

MARCH 13, 2024 ISSUE 11

INFORMER

Sunday Worship
9 am and 11:10 am
10 am Sunday School
online @first4god.com

This week's
sermon text:
Luke 6:27-36

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

Three Opportunities of Conflict

Lately, I have been thinking about the community of faith I was loved and nurtured in. A community of perfectly imperfect people coming together to live out the teachings of Jesus through love in action. I'm not sure why my mind has gone there. Maybe it is because I have been thinking about our children here at FCC Sedalia, and am so glad we have a safe and nurturing environment for them to journey in their faith.

Community. Every community has its conflict. When I was in 3rd grade or so, my home church called a new pastor; and believe me, we had our share of conflict around that particular call for over 15 years. Including that pastor losing their standing within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). I can't help but think how this series on conflict would have been so helpful to the leaders in that congregation; as decisions that were made are still incredibly hurtful in that body.

However, when I think of those who journeyed with me on faith journey; I don't think of the conflict. I remember the love and joy. I hold close those who saw gifts within me that I didn't see in myself, and nurtured those gifts. I remember Greg and Neil, our High School Sunday school teachers, who sat with us and helped us walk through the Bible and how it pertained to our lives and what we were experiencing. I remember smiles. I remember hugs. I remember love.

That's what we want to remember, isn't it? Love. While conflict must be dealt with so it doesn't fester, we must speak the truth in love. After all the love we receive from our Father is the ultimate healer. My prayer this week is that as you speak the truth in love to whatever conflict might be arising; that you feel the healing love of our God.

Lenten Blessings,
Tara

SPECK

a message series on conflict
beginning March 3rd





Barbara Arends, Kimi Arnold,
Steven Braswell, Dolores Brown,
Clell Furnell, Michael Lucito, Hallie
Meyer, Mike Mittenburg,
Rowena Pettet, Gerald Scott, Roberta
Skinner, Quincy Zimmerman

Our friends in the Armed Services:

Sam Braverman, Preston Butts, Daltin
Butts, Kenneth French, Nicholas
Holman: **Thank you for your service!**

Nursing Home and Shut-Ins

Essex: Dava Brummit
E. W. Thompson: Allan Fowler, Shirley
White
Primrose(Independent): Freida
Morrison, Euphemia Zahringer
Primrose(Enhanced Assisted Living):
Gay Groves, Marion and Janet Thomas
Stoney Ridge: Kimberly Baryiski,
Virginia Todd, Charles Vose
Sylvia Thompson: Lois Ditzfeld, Judy
Steele
Homebound: Earl South

We now have a prayer request
option on the website.
It will go straight to our prayer
team so they can be praying
with and for you.

**Greeters for Mar. 17
David and Olivia**



Mar 10, 2024

9am 201

11:10am 91

Sunday School

Online 251

1st Service

Ann Fleming
Pat Hall
Len Hall
Kara Metzner
Ronda McMullin
Robert Norfleet
Sharee Norfleet
David Parkhurst
Tom Sampson

2nd Service

Ronda McMullin
Robert Norfleet
Sharee Norfleet
David Parkhurst

If you wish to check out
our Digital Bulletin while
worshipping; go to

first4God.com

scroll down to Worship Online,
click Digital Bulletin. Scripture
and list of songs will be posted.

**Candlelighters
for March 17,
Xander & Michael**



THIS WEEKS EVENTS

THURSDAY 14

6pm Elders

FRIDAY 15

9am Friday Friend Twister
Sports

Saturday 16

SUNDAY 17

9am Worship
10am New Member Class
10am Sunday School
11:10am Worship
7pm NA

Monday 18

12noon I'll Start Again Monday
1pm ASG
Outreach Com. Cafe
6:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday 19

10am I'll Start Again Monday at
Heckart for Water Aerobics
12 noon Brown Bag Bible Study
1:30pm Prayer group
6:30 Scouts
5:30pm Stewardship

Wednesday 20

7pm College Bible Study
Stone/Campbell
7pm NA



**Thank you Mike and Phil for
blessing us with your talents.**



**Thank you to our Girl Scouts for
participating in service March 10, 2024**

**SOLID Youth is in need of water and snacks for their
Young Christians Weekend. April 4-7. If you
want to make a donation of these items please bring
to the church office.**



**Lets give a big SHOUT OUT'
to Jay Fahnestock for
filling in while Mike was gone.
Thank you Jay, you did GREAT!**



"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."(Romans 12:12).

You are invited to join Jenny Spence and Cathy Clements in prayer each Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 in the Stone Campbell Room. Each prayer session begins with guided and reflective prayer based on scripture and includes methods to compose scripture-based private prayers. Sessions end with Intercessory prayers for others. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the card located in front of church pews or use the form on the church web page. Please join us as we develop a prayerful relationship with God and pray for others.

Mission Trip Opportunity!

The Outreach Team would like to offer a family mission trip this summer to Mission Arlington. This would be an amazing opportunity for different generations to be together. Cost would be \$320/ person for the first two in a family. Additional people in the hotel room are \$80.

**Includes 4 nights in hotel, 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 suppers, and admission to Burger's Lake Possible Dates:
June 22- 26 (Saturday - Wednesday) June 28 - July 2
(Friday - Tuesday) June 29 - July 3 (Saturday -
Wednesday) August 1 - 5 (Thursday - Monday) If you
are interested or have any questions, please contact
Pastor Tara or Deana Pomajzl.**

Ray of Hope is one of our Mission Partners! We always covet your prayers for their life-changing ministry, but if you would like to help by purchasing something off their Amazon Wish List or by donating a blanket, please see information below. Blankets can be dropped off in Pastor Tara's office.



The Hope Centre is in need of flannel baby blankets again. They must be 36" x 36" and double sided flannel. They can be shipped to: Ray of Hope 4107 Gallmeyer Ct Fort Wayne 46835

There is also an Amazon Shopping List for those who want to donate specific supplies.

<https://a.co/cgvtZur>

LIVE UNITED



Pettis County

United Way of Pettis County is having a Day of Action, June 22, 7am to 12pm.

If there are any home projects you need help with, ex: Painting, cleaning gutters , washing windows, minor interior repairs, smoke detector installation, removal of unwanted items, mowing, or weeding.

Please contact the church office to get a form. Applications will be accepted until April 1, 2024.

**March Madness 2024
Paper & Supplies Drive for**



We especially need

Paper Towels	Copy Paper in Reams
Toilet Paper	Trash Bags
Napkins	Coffee filters

Bleach	8-ounce Paper cups
Liquid hand soap	Plastic forks

Clamshell To-Go Containers
(must have 3 compartments)
link to amazon item- tinyurl.com/59ajkcnn
link to sam's club item- tinyurl.com/34swpk7a

660.827.1613

www.opendoorservicecenter.org



Open Door barrels are at various businesses in Sedalia, you can help us by donating needed items throughout March 2024.

**You can place these
in the Open Door bins
in the hallway.**



JYF will meet again at 6pm beginning March 27. There will be no JYF March 20 for Spring Break.



2024 Camp Dates(all camp go by just completed Grade)

Neola Mup at Jo Ota Try It Camp- June 7-9 \$225/pair ***Adult or parent must come with Child*** PreK-2 nd grade CYF - July 8-13 \$375 9 th -12 th grade Elem \$185 2 nd -3 rd grade /Jr \$335 4 th -5 th Grade July 15-19 (Elem goes home the 17 th) Chi Rho - July 28-August 2 \$375 6 th -7 th grade**	Faith Adventures July 22- 26th - \$195 JYF (2 nd -5 th grade), Chi Rho (6 th -7 th grade , and CYF (9 th -12 th grade) Try It- \$95/pair July 25-26 PreK-1 st grade Adult or parent must come with Child	North West Chi Rho- June 29-July 3 \$230 6 th -8 th grade CYF- July 6-11 \$230 9 th -12 th grade 123 Go- July 13-15 \$150 K-2 nd grade Junior - July 17-21 \$230 3 rd -5 th grade Combo (Junior & Chi Rho) July 23-27 \$230	Our Bodies Our Faith \$385 July 28-August 2 at Camp MOVAL 8 th grade (9 th graders are welcome is they have never attended) Regional Sons & Fathers Retreat Oct. 11-13 at Shannondale \$190 for son and father together; \$99 per single adult 5 th -8 th grade
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Regional Canoe Camp \$280
July 14-18 6th-12th grade

Regional Young Adult \$185
(ages 18-24)- Eve of 6-24- Morning 27th @ Jo Ota

** email Zane Whorton with any questions or concerns at zanew78@gmail.com

First Christian Church
200 S. Limit Ave

Friday Friends
2nd Friday of the Month

Moms and kiddos are invited to join other moms and kiddos for some fun and Playtime the 2nd Friday of the month.

March 15th- Twisters in Warrensburg. 9-11 am
 April 12th- Spring craft at FCC at 10 am
 May 10th- Mystic Mountain in Warrensburg. 11:30am-1:30 Pm

FCC Kids will go to Faith Adventure Camp. Scholarships are available, please contact Pastor Tara.

Right Now Media
Children's Ministry Pick of the Month



Join the Evans family as Jonathan leverages the ministry of Jesus to teach life lessons to his five children (ages 3-13) through everyday activities and family adventures.

Seemingly normal activities—such as a fun family cooking competition, camping in the great outdoors, a trip to a theme park, or a hands-on homeschool activity—turn into hysterical adventures and epic teachable moments.

Jonathan and Kanika follow up the day's events with a bedtime Bible lesson that connects their experience to the teachings of Jesus in a way their children will never forget!

Whenever the kids realize they are about to hear the Stories from the Storyteller, they'll be begging for bedtime

Easter Egg Hunt

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING CANDY DONATIONS FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!

DROP OFF IN THE NARTHEX BY MARCH 17TH.

PLEASE NO SUCKERS, SMARTIES, OR PLASTIC EGGS.

ALL THINGS NEED TO BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED.

Kids will be waving palm branches on Sunday March 24.

Joshua
1:9

Like us on Facebook at Solid-FCC Youth Sedalia



SOLID will meet every Wednesday at 5:30pm SOLID will be in recess Wednesday March 20 for Spring Break. We will have SOLID March 27, then will be on break April 3.

Thank you for everyone who participated in helping with the craft show set up and tear down.
You are appreciated!!



**Young Christians Weekend:
April 4-7 Branson, MO. The bus
will leave on Thursday evening at 5pm, April 4, and
return around 5pm Sunday April 7.**

**SOLID Youth Summer Mission Trip.
June 9-15, Dallas Fort Worth.
We will be working with Be The Neighbor.
A 25.00 deposit is due by April 1, to hold your
spot.
There are 16 spots available. Full refund of
deposit if cancelled before Apr. 1
The bus will leave at 6am Sunday, June 9. You
must register online.**

Brown Bag Bible Study
Tuesdays at 12 noon, at
FCC/Cane Ridge Room.
Bring your lunch and learn
about the Bible.



CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES



*I'll Start
Again
— ON —
Monday*

Do you struggle with healthy eating habits? Would you like to discover what role your spiritual life can play in making healthy choices for your mind, body, and spirit? Women are invited to join Sue Green and Pastor Tara on Mondays, beginning at 12 noon as we journey with author Lisa Terkeurst in her

book, *I'll Start Again Monday*.
Last class will be Monday March 25.



8-Week Andy Stanley Bible Study
“Starting Point, A Conversation
About Faith” for College Age
Students and Young Adults
Beginning Wednesday, March 6th
7:00-8:30 p.m.

We will meet in the Stone-
Campbell Room. Light snacks will
be provided.



April 11th: The day will begin with a train ride to Lee's Summit, MO at 11:45 AM, meeting at the train station at 11:15 AM. Upon arrival we'll walk to Smoke Brewing Company (BBQ) for lunch and then you'll be free to explore the downtown shopping area. We'll meet back at train station for the return train ride to Sedalia at 4:30 PM.

Cost per person is \$20. Cost subject to change

May 11, 2024, 10am to 4pm 55+ Club will be going to a Flower Festival in Camdenton, MO at Fireridge Farmstand. Enjoy a delicious meal with Swallowtail, meet some amazing artisans and explore the farm. Details and sign up to be announced.





Happy Lent!
Adult Spiritual Growth will be
sharing a weekly challenge and encourages
you to use this as your Lenten Practice.
Also a daily prayer time to be included.

LENT CHALLENGE FOR March 17-24

The Lent Challenge for the week approaching is to engage in the practice of forgiveness.

For some, this might simply be a reminder of an act Christians are to continuously engage in OR it might cut to the heart of an unresolved issue and require the best you've got to accept this challenge.

By first acknowledging that we are all sinners in need of forgiveness is key to recognizing "the why" we must choose to forgive. Our sin has affected other people and the sins of others has affected us. It's a reality of the world we live in.

The good news is that Jesus endured the punishment that we all deserve and in exchange we are offered forgiveness and reconciliation with God.

In return, we are to obey God and extend that same grace to others. Challenge accepted??

Recommend scripture readings: Matthew 6:12, 1 John 1:8-10, Matthew 6:12-15, Luke 6:27-36 and Matthew 18:21-35

New Member Class

Starting February 25

- Our denominational identity
- Our church's history
- The current Vision of our church
- Inventory your spiritual gifts & learn how to get connected



February 25 & March 3, 10 & 17
10am in Fellowship Hall
Coffee and light breakfast
provided



If you are a newer member of First Christian Church Sedalia, or are considering membership, please join Pastor Chad and Pastor Tara for a 4 week New Member Class which began on Sunday, February 25. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall at 10am (between worship services) and will explore our denominational identity, this congregation's history and our current vision. We'll also help you inventory your spiritual gifts and get you plugged in to a group or ministry team. Coffee and a light breakfast will be provided. March 17, is the last session.