

BULLETIN: February 6, 2011

XXXPorn Sunday

Why talk about Porn on a Sunday morning—in church—right in front of God and everyone? More than one person has suggested to me that this topic is quite inappropriate for church. That's a curious position to me since the issue of sexual immorality is dealt with in no uncertain terms throughout God's Word! How then can we as God's People not deal with it, head-on, when we assemble in His Name— especially when it's a problem for many here today? In openly discussing the problem of sexual immorality, the Apostle Paul writes: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) This is not optional for God's People!

Pornography has captured the minds of men and women and dragged them away from God and healthy relationships more than any other single sin. It diminishes and exploits women. It corrupts the thinking of men and their view of women. It perverts our children. It is addictive. If we don't deal with it, we will become an irrelevant, uninformed, unhelpful church. And we will be disobedient as God's People.

Welcome! We are glad that you are here and have chosen to be a part of the services today!

Please fill out the Communication Card in this bulletin and place it in an offering box.

If you are our guest today, we have a gift for you at **First Connection** outside. Exchange your Communication Card for a complimentary sermon CD and a Welcome Packet.

As a benefit to your family, we encourage you to take advantage of the age-appropriate, hands-on classes available for infants and children during all worship services.

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the sound booth to help maximize your worship and learning during the service. Again, we're glad you're here today and hope you'll find a home here at First Christian – Phoenix.

Offering Envelopes and Communication Cards: Please leave unused offering envelopes and communication cards from your bulletin on the offering boxes or in the pews.

Upcoming Events at FCC

FEBRUARY

2/9 – Women's Prayer
2/10 – Care n Share Stampers
2/12 – Hiker Chics
2/13 – StreetLight Prayer
2/11-13 – High School Winter Camp
2/14 – Valentine's Day
2/15 - RWYS
2/18-20 – 4/5/6 Grade Winter Camp
2/19 – RWYS Blessing Day
2/21 – President's Day/Office Closed
2/26 – Homeless Outreach
2/26 – *quest* Offsite Event
2/27 – Burgers N Dogs

MARCH

3/1 - RWYS
3/10 – Care n Share Stampers
3/13 – StreetLight Prayer
3/15 – RWYS
3/19 – RWYS Blessing Day
3/19 & 20 – City Fest Human Service Project
3/26-27 – *quest* Challenge/Backpack Trip
3/27 – First Steps Class

Family News

Attendance 1/30: 763

Weekly Need: \$26,778; Offering 1/30: \$26,246

New Members 2011: 5

For Our Guests – We would love to get to know you and give you the opportunity to know us. If you are attending for the 1st or 2nd time or maybe you have been attending for some time and would like to know us a little better, we invite you to **First Connection**, following each of the morning services. Come to the area, visible through the windows on the southwest/Ocotillo side of the Auditorium. Hosts will be there to better acquaint you with FCC. Stop by for just a few minutes to meet some delightful people, just like you, who *are* First Christian Church. Enjoy a cool bottle of water, good conversation and discover what may be the next steps for you in finding a church where you can be a part of *making a difference*.

INTERNET RESOURCES: X3PURE/ONLINE WORKSHOPS: x3pure was built specifically to help Christian men who are struggling with sexual sin or Internet porn addiction. For more on X3pure, visit: <http://x3pure.com> or e-mail michelle@xxxchurch.com for a free account.

X3WATCH///ACCOUNTABILITYSOFTWARE go to <http://www.x3watch.com> or the fccphx.com website and click on links.

Getting Help:

<http://www.settingcaptivesfree.com/courses/way-of-purity/>

<http://www.blazinggrace.org/>

<http://www.porn-free.org/>

<http://www.x3pure.com>

Internet Safety:

<http://www.opendns.com/>

<http://www1.k9webprotection.com/>

<http://www.x3watch.com>

Books Available Today at the Resource Cart:

Pure Desire: How One Man's Triumph can Help Others Break Free from Sexual Temptation – Dr. Ted Roberts; \$14

Wired for Intimacy: How Pornography Hijacks the Male Brain – William M. Struthers; \$13

The Game Plan: The Men's 30-Day Strategy for Attaining Sexual Integrity – Joe Dallas; \$13

The Purity Principle: God's Safeguards for Life's Dangerous Traits – Randy Alcorn; \$11

Sex Is Not the Problem (Lust Is): Sexual Purity in a Lust-Saturated World – Joshua Harris; \$13

We Need Your Input! As a church, we want to do everything we can to support your spiritual growth.

We want to know what's helping you grow spiritually and what's getting in the way. We're asking you to set aside 20-25 minutes to take our Spiritual Life Survey. Here is the link to take the survey

<http://www.revealnow.com/slsurvey?uid=6009>. You may also go to the church's website:

www.fccphx.com and click on the Reveal Survey Banner. The survey findings will help shape our

decisions about how to create the best possible ministry strategies to serve you. The greater the participation, the more actionable the results will be. Thank you for taking part in this important survey.

The survey goes through February 7.

Girlfriends at First: Women's Prayer Wednesday, 2/9, at 6:30 pm. This month's prayer will be at Diana Sotelo's, 1160 E McLelland Blvd. with Frankie Wheeler leading in worship and intercessory prayer.

Hiker Chic's meet at North Mountain Visitors Center parking lot on Saturday, 2/12, at 8:00 am and hike North Mountain; coffee and/or breakfast afterwards. All are welcome, so bring a friend! For more information contact Diana at the GAF Cart or call the church office – 602-246-9206.

Search Party – finding answers to questions about God, Church and Jesus with a small group of friends. If you or someone you know would benefit from this group, this 10-week group will start on

Sunday, February 13, at 10:30 am in Ironwood. Sign up on your Communication Card, call the church office – 602-246-9206 or through the FCC website: www.fccphx.com and click on the Small Group Banner.

Streetlight Prayer Gathering will be Sunday, February 13, at 6:00 pm at the Safe House, 6805 N 81st Avenue, Glendale. StreetLight received State of AZ. licensing and announced the opening date of January 31 for the safe-house campus facility!

Join a Small Group. If you aren't in a Small Group pick up a Small Group Catalog at the Information Cart, find a group that suits your needs, fill out your Communication Card, indicate the group number and topic of your choice on the back, and place it in an offering box or leave at the Information Cart. We will sign you up and the group leader will contact you. You may also sign yourself up by clicking on the Small Group banner on our homepage at fccphx.com or by clicking on the Grow tab. Once there, simply find the group you want to join and sign up. **If are already in a group and would like to stay with that group you still need to sign up for that group.** Sign ups are open through February 13.

Summer 2011 Mission Trips: Guinea, West Africa – late May or early June. The main focus for this trip will be construction of the sports complex. This trip is limited to 10. **Nairobi, Kenya – July 6-19.** The focus for this trip is Bring the Light, Sports Ministry and additional ministry opportunities. This trip is limited to 30. To sign up for either of these trips fill out an Outreach Application (available at the Global Outreach Cart) and submit it along with a \$100 deposit no later than **February 6.** For questions call Cindy in the church office (602-246-9206) or e-mail cindy@fccphx.com. Pre-Field Orientations start on February 13.

First Edition: We will be publishing the First Edition four times a year – January, April, August and November. Watch this space for more information.

2011 Daily Bible Reading: Start the New Year by reading God's Word daily. Pick up a **365 Key Bible Chapters** reading guide from the Information Cart. Here are the chapters for this week: 2/6 – Exodus 12; 2/7 – Exodus 13; 2/8 – Exodus 14; 2/9 – Exodus 19; 2/10 – Exodus 20; 2/11 – Exodus 32; 2/12 – Leviticus 16; 2/13 – Numbers 13. We also have a "**Life Journal – First Steps**" reading and journaling guide at the Resource Cart for \$10. **Our Daily Bread Devotional** also has a daily read-through-the-Bible plan.

Guiding Light Christian School is a ministry of First Christian Church. We strive to instill in each child a desire to be a life-long learner while helping children to learn about God's love. Our programs are available for children age 2 years through 5 years including private Kindergarten. Contact the school office for more information – 602-246-9989.

Insert Flap

Financial Peace University with Dave Ramsey: 7 out of 10 live paycheck to paycheck and even more statistically have financial stress in their life. FPU has helped thousands and thousands of people get their money under control. The 13-week Financial Peace University will start Wednesday, February 16 through May 11 at 6:30 pm in Ironwood #1. For a discount on your Financial Peace Membership attend the free class and purchase your class materials through the church. Cost of the materials is \$100. For more information or to sign up, contact Sandra Morgan in the church office: sandra@fccphx.com or 602-246-9206 or at the Information Cart today.

EVERY WEEK AT FCC

Sunday:	Worship Services	9:00 am	10:30 am
	Classes for Birth through 4th Grade at each service		
	Club Fuel Worship (5 th – 8 th grades) 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall		
	Revolution High School Worship 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall		

Adult Class 9:00 am in Room 207
Ethiopian Worship Service 8:00 am in Flynn Lane House
Hispanic Worship Service 9:00 am in Room 202
Sudanese Worship Service 11:00 am in Room 202
Food Pantry in Fellowship Hall/Student Activities Foyer 10:15-12:00
Burmese Worship 12:30 in Room 202

Mon. – Fri.: **Guiding Light School** located north of Fellowship Hall on FCC Campus
Hours of operation: Preschool 9 am-12 pm; Kindergarten 9 am-3 pm; Extended care
7 am-9 am & 12 pm-6pm.

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study 9:00 am in room 207
GriefShare 6:00-8:00 pm in Ironwood #2
Celebrate Recovery 7:00 pm in Ironwood #1

Wednesday: Men's Bible Study 6:30 am in Room 205
Community Bible Study 9:15 am
Christians In Commerce Men's Group 7:00 am in Fellowship Hall

Thursday: Women's Bible Study 9:30 am in room 205

Saturday: TOPS 9:30-11:00 am in Ironwood House
Journey to Pat's Run Training 9:00 am

Prayer Room is open on Sunday mornings as well as Monday through Friday from 7:00 am – 10:00 pm.
If you would like to use the prayer room before or after office hours, call the church office (Monday –
Thursday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm), for instructions on unlocking the prayer room door.

This Week's Small Group/Personal Reflection Study

February 3, 2011

XXX Sunday—Confronting the Elephant in the Pew

Connect- (Unload the pressure of the day, relax, get better acquainted.) **Ice Breaker:** What's the most awkward situation or conversation in which you've ever found yourself?

(Share in 1 minute or less to allow time for others.)

Worship- (Focus on the Lord. Sing, Praise, Give Thanks. Prepare your heart to hear from God. Read Psalm 25.)

Word- (Discuss & apply God's Word for life change.)

1. In Ephesians 5:31, Paul quotes Genesis 2:24. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." Paul adds, "For this reason" at the beginning referring to what he had just said earlier in chapter 5 about husbands loving and caring for their wives.

This 'uniting' and 'becoming one flesh' describes the physical, sexual union between husband and wife.

Why do you think this 'one flesh' thing, this bond, is sacred? How can we keep it sacred? What kinds of things violate this bond/union?

2. Paul's description of our bodies being the "temple of the Holy Spirit" is in the context of his teaching about sexual immorality. Read I Corinthians 6:12-20. Do you think this teaching could also apply to viewing pornography? Why or why not? (Think about the lure and the obsession that occurs in the mind when people view other's bodies in a sexual way.)
3. Read Romans 12:1-2 & Ephesians 5:1-17. What application do these passages have with regard to sexually explicit behavior outside of marriage and pornography?
4. What can you do to stay pure sexually and in your thoughts?

Serve- (Our “ministry” opportunity: Plan any service, outreach, or social time together. Divide, men with men & women with women, share a need, pray for each other by name.)

Reading the Bible for Understanding & Life Change:

- (1) What does God want me to **know** from this passage?
- (2) What is He saying to **me** (that will help me grow)?
- (3) What does He want me to **do**?