

THE CONNECTION

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ✧ Sunday, November 23 -Last day to bring Operation Christmas Child boxes to CFC
- ✧ Monday, November 24, 7:00 pm -Chick Connection
- ✧ Wednesday, November 26, 7:00 pm -All-church Thanksgiving Service
- ✧ Sunday, November 30, 6:00 pm -Water Baptism Service
- ✧ Friday, December 5, 7:00 pm -Adult Christmas Party
- ✧ Sunday, December 14, All three services -Single mom gas voucher giveaway
- ✧ Sunday, December 14, 4-8 pm -Annual Sears Open House
- ✧ Monday, December 22, 7:00 pm -Chick Connection
- ✧ Wednesday, December 24, 7:00 pm -Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- ✧ Wednesday, December 31, 7:00 pm -New Year's Eve Service
- ✧ Thursday, January 15, 9:30 am -Mom & Me Play Day
- ✧ Monday, January 26, 7:00 pm -Chick Connection

Regular Events:

- ✧ Bible Study: 10:00 am Tuesdays in Room 18, led by Pat Weech, working through the Book of Psalms
- ✧ Bible Study: 10:00 am Tuesdays, Kathy Bowles & Jenn Scott
- ✧ Mom & Me Play Days, every third Thursday at 9:30 am

Please don't forget to check your bulletins, foyer bulletin boards, and the website for more information on upcoming events.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of this amazing ministry that blesses needy children overseas.

Here's what to do:

1. Find a shoe box and pray for the child who will receive your gift.
2. Decide if your box will be for a boy or girl and the age group (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14).



Laura Schuh

IN LAURA'S SHOES

Squashing Tempting Tastes -As we're coming up on the season of much eating, I came upon a helpful verse: 1 Corinthians 6:12, "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything." Easier said than done when it comes to the sweet treats ahead! In our attempts to squash our indulgences in the area of goodies, it might be good to try a recipe like the following:

Stuffed Squash

4 small acorn squash
 2 T. unsalted butter, cut into 4 pieces
 ½ lb. ground beef, pork, chicken, or turkey
 1 T. olive oil
 ¼ C. EACH chopped onion, chopped celery, and chopped carrot
 1½ C. cooked rice
 1 10oz. pkg. frozen spinach, thawed, drained, and chopped
 ½ C. toasted pine nuts (optional)
 1½ tsp. dried oregano
 Pinch of sea salt and ground black pepper to taste
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut 1 inch off the top of each squash and scoop out seeds. Save tops. Put one of the pieces of butter in the cavity of each squash. Over medium heat, in a large sauté pan, brown the meat until pink is gone. Remove meat from pan, add the olive oil, and sauté onion, celery, and carrot until they begin to soften, 7-10 minutes. Return the meat to pan along with the cooked rice, spinach, pine nuts, oregano, salt, and pepper. Stirring constantly, heat mixture thoroughly, 2-3 minutes. Remove from heat. Divide mixture evenly and put in each squash. Top with lid and bake one hour or until squash is tender.

3. Fill the box with small gifts -consider including your child in filling the boxes.
4. Write a personal note from your child and consider putting a picture in the box -this is very meaningful to the children who receive the boxes.
5. Include a \$7 donation to cover shipping costs.
6. Bring your boxes to the church before Sunday, November 23.



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DID YOU KNOW?

✧ The CFC website has a Women's Ministries page! You can find it at www.cfcnampa.org/wm_ministries.htm. Check often for news and updates on all upcoming ladies' events. You can even find this newsletter there in color!

✧ Women's Ministries has a department called Women's Missions. The current giving emphasis is Sister Buhler's Book of Hope "Granny Brigade," which will be ministering in South Africa April 16-27, 2009. Please give if you are able, and read more about them inside!

✧ Ladies' Event Savings has been an ongoing blessing to many women. You can sign up to save for any CFC-sponsored women's event. For your contributing convenience, Lauranne sets up a table in the foyer every second Sunday of the month. If you are able to pay more than your way to events, you should consider contributing to our scholarship fund, which helps pay the way for deserving ladies to go to retreats and conferences. Please contact Lauranne Wilson at squirrelwatcher@msn.com if you have any questions!



FROM PASTOR KELLI'S HEART

My heart is still filled up after the Fall District WM Conference and October's Chick Connection. God is doing amazing things in our midst -from divine healing, to the fire of God, to the anointing of the Holy Spirit, to launching out into new adventures in ministry!

The second Chick Connection on October 27 was quite remarkable in every way. What I love most is the interaction between the young and "more mature" (I just turned 47) women. I personally had the privilege of praying alongside my precious 20-something sister who had never prayed over anyone in that way before. She was exhilarated afterward and told me she would love to do that all the time.

I also want to share with you about the panel discussion we had at the District Ladies Fall Conference. There were representatives from each age category: teens, 20's, 30's, 40's, ...through 70+. I moderated the discussion, which lasted a little over two hours. We laughed, we cried, and we all agreed that we need each other. There were two especially profound moments. At one point, the gal representing the decade of the 20's looked straight into the audience and pleaded, "Please show us how to pray, how to love our husbands, how to raise our children..." It was real, and it was heart wrenching! At the end of the discussion, I asked the panelists how we might pass the baton of spiritual legacy from one generation to the next; the 70+ Woman of God simply said, "I have to let go of it!" I was awestruck at the anointing the Lord poured out on that time together and was honored to be part of it!

This is only the beginning of a move of God that will be unmatched by anything we've yet seen in history! I believe it! So join me in preparing yourself and anticipating what He is going to do through you! Hugs and blessings, **Pastor Kelli**

LOVE MEALS

Several weeks ago, Mary Black called me and said that she needed to step down from her position as Love Meals coordinator. She said that she thought I would be great for the position, and that she pictured me really moving forward with the ministry, taking it to great places. That was a huge order to fill, and I tried to figure out how I could turn her down. As we spoke, I became more enthused about it, and remembered what Pastor Kelli had once said to me. "If you're not sure which direction you should go, then pray about it." As we spoke, I did pray and received my answer through the Lord, immediately. My whole life has revolved around giving to others and bringing contentment and peace where needed. What better ministry for me than Love Meals!

I remember one of the first meals my hubby and I delivered to a CFC member whose wife had just had surgery. He said he couldn't cook worth a darn. As we left, the man shook our hands and said, "You have re-affirmed my faith in people, and I wish there were more people out there like you; God bless you." That was when I knew I was in the right place.

It's easy to get involved with Love Meals, only requiring a couple of very inexpensive dishes a month; if you can't deliver them to the families, we will. Our Love Meals policy is that a family is given three days worth of meals, due to surgery, a new baby, or illness. Each volunteer would only do one of those three days.

If you're interested in joining our team, please contact me anytime at 465-8001 or elnme@msn.com. I ask you to remember my motto for Love Meals, "We're here for you." -**Marcia Miller**

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi, Ladies. I shared my testimony at the last Chick Connection, and I heard from several women about how they were touched by my story. I guess I had always dismissed my testimony as unimportant to anyone but myself. I realized that each of us has a story that is beautiful and meaningful. And our testimonies all point to Jesus, no matter if we have known Him our whole lives or if we were delivered from drugs a week ago. In this issue of *The Connection*, you will hear from and about women who are living and have lived life intentionally. Jesus designed us intentionally; let's serve him intentionally. As usual, feel free to contact me at eberriochoa@cfcnampa.org if you have contributions for the newsletter. In Christ, Emily B.



Marcia Miller

YOUNG, MARRIED AND LOVIN' IT!

Life hasn't gone the way I had foreseen it, and thank God for that!!! I married my husband of five and a half years when I was eighteen years old. We both were seeking God and were devoted to our church. Of course our marriage had its ups and especially its downs in the first couple years (job losses and church splits). Due to the hardships, we fell away from our devotion to church. We found ourselves isolated and working hard to afford the home we had just bought in California. We were living in Paradise, California, the town we both grew up in, with our families close by. Never in a million years would I have suspected that I would be living and loving life in Nampa, Idaho!!!

I was working and going to school full time and my husband, Chad, was working two jobs and hating it. I was shocked one evening when Chad suggested moving to Idaho. I remember thinking, "Idaho? What's in Idaho???" We knew a family who had recently moved to Idaho, and they reported of great job opportunities and growth. So we went to visit and scope out the jobs. Miraculously, my husband got three job offers! Chad moved out to Idaho in August of 2006 to begin his job, while I stayed in California to pack our home and work, hoping the house would sell quickly. After two months of living apart, we decided that I should just move to Idaho and leave the house up for sale. I remember the day we packed our entire lives into a trailer and made the drive to Idaho. I felt a little scared but mostly excited about this new change. I didn't realize how hard it would be until the first tears pricked my eyes about two hours outside of Nampa...and they didn't stop. I remember feeling alone and desperate for my family -I had left my mom, dad, and two sisters for the very first time! My husband had already made Idaho his home for the last two months, and I felt like I was making the adjustment on my own.

The Lord had His hand on us even through this seemingly dark time. We knew a family in Idaho and they told us about CFC. We decided to check it out even though we had completely stopped going to church for the last year and a half. We knew God wanted us to find a church and get involved, and we felt this move was the perfect opportunity for a fresh start. We thought we'd just church hop and maybe find something we liked. Needless to say, CFC was the first and last church we tried. I felt like I found a little piece of my family in Nampa, Idaho!!! I remember the first Sunday morning I went to church holding my husband's hand just basking in the presence of God...crying...I had not felt His presence in so long!

So many wonderful things have come out of our move to Idaho! We were able to sell our house in California after six months, and we bought a new home in Nampa. My husband was able to enroll in a Master's program, something we would have never dreamed about in California. Most importantly, we found our passion for God again through our new "family" at CFC! It's incredible how God had His hand on my life even when I had fallen away. I am thankful that God's plan for me and my marriage succeeded despite my own planning and desires. I am so excited for my future, whatever that may be, and for the opportunity to be a part of the amazing things Jesus is doing in Nampa.
-Ruth Kmiecik

GRANNY BRIGADE

When: April 16-27, 2009

Where: South Africa

Who's Going: Heather Snoderly, Jennifer Jansen, Betty Buhler (Sister B's sister-in-law), Evelyn Angle, Amy Wall, Rosie Wall, Amanda Hodges, Terri Slack, Kathy Bowles, and Sister Loveta Buhler.

The ladies will fly into Johannesburg and travel out to various places of ministry, one of which is the Lighthouse Children's Shelter that houses AIDS orphans, distributing the Book of Hope wherever they go. The local children have little to no sporting equipment, so the Granny Brigade will be taking money for the local missionaries to buy sports equipment with. The ladies also have to raise their own travel money. To help, write your check to CFC, noting Granny Brigade in the memo line. Your donations are tax-deductible.



Sister Buhler

ASK SISTER B

Dear Sister B, I am a stay-home mom with two school-age children. My husband and I have been married for 14 years. I have nagging health problems, which cause me not to be able to keep the house the way I would like. I have asked my husband to help when he gets home, but it always results in a fight. He tells me that he should not have to come home and deal with the house and kids. He seems to resent my not feeling good. He says the house and kids are my job and that I

should do it without complaining or griping no matter how I feel. Then I get mad at him and start yelling because I need the help. Maybe I am expecting too much from him. What should be expected on both our parts? - "Staying-Home-is-a-Job Mom"

Dear Mom, Yes, Stay-Home-Mom is a job, but it sounds to me like you aren't doing it. First of all, you don't tell me if you have been to see a doctor or received a diagnosis. Get one! It could be a hormone imbalance, vitamin deficiency, or one of many other things that are not life threatening.

Then, perhaps your husband doesn't want to keep house exactly like you do. Yes, you are expecting too much from him. He holds down a full time job, and it sounds like you aren't holding up your end of the deal. If you are truly a stay-home-Mom, he's right -the house IS your job. Maybe you need to drop the level of house keeping demands on yourself. You need help?? I think your husband needs help. He works all day and comes home to a yelling wife...stop yelling!! It doesn't help, does it?

To a great extent the children are also mostly your job since you are with them all day. Teach them to help you. Working with them is a method of training, and instilling good work habits is a lifesaver. Both you and your husband should combine your efforts to train your children.

Pray for strength, then do what you must to keep a presentable house and make it a haven of peace for you and your family to live in. God bless you and give you the strength you need, **Sister B.**



OH! HOW SHE LOVED

Our beloved Pastor Appy Mae Gillatt, 81, passed away peacefully at her home on October 13, 2008, after a brief battle with cancer. At 17, she saw the need to personally accept Jesus Christ as her Savior. A year later, she felt a call into full time ministry, and from that time, she was involved in full time ministry in many different ways.

Appy Mae and her husband pastored the Marsing Assembly of God church for 24 years, and Appy simultaneously taught second grade at Lincoln School in Caldwell. After Pastor Appy's husband passed away in 1991, God had a wonderful plan for her single years. In 1996, she came on staff at Christian Faith Center. She was staff pastor to the Primetimers, the seniors' ministry. These last years of ministry gave Appy overflowing joy and purpose. She fulfilled her life's call to be in full time ministry.

Appy Mae loved life and lived a life full of faith, accomplishment, travel, fun, and family. The Bible says that Jesus came to give us life to the fullest. That promise was lived out on a daily basis in her life. Cancer did not rob Appy Mae of God's promise. With confidence, we know that God does all things well. Psalm 116:15 says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of those faithful to him."



Ammie Gillatt

MEET THE PASTORS' WIVES

Pastor Kevin Gillatt and I have been married a little over a year. In February 2009, we are expecting our first child, a baby boy!

Education: In 2003, I attended Youth with a Mission and did Discipleship Training School, a school that equips you to know God and in turn make Him known to the nations. I went with a team to North Ireland and did street ministry and ministered in some public schools. I also attended School of Evangelism in the fall of 2003, where I went to Turkey and

got to minister to orphans and help out the local churches there. I love missions. It's a part of me and definitely in my genes -my mother is also a missionary.

Work: Right now I am a barista at Living Water Book and Coffee. Hopefully, I'll someday be a stay-home mom.

Personal: I LOVE to cook! I like to do anything creative like scrapbooking and painting. I enjoy the outdoors and miss the Rocky Mountains.

Church Background: I have been saved since I was 7. I'm a preacher's kid and a missionary kid. I grew up in the church but fell away during my high school years. I rededicated my life when I was 18. That's when I knew the call that God had placed on my life. He gave me a heart for and passion for children and moms.

Heart for Ministry: The number one place I see myself in ministry is by my husband to help him, encourage him, and be a support. I also love the children at CFC. They are truly a huge part of my life. To see them worship God and grow in Him makes me want to cry sometimes. I love how real they are.



Chandra Hisel

Pastor John Hisel and I have been married one and a half years. Most of the time, it seems to me like we've been married forever.

Education: BA Degree, Northwest University
CFC: I am involved in Acceptance Youth Ministry in several capacities. I help John plan events and determine direction for the youth ministries, and I usually meet with him when he meets with youth leaders. I write the small group curriculum we use each Wednesday and provide support for all our small groups, assisting Heather Snoderly in leading the junior high girls small group. I manage the coffee bar and fill in when needed. I take teenage girls out one or two at a time to counsel or encourage them -I call it my "ice cream ministry."

Personal: Two pets: Chloe, a cat, and Sadie, a gigantic golden lab. I love taking Sadie walking or running. I also enjoy reading great books, kickboxing, hiking, and travel. I love to spend time with friends and family, even though I am usually quite lazy about cooking, so I love that people invite us over a lot!

Church Background: I got saved at the age of 4, shortly after my parents became Christians. My family was very involved in the church as I was growing up, and when I was in 7th grade, my dad became an associate pastor at CFC. Two years later, he accepted a position as senior pastor at Mountain Home A/G. I was involved in the church as a Missionettes sponsor and Bible Quiz coach throughout college, and directly after college I did a two-year internship as an assistant to a youth pastor in Poulsbo, WA with Legacy Youth Ministries at Christ Memorial Church.

Work: Harris & Co., P.A. in Meridian. I do tax returns, audits, and bookkeeping as a CPA.

Heart for Ministry: I love teenage girls. I remember being very confused and frustrated at that age, not really having anyone besides my parents to talk to. It is wonderful to be there for junior high and high school girls just like I really needed people to be there for me.

LOVE INC

Love INC is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to mobilize the church to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ by bringing health and wholeness to broken and hurting individuals and families. Currently, around ten of CFC's families (out of about 60 families total) are enrolled in Love INC's New Hope Relational Budget Program. Love INC is a very well-run program and incredible community resource. Anyone, from volunteers to those needing assistance, can contact Love INC directly at 466-7810. Becky Priest is CFC's Love INC representative and can be reached at bpriest@nsd131.org.

Simple ways to bless someone through Love INC:

1. Adopt-a-Product - Choose an item from a list of food and toiletries, purchase it regularly, and put it in the blue plastic bin in the foyer under the coat rack.
2. Adopt-A-Family - Adopt a family and provide Christmas for one of the New Hope Relational Budget Program families. Contact Ian at 466-7810, ext. 2.
3. Chain Gang - Donate washable/dryable 2 or 3-ply fine baby yarn for the Chain Gang, a ministry of Love INC that knits hats for children with cancer.
4. Professional Products/Services - Donate new or quality used items, such as appliances, clothing, or baby items. Offer a pro bono or discounted professional service, such as car repairs, dental, vision, and more.

Check the bulletin board in the ladies' restroom for a list of Adopt-a-Product items and more information on the many ministries of Love INC.



The Fabulous, Fun, Fondue Fellowship Ladies Night Out in September was incredibly delicious! And to top it off, the Hillbillies made a special appearance.