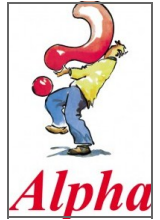


## The Alpha Course

This fall, FIC will offer the Alpha Course for a fifth year. You may be wondering...why do we keep doing Alpha? Hasn't everyone got it by now?



Alpha is a 10-week opportunity to explore the validity and relevance of the Christian faith to life today. It's a respectful presentation of many facets of Christianity centered around a meal, a talk, and lots of time for discussion.

People come for different reasons, from different backgrounds and with different opinions. But at Alpha, those differences only add to the conversation and often lead to greater understanding. This course is enjoyed and appreciated as much by those who have never set foot in a church as it is by regular church-goers.

Life is full of tough times, shaky employment, relationship struggles, kid troubles and illness. No matter what you are facing, Alpha is a place to ask "why?" with the freedom to share or just sit back and listen.

Is there a God? Why am I here? Who is Jesus? Alpha tackles these and other questions each week. Chances are, somebody in your group is wondering the same things you are.

Building relationships is a central part of Alpha. Some of the closest and most long-lasting friendships have been built on this course. They go way beyond the standard "What's your name? What do you do?", so you connect on a more personal level. Alpha Saturday (a time of fun and experiential learning) is a great time to hang out, relax, and enjoy the stimulating talks and one another. It's amazing how much fun it can be!

Come to Alpha where you can share a casual meal, build some friendships, and enjoy lively conversation no expectations and no strings. Come the first week, it's not a commitment, just a chance to check it out to see if it's for you.

**Alpha begins at 6 pm on Wednesday, September 14.** Sign up on the FIC website.

**Calling all Cooks!** One essential "ingredient" of Alpha is fellowship over dinner. Margie Bessler will be coordinating meals, but could use help with pre-prep (generally Monday afternoons), or people who are able to come around 4 pm on Wednesdays to warm things up along with some last minute cooking, salad making and set up, and still others who could come by 6 to help serve the food and clean up. The team enjoys their own time of fellowship over dinner; some great friendships have been formed by serving through this ministry. For more information about the cook team, contact Margie at [bessler@comcast.net](mailto:bessler@comcast.net) or 303-431-2988.

## A Handshake and a Smile

Those are the basic qualifications you need to help make Family in Christ a more welcoming place to worship as part of the **Greeting and Ushering Team**. Responsibilities involve arriving about 15 minutes before worship starts, welcoming and offering direction as needed to people at the main entrances or handing out bulletins at the Sanctuary doors, then being available to pass the offering plates. Those on the First Sunday team also pass the elements during Communion.

On Sunday, **August 7 at 6:30 pm**, all current greeters/ushers and any interested persons are invited to come to a gathering at church. We'll have dessert, meet others on this "team", and go over some of the basic guidelines. Over the summer, we've been re-vamping things a bit, and this gathering will give everyone a chance to see the big picture a little bit better.

If you have been considering a way to serve, this is a great opportunity to just jump in. Not only will you be helping with an essential ministry, you will meet lots of great people in the process! Whether you are new to Family in Christ or have been coming for years, this could be the perfect ministry for you! Ideally, 8 people are needed on Sunday mornings, 4 to 6 would be great on Saturdays, generally serving no more than one worship service a month. We also would like to have those who could "float" and fill in occasionally.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Margie Bessler or our team "leads" George Harper (Saturdays), Chuck Hutchcraft (9:00 am Sundays), or Julie Walden (10:30 Sundays). We hope to see an ARMY of people on August 7.



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## Sermon Series

### Get Closer: Deepening Your Spiritual Friendships

Do you have a friend who will call at just the right time with just the right words? According to surveys, most Americans don't. We may have friends we can talk with about the weather, the stock market, the kids, the Rockies. But sometimes we need another kind of friend: someone we can talk with about big things. Deep things. Hard things. Someone who will stretch and challenge us to become our better selves. Do you long for a friend or two like that? Join us this month as we look at how to develop and deepen spiritual friendships.



Registration for the Fall 2011 semester will remain at \$50 due to the fantastic success of recent fundraisers. These dues include \$23.95 for the MOPS International Membership (MIM), MOPPETS childcare, speakers, creative activities, 2011-2012 theme book *MomSense: A Common-Sense Guide to Confident Mothering*, food and community outreach. MIM benefits include six issues of *MomSense* magazine, weekly mom emails offering ongoing support, access to the MOPS website providing kids activities, contests, coupons, and author discussions.

Dues can be paid at the welcome desk before or after each meeting; given directly to one of our coordinators; paid online ([www.familyinchrist.com](http://www.familyinchrist.com)) then 'Donate Online' and enter the amount next to MOPS); or mailed to Kim Nicholson at 11244 Chase Ct, Westminster, CO 80020. FIC MOPS also sponsors moms-in-need! Scholarship forms are available at the welcome desk or contact any of our steering team members.

Please contact us at [MOPS@familyinchrist.com](mailto:MOPS@familyinchrist.com) if you have any questions.



August 6 & 7

“What Spiritual Friends Give Each Other”  
Ruth 1

August 13 & 14

“Where Deep Friendships are Developed”  
Philippians 2

August 20 & 21

“What Spiritual Friends Do for Each Other”  
Luke 10

August 27 & 28

“When True Friends See God Differently”  
John 1

## Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS is about meeting the needs of every mom of a child from conception through Kindergarten. We invite you to come as you are and be who you are. Bimonthly meetings will begin again on September 1

and then again on September 15 starting at 9 am. This year we will be combining our mom intuition and our common sense to help each mom discover her own MomSense. If you have not yet registered but are interested in joining us this fall, please contact Janice Hurter at [janicehurter@gmail.com](mailto:janicehurter@gmail.com).

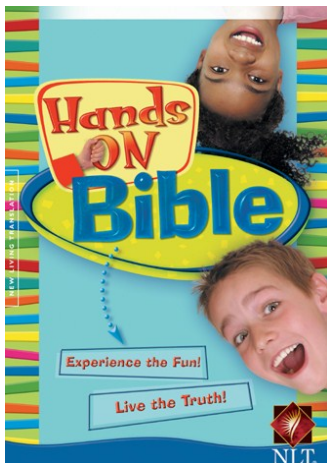
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# Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

Susan Faltinson & Sheila Shea 303-466-7770 ext. 209



## Summer Sunday School

Our summer Sunday school program will continue using the Hands-On Bible curriculum through Labor Day Weekend. This material presents simple Bible truths in a fresh, interactive setting that capitalizes on children's need to experience life with all their senses. Children participate in a variety of fun and memorable learning experiences that help them understand one important point. We will explore several Old Testament stories and take a fresh look at the life of Christ. There will be 2 classes at the 9:00 service: pre-school / kindergarten and grades 1,2 & 3. There are 3 classes at 10:30: pre-K, kindergarten & 1st grade, and grades 2 & 3.

## Grades 4 & 5



Buzz is offered at the 9:00 service. This is a hands-on, game-based curriculum with interactive activities that help students dig deeper into God's Word.

Grapple is offered at the 10:30 service.



Children will learn Bible truths through group activities and God-sightings. They will also be able to share with each other through computer activities.



The WoRM returns at the 9:00 and 10:30 Sunday mornings beginning September 11.

This workshop Rotation Model offers a kid-friendly way to teach

Bible stories and faith principles. Teachers pick the workshop medium of their choice: drama, video, science, music, computer, cooking, art, and games and teach the same lesson each week to different age groups. Classes rotate into a different workshop each week, but focus on the same story for 8 weeks. Because of this multi-dimensional environment, children will better remember the Bible truths and have them become part of who they are as children of faith.

Rotation (WoRM) is for children in grades Kindergarten to third grade. Pre-school children have their own special Bible time at 10:30 in room 147. Here's an overview of the lessons for the 2011-2012 season:

September / October: Paul

November / December: In the Manger

January / February: The 10 Commandments

March: Easter

April / May: Jeremiah

We will be in need of teachers and assistants for this fall. A training time will be provided. Call Sheila (303-465-3634) or Susan (720-371-3890) if you can help.



## Two More

### Fabulous Fridays

August 19 & September 16

This VBS-based program provides non-stop fun as we learn about God in wild and wacky ways while parents enjoy a relaxing evening out. Each evening starts at 6pm with a tasty dinner and wraps up by 9:15. Kids ages 2 ½ (must be fairly consistently potty trained) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join in the fun. To register, visit our website: Familyinchrist.com and fill out the registration forms under the Children's Ministry/Special Events links. Volunteers are always welcome to help run activities, help in the kitchen, or assist with the preschool program. For more information, contact Susan at 720-371-3890. See you in the Bamboo Forest!



## Nursery Ministry

infants & toddlers  
0 - 4 years of age

Angela Schenk, Director  
angela@familyinchrist.com

Nursery is offered at all services for your child. There they will experience an evangelistic, interactive story program that includes reading Bible stories, singing praise, learning through play and experiencing prayer.

If you love babies and toddlers and would like to help in our nursery, please contact Angela. From teens to grandparents, come be the love of Jesus.



## Heart for Haiti

Thank you so very much to everyone at Family in Christ for all the ways you supported our trip!

God blessed it immensely and we feel so privileged to have had this experience.



## Family in Christ Student Ministries - Grades 6 - 12

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**Middle School**  
6th - 8th grades



**Our goal: RESPECT**  
We will  
**R**each and  
**E**quip teens to  
**S**erve,  
**P**raise, and  
**E**xperience  
**C**hrist  
**T**ogether

### Youth nights in August?

Along with our regular Sunday morning gatherings, we will have fun youth group meetings as we continue to meet from 4 – 6 pm Sunday nights on August 7 and 14. We will take Sunday, August 21 off. **Sunday, August 28 will be our fall kickoff.** Watch for details about Recharge groups (where everyone is invited to come and meet in a small group with their age range)!

### Sunday Morning Series

We're doing a new series with fun games and an exciting study on the book of 2Timothy. Paul and Timothy experienced some of the same frustrations we face: friends falling away from the faith, people making fun of our faith, and more. The great news is 2Timothy shows how we can overcome all these situations.

### 6th Graders?

We would like to welcome all students who will be in 6th grade during the 2011/12 school year on Sunday August 28! We will be having a special family party for all these students and their families in early September. More details to come.

**Mark your calendars**  
Plan on joining us **August 27 and 28** for a fun Christian festival called **"Rock the Range"**. It will have great music, BMX competitions, art and more.

### Get more info on the web and Facebook

Make sure you check us out on our website [www.familyinchrist.com](http://www.familyinchrist.com) under Students. All the updated information for our events and weekly gatherings can be found there. Also see the latest postings and pictures on our facebook page (search for Fic LiveWire High Voltage or link to it from our webpage).

Are you, or do  
you know  
someone  
who is in their  
20's or 30's?



The Ascent is a group of young adults at Family in Christ Community Church who grow and have fun together. We meet on Mondays from 6:30–8:30 pm. You are welcome to come any Monday. Let me know if I can answer any questions for you. My name is Phil Christie and you can contact me at [phil@familyinchrist.com](mailto:phil@familyinchrist.com) or 720-212-9135.

Other upcoming events:

- \* **Service project – August 27:** We will be doing an outreach event for the community at Joshua's Crossing. If you'd like to join us, please contact Phil Christie for more details.
- \* **Retreat:** We will be taking our 3rd annual retreat this October. Watch the church bulletin for registration information for this fun and rejuvenating weekend in the mountains.

## Men's Ministry

Be encouraged by growing together with other men through the study of God's word and the fellowship of the Body of Christ. We meet from 6:45–8:15 pm at the church on the second Tuesday of every month - **next Gathering is August 9**. Bring your sword (Bible) with you and don't become isolated - we all need each other for accountability and inspiration. We are currently studying **'Fearless'** by **Max Lucado**.

Watch the bulletin for details about our next social event to be held on August 4.

Contacts for this group:

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Phil - [phil@familyinchrist.com](mailto:phil@familyinchrist.com)

or Brian - [bmapes33@msn.com](mailto:bmapes33@msn.com)

## Women's Ministry

SAVE THE DATES: October 21, 22, 23

The Fountains at Loveland, Loveland, Colorado

3<sup>rd</sup> annual Women's Retreat

"Reclaiming Your Joy"

Speaker: Sharon Sands, Passionate Heart Ministries

Watch the bulletin for upcoming women's Bible studies. These studies will start in early September. Please contact Char Campbell ([charcampbel@msn.com](mailto:charcampbel@msn.com)), if you are interested in leading a study.

## Book Club News

The Book Club will meet Monday, August 15 at the home of Bev Sharp (303-469-2026) to discuss the book *Anne of Green Gables* by Liz Montgomery. The September book is *The Post Mistress* by Sarah Blake. All are welcome.



## Social Days of Summer

During the last several weeks, you may have noticed or participated in one of the several social activities that have been offered this summer. We have planned activities such as hiking, ball games, and a concert in the park. If you have yet to join one of these activities, don't worry, there are more yet to come!

Our hope is that through this summer, we may all have more fun and a greater appreciation for the sense of community that God draws us to as his people. As you consider the involvements in your life, recognize that you have many Christian brothers and sisters around you who might become a help or a valuable friendship if connections were made.

Will you step out this summer for greater experiences, more fun, and the chance to broaden friendships? This is a great way to start; and if you are not already part of a Life Group then consider asking a new friend to join one with you as you take the next step in your journey of growth with Christ.

**Be watching the bulletin for more details about these Social Days of Summer events coming up...**

Family Game Night & Potluck - Friday, August 5 @ 6 pm

Denver Botanic Gardens - Monday, August 29

Summer Cookouts

Bowling

Canoeing Trip

and more...

You can sign up to be a part of a Life Group online at [www.familyinchrist.com](http://www.familyinchrist.com)

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9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Worship Services:**

Saturday, 6:00pm

Sunday, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Children's Programs, Nursery,  
as well as a family room  
available at all services

**Youth Group**

4 - 6 pm Sundays

Wednesday Evening Children's  
Programs return in September



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## Welcome Jessica Schlesinger to our Staff

I am excited about the opportunity to serve our congregation and bring people closer in community and to God. At Family in Christ, we all strive to create a place where people can come and grow in their faith and be in community with each other. I will be working to encourage and develop that process, to help people who desire to be connected in our church community.

I am married to my amazing husband Ian, and we have one son, Coren, who is 18 months old. We love living in Colorado and feel that God is working in our lives here and providing us with much joy. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for me and our congregation through this wonderful opportunity.



## Operation Christmas Child

You are invited to begin collecting items now for shoe boxes to be sent to children in third world countries in late November. Drop-off bins will be available every Sunday in the Children's wing and the 3rd Sunday of every month from September 4 to November at the entrances of the church. We are collecting socks, underwear, gloves, band aids, school supplies, hygiene products, small toys, non-melting candy and plastic shoe box size containers. For a complete list of items and ways you can help prepare the shoe boxes, please contact Mandy Varga (303-828-5397) or Marcy Decker (720-560-1659).

## 3rd Annual Garage Sale Fundraiser

Money from the sale will be used to pay for shipping the shoe boxes that will be filled and sent to a third world country through Operation Christmas Child.

**The garage sale will be  
Saturday, September 10  
from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

We are in need of people to help with the following:

1. Setting up and taking down tables for the sale.
2. Working a few hours during the sale collecting money and helping customers.
3. Packing up unsold items at the end of the sale.
4. Donating USEABLE items to the sale such as children and adult clothing, toys, books, household items, furniture and other typical garage sale items that your family no longer needs.
5. Donating hangers for clothing

Items being donated may be brought to the church to Room 148 on Thursday and Friday, September 8 and 9 during business hours and early Saturday morning. Please DO NOT bring items before September 8 because there is no room to store them. Thank you so much for your help in making this event a success. Contact Mandy Varga (303-828-5397) or Sheila Shea (303-465-3634) with questions.

Our **MISSION**  
as a Family in Christ:

With Prayer and God's Spirit as our source of power, we will work toward turning the unchurched into attenders, attenders into members, members into disciples, disciples into ministers, and ministers into reproducers.

All to the glory of God.

Our **VISION** as a Family in Christ is to build a Christian community where others can come to

**SEE** Christ

**KNOW** Christ

**GROW** in Christ

**SERVE** Christ

**SHARE** Christ

so that we might fully become a

Family in Christ.