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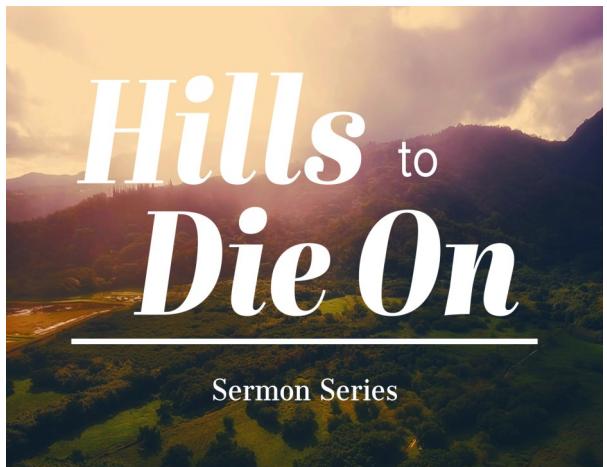
## First Christian Informer

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### Worship this Sunday

9:00 am Traditional  
11:10 am CrossWalk

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin  
Senior Minister  
Matthew 5:17-19  
Authority Issues



Psalm 18 says, “I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

I am in the third week of the sermon series called Stronghold. Hills To Die On. I have suggested that belief in Jesus as Son of God (Savior) is the foundation of our faith stronghold. I asked the listener to imagine standing up 5 columns/pillars on top of that foundation to give them a visual image of their faith as a physical/spiritual stronghold. On each column we are going to etch a value/belief/principle that defines what makes

our faith the stronghold that it is meant to be. To bolster the argument, I have introduced you to historical characters who have given their lives/or paid a great price while arguing for the thing I am suggesting you might write on that pillar. Week one we talked about the original disciples laying down their lives, last Sunday we were introduced to Dietrich Bonhoeffer during the 1930's in Germany. This Sunday I will share with you the example of Martin Luther, another German who stood up for his beliefs and was willing to sacrifice to do what was right.

What do you think belong on the next pillars/columns? What are your foundational beliefs that are worth dying or sacrificing for? Do you have anything about your faith that you can say you absolutely have decided is essential? What five would you put on your pillars? So far, I have argued for Unity on one, and Faith with Works on the other. Do those make it on your stronghold? Are those that important to you?

I believe that this series is inviting you to decide for yourself what is essential about Christianity and your relationship with God and other people. My hope is that by strengthening what we believe are essential, we will be more tolerant on issues that are not of this level of importance to us. We are living in an age of overreaction. Too many of us are just looking for the next hill to fight on—and not all hills and battles are worth engaging! However, some hills do demand that we stand—and our faith is one filled with stories of people doing the right thing by standing up for what they feel was essential.

Pastor Chad

## Youth Ministry News

Sundays, the youth are meeting for Sunday school at 10:15am. If we have enough youth, we are splitting the Junior High and High School.

Wednesdays, the Junior High are meeting in the youth room, at 6pm-7:15pm.

Have a blessed week!

Chris Smith

Director of Youth Ministry

## Virtual Studies

Topic: Brown Bag Bible Study

Time: Nov 3, 2020 12:00 PM Central

Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93451510291?>

Meeting ID: 934 5151 0291

Passcode: 654939

## November Birthdays

1. Clayton Alcorn  
Nicholas Laster
2. Maggie Sadler
3. Casey Hurley  
Conner Hurley  
Brian Leftridge  
Katelyn Smith
4. Lynda Alcorn
6. Reese Green  
Katelyn Laster
7. Jenson Poe  
Ray Vogel  
Kathy Wooden
8. Carla Curry  
Amanda Moore  
Sandra Singer
9. Sue Squires  
Sandy Taylor
10. Brady Martin
11. Bode Knox
12. Cooper Bradley  
Brooke Higgins  
Craig Poe
13. Molly Bradley  
Dana Inmertreu
14. Cheri Heeren
16. Regina Ellis  
Gay Groves  
Greg Taylor
17. Ephraim Schneider
19. Malaki Ehlers  
Judy Steele  
Rhonda Summers
22. Mercedez Bales
24. Kevin Geotz
25. Lisa DeMoss  
Chloe Eckhoff
28. Ray Combs  
Khale Knox
30. George Reed

## November anniversaries

11. Todd & Billie Holman

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed please call the church office, 826-5300.

## Chances are...

On Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>, First Christian Church of Sedalia had their new mission partners, Iglesias del Oeste (Churches of the West) come and visit them. They told about their calling to invest in people, and especially in leaders. Therefore, Jim and Annie Culp began a leadership program where they invest in students for two full years. In Year One the students are taught about the Gospel through the book of Romans, and are also taking different leadership courses. In Year Two the students prayerfully consider starting a ministry of their own and upon graduation, if the students desire, the ministry is launched and Iglesias del Oeste helps this ministry be successful. This ministry of investing in leaders has led to several ministries that reach people who have not heard the Gospel, as well as helped the existing ministries and churches thrive as their leaders grow and develop. They have even seen “grand-ministries” (or ministries launched out of their student’s students) begin. It was a great Sunday where a new relationship was formed and a partnership was created.

## Global Mission Partner – Ray of Hope - Baby Packs

CALLING ALL SEWERS! We have a good number of baby packs that have been completed by those of us who do not know how to sew. Therefore, we are going to have a Sewing Day in which we will sew all of our remaining baby blankets so our packs are completed. This will take place Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m.. If you would be willing to help us complete these Baby Packs please call the church office and let Winnie or Stormy know.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Chance McMullin

## **Stewardship Note**

First Christian Church of Sedalia still relies on your offerings to keep the ministries and operations of the church running smoothly. You are still able to:

1. Mail a payment to the church office at 200 South Limit, Sedalia, MO 65301.
2. Initiate payments to First Christian Church through your personal bank. This is a similar process to paying bills for utilities, phone, etc. There is typically no fee for making a payment in this manner.
3. Initiate an online payment through the "Give" section of our website [www.first4god.com](http://www.first4god.com). There is a fee to the church if you choose to use this method.
4. Text GIVE to 660-826-5300

Thank you and God bless,  
Stewardship Team

## **Worship with Us**

Don't forget to worship with us on Sunday. We will have 2 services, 9:00am and 11:10 am in person, via Facebook or our website. Children and Adult Sunday School classes are back this Sunday. Come and join us!

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### **RIGHTNOW MEDIA**

Check out this Christian video library for all ages. Thousands of bible studies, training, kid's videos and devotionals. It's free! Please call Amy Lake, 660-287-4738, and she will help you signup.

## **Among the Flock**

### **Our friends in the Armed Services:**

Nicholas Holman, Garrett Weikal, Nathan Hooton, Tyler Holman, Kenneth French, Corey Irwin, Zachary Lees, Sam Braverman, Joshua Lauer, Preston Butts, Tanner Proctor, Dylan Martin

**Illness:** Otis Thomas, Richard Parkhurst, Kimmi Arnold, Alma Weikal, Marilyn Anderson, June Rissler, Judy Steele, JoAnn Neher, Barbara Sabin, Marianne Hunter, Maxine Ebersold, Karen Steele, Donna Wiedeman, Jill Kindle, Nik Geotz, Michael Lucito, Emerson Poe, Bette Patterson, Robert & Rowena Pettet

### **Nursing Home and Shut-Ins**

#### **Four Seasons:**

#### **Fairview:**

**Sylvia Thompson:** Bette Patterson, Donna Wiedeman, Maxine Ebersold, Judy Steele

**Essex:** Dava Brummitt, JoAnn Neher, Alma Weikal

#### **Rest Haven:**

**E.W. Thompson:** Betty Hopkins, Allan Fowler  
**Cedarhurst (Independent):**

**Cedarhurst (Assisted Living):** Shirley White

**Cedarhurst (Enhanced Assisted Living):** June Rissler, Delores Butler

**Veteran's Home:** Rick Homan, Earl Finley

**Lincoln Community Care Center:** Marilyn Anderson

## **Stewardship Report**

### **Offering**

**October 4 \$4250.29**

**October 11 \$7230.00**

**October 18 \$6298.77**

**October 25 \$5177.68**

## **Attendance Report**

**9:00 am 65**

**11:10 am 55**

**Online: 243**



## Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser

October 19th-31st, from 12-7 daily and 10-7 on Saturdays, we are running a pumpkin patch - selling pumpkins to support our church building project. We could use your help to "man" the patch while people shop. We are also having a pumpkin decorating contest. If you buy one of our pumpkins you can enter to win a prize for the most likes from your decorated pumpkin. Details of this contest are at the pumpkin patch, so come see us if you have questions.

Pumpkin patch sales are going very well. There are some great pumpkins, but you need to come take a look before the ones you wanted are gone! This a great opportunity to get some volunteer service hours for Scouting and as well as JNHS and NHS. Contract Chris Smith for details.



Daylight Savings Times ends  
this Sunday. Remember to set  
your clocks back one hour.

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm  
Our answering machine is on if you need anything. Leave a message and we will call you back when we return.

# TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE



Here are some ways you can help keep our faith family healthy. Staff and volunteers are working hard to keep up-to-date on guidance from health professionals and to keep the facility sanitized.

## IF YOU'RE FEELING SICK, STAY HOME

If you have fever, cough or other Covid-19 symptoms or have been around someone else with these symptoms, please continue to worship from home until you are feeling better.

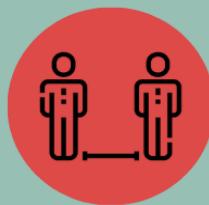


## WEAR A FACE MASK

We ask that everyone wears a face mask. If you don't have one, one will be provided to you when you arrive.

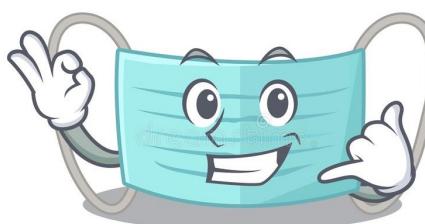
## KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

When you arrive for worship, you will be expected to move directly to your seat. Please don't gather with others in any area. Observe blocked off pews and sit six feet from other family groups. Only 1-2 people will be allowed in a restroom at a time.



## USE HAND SANITIZER

Touchless hand sanitizer will be available. Please use it upon entering the building. In addition, after using the restroom please wash hands thoroughly and reapply hand sanitizer.



It is great to see each other in church again. Please remember as we gather together that social distancing is still expected and that masks should be worn at all times.