7 pm
Registration closes at 7pm on November 4
- **Nov 17-** Coaches Training 6pm First Christian Church~ both Basketball & Cheer coaches
- **Dec 8-** Practices begin
- **Jan 9th and 10th**—First Games



www.sandpointupwardsports.org

Like us on Facebook **Sandpoint Upward Sports**

Please Pray for and visit our Shut-ins



The following is a list of our First Christian Church shut-ins and where they are.

Gordon Forsythe	Life Care
Margie Garner	Life Care
Vernon McCully	Valley Vista
John LaMon	Valley Vista
Mike Smith	Valley Vista
Tira Sparlow	Valley Vista
Loretta May	Valley Vista

Alma Fournier	Hearthstone Village
Bert Coulston	Huckleberry House
Hilda Schmidt	Luther Park

Visits and cards would be welcome. Please address cards to the care center, NOT to the church.

A Call To Action

2nd Annual Micah 6:8 Turkey Drive



When a business closes, it impacts more than just the owners of the company. It impacts the entire community... the employees, the local stores and banks, other businesses, and most importantly, all the families involved.

With the closure of major companies this past year, our community was hit pretty hard. Groups that usually help with basic necessities for local families are running short. The Bonner Community Food Center needs more food to help more families than any other year so far. Data suggests that the Food Center helped 50-55 families a day in previous years; they are now serving nearly twice that many families.

Last year, with the **40 Days In The Word** study, we were commissioned to take action, using the scripture Micah 6:8 to guide us. Several brothers and sisters in Christ reached out to raise funds for the Food Center to help those who can't afford even the basic necessities.

Hoping to reach a goal of one thousand turkeys for this coming holiday season, the Second Annual Micah 6:8 Turkey Drive is currently underway. This is a great chance to become the hands and feet of Jesus as we work to raise enough money to fill the food bank shelves for families in need.

Tickets are available at the old Merwin's Hardware store as well as at the Bonner Community Food Center. Or you can also drop by the Food Center or mail your donation to:

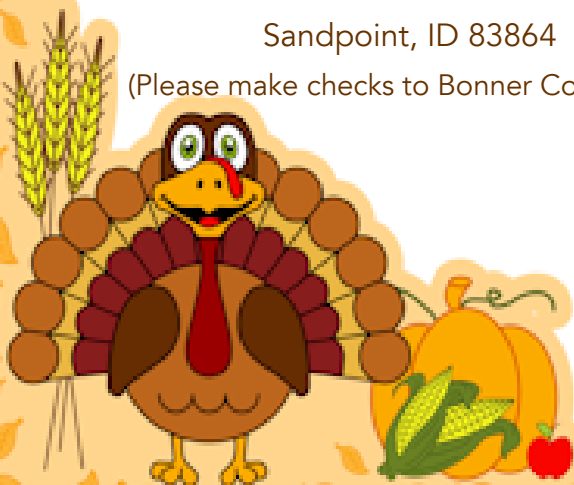
Bonner Community Food Center

Attn: Alice Wallace

1707 Culvers Dr.

Sandpoint, ID 83864





(Please make checks to Bonner Community Food Center with Micah 6:8 in the memo field.)



For additional information about the drive, the needs of the community, or how to donate, please contact 208-610-3144.

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New office hours
Mon. – Thur.
10am—3pm

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