

# The BULLETIN

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## Welcome Guests

Please take a moment to fill out the Welcome Card in front of you. You can drop it off at our Connection Center in the lobby and receive up to date information, or drop the card in the offering plate as it is passed.

We are so glad you are here!



## The Story: Weekly Bible Reading

**Read by September 29:** Genesis 12-13; 15-17; 21-22; 32-33; 35; Romans 4; Hebrews 11

**Read by October 6:** Genesis 37, 39, 41-48; 50

Visit the website at [www.norfolkcc.org](http://www.norfolkcc.org) and click on "The Story" tab to view weekly small group lessons and Bible reading plan.

## Pizza With The Pastors: October 8

If you are a visitor or have recently began attending, you are invited to join us for a pizza dinner with the ministry staff and their families on **Tuesday, October 8 at 6:00 pm**. There is no cost to you. Bring your family. This is a fun opportunity for us to get to know you and you to get to know us. Please RSVP to Wendy in the church office at 402-371-5734 or by email to [fcc@conpoint.com](mailto:fcc@conpoint.com) so we know how many to



## Baptism Forum: October 14

**Monday, October 14 at 6:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome to participate in this informal class led by Tim DeFor. He will answer your questions about baptism and give Biblical examples. Please RSVP to Wendy in the office at 402-371-5734 or by email at [fcc@conpoint.com](mailto:fcc@conpoint.com).

## Meet Our Ministers



**Tim** DeFor Lead Minister

**Randall** Coffin Associate Minister

**Marshal** Hardy Youth Minister

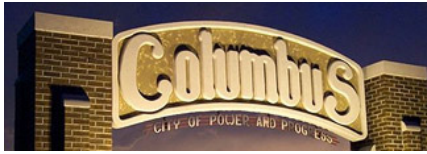
**Greg** Springer Worship Arts Minister

**Kristi** Carmichael Children's Minister



## A note from Lead Minister Tim DeFor Columbus, The New Church

A young merchant sailor named Christopher studied geography and listened to salty sea dogs tell tales. He became convinced he could cross the Atlantic from Portugal to Asia. He had a powerful conviction. He worked for nearly ten years to interest kings in his plan. Eventually Spanish rulers outfitted three ships and in 1492 he launched. It took 70 days to reach land, much longer than calculated, and when he did, he was not where he expected. He figured to travel 2,600 miles west to Japan. Instead they landed on a Bahaman island 4,000 miles from home. Columbus had found a new world.



Columbus, Nebraska was never the goal of Columbus the man. But now, this city named after the famous explorer is the site of another brave adventure. A new church will bring people to a different kind of riches than Columbus sought. The new church will

introduce people to the ultimate hope and adventure of life with Jesus Christ.

How long until the church in Columbus starts? I don't know for sure. Church plants often take longer than anticipated, but I do know we are getting closer every day.

We are beginning relationships with people in the area who are excited about this adventure. Let us know of people in or around Columbus who may be interested. We are gathering funds. Of the \$150,000 we need to launch, we have \$130,000 committed. FCC has committed \$42,000 over 42 months out of the general fund. This is one way your generosity helps share the message of Jesus. Soon there will be other hands on ways to be involved. Right now we are in the vital process of identifying the lead planter. Pray that God will lead us to the right person to steer this ship. Even with financing and a crew, without a captain Columbus there would not be a city Columbus.

*Tim*

## firstCHRISTIAN Community

### With Our Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers are with **Sharon Quigley** upon the passing of her husband Lynn Quigley on Monday, September 23. Services are Saturday, September 28 at 10:30 am at Stonacek Funeral Home.

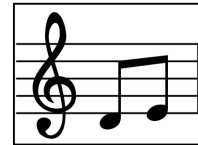
### Welcome Baby Boy

Congratulations to parents **Zachary & Jennifer Dartmann** and big sister **Caylyn** on the arrival of **Alistair William Briton Dartmann** on September 15. Please pray for Alistair as tests are being run.



### Hymnfest Sing-a-long: September 29

Sunday, September 29 at 2:00 pm. Enjoy your favorite hymns, followed by fellowship with pie and ice cream. Bill Miller will play piano and Jim Hopkins will lead our worship.



### Life Chain Sunday: October 6

Life Chain Sunday will be October 6. For more information call Janice at 402-750-0625

### The Kings & The Quartet: October 24

Please join us Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 pm for an inspirational evening with Duane & Peggy King and the Journey Men Quartet, fellowship with treats to follow the service.





## Creating Church Leaders

We are awakening to some sobering statistics about our country. There are approximately 300,000 churches in America. Only 10,000 are growing. In most communities, less than 25% of the population is in a church on a Sunday morning. We are closing more churches than we are planting. We believe the local Church is the hope of the world, and she needs great leaders like never before. Nebraska Christian's focus, now more than ever, is about one thing: creating church leaders.

The Institute for Church Leadership, on the campus of Nebraska Christian College, hosts events and small gathers with national ministry practitioners for three reasons:

1. Provide a place for alumni, local and regional church leaders to continue to grow through small gathers.
2. Give students face time with the best people out in the field doing ministry.
3. Help students build a network with church leaders.

Incoming and current students are encouraged to apply to become an Institute Leader (our version of an honors program). Institute Leaders having met the criteria, are given their senior year free and guaranteed a ministry job placement in a growing church upon graduation. Institute Leadership is marked by service and involvement in the culture of the college.

Visit their website to learn more: [www.nechristian.edu](http://www.nechristian.edu)

### Children's & Youth Ministry

Children's Minister: Kristi Carmichael [fcckristi@conpoint.com](mailto:fcckristi@conpoint.com)

Youth Minister: Marshal Hardy [fccmarshal@conpoint.com](mailto:fccmarshal@conpoint.com)

### Kids Clubs: Service Project & Contest Reminder

Parents, our Kid's Clubs are learning about service and helping others! Their service project this quarter is providing diapers for Bright Horizons, a safe place for women and children. Packages of diapers can be dropped off in the container in Kristi's office. Let's see which Kid's Club can bring in the most diapers!



### Trunk Or Treat

We welcome your participation in this fun fall family activity on **Sunday, October 27 from 4:00-5:30**. Opportunities to serve include decorating a trunk and handing out candy, serving snacks, setting up, or tearing down. **Donations are needed by Friday October 25 in Kristi's office**. If you have questions or want to volunteer, contact Kristi at [fcckristi@conpoint.com](mailto:fcckristi@conpoint.com).



### Christmas Program Placements: October 16

It seems too early to be talking about Christmas, but it's just around the corner. On **Wednesday, October 16**, we will hold Christmas Program Placements for JAM Clubs. Kids will be placed in one of the 8 clubs based on their top choices and areas of interest. Drama placement will be offered first to 4th graders then 3rd graders, etc. This is an important date for your child to attend clubs! Practices will be held on Wednesday nights. The program will be on December 8 with a full dress rehearsal practice on December 7.



The Christmas program is one of the highlights of the year for JAM Clubs and LiL'K. The kids spend 6 weeks preparing in: drama, set design, hospitality, singing, sign language and more! It is a great way for the kids to use their talents, learn new skills and be a part of the Christmas celebration.

As we meet Abram and Sarai we begin to realize that God can use anyone. With God's truth guiding our lives, we experience hope that God can do great things through anyone...including us!

**Read on Your Own:** Genesis 12-13, 15-17, 21-22, 32-33, 35; Romans 4; Hebrews 11

**Talk About It In a Group**

Tell about a time something in your life developed that was totally unexpected.

**Discussion**

1. A common response when God called an individual was to provide reasons they were not the right person. What are some of the common excuses still used today when a person wants to avoid the leading of God?
2. When God called Abram, God was asking Abram to partner with him. In this partnership, God promised to do specific things and Abram was to do specific things. Read Genesis 12:1-5 and determine God's part and Abram's part in this great adventure?
3. Sarah thought God was moving too slow and may not fulfill his promise in the "nation building project." Too help, Sarah gave her handmaid to Abraham to bear a child. Give some examples of ways we jump ahead of God's timing for our lives in an effort to "help" God.
4. Abraham and Sarah chose to follow God by faith and trust that he would build a nation through them-and he did. What step of faith is God calling you to take now, but you are still waiting or even resisting? What can you do to take a trust-filled step and move forward in this area of your life?

**Personal Reflections**

Can you identify times that God called you to step out in faith? Think about the missed opportunities compared to those you followed with confidence. Ask God to give you a clear understanding of his leading for the future.

**Personal Action**

Abraham surrendered his most precious possessions to God. Compile a list of 5-10 things that are your most prized possessions. Offer each item on your list to God.

**Get Ahead:** Genesis 37; 39; 41-48; 50

# Sunday Activities

## Adult Bible Fellowship Classes

**9:30 am**  
Subject: The Story  
Location: Chapel

**11:00 am**  
Subject: The Story  
Location: Chapel

**New Class Times**

**Everyone is welcome,  
please join us!**

## Children & Youth Classes

### **Nursery (Fully Staffed)**

9:30—12:15  
Birth—2 years  
West Hallway

### **Preschool**

9:30—12:15  
2-3's & 4-5's  
West Hallway

### **Elementary School**

**JAM Town**  
9:30—12:15  
K—4th grades  
North Hallway

### **Middle School**

9:30—10:30  
5—6th grades  
North Hallway

### **Jr. / Sr. High Class**

9:30—10:30  
7—12th grades  
FUEL Room

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## Worship Services: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:11 am

### **Praise Team**

Piano: **Josh Bleich**

Bass: **Matt Schmeckpeper**

Drums: **Lee Clark**

Vocals: **Keriann DeFor, Judi Letheby, Joy Parkinson**

Lead Vocals / Acoustic: **Mike Frohberg**

Usher: 8:00                      9:30                      11:00  
          Guy Kleinsasser    Kevin Mueller    Lou Siefker

Songs:

### **Prayer**

Alistair Dartmann: Zachary & Jennifer Dartmann's newborn son, needs further blood work  
Suzi Chipps—Health concerns  
Terri Hekrdle—FRHS fighting infection  
James Lecomte—Madonna Rehab, long term care  
Stu Nelson—Hip Surgery recovery  
Phyllis Siecke—Medical procedures

People of Northeast Nebraska who are far from God - for FCC to welcome them

**If you have a prayer request to submit for The Bulletin,  
please call the church office at 402-371-5734  
or send an email to Randall at [fccrandall@conpoint.com](mailto:fccrandall@conpoint.com).**

### **September 22, 2013**

#### **Attendance**

Worship: 80, 207, 203, (490)  
Pre-K: 76  
JAM Town: 56  
5-6th grade: 11  
Total attendance: 633

#### **Other Attendance**

Adult Bible Fellowship: 234  
Jr. / Sr. High: 38  
Bel Air: no service  
Golden Living: 22

#### **General Fund**

Budgeted weekly: \$11,140  
Received: \$11,774  
Budgeted ytd: \$423,320  
Received ytd: \$468,674

#### **Debt Service**

Needed Weekly: \$2,600  
Loan Payment: \$11,300  
Received this week: \$1,581  
Received September: \$4,881

#### **Mission Giving**

Missions this week: \$1,348  
Missions September: \$6,651