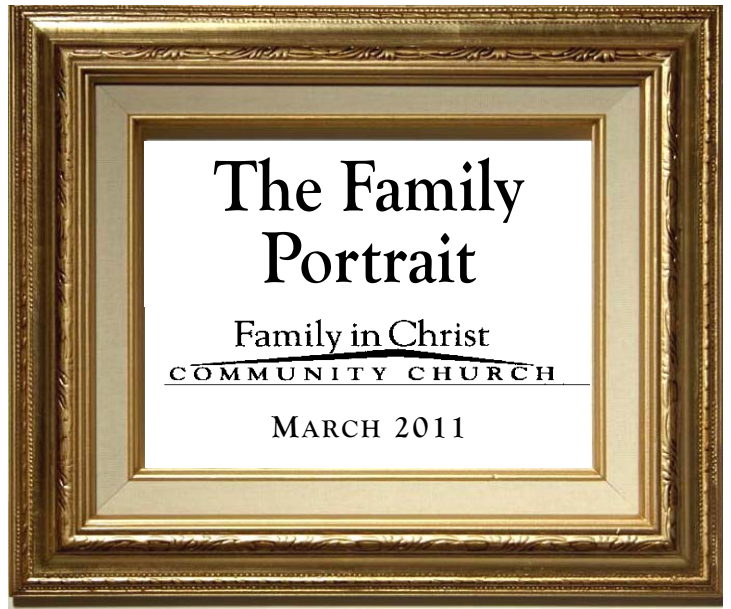




Ash Wednesday begins the forty day season of the year known as Lent. It is an annual opportunity to deepen our relationship with God as we prepare for the joy of Easter. During Lent this year, we will focus on how God meets us in the messiness of life. Plan to join us for Ash Wednesday service beginning at 7:00 pm on March 9. Communion will be celebrated and the imposition of ashes will be available to those who desire it.

No adult classes or groups will meet here at the church that evening. However, our regular Children's Programs will meet concurrently. A nursery will also be available.



is God's Special Time

by Randy Borden

In Colorado, Kairos Prison Ministry is involved in eight CDOC Facilities and one facility that houses inmates from Alaska. We have Kairos volunteers at Territorial in Canon City, Fremont, La Vista in Pueblo, Delta, Rifle, Denver Women's, Sterling and Limon. The Hudson Facility in Hudson, CO is where the inmates from Alaska are housed. It seems ironic to me that the facility closest to home has the inmates from the farthest away.

There was a closing recently at Sterling and the testimonies of the men were incredible. It never ceases to amaze me how God works through the volunteers to bring His light to such a dark place. Just imagine for a minute the only color you see everyday is the gray of the concrete walls, green shirts and pants on the

inmates and dark blue pants with light blue shirts on the officers. The meals are served at the same times every day and leave a lot to be desired as far as flavor or variety goes. You are assigned a job with no choice in the matter of what job you do or which of the three shifts you work. You have people playing head games with you all the time and you are supposed to become a better person and learn to be an active part of society. Yet with all of this, God puts smiles on their faces and reminds them of our goal to bring others to Him until He calls us home.

At the end of the closing we got a very rare, publicly, shared moment from two of the Senior Staff members. They shared how important Kairos is to the prison as the attitude and behavior of the men changes after being exposed to the pro-

gram. Some of the guys found Jesus in January and some were reunited with their Lord and Savior. The volunteers go back once a month to have a reunion with the inmates. This helps keep the inmates on track for the newly formed prayer and share groups from each weekend that God allows us to put on.

The **next closing** at **Sterling** is scheduled for **Mothers Day, May 8**. We will have sign up sheets available as soon as they are ready to give out. Currently, there are three members of Family in Christ signed up to be a part of the weekend event. The **next closing** for **Denver Women's** is scheduled for **June 5**. We will make sign up sheets available for that closing also.

Many of you may remember Johnny Martinez who spoke at our church about his Kairos experience about 4 years

ago. He is the man who served in the Marine Corp for about 17 years, was honorably discharged, and built a life in LaJunta with his wife and 6 children. He was the driver in a vehicular accident that took his best friend's life, and that's when he ended up in prison. On February 11 this year, he tragically lost one of his 11 year old twin boys. At his son's funeral, Johnny said, "I am so glad I got sent to prison, and I thank God for Kairos; I found Jesus there." As he served his time, he was a Christian leader in the prison. Once home, he was able to lead his family to Jesus as well. He *knows* he will see his son, Elijah, in heaven some day.

God uses Kairos to change lives.

If you have any questions about Kairos, feel free to talk to or contact Terry Bessler, Janelle Scrivner, Jim Johnson, or Joan and Randy Borden.

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Lenten Sermon Series

Life gets messy. Tough times hit. Our failures catch up with us. Things don't make sense. We run out of steam.

We aren't the first to face such things. Throughout the Bible, we meet others who experienced the messiness of life. And when they did, they met God in the mess.

What does he say to them? What do they learn from him? Join us as we discover how meeting God in the mess makes all the difference.

March 9 (Ash Wed.)	Heman: When the darkness won't quit	Psalm 88
March 12 & 13	Jacob: When you can't hide anymore	Gen 32:22-31
March 19 & 20	Abraham: When the mess is someone else's	Gen 18:16-33
March 26 & 27	Job: When it doesn't make sense	Job 38
April 2 & 3	Elijah: When you've run out of steam	I Kings 19
April 9 & 10	Jesus: When it costs you everything	John 17

Do This in Remembrance of Me

Generally the first weekend of each month, we celebrate and receive the gift of Communion. It is one of those sacred moments in our Christian walk when we remember who we are and whose we are through his broken body and shed blood.

If you feel so led, you may partake of Communion anytime you are at the church. On the east side of the back wall of the Sanctuary, you will find a table prepared with the elements of communion. This opportunity to individually partake of the elements a few minutes prior to our service would be a good way to prepare your heart for worship. Or perhaps, lingering at his Table a few minutes after the service would be an appropriate way to prepare for the coming week. Whether you choose to kneel, sit or

stand, or whether you wish to stay back by the table or carry the elements to another place in the Sanctuary, it doesn't matter. What matters is taking the opportunity to invite Jesus to come near to you.

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.

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. There are regular social events, opportunities to serve, and a weekly get together to grow and pray with one another.

Come check us out! We meet on Mondays from 6:30–8:30 pm and 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 or 720-212-9135.

Join us and see what's happening!



Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry is active with social events and a monthly Men's Gathering. Come and be encouraged by growing together with other men through study of God's Word and the fellowship of the Body of Christ.

We meet from 6:45–8:15pm at the church on the second Tuesday of every month.

The next Men's Gathering is Tuesday, March 8.

Come join us for our next Men's Gathering and look for social events yet to come!

For questions or further information, contact Phil Christie at phil@familyinchrist.com or 720-212-9135.

Walking With God

by Jim Neville

In Galatians 5:25 it says, "... let us keep in step with the Spirit."

When Linda and I were newlyweds, we would go for a walk and I would wrap my arm around her waist. I am about six inches taller than Linda. As we would walk, my stride was a little longer, my natural walk was a little faster than hers and it would create a disjointed bouncing. My stride

would cause me to be going up when her stride was going down. Initially we were not in step with each other. Later I would learn to make my steps a little shorter. I slow down my speed so we could keep in step with each other.

"Walking with God" is something like walking arm in arm with another person. We need to learn to adjust our steps to match our Savior. Changing my stride to

walk in union with Jesus has several characteristics. The chief component of a healthy walk with God is being in a smaller community with other believers. This is usually found a context of a smaller group of people. A small group community is where a relationship with Christ can be encouraged. In the group, people are changing their stride to align with Jesus by letting Christ rule in their hearts and lives as they do life together. Participants are letting

their roots grow deep into the Scriptures and discovering what it means to have a relationship with God and each other. So, may I encourage you to consider a small group. Stop by the welcome center or visit the church internet site.

As a final note, Linda and I have given up on walking arm in arm and have found the walking hand in hand works better for us. Enjoy your small group.

The WoRM

(Workshop Rotation Model):

Children from Kindergarten to grade 3 will be experiencing the Easter Story for the month of March. During video, they will watch an exciting new Easter movie. The other rotation Sunday School classes involve art, drama and games with fun activities to help this timeless story come alive.



Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

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

Pre-schoolers will meet in room 148 at the 10:30 service for their own special story about the death and Resurrection of Christ.

Communion Class

Our third annual Communion class will begin March 6 at 9:00am in room 127 for children ages 6 to 12. There will be various activities to help children develop an understanding of the meaning of Communion and its importance in their lives. Through hands-on activities we hope to make this important event more meaningful to them when they receive communion with their families.

April-May Rotation - We are still in need of 3 teachers to help with this Sunday School time. Contact Sheila or Susan if you can help.



Joyful Noise

Children age 4 to grade 5 are welcome to join this choir for our Psalm Sunday presentation. Children will meet each Sunday beginning March 6 at 9:00am in room 127 until the presentation the weekend of April 16th and 17th at all 3 services. Questions? Contact Marcia Dahlgren at 303-465-9438.



BUZZ is our program for 4th and 5th graders which meets

at the 9:00 am service only. This Bible curriculum is built around games. Every activity begins with a game which then leads to the Bible lesson activity. Come and catch the "Buzz".



Grapple

is our interactive program for 4th and 5th graders which meets at the 10:30 am service only. We "grapple" with issues of interest to this age level and look at the Bible to get God's perspective on these issues.

Wednesday Evening Children's Ministry 6:30—8:15 pm

Remember: Pancake Dinner on March 2 at 6 pm
No Wednesday Programs March 23—Spring Break Week

Cadet Boys' Club

(Grades 1-5)

This is a dynamic youth ministry for boys to help them grow in all areas of life (spiritual, mental, physical and social) through Bible lessons, games, crafts, service projects and earning badges. Each week the boys will have a hands-on experience to learn life skills and to dig into God's Word. Their theme this year is "Knotted Together in Christ" based on Ecclesiastes 4:12: *Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

GEMS Girls' Club

(Grades 1-5)

GEMS is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. Their purpose is to bring girls into a living relationship with Jesus through Bible stories, music, crafts, community service projects and prayer. The girls learn how to love and care for one another, other people and grow their relationship with God. Their theme this year is "Feed the Fire", based on Revelation 3:15-16 and Romans 12:11: *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*

Kingdom Kids

(COED, Ages 4-5)

This program helps lay the foundational blocks of faith in the life of a young child. Each lesson is designed to help children know God better and understand that when we know Him, we want to act and behave in ways that please Him. Children have fun with music, crafts, Bible stories, snacks and lots of surprises.

Mothers of Preschoolers . . . and beyond

MOPS and MOMSnext are great opportunities to bring a friend to Family in Christ.

Is there someone you know who would love to connect with other mothers and have some "Mommy" time?

You never know what that invitation might bring about.



Join us!

Thursday March 3, 2010

9 am-11:30 am (childcare provided)

Thursday March 17, 2010

9 am-11:30 am (childcare provided)

What is your place in God's Big Picture? Find out with us on March 3! Then on March 17, we will celebrate St Patrick's Day and learn how to develop our spiritual habits with Pastor Paul! It is going to be a great month!



Check us out on Facebook at FIC MOPS and find out what else is going this month! We have play dates, moms' night out, fundraisers and lots of other fun ways for YOU to make a connection.

Our group is always growing and we have new members at every meeting - so don't be shy! Come meet some terrific women and enjoy and share life with other moms!

*For more information: Connie Tendler at 303-469-8183
mops@familyinchrist.com*

As mothers parent kids in their school years, new challenges and issues arise, and the need for community and hope remains. For this reason MOPS International offers MOMSnext, a ministry to mothers of school-age kids. A MOMSnext group is an open, accepting place for all mothers of school-age kids to come and experience authentic community, personal growth, and spiritual hope in the next phase of mothering.



Please join us Monday,
March 28 from 6 to 8 pm
Dinner & childcare provided
Speaker: Jeffco Student Services

*For more information, contact:
momsnext@familyinchrist.com
or Christine Geerts at 720-560-0388*



Nursery Ministry

Angela Schenk, Director ~ angela@familyinchrist.com

The Little Lambs Program offered during weekend services to your child is an evangelistic, interactive story program that includes reading Bible stories, singing praise, learning through play and experiencing prayer. Nursery provides care for infants and toddlers 0-4 years of age.

Creativity with Purpose

Community Sew-In

Join us at Make It Sew (120th & Main in Broomfield behind Burger King) from **10 am - 3 pm** and meet others who share a common love of sewing and giving to the community. We make simple quilts; all levels of sewing experience are welcomed. Stay for the whole day or just an hour or two. We meet again on **Friday, March 18**, and **Thursday, April 14**. For more information, please call Cheryl Holliday at 303-438-9081.

Over 30 quilts were divided up and delivered in February to these donation sites: Family Tree (women's crisis center), The Gathering Place (women's crisis center), Maple Star Colorado (foster care), Women in Crisis (Jefferson County).

Card Ministry—If you enjoying making hand-made cards or have thought about learning how, this ministry is for you. We get together and make cards for different church ministries as well as cards to sell (see the card rack in the church lobby near the east entrance).

Linda Meents has been leading this ministry and will soon be moving out of state. Michelle Neal has agreed to lead this ministry. To learn more, please join us this Tuesday, March 1st for a pot luck and to meet Michelle. Please RSVP to Linda (303-465-1946) if you are able to attend so that she can plan seating in her home.

Family in Christ Student Ministries - Grades 6 – 12

Carrie Evans, Director of Student Ministries ~ 303-466-7770 Voice Mailbox 205

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Middle School
6th - 8th grades

YOUTH GROUP
grades 6–12
meet on Wednesdays
from 6:30 to 8:15 pm



Our goal:
RESPECT
We will
Reach and
Equip teens to
Serve,
Praise, and
Experience
Christ
Together

Get more info on the web and Facebook

Make sure you check us out on our website 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).

Happenings Throughout the Month – Come Check Us Out!

Recharge Nights

Every 3 weeks during our Wednesday night program, we meet as teams. This gives the opportunity to get to know each other better in a smaller group, to ask questions, discuss the topic, and have fun together. The teams are called Recharge teams and are based mostly on age. The next Recharge Night is March 16. If you are in 6th–12th grade, we hope you can come recharge with us!

Sunday Mornings

Join us at either 9 or 10:30 for times to grow in your understanding of what following Jesus is all about. Hope to connect with you there!

Ash Wednesday

Youth Group will not meet on Wednesday, **March 9**; all youth and their families are encouraged to attend the Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary at 7 pm.

Breaking Free Update

The Revive Team will be putting together Breaking Free bags at the end of February and we will be offering them to the congregation the first week of March. These bags are comfort and care bags to be given to the homeless of Denver. The intention is that the church members who encounter homeless people will have something to offer hope.

Worship/Prayer Night

Please join us for a special evening of unique worship and prayer on Wednesday, **March 23!**

Girls Night Out

Please join us for a special night just for the girls! This will be an all nighter at the church on **March 25**. Watch the bulletin for details!

Tagged

Thanks so much to everyone who prayed, attended, contributed and supported our retreat last month! God blessed the event immensely!



Dennehotso Clothing Drive

As the winter clearance sales are winding down and spring weather comes, consider donating new or gently used cold weather clothing to our friends in Dennehotso. To make it easy for you, we will have collection bins in the entry ways on the 3rd weekend of the month. Just bring your donations and put them in the bins anytime between now and when we make our trip to Dennehotso in the fall. Thank

you for supporting this ministry.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Denise 303-466-7770 ext. 207 or denise@familyinchrist.com.



Yard Sale Coming Up

Our 3rd Annual Yard Sale will be Saturday, **September 10**. The money raised will support **Operation Christmas Child**, specifically to pay for the cost of shipping the boxes. Watch for more details on this event and how you can help by donating your good used items and helping the day of the event.



Connect with
your
Family in Christ

Book Club News

The book for March 21 is "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen. We will meet at the home of Kathy Gray (303-427-8354). Our new book for April is "Where the Red Fern Grows" by Wilson Rawls.

New members are always welcome.

Growing Home

The **first weekend** of each month, you see big plastic tubs in the church entryways, and people are filling them up with cans of soup, macaroni, toothpaste, and other donations. What's that all about?

Growing Home is a charitable organization that provides shelter, food and a variety of services to local needy families. GH has a homeless prevention program and provides employment referrals, housing assistance, tutoring for kids, and help with education and medical needs. GH uses a mix of professional staff, students, volunteers, churches and community services. It has support from about 30 churches in the Westminster - Arvada - Broomfield

area.

We at *Family In Christ Community Church* are a support congregation for the Growing Home programs. At the start of every month, we collection donations of food and hygiene products for the GH pantry, and our volunteers help to sort and distribute to needy families. During four weeks per year, we partner with *Trinity Presbyterian* (7755 Vance Dr) to provide food and volunteers to care for homeless families that are in the shelter program. Thanks to your prayers, donations and faithful service, this mission serves a vital need. You can find more information on

Dinners for Eight or So...

Dinners for Eight has been well received for a number of years at Family in Christ. It's a great opportunity to get to know others at church in a casual, social setting. Eight (or so) adults are assigned to a group and commit to dining together approximately four times from April through the summer, taking turns hosting. If your home cannot accommodate eight for dinner, maybe your group could go out to eat one time, or perhaps one home could host a second time, or meet at a park. Maybe you'd like to eat out every time and discover new restaurant experiences together. It's flexible, fun and a great way to connect with the people your worship with, but maybe have not yet met. If you'd like to participate in the next round of Dinners for Eight, your "reservation" will be needed by March 13. Reservation forms will be available in the bulletin next weekend (March 5 & 6) or at the Information Center.

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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

Wednesday Evening Programs

for adults, children, and
middle & senior high youth



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LifeLine Screening is coming to Family in Christ on Thursday, March 10 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Stroke, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Package: all 4 tests for only \$139. Add an osteoporosis screening for \$10 more.

For more information please call 1-800-897-9177 or visit their website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required. Call: 1-800-324-1851. See flyer at Welcome Desk.

King Soopers Cash Cards are available for purchase on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings between the 1st & 2nd services. The Cash Cards come in \$25 and \$100 increments and can be used at any King Soopers, same as cash. A portion of the money benefits the Nursery Ministry.

Contact Angela Schenk at angela@familyinchrist.com.



The Walk to Emmaus

Imagine, 72 hours away from the distractions that keep us from truly encountering God... Is your life so chaotic and busy that you don't recognize God when He is present? The **Walk to Emmaus** is a non-denominational spiritual renewal movement intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. It is also a beautiful experience, with opportunities for daily encounters with God.



It's not too soon to register and make arrangements to attend the Columbine Emmaus Community Walks to be held at beautiful Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je near Bailey over these weekends:

Men - March 31—April 3

Women - April 7—April 10

Several people from Family in Christ have done a Walk, which run from Thursday evening through Sunday late afternoon. Cost is \$200—that covers 3 nights lodging, all your meals and materials (scholarship help is available, so

please do not let the cost be a deterrent). You will need a sponsor, someone who has already done a Walk; your sponsor is responsible for getting you to and from the camp and for helping with any needs you may have. For more information, contact Terry or Margie Bessler (303-431-2988 or bessler@comcast.net). We can help you find a sponsor OR if you know any of the people listed below, ask them about their Emmaus experience and maybe they would be able to be your sponsor.

Just some of the Family in Christ Emmaus Alumni: Yesenia (Diaz) Adams, Terry & Margie Bessler, Will & Mary Boggs, Ron & Audrey Boonstra, Randy & Joan Borden, Rhonda Crites, Sheri Gasaway, Thurman Hargis, George & Kris Harper, Jim & Lynette Johnson, Alan & Linda Kurtzberg, Annie Larson, Gary & Lori Lewis, Brandy Matthews, Sean & Angie McMillan, Linda Meents, Diana Rubenking, Becky Scudder, Janelle Scrivner, Marty & Sue Senser, Cindy Sober, Jean Tapia.

For information and applications:
www.columbineemmauscommunity.org