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Family Picnic A Note From Tim DeFor

You get into a car a few minutes late, but finally you are off. A watermelon on the floor, directions from Google Maps on the seat next to you. Days before you were unsure if you were going, but you decided to risk it. As you drive your thoughts wander, "I wonder who will be there. It has been a while since we have all been together. Last time, someone got a watermelon stuck on their head. I wish I would have stayed in touch better." A while later you pull into the park and see some familiar faces coming out from under the picnic shelter. A quick scan reveals more children than you remember, more serving tables, and lots of smiles. People are glad you are there. You are met at the car by a young man who energetically carries the watermelon to a cooler of ice. At the shelter you are greeted by hugs, "how are you?"s, and "it's good to see you"s. You see someone you didn't expect whom you've known for years, but have never seen at the family reunion. After a couple minutes of tracing connections, both of you are surprised to discover you are family! How cool is that?! As you mingle with others you had not met before you gravitate to a few people you hit it off with. Some of them are friends of family, others married in. You are all glad to discover that you live pretty close to each other. You don't know it yet, but years down the road you and your future best friends will reminisce about meeting at a family picnic. Driving home you think, that was great. I'm so glad I went. That wasn't so bad after all. In fact, it was great.



Last year's All Church Family Picnic was a lot of fun with lots of people eating, laughing, playing, and visiting. It was a highlight of 2012. It was encouraging and fun. It was family and friends. This year it will be great again. Some people who were first introduced to FCC through the All Church Family Picnic are now part of the family.

Some people would not feel comfortable walking into a new church on a Sunday morning for several reasons. Many people like to be with friends and not strangers, distrust people they don't know, have been hurt by "church people," may not like to go to unfamiliar places, or are afraid of the unknown. The ACFP is a great way to introduce someone to FCC for the first time. Invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member, someone who may join you for a picnic with friends. They may not know FCC, but they know you, and they might just say yes. They may have been hurt, but they trust you. Think for a moment, "Who would I invite to a picnic?" Got their name? Good. Now make a mental note. The next time I pick up my cell phone I'm going to call or text _____ and invite them to the picnic.

Your guest may have the "You are part of this family?" experience with others. They may even connect with new friends who will walk through life with them. I'm sure they will realize that it wasn't scary. Who knows, because of you, they may someday reminisce with you, "Remember that picnic you invited me to out behind the church building..."

Tim

Sunday Morning Programming:

Sunday morning programming is available at both our 9:30am and 11:00am services and beginning September 8th at our 8:00am service as well.

8:00 Family Service (Beginning September 8th)

Nursery: Infant to Preschool

Children's Church: Kindergarten through 4th grade

9:30 and 11:00 Services

Nursery: Infant to 23 Months

Sunday School: 2 years through Preschool

Sunday Morning JAM: Kindergarten through 4th grade



Sunday School is available during the 11:00 service for 5th through 12th grade students. (Beginning September 8, these classes will meet at 9:30)

Family Fun Night and Outdoor Movie: August 8

6:45 PM—Morningstar Preschool Orientation

7:00 PM—Outdoor Games & Family Fun

8:30 PM—Outdoor Movie PREMIER!

Come enjoy a super family fun night with outdoor games, snow cones, popcorn and much more. Bring a lawn chair or outdoor blanket.

Fun for the whole family!!!



Summer FUEL Meetings: Wednesdays 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Every Wednesday evening until September 4, please join us at Mike and Jennifer Mayfield's house for Bible study, swimming, volleyball and just an excuse to be together. Bring yourself, your Bible, and your friends. The Mayfield's address is 84704 556 Ave. (4 miles north of 1st and Benjamin) Contact Marshal with any questions at (402) 371-5734 or fccmarshal@conpoint.com.

Pizza With The Pastors: August 7

If you are new to FCC or have been visiting for a while, and you are willing to eat a meal with these people, join us on Wednesday, August 7 at 6:00 pm for a pizza dinner for your family, on us! Our pastors would like to get to know you and give you a chance to get to know them. Please call us at 402-371-5734 or email fcc@conpoint.com to let us know you will be there so we can know how much pizza to provide.



All Church Family Picnic: Sunday, August 25

4:00—6:00 PM Games and Activities

6:00 PM — Meal

FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP for EVERYONE! The church provides the meat and the drinks. Please sign up so we can get a count of how many to cook for. Sign up also to bring a side dish, dessert or chips. We need help setting up and cleaning up. Please sign up if you will help. Please bring a lawn chair.



Baptism Forum: August 14

August 14 at 6:00 pm in the Chapel. This is an informal get-together with Tim DeFor to talk about baptism. He will answer your questions and share Biblical passages and examples. Everyone is welcome to attend and discussion is encouraged. This is a great opportunity if you want to learn more about baptism. Call the church office at 402-371-5734 or email us at fcc@conpoint.com to sign up.

Monday Morning And Monday Evening Fall Bible Studies

Ladies, both the Monday morning and the Monday evening Bible studies will be doing the Beth Moore study, *The Law of Love*. Books cost \$10. This is a 6 session study with a new format. The videos are a little longer and there is very little homework. Everyone is welcome to join either Bible study. The Monday evening Bible study meets from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and will begin on Monday, August 19. The Monday morning study meets 9:00 - 11:00 am. and will begin September 9.

Men's Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI) Golf Outing: August 17

The 2013 ISI Men's Golf Outing will be Saturday, August 17 starting at 9:00 am at Fairplay Golf Course. It will be a 4 man best ball event. Sign up with your 4 man team, or sign up as an individual player and we will assign you to a team. Get ready for a fun day of golf. The cost is \$40 that includes 18 holes, hole prizes and sack lunch. Sign up at the Connection Center. Sign up deadline is Sunday, August 11.



Meals On Wheels

FCC is helping with Meals on Wheels August 19 - September 13. If you can help take a route please contact Elaine Werner at 402-371-9065.

2013 Missions



Deaf Missions' purpose is to effectively communicate the Gospel of Jesus with deaf people. The three primary ways we do this have remained the same ever since the 1970s!

I figured when I replaced Duane King as the Director of Deaf Missions in the fall of 2007 that my job was to NOT mess things up! Furthermore, I have decided NOT to take the advice of Tim Allen of Home Improvement, "If it ain't broke, fix it anyway!" Deaf Missions ain't broke and does not need any fixing. As we have for decades, we continue to...

Create and distribute Bible visuals for deaf people. *The Bible: ASL Version* is an accurate translation from the original Hebrew and Greek texts into American Sign Language that is presented on video. The

New Testament has been completed and about 40 percent of the Old Testament is also available. Approximately 22,000 *Daily Devotions for the Deaf* booklets are mailed three times a year. The devotions in the booklets are in simple English and also available for viewing in sign language on our website. *Big Bible Stories in American Sign Language* is a video series for deaf children. So far, we have completed the episodes of Ruth, Gideon, Abraham, Elijah and Jonah. We are currently working on the episode of Josiah.



Train Christians to minister with deaf people. The International Bible Training Center is a three-year program preparing people to become preachers, missionaries and evangelists to impact deaf people throughout the world. This past spring, Deaf Missions trained and encouraged about 250 sign language interpreters who came to our Christian Interpreters Conference. Next spring we will conduct a training conference for preachers of the deaf and Deaf ministry leaders.



Work personally with deaf people. We had a team reach out to deaf orphans in Haiti this past spring. Another team recently returned from a five-week mission outreach to deaf orphans and adults in Kenya, Africa. Deaf elementary, middle and high school students are being taught the Bible at our weekly classes at Iowa School for the Deaf just a couple miles down the road from Deaf Missions in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Duane and

Peggy continue to minister through Operation SERVE, a ministry to Start and Encourage Deaf churches, to Revive the souls of deaf people, to Visit supporters of Deaf Missions and to Enlist new workers.

Chad Entinger
Executive Director Deaf Missions

Children's & Youth Ministry



**JAM Clubs Fall Kick Off
Wednesday, September 4**



**FUEL Fall Kick Off
Sunday, September 8**

Sunday Activities

Adult Bible Fellowship Classes

If you are interested in going through the Bible come on in to one of these classes.

8:15 am

Subject: 2 Peter
Location: FUEL Room
Group: Adults

11:00 am

Subject: Galatians
Location: Chapel
Group: Adults

Children & Youth Classes

Nursery (Fully Staffed)

9:30—Noon
Birth—2 years
West Hallway

Preschool

9:30—Noon
2-3's & 4-5's
West Hallway

Elementary School Sunday Morning JAM

9:30—Noon
K—4th grades
North Hallway

Middle School

11:00—Noon
5—6th grades
North Hallway

Jr. / Sr. High Class

11:00—Noon
7—12th grades
FUEL Room

8:00 a.m. Sunday Service

Leader: Randall Coffin
Piano: Romona Noble

Communion Meditation:
Guy Kleinsasser

Usher: Don Schmidt

Songs:

10 O Worship The King
29 Glorify Thy Name
418 I Need Thee Every Hour
195 Nothing But The Blood

9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services

Praise Team
Piano: Josh Bleich
Electric: Gary Erickson
Drums: Kirbi Gall
Bass: Matt Schmeckpeper
Vocals: Julie DeFor, Keriann DeFor
Lead Vocals / Acoustic: Greg Springer

Communion Meditation: Scott Dodson

Usher: 9:30 11:00
 Glen VanDyke Dick Field

Songs:

Prayer

Ricky Geu—FRHS stroke recovery

Suzi Chipps—Health concerns

Aubriann Keith—(Alyssa Christiansen's niece) 2 months old, high blood pressure and needs to eat and gain weight

James Lecomte—Madonna Rehab, long term care

Betty Mueller—(Kevin Mueller's mom) Broken hip, at Bel-Air

Kenny Mueller—(Kevin Mueller's dad) Recovering at Bel-Air

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Attendance

Worship: 28, 211, 188 (427)
Pre-K: 53
JAM Town: 82
5-6th grade: 16
Jr. / Sr. High: 30
Total attendance: 588

Other Attendance

Adult Bible Fellowship: 39
Bel Air: 18
Golden Living: 29

General Fund

Budgeted weekly: \$11,140
Received: \$9,616
Budgeted ytd: \$334,200
Received ytd: \$365,486

Debt Service

Needed Weekly: \$2,600
Loan Payment: \$11,300
Received this week: \$1,004
Received this month: \$3,897

Mission Giving

Missions this week: \$2,492
Missions this month: \$7,739