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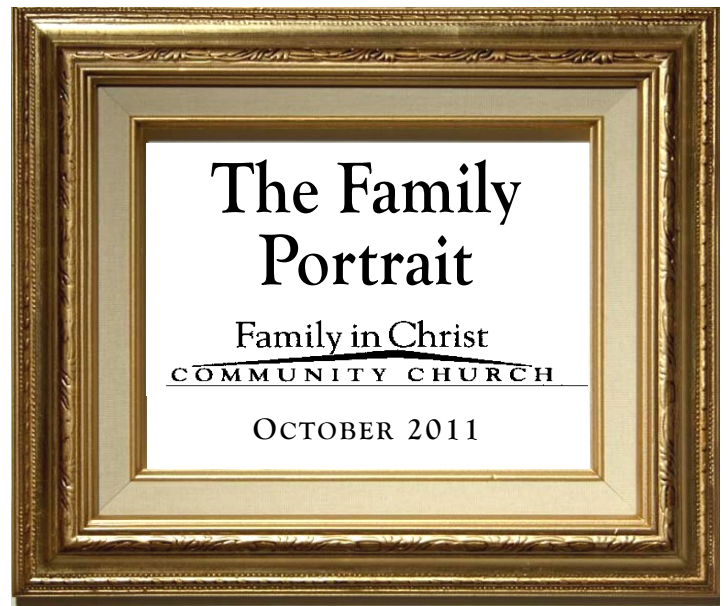
Sometimes the words of Jesus are not all peaches and cream. Sometimes what He said has an edge: "Whoever wants to save his life must lose it." "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded." So what are we to think of the hard sayings of Jesus? What does He expect from us as His followers? Join us as we wrap up this sermon series that addresses the radical challenge that Jesus places before us.

October 1 & 2:

What Jesus says about Stewardship  
Luke 12:42-48

October 8 & 9:

What Jesus says about Family  
Luke 14: 25-27



## The Joy of Generosity

One of the most impactful experiences our young people had on their mission trip to Haiti was witnessing the remarkable generosity of people in abject poverty. As Americans, we often think that generosity is related to income: "When I *have* more, I'll *give* more." But both Scripture and the remarkable people of Haiti reveal a very different equation at work:

In Luke 16:10, Jesus tells us: "Whoever can be trusted with very little, can be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with very much." In other words, Jesus is saying, "If you won't practice generosity when you have *little*, neither will you practice it when you have *much*. What you do with what you have *today*, is what you *would do* no matter *what* you had today." And that is why thoughts like: "I'll practice generosity *when...when* the cars get paid off, *when* the kids are out of the house, *when* the economy improves, ring hollow. Generosity is not a function of what we have in our wallet. Generosity is a function of what is going on in our *heart*."

That is why a Capital Stewardship Campaign is first and foremost, a *spiritual* exercise. That is also why we are beginning it with 24 hours of prayer. Before we look at what Jesus has to say about our resources, we need open hearts and ears to hear.

There are always those who would prefer the subject of money to be off-limits when it comes to church. More than a few of us have been injured by how a church in our past handled the subject. But the subject of money won't go away. Jesus spoke of it more often than any other subject except the Kingdom of God. And so will we in the coming weeks. But perhaps in a way you haven't heard

before. Generosity is not something we can be shamed into practicing. We can not be manipulated into becoming faithful stewards. It is *joy* that compels the man to sacrifice what he has for that treasure in the field (Matt 13:44). It is the Master's *commendation* that motivates the risk-taking work of his servants (Matt 25:21). And I am convinced that same joy can be ours as together we learn again, or for the first time, the sheer delight that comes when we live lives marked by sacrificial generosity.

Pastor Paul

## Upcoming Messages:

The Next Chapter: Following God's Script

October 15 & 16:

"Why the Next Chapter is Before Us"  
Matthew 18:1-14

October 23 & 24:

"Our Role in God's Story"  
Matthew 25:14-30

October 29 & 30:

"How to Hear from God"  
Luke 18:1-8

November 5 & 6:

"Lessons from Spring Planting"  
2 Corinthians 9:1-15

November 12 & 13:

"How to Decide What to Give"  
2 Corinthians 8:1-15

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## FAMILY IN CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

### 4th ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Friday, November 11 (10 am to 4 pm) &  
Saturday, November 12 (9 am to 3 pm)

Consider the following ways you can make this popular Community Event a success:

**Sign up to be or refer a vendor to us!** If you, or someone you know, are interested in having a booth to sell hand made items, vendor applications are available on the webpage ([www.familyinchrist.com](http://www.familyinchrist.com)).

**The Nursery** will be sponsoring the **snack bar** at the Craft Fair again this year. We are looking for the food to be donated. All items need to be brought to the church kitchen by Thursday, November 10 and marked "Craft Fair" on it. Here is a list of our needs for this year: 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](mailto:angela@familyinchrist.com)

We are in need of **3000 HOMEMADE cookies** for this year's annual **Cookie Walk**. Last year, \$800 was raised toward our **Children's Playground Fund**. This year we will continue adding to that fund. Watch for an insert in upcoming bulletins which allows you to indicate how many dozens of cookies you can donate. Contact person: Sheila Shea (303-465-3634).

**INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!** Come by, shop, and be welcoming to those from the community who will come through our doors!

## *What's With Those Bins?*

Family in Christ has several ongoing mission opportunities with one goal: to help those in need. On any given weekend, bins are placed at the entry doors with a specific outreach scheduled to receive items that will impact that ministry directly.

**Growing Home Ministry** serves homeless families or those at risk of being homeless, and is the focus each **1st weekend**: bring non-perishable food items, diapers, etc. to be distributed through their food pantry.

**Breaking Free**, sponsored by our Youth, is the **2nd weekend**, which addresses the needs of those living on the streets: toiletries/backpacks, etc.

**Dennehotso Clothing Drive** is the **3rd weekend**. Family in Christ has developed a partnership with a small Christian church in Navajo country near the Four Corners region. New, or gently used, clothing is collected each month and delivered a couple times a year. (see related article on next page)

**Operation Christmas Child** will be the **4th weekend** through November (as well as weekly in the Children's wing [west]). This annual ministry helps provide a shoebox of items for children in third world countries throughout the world. Donations of shoebox-sized plastic containers and any hygiene products, toys, drawing/coloring books, non-melting candies, etc. that will fit in them are needed.

If you are interested in helping any or all of these ministries, now you know what to bring which weekend. If only an item or two are donated from many people, collectively we can make a big difference.



## Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox time will be here before you know it. Help spread the love of Jesus this Christmas to a child in a third world country. Drop-off bins to collect socks, underwear, gloves, band aids, school supplies, hygiene products, small toys, non-melting candy and plastic shoe box size containers will be available each week in the Children's wing and the 4th Sunday of every month through November at the church entrances. 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).

## Angel Tree Christmas



Touch the lives of children who have an incarcerated parent by providing Christmas presents on behalf of that parent. Once again, Family in Christ will strive to sponsor 200 kids who live in the north metro area. Watch for the Angel Tree Christmas Trees in the Lobby by early November and select an ornament or two or three for specific clothing and fun gift ideas. If you would like to help make contact with the caregivers of these children, please contact Terry or Margie Bessler at 303-431-2988 or bessler@comcast.net.

*“Is this not the fast which I chose, To loosen the bonds of wickedness,  
To undo the bands of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free, And break every yoke?  
Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry, And bring the homeless poor into the house,  
When you see the naked, to cover him, And not to hide yourself from your own flesh?”*

Isaiah 58:6-7

## Dennehotso Children’s Winter Clothing Drive

We, at Family in Christ, have seen a glimpse into how God’s heart aches for the Navajo people of Dennehotso, AZ. They struggle under great spiritual oppression and darkness; and we are joining in God’s work “to loosen the bonds” and to “break every yoke.”



Starting October 3, we will be meeting at the church on the first Monday of every month to pray and ask God to break every spiritual hindrance to these people understanding, receiving, and living in God’s freedom. If God is moving in your heart to work with us on behalf of the Navajo people, please join us for prayer on October 3 or any other first Monday at 6:30 pm.

God has already shown us one way that we can help loosen the bonds of poverty. Two years ago on their way to visit family at Christmas, John & Linda Meyer stopped by Dennehotso to see Pastor Allen & Virginia Mitchell and others from Dennehotso Bible Church. On entering one house, they were shocked to see the children still in their summer attire plus only a sweatshirt. They were wrapped in thin blankets and huddled around a small propane burner as the snow swirled around their uninsulated clapboard house. The Meyers left the Christmas food baskets they had taken, and immediately upon returning to Family in Christ, they organized the first winter clothing drive.

This will be our third year to take down warm winter clothing for the children of Dennehotso. Children of all ages (infant-teens) need the following: heavy coats, warm jackets, gloves, scarves, hats, wool socks, blankets. As you go through your own children’s winter clothing that your kids have outgrown, as you see winter clothing sales and can purchase these items, if you have a business connection who could donate winter items, we will be collecting such items during October for these Navajo children. Our normal collection is the second Sunday of each month, but please contact Denise Martin (denise@familyinchrist.com) any time in October with your donations. She could also use lots of help with sorting and packing the clothing. If you, your family, or your small group could donate some time in October, please contact Denise for details.

Join us on the adventure of following God’s heart for a hurting world.

*“And the Lord will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places,  
And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden,  
And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.”*

Isaiah 58:11



# Family in Christ Student Ministries - Grades 6 – 12

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**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

**R**each and  
**E**quip teens to  
**S**erve,  
**P**raise, and  
**E**xperience  
**C**hrist  
**T**ogether

## Fun time with your Recharge team!

Saturday, October 1, each of the Recharge teams (small groups) will be doing something fun together! Pick up a flyer in the youth room.

### Sunday Morning Series

We'll be finishing a series with fun games and an exciting study on the book of 2 Timothy. We'll also be spending most of October on a study and project called T3 (Time, Talent, Treasure) that is all about stewardship.

### Youth Nights in October

We'll have lots of fun getting to know each other during recharge groups (small groups) on **October 16**. The topics in October are Relationships (friends and dating) and Prayer.

### Fun Event & Lock-In

Friday, October 28, we will be having a lock in and fun event. Please mark your calendar and look for details in the youth room.



*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).

# Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

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



## The WoRM

The WoRM has returned at 9:00 and 10:30 Sunday mornings. 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:

- October: Paul (continues from September)
- 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.



Kids and their families and friends are invited to a free **Family Fall Fest** to experience a Rootin'-Tootin' good time on **Sunday, October 30** from **12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**. Children of all ages are invited for a special lunch and treat, fun carnival games and a neat Fall craft to take home. Come dressed in your favorite western duds or another fun, friendly costume. Saddle up your trusty steed, and join the fun.

We have had an amazing start to our 2011-2012 MOPS year! If you haven't made it to our meetings yet it isn't too late to join. We will have meetings on **October 6** and **October 20** running from 9am to 11:30am (childcare provided). There will be food, creative activities, fellowship, videos and a whole lot of fun. We hope you can join us!



For more information on FIC MOPS: [mops@familyinchrist.com](mailto:mops@familyinchrist.com).

## Little Lambs Nursery Ministry

infants & toddlers /0- 4 years  
Angela Schenk, Director  
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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 would be interested in helping in the nursery, please contact Angela. We can always use people of every generation to love on and care for the many beautiful children of God entrusted to us.

Please see the Craft Fair article on Page 2 to learn how you can help with the café fundraiser for the nursery.



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.

Next MOMSnext meeting: Monday, **October 24** from **6 to 8 pm**  
**Dinner & childcare provided**

For more information, contact: [momsnext@familyinchrist.com](mailto:momsnext@familyinchrist.com)  
or Christine Geerts at 720-560-0388

## Fresh Air Service Opportunities



Enjoy a day outside as we work together to make Family in Christ's grounds look great; join us for our **Fall Work Day—Saturday, October 8** from 8:00 am - ? We plan to put new bedding covers down and apply new mulch. The mulch is free through the Broomfield Recycle Center; we will need some trucks to pick it up. If anyone can help get mulch during the week of October 3, it would be wonderful to have it here and ready to go on that Saturday. A Broomfield address (you or someone with you) is required. We also will be aerating the south lawn and fertilizing all the grounds. If time permits, we will work on trimming the bushes, pulling weeds and general winterization of the grounds. This is a time that the whole family could work together and help make the outside look great. The more people we have, the more we can get done and the better our church home will look. Please look for the sign up in the bulletin or contact Denise at [denise@familyinchrist.com](mailto:denise@familyinchrist.com) or 303-466-7770 ext. 207.

Winter is just around the corner and that usually means SNOW. This year we are going



to try something new for the snow removal by having an **on call list**. By this, we are hoping to have people say when it snows, give me a call and I will be able to help. I will especially need to know if there are any individuals who can help during the week. There will be a sign up in an upcoming bulletin for this, as well. If you can help or have questions please feel free to contact Denise at [denise@familyinchrist.com](mailto:denise@familyinchrist.com) or 303-466-7770 ext. 207.

## Book Club News

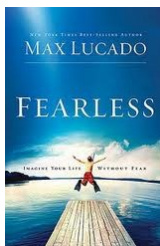
The book for October 17 meeting at 7:00 pm is *Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold. We meet at the home of Sherry McLeod (303-466-0634). Our book for November is *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. New members are always welcome.

## Men's Ministry

Calling all MEN...The Men's Ministry is inviting you to join us as we continue on with Max Lucado's study about what it is like to live FEARLESSLY in a world that is constantly finding itself in a state of turmoil or tragedy. Would you like to live FEARLESSLY? Then join us October 11. We meet at Family in Christ Church from 6:45 - 8:15 pm. The evening will entail fellowship; a short video presentation of the FEARLESS topic for the evening, and great discussion. We look forward to seeing you.

"Fear is nothing to be afraid of - - - it's just the door we push through to get to the other side."

Ann Voskamp



*Fall is here!* Vacations come to an end. Routines start up again. For many of us life settles back to some sense of a normal pattern. The beginning of Fall is an opportunity for us to take an inventory of the patterns that we live with.

*How fulfilling are your weekly routines?* Are the patterns in your life leading you to live what Jesus calls *life Abundantly*? Eternity is now. We have been invited to dine with the King and he wants to share with us his plans for the Kingdom. There is no room in our lives for empty monotony or selfish distractions. If you are involved in a Life Group, make this more than a regular get together but an occasion to witness God's greatness!

***If you are not involved in a Life Group,  
make the decision to join one today!***

We've recently had **three new Life Groups** begin among the many of the ongoing groups that you are welcome to visit: Jerry and Carol Chesser started a group for **empty-nesters**, Ian and Jessica Schlesinger are beginning a group for **parents with young kids**, and Rick Williamson is beginning a group for **singles**. Over the next few months we will be taking a closer look at these groups.

If you would like to know more about these or any of the groups available to you check out the website at [www.familyinchrist.com/life-groups](http://www.familyinchrist.com/life-groups).

***Don't settle for empty routines this fall,  
live life abundantly!***

## Women's Ministry



3rd Annual  
Family in Christ  
Women's Retreat  
October 21, 22, 23  
at the Fountains at Loveland  
with speaker Sharon Sands  
of Passionate Heart  
Ministries

### Theme: Reclaiming Joy

Join us as we journey to claim the gift of Joy that our Lord longs for us to have in relationship with Him.

Don't miss the opportunity to take time from your daily schedule to get in touch with God and to connect with other women in a relaxing and FUN environment. We give you permission to take this personal time and to be yourself! Believe us - everyone around you will be glad you did!

#### Pricing:

- Solo Room = \$235 (room alone w/ king bed - the ultimate escape!)
- 2 person Room = \$160/person (room with one other - each have own queen bed)
- 3 person Room = \$135/person (two people share a queen bed - other has queen to herself)
- 4 person room = \$115/person (two pairs share two queen beds) \*\*We call this the "BFF" option!\*\*

Included in the pricing are accommodations for two nights, continental breakfast buffet each morning, a catered dinner Saturday evening and participation in all of the events/sessions for the retreat.

Register online or complete a form available at the Family in Christ information table. Completed forms and payment can be placed in Judy Jordan's mailbox.

Registrations and payments are due by **October 9!** Payment arrangements are available, if necessary. Please contact Char Campbell at 303-464-1894.

For more information or to volunteer to help out - please contact Kimberly Jongeian at [jonge5@comcast.net](mailto:jonge5@comcast.net) or 720-364-6734.

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

  
Young Adults at  
Family in Christ

Do you feel  
like you are in  
survival mode?

*Struggling* against feeling like you are acting and behaving in ways unfitting for a chosen child of God? *Grasping* for what you think you need rather than trusting in His provision? *Wondering* where your fulfillment comes from? We are, too. As young adults who are faced with constantly changing lives, we live in a world that offers magical fixes to all our problems yet find that there is always a residual emptiness. God promises so much more - He promises a life not characterized by simply surviving, but *thriving*. Join us as we spend time preparing for our **Annual Retreat (October 7-9)** by diving into the mythical comforts the world has to offer while seeking the truth of God's provision for our lives.

The **Ascent Young Adults Ministry** at Family in Christ meets **Monday evenings** from 6-8:30 at the Christie home (11779 Gray Way, Westminster). We would love to have you join us if you are in your 20s or 30s and are looking for a 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).

## Women's Bible Study

*In God, I'm Ready to Walk in Faith*

Thelma Wells, affectionately dubbed "Mama T," explains to women how they can prepare their hearts for success, contentment, and purpose as she moves them toward God's promises. When women step out in faith, submitting their goals and dreams to God, they find a faith that surpasses their highest expectations. So...put on your shoes, step out, and get ready to win! Held at Char Campbell's home, 11812 Eaton Way. Contact Stacy Parriott, [720-929-9433](tel:720-929-9433)

## Sunrise Outreach

Come join us for tea the **first Saturday** of the month at Sunrise Assisted Living (103rd and Sheridan) from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. We share tea, treats and conversation, sometimes a little singing, and sometimes a short devotional. We welcome anyone who would like to come. The ladies at the assisted living really enjoy the time we spend with them. Questions? Call Suzy Petla at 303-518-1304.

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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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## Navigators Update

Ibrahim and Mary Shalhoub

Our staff and teams throughout Egypt are engaged in new dialog since the recent revolution.

\* Three Emams (Muslim clerics) were sent to our staff for religious dialog. They are from a fundamental and militant village. After a few months of discussion and Bible studies, the lead Emam decided to follow Jesus Christ. One of the Jr. Emams is reluctant, yet is studying the Bible with the lead Emam.

\* A lady member of our team took a taxi to attend the monthly meeting and dialog was going on between her and the male taxi driver. After 10 minutes, she arrived to her destination and attempted to leave the car. The driver asked her "Will you please stay and teach me more about Christ." She stayed for another hour, and gave him a Bible. People are hungry for the truth.

\* Internet is booming among our teams as a vehicle to dialog. One young man told me "my goal is to reach the Emams only. So I started face book invitations and now I have 47 Emams asking questions and sharing from the safety of their homes."

Loving people in the way of Christ is not only being witnesses in words and emotional support, but also helping the needy and supporting the poor to a road of financial freedom:

I visited a village that consisted of Muslims and Coptic Christians and what an experience to see many families that took a loan and started small businesses. The money collected stays in the village until project saturation occurs, then it goes to another village.

An Emam of a different village came to Dr Emad and told him: "Dr, I see Jesus in your eyes", and then took out a small book from his hidden pocket and said "I read this Bible every day, thank you for investing in our village" We are praying for ways to "link" Muslim seekers such as this Emam either to one of our internet sites or through training Christians of the village.

**Thank you for partnering with us and helping to advance God's Kingdom in Egypt.**

## 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 **Friday, October 28**. For more information, call Cheryl Holliday at 303-438-9081.

### 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.