

**BULLETIN: August 1, 2010**

**“Hot Topic”: Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage – Chuck Foreman,  
Teaching/Missions Pastor**

“Your divorce is a glaring sin in God’s eyes! If you remarry, you will be living in sin for the rest of your life. The only remedy to your situation is for you to remarry your first husband.” So was the young woman, who had been deserted by her unfaithful husband for another woman, told by her “Christian” friends. Is this really the way of Jesus? What did he teach about divorce and remarriage?

What makes a couple *married* in God’s eyes anyway? Is marriage a legal thing or a spiritual and physical union? What’s the big deal about not having sex before marriage?

What do you think? What does God think? Are the two of you on the same page? Let’s find out.

**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**

**AUGUST 2010**

8/1 – Blood Drive  
8/3 – RWYS 3:00 & 6:30  
8/6 – Youth Irrigation Day @FCC  
8/8 – StreetLight Prayer  
8/12 – Care & Share Stampers 9:00 am  
8/15 – End Times Seminar  
8/17 – RWYS 3:00 & 6:30  
8/18 – Guinea Prayer  
8/21 – RWYS Blessing Day 9:00 – 1:30  
8/28 – ARM Floor Assembly Day

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

9/6 – Labor Day/Office Closed  
9/7 – RWYS 3:00 & 6:30  
9/9 – Care & Share Stampers 9:00 am  
9/12 – First Steps Class  
9/12 – StreetLight Prayer  
9/15 – Guinea Prayer  
9/18 – RWYS Blessing Day 9:00 – 1:30  
9/19 – SHAPE Class 10:30-Noon  
9/21 – RWYS 6:30  
9/24-26 – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat  
9/26 – SHAPE Class 10:30-1:30

**Family News**

**Attendance** 7/25: 655

**Weekly Need: \$30,000; Offering** 7/25: \$25,597

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**New Members 2010: 45**  
**Baptism: Dakota Cave**

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Garden area, visible through the windows on the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. 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*.

**August First Edition** is available at the Information Cart, the Worship Center lobby and exits. Please pick up your copy to keep up with what's taking place at FCC. You may download a copy from the church's website: [www.fccphx.com](http://www.fccphx.com).

**Blood Drive Today:** United Blood Services is providing their mobile unit to allow for individuals to give blood during the worship service hours. Each unit of blood donated potentially can be divided into three different blood products. Therefore three people can be helped with just one donation.

**Our Daily Bread** devotionals for August, September and October are available in the foyer and at the Information Cart. They are free but if you would like to make a donation please do so at the Information Cart.

**August 6: Irrigation Day at FCC** for 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders plus graduated seniors. Meet at Ironwood House at 10:00 am to play in the water. Be sure to bring your bathing suit and sunscreen. There's no cost to play in the water but if you want pizza for lunch afterward, bring \$5. No permission form is necessary for this one! Bring your friends!

**“The Building Blocks of Islam”** – High School Students (and graduated seniors): Isaiah Rodriguez, our Student Ministries summer Intern, will be teaching a class this summer on what Islam is all about and how it is different from what we believe as Christians. Classes will be Tuesdays and Thursdays for two weeks, July 27 and 29, and August 3 and 5, from 6:00-8:00 pm at Ironwood. There will be a sign-up sheet at youth group, or you can call Isaiah at 623-326-0851 to sign up or ask any questions. Please bring a pen/pencil, something to write on and your Bible with you to these sessions.

**Streetlight Prayer Gathering** will be Sunday, August 8, at 6:00 pm at the Safe House, 6805 N 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Glendale.

**Fall Semester Small Groups:** Sign-ups for the Fall Semester will begin on Sunday, August 15, through September 12. The new Fall Semester will begin the week of September 12. If you are interested in joining a small group, please mark the back of your Communication Card and place in an offering box. The Fall Semester catalog will be available in August.

**Men's Fraternity Returns to FCC in September:** quest will be offering all three courses: *Quest for Authentic Manhood*, *Winning at Work and Home* and *The Great Adventure*. Classes are forming now. Sign up for any one or all three of the Men's Fraternity classes at the quest Men's Ministry cart.

**Salvation Army Drop Box is now available on FCC property.** Donating items to The Salvation Army has never been so easy. Any smaller items that you may wish to donate can be placed in the drop box located in the small parking lot on the West side of Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for you to reach out and assist this great organization and at the same time free up some needed space at home. If you have larger items that will NOT fit into the drop box, please call: 602-256-4548 or 4549 to schedule a pick up. All proceeds from these donations go to help fund the Salvation Army's rehabilitation program.

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**Arizona Reservation Ministry Service Opportunity:** On Saturday, August 28, we will have an ARM floor assembly day here at FCC. We will cut and load floor components for a couple of houses to be built on the San Carlos Indian Reservation in Globe. The work will begin at 6:00 am and then whoever is available will transport the floors to Globe and begin assembling them that day. This is a fun project and is becoming a tradition here at FCC. ARM is looking for a few people who could stay on for a few days to help with house construction and construction on a bridge that was washed out last year. If you are interested, please email [chuck@fccphx.com](mailto:chuck@fccphx.com) and put ARM in the subject line. We will be doing this again on October 1. Please note that overnight stays will cost \$50 a night to cover food and lodging at the mission.

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## Hot Topics – Summer 2010

<a href="#">Christians, Law &amp; Reaching the Lawless</a>	July 11	Chuck
<a href="#">Christian Confusion about the 'End Times'</a>	July 18	Chuck
<a href="#">I'm a Christian – Now What?</a>	July 25	Jon
<a href="#">Marriage, Divorce &amp; Remarriage</a>	August 1	Chuck
<a href="#">Taboo Subjects – Homosexuality &amp; Pornography</a>	August 8	Chuck
<a href="#">Forgiveness &amp; Grace</a>	August 15	Jon
<a href="#">The Path to Salvation (Role of Baptism)</a>	August 22	Chuck
<a href="#">Don't All Paths Lead to God?</a>	August 29	Chuck
<a href="#">Small Groups (w/ Testimonies)</a>	September 5	Chuck

Check out the church's website: [www.fccphx.com](http://www.fccphx.com) for more information and to listen to the Hot Topic messages.

**“Jesus, Israel, & the Victory of God”** - A Re-examination of Jesus' teaching about the End of the Age will be Sunday, August 15, at 12:00 noon. Your \$5 ticket covers lunch & materials. Tickets may be purchased at the table in the foyer on Sunday mornings or in the church office prior to August 10.

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## 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<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 10:15-12:30

**Monday:**    Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm in Ironwood House #1

**Tuesday:**   Women's Bible Study will resume in the fall  
His Path to Recovery 7:00 pm in Ironwood #3

**Wednesday:** Men's Bible Study 6:30 am in Room 205  
Christians In Commerce Men's Group 7:00 am in Fellowship Hall  
Men Under Construction 6:30 pm in Ironwood House #3 6:30 pm

**Thursday:**   Women's Bible Study will resume in the fall

**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.

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### **Intro: I knew a woman once who...**

**WE** We've all been touched by these issues...

- How many of you have experienced divorce in your immediate family? Parents? Siblings? Children?
- How many of you have been through divorce yourself?
- How many of you are having sex outside of marriage?

**GOD** What does His Word say about:

### **(1) The Relationship between Sex & Marriage (1 Corinthians 7:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8)**

- **1 Corinthians 7:1-5** What's Paul talking about here?
  
- **1Thessalonians 4:3-8** What did he just say?

You cannot get around the fact that God's Word says—sex is for marriage!

### **(2) What is Marriage? (Genesis 1:27; 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6)**

Marriage is the recognized union of a man & woman by their community or state so that they may become "one flesh", physically, emotionally, and spiritually. **Genesis 1:27; 2:24**

Why does God require marriage before this physical, emotional, spiritual union occurs?

Listen to what Paul says in **1 Corinthians 6:15-16...**

So where are we?

Guys—

Ladies—

Dads—

Moms—

**(3) Divorce & Remarriage (Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-10; 1 Corinthians 7:8-16)**

**Matthew 19:3-10** What did Jesus say here?...

**1 Corinthians 7:8-16**

➤ **Unmarried**— (vs.8-9)

➤ **Married**— (vs.10-11)

➤ **“The Rest”**— (vs.12-16)

**YOU/WE**

There you have it. That’s the sum total of Biblical teaching about divorce and remarriage. The problem for us is that not everyone’s life is wrapped up in this tidy little package. How do we respond as the Church—as Followers of Christ?

What do you imagine Jesus would do? What did he do for the woman caught in adultery? (John 8:1-11)

He did 2 things:

**(1)**

**(2)**

He knew she couldn’t undo what had already been done!  
What matters to Him is what we do now—where we go from here.

**We need to keep teaching what Jesus taught, but we also need to keep loving like Jesus loved—even when people don’t get it just right. That’s what it means to follow him.**

**John 13:35**

**Right On!**

**This Week’s Small Group/Personal Reflection Study**

**August 1, 2010**

**“Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage”**

**Connect-** (Unload the pressure of the day, relax, get better acquainted.) **Ice Breaker: What’s the funniest wedding you’ve ever attended?**

(Share in 2 minutes or less to allow time for others.)

**Worship-** (Focus on the Lord. Sing, Praise, Give Thanks. Prepare your heart to hear from God. Read Psalms 119:9-16.)

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

1. Read Matthew 19:4-6. Why is becoming "one flesh" more than just a physical union between a man and a woman? Do you see why Jesus taught that we not separate what God has joined?
2. Read 1Corinthians 7:12-16. What do you make of the statement in verse 15, "God has called us to peace?" Is God showing some flexibility or understanding of the situations in which we find ourselves sometimes?
3. Read 1Thessalonians 4:3-8. Why is it sensible to understand that sex outside of marriage is really taking advantage of a person to whom you are not committed?
4. What are some practical ways we as the Church can communicate love and acceptance to those among us whose marriages have failed?

**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**?