

FCC CONNECTIONS

Under the Fig Tree ~

Proverbs 19:13-22

Money is not everything

The book of Proverbs has a remarkably balanced understanding of wealth and poverty. Neither is seen as wholly good or wholly bad. They are understood as part of the wider fabric of life, and you are encouraged to use what you have wisely.

'Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the Lord' (v.14). There is nothing wrong with houses or wealth; but there are more important things in life. Finding the right marriage partner is far more important than having lots of money.

For those tempted to work too hard in pursuit of money or any other goal, it is important to remember the sovereignty of God: 'Many are the plans in a human heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails' (v.21). Taking 'Sabbath rest' and holidays is a sign that you trust in God's sovereignty.

Wealth is not the most important thing in life; nor is poverty the worst thing that can happen to you: 'What a person desires is unfailing love; better to be poor than a liar' (v.22). We need love far more than we need riches. Integrity of character is far more important than money.

On the other hand, this passage does not exalt poverty as a virtue. Sometimes poverty can be self-inflicted: 'Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the shiftless go hungry' (v.15).

Whatever the reason may be for a person's poverty, be kind to the poor: 'Those who are kind to the poor lend to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done' (v.17).

This is an extraordinary and wonderful promise. God is no person's debtor. Every time you do something kind for a poor person, you are lending to the Lord and he will repay with interest. Often, we see amazing blessings in the lives of those who spend their time ministering with the poor, the homeless and the prisoners.



Worship August 2, 2026

Welcome

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Praise Song- "Who Am I"

Scripture: Romans 3:23

Sermon: *Making the Most of Our Mistakes*

Pastor Lew Champ

Worship Song- "Breathe On It"

Intercessory Prayers

Communion Song- "Come As You Are"

Eucharist

Thanksgiving Prayer

Offering

Doxology

Announcements

Closing Song- "Greater"

Benediction





Lectinary Readings

10th Sunday After Pentecost

August 2, 2026

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:89, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

This Sunday, August 2

Scripture: Romans 3:23
Sermon: *Making the Most of
Our Mistakes*
Pastor Lew Champ



**Prayer
Intercessors**
Meet every
Sunday morning
at 9:00 am



NEW CONCERNS -

Phil Holland has still not been released by the doctor to return to work. He will see a surgeon on 08/18

Shaye Champ-Correll was in the hospital after having her doctor tell her last week that her organ trouble and adrenal glands were the issue and she would need cortisol shots. That made her very ill and she was staying with Lew Linda. She was released on 07/26. Please pray for answers.

George Lulf did NOT have knee surgery. They want him to try some rehab first to see if that helps the fluid buildup in his knee.

Ron Tatman, Linda Champ's brother, will be having open heart surgery.

Christa Barber is doing about the same as she was before the surgery, please continue your prayers.

John is going through a rough time, he is in need of prayer support.

Neil & Jessica Lovell. Jessica was offered a dream job in Fargo, ND, and they are moving extremely quickly to get there! Neither really want to leave their Spokane life, so they are trusting God that this will be a good move.

Pastor Julia Chen Chou is home in Sterling. Her Whipple surgery for her cancer was very hard on her. She is very weak and fragile, and she can't take the chemo.

Abby, Lisa Hedlund's niece, is struggling with alcohol addiction. She is entering a treatment program. Please pray for her success.

CANCER -

Please pray for all those fighting cancer.

Julia Chen Chou, **Bill Spicer**, **J.R. Coberly**, **Christina LaBlanc**, **Jessie McGrew**, **Mike Kerker**, **Malita Mahali**, **Nora Fanelli**, **Emerson**, **Kelly Rae Churchill**, **Michelle**, **Wade Gandee**, **Jeanne Klem**, **Gracie Dixon**, **Alizar Chavez Mendoza**, **Lew Champ**, **Keith Hobson**, **Darren Campbell**, **Gary Mix**, **Kyle Bean**, **Dean Meharg**, **Randy Richards**

OUR CHURCH -

Please pray for and about the Search Committee. Since Chris is leaving, the Search Committee would like to have another person serve on the committee. Please pray about it and speak with Bill if you are called to do so.

DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER'S -

Please pray for everyone who is dealing with declining memory and Alzheimer's.

WORLD -

The loss of life in China and Venezuela.

The fires & floods in our state and across America.

The heatwave in Europe.

Those affected by tornadoes and strong winds, loss of property and crops.

Please pray for rain for our land. Pray to end this drought, for the farmers, for the crops, and for the livestock.

GRIEF -

Jerry, **Jim McBride's** brother, passed away on 07/21. Please keep Jim in your prayers, it was just 9 months ago he lost his wife.

Jaunita Womack, **Jeremy's** grandmother, passed away.

Rob Holtsinger, **Lew's** friend from college, passed away.

JOYS -

Pastor Lew's checkup showed that the little bit of cancer that is left above his eye is shrinking and expected to continue to shrink! NO cancer anywhere else!!

Jeremy is done with his cancer treatments and got to RING the bell!

CONTINUING PRAYERS -

Padilla Family
Brenda Palmer
Elissa Karg's dad
Gordon Felzien
Steve Firme
Kay Gentry
Coy
JR Coberly
Ellie Beede
Frances Mason
Leo, AJ & Sarah Sonnenberg
Bill & Sharon Spicer
Carol & Myron Graybill
Renee (Sue Lovell's Friend)
Wade Pelton
Carole Wohlers
Tim (Lovell's friend) section

Join A Bible Study!

MEN'S DISCIPLES FELLOWSHIP
Bible Study

Tuesdays

9:30-11:00 am

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP (BSF)

Wednesdays

10:00 -11:30 am



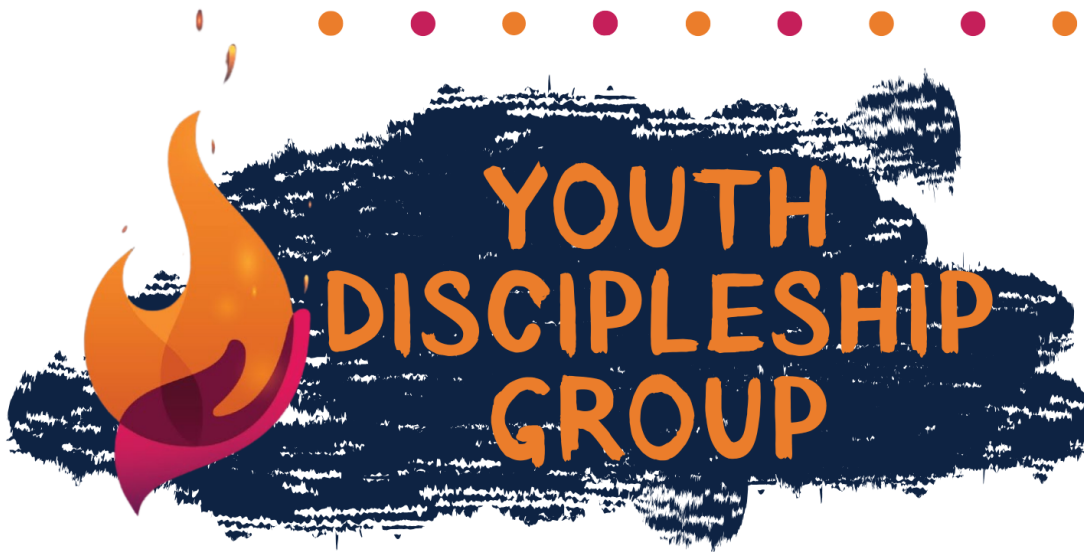
LINKS TO LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Facebook FULL Service — Available for a few weeks:

<https://www.facebook.com/fccsterlingcolorado/videos/1517907309435695>

YouTube ONLY Sermon — Always Available:

<https://youtu.be/zCa4wfl5rYA>



Starting Monday August 24th Lew will start a youth group for Elementary aged youth. We will meet from 10-12 on Mondays. More information in future Newsletters.

SERVING SCHEDULE

Date	Usher	Preparing Deacon	Elder
August 2	Tammy Sonnenberg	Elissa Karg	Mark Pelton
August 9	Tammy Sonnenberg	Elissa Karg	Nena Russell

First Christian Church

Our Mission—To make more and better Christians for the sake of the world.

Our Vision—We seek to be a faithful Christian community with a deep love for God and others.



08/03 Mark Pelton

08/07 Adrian Rodriguez

HAPPY Anniversary

08/04 Mark & Linda Pelton

08/07 Randy & Christa Barber

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