

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## BRU'S NEWS

It's not the jewelry I would have chosen to wear, but it fit Coach John Scolinos well. Giving a speech before thousands of fellow baseball coaches, John Scolinos – a retired college baseball coach with a long and storied career – wore a full-size home plate hanging from a string around his neck. Twenty five minutes into his speech, Scolinos still had not mentioned the fact that he had a home plate bouncing off his chest. Just about the time many thought he might have forgotten it was there, he said, "You're probably all wondering why I'm wearing home plate around my neck." He proceeded by asking, "Do you know how wide home plate is in Little League?" He continued through the leagues – Babe Ruth, High School, College, Minor League, Major League – and the answer was the same throughout: 17 inches.

Scolinos continued, "And what do they do with a Big League pitcher who can't throw the ball over 17 inches? They don't say, 'Ah, that's okay, Jimmy. If you can't hit a 17-inch target, we'll make it 18 inches or 19 inches. We'll make it

20 inches so you have a better chance of hitting it. If you can't hit that, let us know so we can make it wider still, say 25 inches.'"

As a sports fan myself, I am often amazed at the kinds of life truth that emerge from the game played with a bat and a ball. God has put a standard in place that is consistent across all times and cultures – the standard of truth. And just like that 17 inch home plate, the standard does not change simply because we do not like it. Many seek to widen the truth simply to accommodate their own preferences, lifestyles, and desires, but truth by its nature refuses to bend, break, or widen. I hope that, as Christians, we are always known as people who stand for truth because we are a people who stand for Him.

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" –John 14:6 (NIV)

Serving Jesus together,  
Brian

## CHURCH EVENTS

- June 12 – Early Summer Cross Training #5
- June 16 – Father's Day, No Evening Service
- June 16 – Singing at Heartland 1:00
- June 17 – No Ladies Bible Study
- June 19 – Early Summer Cross Training #6
- June 21 – Day Camp (K-1st)
- June 23 – Singing at Eastwood
- June 23 – CIY Parent/Student Meeting
- June 24 – Ladies Bible Study 10:00
- June 26-28 – 2nd and 3rd Grade Camp
- June 30-July 3 – 4th and 5th Grade Camp



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# FCC KIDS...



**VBS**  
**2019**



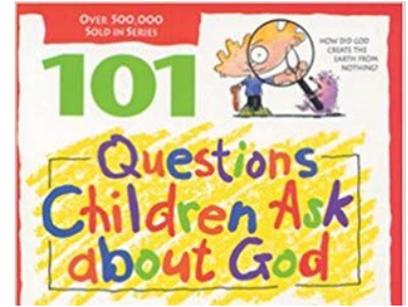
**July 22-26, 6:30-8:45pm**

Pre-registration begins this Sunday! Please sign up at the table in the foyer or online at [www.fccmiamiok.myanswers.com](http://www.fccmiamiok.myanswers.com).

### Still Need

- \* Small Group Leaders: 3 Adults
- \* Small Group Helpers: 5 Teens or Adults
- \* Recreation Helpers: 2 Teens or Adults
- \* Worship Team: Teens or Adults
- \* Toilet Paper Rolls

**Wednesday**  
**Nights**  
**6:45-8:00**



**Ways to connect with your child's lessons from Sunday:**

- \* Download the Free Parent Cue App
- \* Pick up a Parent Cue sheet at our Check-In Counter
- \* Watch lessons on <http://studio252.tv/fun2watch>
- \* Visit their website: <https://theparentcue.org>



# FCC YOUTH

Congratulations to CYOKAMO'S Middle School Camper of the Week, Eli Boyd!!



### ATTENTION ALL 6-12 GRADE STUDENTS

Please consider joining us for Sunday School—Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Party!!

High School:  
Come join us as we study the book of James.



# CIY

July 8th-July 12th

This year's CIY is in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Theme: To Be Continued



**CIY Parent and Student Meeting:** Parents and students planning to go to CIY Nebraska this year, please mark your calendar for **June 23rd**. We will have a meeting at **4:00pm in the PARTY (Youth) Room** to discuss leave times, what to pack, skip a meal destination, and to give you time to ask any questions you might have.



## STAFF

Senior Minister  
Associate Minister  
Youth Minister  
Children's Director  
Creative Arts Director  
Secretary  
Financial Secretary

Brian S. Brubaker  
Jerad Joslin  
Lance Corter  
Kristen Steele  
Brandon Foster  
Amanda Bryson  
Francine Ogle

## ELDERS

Mark Folks  
Ryan Gleaves  
Mark Grigsby  
George Hubbard

Steve Hudspeth  
Paul Johnson  
Bruce Rhodes  
Cecil Walker

## DEACONS

Joe Bryson  
Bill Crawford  
Brian Garrett  
Larry Gatewood  
Chip Hammons  
Keith Karsten

George Marshall  
Mark Namestka  
Richard Patterson  
Kaleb Smith  
Chris Windle

## ATTENDANCE

	<u>6/2</u>	<u>6/9</u>
8:30 Service	292	266
Sunday School	272	268
10:45 Service	186	175
Evening	136	132
Baby Nursery	5	6
Toddlers	6	6
Preschool	8	7
PowerZone	37	33
Middle School	12	7
High School	18	16
Town & Campus	11	7
New Beginnings	21	31
Koinonia	29	30
Step By Step	18	20
New Life	13	16
Berean	19	21
Sooners	25	26
Martin Fellowship	12	8
Discovery	14	14
Purpose Driven	20	17
Other	4	3

## LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT—MARCIA KRUSE



One of the busiest people in Ottawa County the last few weeks has been Marcia Kruse. Of course, if you know Marcia, you know she is a "doer," not a "sitter." She likes to be busy doing things that matter. Personally, I think she would give the Energizer Bunny a run for her money!

Currently, Marcia is the Interim Director of the Ottawa County Salvation Army. When you hear that name, you are likely to think of the red bucket and sound of a bell ringing during the holiday season. Those donations, along with donations from individuals and churches throughout the year, help the Salvation Army provide a local food pantry, clothing, home furnishings and some utility assistance within our community. They also provide significant disaster response and assistance, in cooperation with the Red Cross and United Way.

In the last few weeks, we have seen this important role firsthand with the flooding and the Red Cross Shelter that we hosted in our building. During this time, the Salvation Army scheduled and provided meals for those displaced by the flooding and those staying in the shelter. They also provided clothing, bedding, and necessities for those affected.

Marcia retired after 30 years in education, spending about half of those years as a math and science teacher and half as an administrator for the Wyandotte and Afton school districts.

Marcia and her sister, Miriam, grew up as pastor's kids with both of their parents, Bob and Edith Williams, serving in the Friends and Disciples of Christ churches. While attending Wyandotte High School, Marcia met Larry. They have been married for 45 years and have 2 kids, Mark and Joni, and 4 grandkids.

With a heart for the needy, Marcia has a passion for helping struggling families, even if it is just a little bit to help them get through the month. She says that when she sees those families that truly appreciate what Salvation Army has done for them, it makes it all worth the effort and helps her keep going.

The Salvation Army Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-12:00, and their office is in the former Mom's Café building at 217 W. Steve Owens Blvd. If you are interested in helping, they can always use direct donations, or you can check with them for specific needs the currently families have. Or you can volunteer to help on food pantry days by texting or calling Marcia at 918-961-0608. Amanda also has a list of current needs in the church office.

Thank you to Marcia and the Salvation Army for all you do for our community!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hannah Linton was baptized into Christ on June 2nd! She is the daughter of Matt and Marla Linton. Please congratulate Hannah next time you see her!



We would like to say thanks for all the cards, prayers, and food after my surgery. Thanks to Jerad for coming to pray with me before my surgery. We appreciate Jerad, Lance, and Brandon, helping to move us in and out during the flood. We love and appreciate our church family.

-Bill and Jeannette Robertson

## CAMP CYOKAMO

- \* Day Camp (K and 1st) – June 21. Meet at FCC on Friday, June 21st at 9:30. \$15
- \* 2nd and 3rd Grade Camp – June 26-28. Meet at FCC on Wed, June 26th at 1:00. \$45.
- \* 4th & 5th Grade Camp – June 30-July 3. Meet at FCC on Sun, June 30 at 1:00. \$55



Delanie Robyler was baptized into Christ on June 6th at Camp CYOKAMO! She is the daughter of Josh and Rachel Robyler and Heather and Jason Flannigan. Please congratulate Delanie next time you see her!



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## SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services  
8:30 AM, 10:45 AM, 6:00 PM  
Sunday School – 9:45 AM

Wednesday Activities  
Choir – 6:00 PM  
Prayer & Praise and FCC Kids – 6:45 PM  
Cross Training Classes and Youth – 7:00 PM