

Family in Christ
COMMUNITY CHURCH

4th Annual Craft Fair

Friday, Saturday,
November 11 November 12
10 am - 4 pm 9 am - 3 pm

Suggested admission:

Non-perishable food items for Growing Home



Featuring:

Hand crafted items made by
local residents and artists

Our popular "Cookie Walk"
(get some help with your holiday
baking ...choose from 100's of
dozens of cookies)! Buy a
container and fill it up with your
favorite cookies.

Homemade soups and other goodies available
for purchase at the "Café".

Many people will be coming through our doors as we host
our 4th Annual Craft Fair. Here's how you can help to
make this popular Community Event a success:

**INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND
FRIENDS!** Come by, shop, and be welcoming to those
who will come!

We still have room for a few more VENDORS. If
you, or someone you know, are interested in having a
booth to sell hand made items, vendor applications are
available by calling the church office (303-466-7770).

The Nursery is sponsoring the **SNACK BAR** and needs
donations of specific food items to be brought to the
church kitchen by Thursday, November 10 (marked "Craft
Fair"). Here's what is needed: shredded cheese, bottled
water, canned soda, salsa, tortilla chips, crackers, snack
size bags of chips, big bags of Fritos, homemade soup or
chili, bowls, and plates. If you would like to help with this
event, contact Angela at angela@familyinchrist.com

We are in need of **HOMEMADE COOKIES** for this
year's annual **COOKIE WALK**. Watch for the inserts in
the bulletin and let us know how many dozens of cookies
you can donate. Contact Sheila Shea at 303-465-3634.



Sermon Series Continues

The Next Chapter: Following God's Script

November 5 & 6 - 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
"Lessons from Spring Planting"

November 12 & 13 - 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
"How to Decide What to Give"

Thanksgiving Day Worship

November 24 at 10:00 am

Be blessed as you take a break from all the busyness and
just give thanks for the many ways God has provided! Put
the turkey in the oven and head to church for a (less than
an hour) time together with your Family in Christ. A
nursery, as well as a worship time for elementary aged
children, will be offered during the service.

Once a year, we as a church body, give an offering on
Thanksgiving to what's known as the **BENEVOLENCE
FUND**. This offering helps to replenish the funds we
have been giving people throughout the year, usually those
in our congregation, a family member or close friend, who
find themselves in a tough situation. Often these funds
are used for housing, food, health and medical
emergencies, and other unpaid bills. If you are able,
please consider making a donation to the Benevolence
Fund during the offering on Thanksgiving morning.

The **GEMS and Kingdom Kids** will hold their annual
BAKE SALE before and after the Thanksgiving Day
service. There will be a variety of fantastic homemade
baked goods including pies, cookies, breads, brownies,
jams, and other surprises—something for everyone!
Thanks for supporting our children's ministries.

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Angel Tree Christmas

As a Family in Christ, we have the opportunity to make Christmas a little more special for approximately 200 children in the north metro area who have a loved one in prison. Gifts purchased by our congregation are given to these children on behalf of an inmate who has signed up with this ministry of Prison Fellowship, and delivered to the families they are desperately missing at Christmastime.

Our Angel Trees will be set up in the lobby beginning **November 5**. Stop by and choose as many ornaments (specific gift requests) as you feel moved to purchase. *Every ornament is coded and must be accounted for, so please be sure one of the Angel Tree volunteers notes your selections before leaving with your ornaments.*

Each child will have two ornaments: one representing a clothing gift and a second one for something fun. Once the specific items are purchased, wrap each gift and securely attach *the top part only of the ornament* (peel off the backing—it's self-sticking) to the wrapped gift and bring it back to the church by November 28. Spend no more than \$20 to \$25 (coats may need to be an exception) per gift. Please don't over-do it on any particular gift for one child; sponsor more ornaments instead. Invite your co-workers to participate, too. This is such a great outreach.

By December 6, the gifts will be sorted by individual families and **help is needed to make deliveries**. Teams of two or more will be delivering together.

For more information, please contact Terry or Margie Bessler at bessler@comcast or 303-431-2988.



Operation Christmas Child

On Wednesday, **November 16** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, our children's ministry groups—and anyone and everyone else who would like to participate—will be creating gift boxes for children in Third World countries. As this date approaches, please continue to bring in your gifts of school supplies, toys, candy, hygiene and small clothing items (such as socks and gloves). Drop-off bins are available each week in the Children's wing. Your gifts should be for boys or girls in the age categories of 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Our children will also write letters to be placed in the shoeboxes.

Also, please bring hand or dish towels to be used to line the plastic shoe boxes. A donation of \$7 to cover the cost of shipping (per box) is also very much appreciated.

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).

Clothing Drive

On Friday, November 4, a group from Family in Christ will be heading to **Dennehotso** (Four Corners region) with the clothing we've been collecting since May. On November 5, this group will be distributing the clothing and bedding to the whole community from Chapter House Community Center. There will be 50 or more boxes in this trip. A great big THANK YOU goes to all who so generously gave to this important mission.

On the 3rd weekend of each month starting in January, the collection bins will be out for donations of coats, blankets, and anything warm, to begin stocking up for our 2012 trip. Since most homes in Dennehotso do not have adequate insulation, if any at all, these donations are very much appreciated.

Imagine This...

One of the things that breaks my heart is seeing spiritual needs all around us and yet not having the physical room necessary to provide ministries that can meet those needs. A few examples:

- There's that mother of a 3 year old who's staying home with her child to give him her best, but she feels so desperately lonely. She needs an adult friend who can offer her support and perspective. What she doesn't yet know is the friend she needs most is Jesus. If only we had room for her in our MOPS ministry....
- There's that young married couple who are wondering if getting married was a mistake. Somehow it's not as easy as it used to be. They keep hurting each other. They don't mean to. They just don't know how not to. If only we had room to invite them to a Marriage Course Night where they could meet others and find some friends that could encourage them along the way....
- There are those college friends who are taking classes down the street at Front Range Community College. They're tired of binging on the weekends. They're ready to get started with their lives. But they need some spiritual foundations to build a life on. If only we had room for a college ministry where they could come, hang out, bring their questions, and sort things out....
- There's that teenager who's looking for a friend. She's thought of coming to Youth Group with a friend. But she's also scared she might not be accepted. Or that she might be put on the spot. If only we had more room for young people to hang out, play crazy games that break down barriers, and just talk to an adult who cares about them...
- There are all those elementary age kids who are open to hearing the good news about Jesus. Open to learning what it means to follow him. If only we had room for them in our Fabulous Friday ministry....
- There are those new believers who have never had the chance to take a class on the book of Matthew, or a Survey of the Bible, or a seminar on prayer. If only we had room for Adult Education Classes on Wednesday nights.
- There are those long-time believers who miss seeing their friends and sharing a meal once a week at church. If only we had room so they could come straight from work, have a meal, some conversation, and leave with enough hope to get through the rest of the week.

Now Imagine This...

- Enough room so that every mom in the neighborhood could come to MOPS on Thursday mornings and enough space so every child could learn about Jesus, too.
- Enough room so that dozens of married couples could show up for a Marriage Course Thursday evenings, have a meal together, listen to some practical teaching on relationships, and build some friends to help along the way.
- Enough room so that each Tuesday, a couple hundred college kids could sing, hear what it means to follow Jesus, and find some friends to share the journey with together.
- Enough room so that teenage girls could play some active games inside, meet some new friends, build some authentic relationships, and discover that Someone really does love her, no matter what.
- Enough room so that 300 kids could eat, laugh, play, but most of all, learn the great news about life Jesus' way at Fabulous Friday.
- Enough room so a couple hundred believers could show up Wednesday night, eat a meal together, attend an adult education class, and go home with a midweek blessing.

Hmmm, imagine that. Pastor Paul

Solar Panels Coming to Family in Christ

Denise Martin

We are excited to announce that our church will soon be installing solar panels that are expected to produce 100% of anticipated electrical needs. The development comes after 10 months of study and proposals from several vendors. The crux of their recommendations was very compelling: The cost of electricity is expected to climb even faster in the years ahead as weather extremes from climate change and electric cars tax an already overburdened power grid in the United States. Leasing a solar panel array will likely save our church many tens of thousands of dollars as we lock-in our rates over the next twenty years.

Excel offers an even better deal for solar customers if their power usage is high enough to qualify. We have been actively managing our electrical usage for years, but we have temporarily suspended those actions for a couple of months to qualify for this even better rate. Leaving lights on all night sounds silly, but the payoff will mean significantly lower power bills for the next twenty years. Once we qualify for the solar rate plan, we pledge continued vigilance as stewards in managing all of our utility and other operating costs.

While this activity is independent of "The Next Chapter - Reaching a New Generation" campaign to expand our facilities, it will have a positive impact on our ability to secure financing for the expansion.

Family in Christ Student Ministries - Grades 6 – 12

Carrie Evans, Director of Student Ministries ~ 303-466-7770 Voice Mailbox 205
familyinchriststudentministries@yahoo.com



Middle School
6th - 8th grades

Join us Sunday mornings
at 9 and 10:30 am
AND
Sunday evenings
from 4 to 6 pm
NO WEDNESDAYS



Our goal: RESPECT

We will

Reach and
Equip teens to
Serve,
Praise, and
Experience
Christ
Together

Operation Christmas Child Warehouse Help - Saturday, November 26

We will be carpooling from Family in Christ down to the Operation Christmas Child Warehouse to help out! Details to come.

Sunday Morning Series

We will be finishing a series on a study and project called T3 (Time, Talent, Treasure) that is all about stewardship. Keep your team's challenge in prayer!

Youth Nights in November

We'll have lots of fun getting to know each other during recharge groups (small groups) on November 6. Aaron will be doing the message on November 13, Carrie on November 20, and we'll have no youth group due to the holiday on Sunday, November 27.



Calling All Girls

Join us for the **Awaken conference** in Colorado Springs on **November 11 and 12**. This will be an awesome and fun weekend together. We will be carpooling down there and staying in a hotel together. The speakers and musicians at the conference will be so inspiring! Hope you can be with us for this great event. Please pick up a purple registration form if you are interested.

Also, find more info at their website:

www.awakenconference.net



Pie Nite

Join us at the Village Inn on **Wednesday, November 23** for Pie Night! Bring a few dollars to buy something off the menu and get a piece of pie for free!



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).

Little Lambs Nursery Ministry

infants & toddlers /0- 4 years
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.

Please see the Craft Fair article on Page 1; the snack bar is a great fundraiser for the Nursery Ministry. Please contact Angela if you can help.

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

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



The WoRM

The WoRM is offered at 9:00 and 10:30 Sunday mornings. This Workshop Rotation Model is 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:

- November/ December: In the Manger
- January/ February: The 10 Commandments
- March: Easter
- April/May: Jeremiah

Sunday School 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.



Join us for a fun Christmas Fabulous Friday on December 9! Moms and Dads can take advantage of the time to prepare for Christmas while kids ages 2 1/2 to 5th grade can enjoy a chance to journey back to Bible times when Jesus was born. We'll visit shops around Bethlehem, doing crafts, making food, playing games and learning what it was like to be a child so many years ago. The fun will start at 6 pm with a tasty dinner and will go through 9:15 pm. If you have attended a Fabulous Friday this past summer, simply RSVP to susan@familyinchrist.com. If you're new to the program,

download a registration form from our children's section of our website at familyinchrist.com. The cost per family is \$8/one child, \$13/two children, or \$15/three children. Please respond by Wednesday, November 30 to ensure space for your family. Questions? Contact Susan at 720-371-3890. See you in Bethlehem!

JOIN US!

Thursday November 3, 2010
9 am-11:30 am (childcare provided)
AND

Thursday November 17, 2010
9 am-11:30 am (childcare provided)

We have an exciting November planned! During our first meeting we will be working on our fall outreach project. We will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child. At our second meeting our very own Kate Wadlington will be speaking on *Stretching Your Budget* and giving tips on how to get the most out of your coupons. Hope you can join us!

For more information please email 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 MOMS 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.

Next MOMSnext meeting:
Monday, November 28 from 6 to 8 pm
Dinner & childcare provided
We will do crafts and a service project

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

Are You an Empty Nester?

In September, the Empty Nesters Life Group began meeting in the Chesser's home on Wednesdays at 7 pm. The common theme of learning with each other about God's plan on how we are to use this stage of our lives has been wonderful! The lesson is called: "Thriving in the Empty Nest". We have shared our experiences, our fears, our futures, and most importantly, our support for each member of the group as we discuss the changes in our lives. The lesson has centered on how we are to be "fruitful" and look to the future versus dwell in the past, using John 15:1-17 and several others.

The lesson we started with has provided lively and thought-provoking discussions and one attempt to convince the men in the group to take dancing lessons, BY ONE OF THE MEN! We will not be on "Dancing with the Stars", however, it seems the women in the group are all for it! Not sure how this will end, I do have a hunch there is a lesson or two in our future! We have also discovered it's okay to go hiking, walking or riding and NOT talk to one's spouse, but to just share the experience with each other.

At the end of each meeting, we share prayer concerns for our group and those we know. This has been a very powerful experience and it's always a privilege to pray for others and to ask God for grace and His blessings. Then we read a few, "you know you're an empty nester when..." comments, like there's still gas in the car Monday morning!

We have not decided on a social or group event as yet, other than dancing. The group is still growing and we are always looking to add more folks to the group. As we go forward, we are sure the ideas for the activity will develop. Come join us or check us out. We are a new group and would welcome you with open arms!

For now, we plan to discuss "The Treasure Principle" over the next several weeks and then the group will decide what path to take following this lesson. We welcome your input!

Carol and I have been truly blessed to have the group in our home and we look forward to more "fruitful" experiences and growing in God's plan as the group moves forward!

Jerry and Carol Chesser

The Life Groups Ministry is here to help you get connected to deepening friendships that have fun and intentionally seek to know God more.

If you would like to know more about this Empty Nesters group, contact Jerry and Carol at jerrycarol@hotmail.com or jchesser@comcast.net.

For further information on many of the other groups here at Family in Christ, visit our website at www.familyinchrist.com/life-groups.

Plan to visit one today!



the Ascent
Young Adults at
Family in Christ

Last month, the Ascent young adults ministry journeyed to the snow covered mountains near Buena Vista for a time of respite and reflection. Our discussion focused on daily choices we each must make to thrive daily in the Lord's blessing and provision. It was a powerful time of growth in the glory of God's creation and a blessing for all who attended.

For the next month, our regular meetings, which are held Monday evenings from 6-8:30 pm at the Christie home (11779 Gray Way, Westminster, CO 80020), will focus on the study of stewardship as laid out in *The Treasure Principle*. We would love to have you join us if you are in your 20s or 30s and are seeking community that celebrates the love of God while seeking to live a life filled with community and spiritual friendship. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Phil Christie (720-212-9135).

Book Club

We'll meet at the home of Dottie Smith (303-423-7224) on November 21 at 7:00 pm to discuss *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. December's meeting will be at the Tattered Cover LoDo and include treats and dramatic readings from several Christmas books. Call Sheila for more details (303-465-3634).

Women's Ministry

Sunrise Senior Living

First Saturday of each month, we visit our friends at Sunrise Senior Living from 2:00-3:30 pm, offering tea time for the first hour, followed by some singing and a devotional or small Bible study.

Christmas Tea

December (actual date to be determined)

Join the Women's Ministry Team for music, comedy, tea and goodies as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Cost will be \$5.

Beth Moore Bible Study

"James—Mercy Triumphs" - 6:30-8:00 pm beginning January 11.

Connections

January (date to be determined) Join us for a time to re-connect. Food, fellowship and fun!!!

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 **Fridays, November 18 and December 16**. For more information, call Cheryl Holliday at 303-438-9081.

WANTED:

Young couples to correspond with Brian and Susan Frey, Family in Christ Missionaries in Papua New Guinea.

Brian and Susan work with Wycliffe Bible Translators, are in their early 30's and have one little boy, a year and a half old. Brian's main responsibility is to keep the Wycliffe Ukarumpa Translation Center running so that Bible translation and the production of literacy materials can continue there. He keeps the diesel generators in order so that the electricity can flow to the center. He keeps the water pumps going so that water can flow to the center. He repairs the vehicles, and keeps the dirt roads in passable condition so that folks can get in and out of the center and, in his spare time, he takes every opportunity to go out to the tribal villages to repair the equipment of the people there.

Recently Susan has become the office manager and book-keeper as she takes care of little Greg. Some of us older folk have been corresponding with Brian and Susan, but we think they would appreciate being in touch with couples more their own age. So why not drop them a note at: b-s.frey@sil.org.pg. They're a long way from home and would really enjoy hearing from you.

Men's Ministry

Hello Men of Family in Christ. It's time to think forward to our next **Winter Men's Retreat** coming this February. We had a great showing at the last one when our subject was 'Brave'. What a time was had with lessons, fellowship, fun activities and great music to keep our spirits high. Be on the look out for more information as the time nears.

Any questions please contact: Jeff Bever, Warren Dziedzic, Phil Christie or Brian Mapes



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Office hours: Tuesday - Friday
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 Worship
Room available at all services

Wednesday Evening Programs
for adults and children

Middle & Senior High Youth
Sunday Mornings 9 & 10:30
Sunday Evenings 4:00 to 6:00 pm



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Community Outreach:
Helping Elementary Kids Succeed

When you started kindergarten, did you know English? Imagine as a 5 year old, if you were to find yourself in a school where they spoke only Swahili, or Farsi, or Japanese. And you were expected not only to learn in this new language, but also read, write and speak it. When you went home, your parents would speak to you in English, because that was YOUR language and you could communicate love, humor, and emotions in your language. But at school you are behind right from the beginning, and it takes years to catch up to "grade level". But these kids are important to God, and we want to help them become successful in school. They are important to us.

We just met with leaders at Federal Heights Elementary School to discuss how volunteers at Family in Christ Church can help the teachers and students. They were excited about having volunteers that could help on all levels - during school, after school, doing maintenance projects. Some of the teachers have as many as 40 children in their class at one time. Here are some of the needs:

Helping with after school/evening events (ie. Oct 28th Harvest/Halloween Party from 4-6pm)

Teaching parents and students how to use computers in the new computer lab

Playing math games with the students

Reading to and with the children

Painting within the school (budget cuts have decreased painting crews by 90%)

If you are interested in being part of the Elementary School Team, contact Judy: judyjorden@familyinchrist.com or Renee: rnickerson@earthlink.net



Family in Christ will host a **Bonfils Blood Drive** on Sunday, **December 4**, from **8:30 am to**

12:30 pm. Donors can sign-up by calling the Appointment Center at 303-363-2300; or they can sign-up online at www.bonfils.org using site code 6617.

We will be designating our drive to the Stop and Give campaign; see the attachment for an insight to the difference your donation can make.

Riding Lawn Mowers Needed

We need to replace our two riding lawn mowers as they now spend more time in the shop than they do in the trailer waiting to be used. If you have one that is in great condition or know of someone who does, please contact Denise Martin or let her know so that she can contact them.

denise@familyinchrist.com
or 303-466-7770 ext. 207

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.