

THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR



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Annual Meeting 2010

Notice is here-by giving for First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Colorado Springs, Colorado. We will be meeting on **June 27, 2010** on or about 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Signed, Bruce E. Smith, Moderator

Colorado law requires and good communication would advise that we hold an "annual business meeting." At the same time I would urge us to continue to think about this about this and other such opportunities very differently. In this or any of our church meetings, we are not just one more "non-profit" doing "business."

Yes, the church needs to be administered with good business practices in mind, but those never, ever are the most important definition of why we do such meetings. In these and other church meetings, what we are always seeking is to discern the will of God for us, to seek to know what God would have us do with our distinctive gifts, history, assets, people and talents for mission in the context in which God has put us! Our leadership has been seeking to remind us of just that -- in Board, Executive Committee, and other meetings there has been an intentional effort to do what one person has called "worshipful work" instead of just "business."

In that sense, then, our annual "congregational business meeting" is first of all an opportunity to think well and graciously together about how to best continue to do our work so that our opportunities to care for one another and to seek to share the Gospel with the hurting can be the best it can be!

As we come together on that last Sunday of June -- and in EVERY "church meeting" in which gather -- let us do so with joy at the opportunity for listening for the urgings of God and discerning the will of God. THAT'S our "business"!

Pastor Chuck

Worship Hours

Sunday Worship Service @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.

Annual Congregation Meeting

The Annual Congregation Meeting for the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Colorado Springs, Colorado will be held June 27, 2010, Church Fellowship Hall, 1215 pm. Notice of this meeting has been duly announced through various media. Church members are urged to attend and participate. Friends of the Congregation are invited to attend and observe.

A light lunch will be provided.

The Meeting is called for the purpose of:

- Election of Officers for the year 2010-2011.
- Consideration of a Trustees proposal.
- Any other business that may come before the membership.

The Nominating Committee proposes the following individuals to fill the noted positions:

Moderator: Bruce E. Smith
Vice-Moderator: Nancy May
Treasurer: Marcia Boutz
Secretary: Janet Delaney

Chair of Diaconate: Christy Apodaca
Youth Member At Large: Alec Pollard
Members At Large: Norm Heimer and Amanda Harders

Elders: Diane Ashton, Alan Pollard, Don Metz and Lenna Fajerman

Trustee: David Wells

The Trustees propose the following for Congregation action:

The Trustees move that: The Trustees will establish a "Building the Future Fund." This fund will contain a) the promissory note securing the sale of the Tejon Property, and b) all receipts from the note on the Tejon property. It is the intention of the Church that the principal payments received into the fund shall be preserved.

This action is proposed to assure the preservation of all principal payments whether received on or off schedule.

A NOTE FROM THE MODERATOR

The Church year 2009-2010 is almost complete. I have enjoyed my role as Moderator. The Congregation and its Board, ministries, committees, ad hoc groups and individuals have pursued purpose with peace. General Board meetings are friendly in tone, accomplish tasks and don't last forever! Pastor Blaisdell's arrival in October, 2009 began a new Pastoral adventure for us. His wisdom and experience are encouraging congregational growth, both spiritual and physical. All of us are becoming better at seeking the highest and best good for our Lord, for our neighbors and for ourselves. I anticipate and encourage this trend to continue and continue.

I close this greeting by expressing my appreciation for your support and encouragement to myself, the General Board, ministry opportunities and each other. May God choose to bless us as we properly discern His will and way.

Bruce E. Smith, Moderator

FCC/COS Board Meeting Devotional and Prayer by Matt Hesser

Change -- and No Change.....

Change, change, change: Living in today's society we are only too well-aware of changes everyday – some good, some bad: new buildings going up; roads, ramps, bridges, and overpasses being changed, rebuilt, rerouted and created; all, labeled as "progress". We have a new Minister, Choir Director and Children's Minister. Our sensitive environment is undergoing devastating change. We have changes in our country and the world with new countries and leaders evolving! Elected officials and a select few self-anointed leaders are being forced to resign due to their hypocritical and unfaithful behavior.

Computer and information technology – wow! I "need" a new laptop; I need Windows 7™; I "need" a faster internet connection; I need the newest cell phone, I-Pod®, I-Pad®, etc. Marriages and friendships end or change. We start a new business; we end a business; we start a new career; we are transferred to a new job and perhaps location; we retire; we become the caregiver for a parent; children move back home... Get the idea?

Isn't it nice to know there is someone who never changes: Someone who always loves; someone who is just, dependable – Jesus Christ?

He never changes: Hebrews 13:8 says: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever".

When relationships, jobs, family, and day-to-day situations in our lives seem overwhelming – seem to swirl over us like a tidal wave -- we need to remember that God is always there. He is always the same; we can count on him. He will never let us down.

Psalms 62:2 says: "He alone is my rock and my salvation. He is my fortress. I will never be shaken". All we are asked to do is to access his strength and resources. God never meant for us to live the Christian life alone, without fellowship and friends; but only God is always there for us.

His word is the same forever. He won't change the rules on us in mid-stream. Our society and culture has a way of changing its ideas of "right and wrong" – according to personal agendas, present circumstances and expediency! When I was a young man there was a general sense of right and wrong – even among non-believers. Today there is double-talk, "spin", greed, and self-aggrandizement!

Of course, none of these imperfections have only recently appeared – it has been that way since Adam and Eve!

However, God's word will always be the same: Matthew 24:35 says: "Heaven and earth may pass away, but my words will never pass away".

When we face the changes in our personal lives, the church, our country, and the world; may we remember our never changing God, whom we serve and are here tonight to do his work?

Let me close with one of my favorite "sayings" as our prayer:

God grant me the contentment to accept things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen. Anonymous

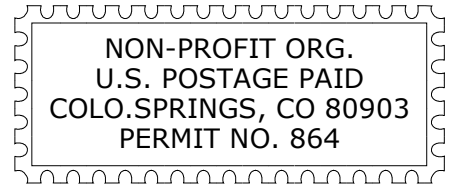
J. M. Hesser, Elder 2009-2012



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Rev. Charles (Chuck) Blaisdell

Senior Pastor

Ray Killian

Director of Music & Children's Ministry

Carol Wilson

Organist

Nate Thrasher

Youth Ministry Team Leader

Kathe Petersen

Administrative Assistant

Diana Serna

Bookkeeper—

Wedding Coordinator

Mon., Tues., Wed.

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Custodian

Laura Patino

Office Hours

Mon–Thurs 9–5:00 p.m.

Friday—9–2:00 p.m.

Inform & Inspire

The Visitor invites articles, notices, and letters relevant to the life of our congregation. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and correctness. Opinions expressed by writers do not necessarily reflect official FCC policy. For the next installment, please make submissions no later than the 15th of each month.

Suggest a title for your article and include the author's information (name, church role, and additional contact info). If at all possible, please include your article already typed up as Word attachment in your e-mail message to fcc@firstchristiancos.org



Vacation Bible
School

July 7,8,9, 2010