

Florence-Carlton Community Church



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Wednesday, March 31

Easter Service 7:00pm

Thursday, April 1

Maundy Thursday Presentation of:

“The Apostles”, 7:00 pm

Church Sanctuary

Communion will be observed

Friday, April 2

Good Friday viewing of:

The Passion of The Christ, 1:00 pm

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Church Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 4

Sunrise Service, 7:00 am

Church Sanctuary

Easter Breakfast, 7:45 am

Church Fellowship Hall

Easter Services

9:00 and 11:00 am

*For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son,*

That whoever believed in him

should not perish,

but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



A WORD FROM DAVID

Who do you trust? Or more importantly, who trusts you? I am in the middle of a thought-provoking little book, *I Once Was Lost: What Postmodern Skeptics Taught Us About Their Path to Jesus*. It shares some wonderful insights about how to reach people for Christ in the world today. It reminds us that the postmodern world is not a world impressed by the Enlightenment's confidence in human reason, especially in areas of faith.

But that's not the thought-provoking part. Most of us involved in sharing Jesus with the world have known that for quite awhile. What the book shares is the new pattern that post-moderns follow to Jesus. It shares with us a common path that post-moderns DO travel to faith in Christ. The authors note five "thresholds" that postmodern cross on the way to faith. They are:

From distrust to trust – they learn to trust a believer.

From complacency to curiosity – they become interested and curious about Jesus.

From closed to open to change – they become willing to consider personal change in their lives.

From meandering to seeking – they become focused on finding God

From out to in the Kingdom – they come to Christ Himself. They redefine sharing faith for us as a process over time rather than a momentary event. And they remind us that our encounters with those away from Christ are little parts of a larger work God does in someone's life.

So sharing our faith has becomes less about what we say, and more about *who we are!* And that's why the question is important. Who trusts you?

The first step a postmodern will take toward Christ is learning to trust a believer. He will realize and accept the fact that disciples of Christ are real people with the same triumphs and struggles as he has. She will come to believe that followers of Jesus care about her as a person, not simply as an addition to their church's organizational resources. They learn to TRUST the love shown to them is not an act or an enticement simply to lure them in, but REAL.

So the question remains. Who trusts you? A huge part of sharing Christ with our age is being a person who can be trusted in the areas. It means becoming "real" about who we are, fellow strugglers with life. It means genuinely caring about what happens to people in life, irrespective of its immediate effect on us. It means becoming engaged with people that need to see the love of Jesus and being consistent in our focus on *them* and not on *us*. It's not as daunting a task as it might sound. It's really who we are. It's just a matter of letting it show.

Grace and peace,



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Club will meet on Tuesdays at 11:30am. If you can help on Tuesday please contact Judy Harvey 721-2691. The 2nd Tuesday monthly will be potluck.

Sunday morning Greeters are needed for both services—see the sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

Please give Susan Inman a call with your updates to our Military wall 273-3416.

If you have any request for our library please let Susan Inman know of them 273-3416.

Installation of Acoustic Panels

Volunteers are needed in the installation of the acoustic panels in the Fellowship Hall. Guy Sharp has reserved a lift **for March 18-20.**

Contact Guy at 273-2461

FCC'S GOT TALENT
SATURDAY-MAY 1

Get ready to share your talent at our Spaghetti feed fundraiser. On Saturday, May 1 the Florence Carlton Building Fundraising Committee has scheduled a talent show and spaghetti feed. Mark your calendars and start preparing today. More information will be available so watch your Sunday bulletin and check the website <http://florencecarltonchurch.com/> for updated information.

COUNCIL CORNER

- Teresa Stolle given permission to raise money by selling pieces of pie on April 11 and Oct. 10
- Church web site is up and going. All are encouraged to register for our church community.
- Our church community online is password protected and quite safe.
- The 9:00 service is being webcast live...work is still needed to improve picture quality.
- Showers discussed council feels they are needed because we are becoming a multi-use/continuous use facility. Further discussion will follow.
- Work will begin soon to put acoustic tiles on the Fellowship Room ceiling.
- Maureen and Roger Castillo were welcomed as church members.



Spokane

September 17-18, 2010

OK.....our conference is getting closer! After attending the group leaders event in Dallas recently, I am excited and have a whole new perspective on what this means to all of us and how we can use this conference as an outreach tool. More details about that in an email I'll be sending to you. The Imagine Tour will be in Spokane September 17th and 18th this year. Cost is \$89 which includes the conference plus 2 box lunches. **I need to know if you are going by March 28th, if possible.** Also, this year when you get your name on the list, I will need a **\$20 deposit**. That will make it easier, too, to pay the rest later! We have 52 seats reserved, which includes two free seats that we are hoping our pastor's wives will accept. I have some incentives this year that are pretty nice! The first two people to sign up 5 people each, including themselves, gets a gift. Reservations have been made at the Holiday Inn Express. We've stayed there before and it is walking distance to the arena. Any questions or to sign up, give me a call.....Sharon Greef - 273-7733 or 370-0580.



Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are ready for those wishing to apply and may be obtained at the church office (273-6811).

Deadline for the filing of applications is Sunday, March 30, 2010

\$500 FCCC Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to assist further post secondary education.

- Applicant must be a member of the FCCC

\$100 Mary Nielsen Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a young person to assist further post secondary education.

- have been a member of the FCCC Youth Group for 1 year prior to filing of application.

Fellowship:

BRIDGE LESSONS:

MONDAY MARCH 8—6:30PM



Please be in pray for our Mission teams:

The Mexico group will leave on Tuesday—March 9 and return on March 16. (Denny and Jeanne Simmerman, Roger Castillo, John McNeece, Rick and Leslie Bachman, Kathy and Ward McCaughey).

Laura Miklautsch leaves for Peru on Saturday March 13 and will return on Sunday March 28.



**GRADUATE RECOGNITION
SUNDAY, MAY 2**

If you are graduating from High school or college—please fill out the information below. Sunday, May 2 has been set aside to honor our students. A pancake breakfast will also be served between services that Sunday.

Senior Recognition

Name of student _____

Parents' names: _____

Name of school graduating from
(high school or college):

Future plans or what school will student be attending

Did the student receive a church scholarship?

Please return a wallet size photo with this information. Return both to the church office or give to Johnny by April 11. We will return your photo if you like.

“Wednesdays for Weekenders”

Keep in mind our Wednesday 7:00pm evening service “Wednesdays for Weekenders” for those of you who travel on weekends, this midweek worship service is an opportunity to stay connected to the church. It will have the same message as everyone hears on the weekend, with a blend of music from the 9:15 and 11:00 services. See you on Wednesday at 7:00pm.

**Annual FCCC
RUMMAGE SALE**

April 23 and 24 —9:00am - 3:00 pm.

Items can be brought in the Wednesday and Thursday before the sale. If you need help moving your items please call Tara Leonard at 273-4787. If you can help with setting up, selling and/or clean up please call Tara or Anni Grasso at 273-2132. We are looking for clean/working and reusable items.



!!IMPORTANT NEWS!!

In the last month we have had two reports at the church of missing items from cars after church events. Given that we have had more than one occurrence recently, I want to caution everyone to be careful about leaving valuables in the car, and to make sure they lock the car while it's in the parking lot. Hopefully these precautions will act as an immediate deterrent to any future problems, and we will discuss this issue in council this week to see if any additional measures need to be taken here in the short term. We live in a good community and seldom see these issues, so it is a little bit of a shock to have to address them. But if we are all careful and watchful, we can hopefully see this issue pass soon. Thanks!



Sun Schedule: Worship Service 9:00am and 11:00

Wednesday: Worship Service 7:00pm

Nursery care is provided downstairs during worship for 3yrs and under for your worshipping enjoyment.

Children's Church meets downstairs during the sermon for ages 3 through Kindergarten during the 9:00 service.

Coffee is served in the New Fellowship Hall every Sunday at 10:30.

Sunday School meets downstairs on Sundays:

Preschool—5th grade 11:00 – 12:00

Jr High—6,7,8 grade 11:00-12:00 Youth room

High School—9:45-10:30 Youth room

Adult—11:00-12:00 Conference Room

Opportunities for Involvement:

Weekday Bible Studies:

Sunday 6:45pm; contact: **David Blackwell 273-6811**

Monday 9:30am; contact: **Dace Hawkinson 273-0209**

Monday 1:30pm; contact **Toby Robertson 273-2194**

Tuesday 6:45-7:45am; Hayloft Cafe (Lolo)

contact: **Steve Arno 273-6271**

Thursday 9:00am; contact **Ward Wenholtz 777-2209**

Weekly Activities:

***Friendship Club** - Tues. 11:30am,

contact: **Judy Harvey 721-2691**

***Youth Group** – Tuesday www.f-ccc-zion.com

Jr. High 6:00-7:30—Sr. High 7:30-9:00

***AWANA Program**—Wed. preschool – 5th— 6:30pm

***Choir Practice** - Thursday 7:30 (Sept.—May)

***Worship Band Practice** – Thursday 6:00pm

***Grief Share** - contact **Lois Horsens 273-2416**

***FCCF** 1st Monday monthly at 7:30pm, at the church.

contact: **Dace Hawkinson 273-6601**

***Shawl Ministry** 2nd Monday monthly 7:00pm

contact: **Laura Miklautsch 273-0989**

***Men's Outreach Movement**

Contact: **Russ Copeland 273-2599**

If you have a **Prayer Concern** for the FCCC Prayer Chain, contact: **Wilma Marchinek at 273-4907 or**

emzgram5@msn.com

***For use of the church facilities**

contact: **Phebe Applegate 273-6811**

(Please remember to stack all tables and chairs after each activity. The facility is in use most evenings during the week and should be ready for the next group coming in.)

The Church Council

March 18, 2010

Arlene Hawk — Moderator / 777-5120

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Hello everyone!

I just wanted to take a moment to remind and ask you all to continue to pray for the youth group and the youth group students. If you remember, on Youth Sunday I ask you to commit to praying for one student for one year. How is that going?

I have to be honest with you all; the youth group students are going through some awesome things! We are seeing students taking ownership in their faith, searching and asking deep questions and passionate about worshipping God. I truly believe that the students are going through these transformations because the Body of Christ is praying for them. So I encourage you to continue to pray for the youth group and the youth group students because prayer is SO SO SO important to what we do as a youth group. In the words of the Apostle Paul, “In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.”

Thank you so much! God Bless!

PS – Thank you to everyone who attended the Valentine's Day Dinner! It was a wonderful night, and

Jr. High Sunday School—11:00 Sundays

Sr. High Sunday School—9:45 Sundays

Youth Group “ZION” Tuesdays

Jr. High—6:00-7:30pm

Senior High—7:30-9:00pm

Buildings and Grounds Committee Update

I pray that you are all getting accustomed to the "magic" lights around the church - if you have an area where you think an OC Sensor would work well to replace a switch, let me know. Speaking of light switches, the one near the piano in the Fellowship Hall is now operating a pair of ceiling lights at that end of the room. Handy for piano players and those using the sound system back there, especially when the main lights are off for a video projection event or that special ambiance.

The speakers in the cry room, nursery and narthex have been replaced with better units. The cry room & nursery also have volume controls - ones that work (what a concept!).

The acoustic panels & adhesive are in hand - I will meet with a consultant soon to nail down the installation procedure and man lift requirements to do the job safely. A date will be forthcoming for the big day!

If you read last month's Council Corner, you saw that an estimate to install showers in the building is being developed. The potential for our facilities to be used for community service would be greatly enhanced if showers were available in the building. Think emergency shelter for locals, hosting outside church groups on the road - that kind of Kingdom service. The estimate should be completed for the next Council meeting.

Guy Sharp



In 2011, Bonnie and Kevin Stewart, Brenda James and Lois Horsens (all members of Anguish of Heart Retreat Ministries) will be traveling to Tanzania with Tim and Mary Nielsen. All expenses for shots, supplies and travel are the responsibility of the individuals traveling with the mission group (approximately \$5,000 each).

Also, it is our desire to bring medical supplies and pharmaceuticals to be used during the time spent in Africa. We can purchase "Pharmacy in a Box" for

\$500. This box provides \$7,500 worth of medical supplies that can treat 400 people. Hopefully we will have funds to purchase several of these supply boxes.

To that end, Anguish of Heart will be doing fundraising during the next year. They have been sewing bags and notebook covers to sell and quilts to raffle. "The Apostles" will be presented as a fundraiser on Maundy Thursday April 1 at 7:00. Any support you can provide would be greatly appreciated. There will be items for sale on Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. You can make donation checks out to AOH with the word Africa in the memo line. (This is a tax deductible donation). Thank you in advance for your support.

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