

# **INFORMER**



**First Christian Church**

**This Week's Scripture  
and sermon:  
Acts 17: 16-34  
Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin**

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

Grace is a word that we followers of Christ use often. One of the main characteristics of God is grace, best seen through Jesus dying on the cross so that all who believe would be saved. It is by the grace of God that we are indeed saved.

This is hopefully no secret to any of you reading this article. You have heard it, believe it, and know it - at the very least theoretically. However, grace is something that many of us know we need but have never perhaps experienced the need for. Many of us have lived lives that mostly reflect love and good old fashioned mid-western politeness. We haven't done anything that takes a tremendous amount of effort to forgive. Then there comes the day when you make a poor decision that will indeed have ramifications. Then comes the day that you imagine yourself as unforgivable.

I hope some of you reading are remembering that poor decision you made years ago and the horrible feelings of inadequacy that came with it - the total reliance on someone giving you exactly what you don't deserve. I imagine some of you received exactly what you did deserve - justice is another word for that. Some of us received the end of a relationship, friendship, or opportunity.

However, some of us received exactly what we didn't deserve - forgiveness, mercy, love. This is what grace is. Grace is what our God offers continually, and what the people of God offer in abundance. It is my hope that as you recall or experience the need for grace, you remember that our God and His Church is offering exactly what none of us deserve - grace. And if you're someone who hasn't needed much of it yet, believe it or not, there will come a day when we all will need it in abundance. May we live in it, offer it, and remember our need for it.

**Sincerely in Christ,**

**Rev. Chance McMullin**

# OUR PRAYER LIST

Betty Blackwell, Cole Brown, Teresa Fowler,  
George Geotz, JoAnn Green, Barb Hagebush,  
Cara Harrington, Harper Jones, Michael  
Lucito, Hallie Meyer, Barbara Mittenburg, Pat  
Newport, Rowena Pettet, Beckham  
Stuckenschneider, JJ

Our condolences to the family of Tommy  
Hunter on his passing on July 30, 2025.

## Nursing Home and Shut-Ins

Essex: **Dava Brummit**  
E. W. Thompson: **Allan Fowler**  
Primrose(Independent): **Freida Morrison**  
Primrose(Assisted): **Dorothy Robertson**  
Primrose(Enhanced Assisted Living): **Judy  
Parkhurst, Susan Daniels**  
Sylvia Thompson: **Lois Ditzfeld, Judy Steele,  
Margie Sowder, Lynda Alcorn, Merle Fisher,  
Donna Thompson, Margaret Johnson, Betty  
Blackwell**

Our friends in the Armed Services: **Ryan  
Arnold, Taylor Brown, Sam Braverman,  
Preston Butts, Daltin Butts, Kenneth  
French, Nicholas Holman, Adam Schock,  
Adriana Teiberis: Thank you for your  
service!**

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

**July 27, 2025**

**9am 135**

**11:10am 125**

**Sunday School 69**

**Online 686**

## Those serving this Week

### Greeters

- Youth
- Youth

### Elders

- Sterling Green
- Sue Green

### Deacons

- Youth Youth

## Your FCC Staff

 First Christian Church

660-826-5300

**Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin**  
Senior Minister

**Jay Fahnestock**  
Maintenance Supervisor

**Rev. Chance McMullin**  
Associate Minister

**Darrin Hartman**  
Music Director

**Sheri Webb**  
Admin. Asst.

**Emilee Jackson, Rilee  
Mathew, and Liliya Nine**  
Nursery

**Wayne Smither**  
Youth Director

**Mendy Goss**  
Children's Coordinator

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.

If you wish to check out  
our Digital Bulletin while  
worshipping; go to  
[first4God.com](https://first4God.com)  
scroll down to Worship Online,  
click Digital Bulletin. Scripture  
and list of songs will be posted.

# THIS WEEKS EVENTS



## THURSDAY 31

7pm Lake Creek Camp Mtg.

## FRIDAY 1

## Saturday 2

7pm Lake Creek Camp  
Mtg/Huckleberries

## SUNDAY 3

9am Worship/Youth  
10am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship/Youth  
7pm NA

## Monday 4

## Tuesday 5

12noon Brown Bag  
1:30pm Prayer Group  
5pm Youth Leaders  
5pm Vision Team

## Wednesday 6

9am Group 3/kitchen  
7pm NA



**Emma Jo Curry and Elliott Hejtmanek  
were dedicated on Sunday July 27, at FCC.**

**Jacelyn Hejtmanek is the daughter of  
Kevin and Loletta Combs.**

**Miles Curry is the son of Bill and Carla Curry.  
Miles and Jacelyn are cousins that were dedicated  
on the same day, almost 35 years ago. Their first  
kids, Myla and Oliver were also dedicated on the  
same day a few years ago. Great legacy from the  
Ray and Mary Ruth Combs family.  
Kyle Hejtmanek is the son of Sharon and Chris  
Hejtmanek.**



**Chad shared  
with the Lion's  
Club about his  
trip to Greece.**



## 2025 LAKE CREEK CAMPMEETING

July 27-August 3, at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday Morning Services, July 27 and August 3, at 9 a.m.  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
July 28-August 1, from 9-11:45 a.m.

### SPEAKERS

#### Sunday, July 27

Rev. Trevor Dancer  
First UMC, Jefferson City, MO

#### Monday, July 28

Rev. Anne Kyle  
Christ & Trinity Lutheran ELCA/Calvary Episcopal, Sedalia, MO

#### Tuesday, July 29

Rev. Candace Fowler  
First UMC, Sedalia, MO

#### Wednesday, July 30

Rev. Kayla Meredith  
First UMC, Warrensburg, MO

#### Thursday, July 31

Rev. Chad McMullin, Rev. Chance McMullin  
and Chase McMullin—First Christian Church, Sedalia MO

#### Friday, August 1

Kathy Page  
Lay Leader, Lake Creek UMC, Smithton, MO

#### Saturday, August 2

Rev. Dawn Gerard  
Wesley UMC, Sedalia, MO

#### Sunday, August 3

Rev. Dr. My Hyeon Lee  
North Central District Superintendent UMC

### MUSICIANS

Paul Laemmli  
First UMC, Jefferson City, MO

Fred Kennedy

Wesley Faithful Men

Matt & Kayla Vickrey

Campmeeting Favorites Sing-along

Lake Creek Vacation Bible School Program

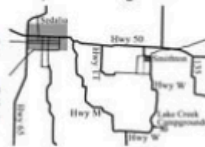
The Huckleberries  
Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Lake Creek UMC and Smithton UMC Choirs

Join us for activities during the week: Tuesday—Pizza at 6 p.m. before service, Wednesday—trivia night after service, Thursday—sing-along jam session after service, Friday—watermelon and capture the flag after service, and Saturday—Mission Committee Fish Fry from 5-6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call (660) 287-7705, email [hmallen5063@yahoo.com](mailto:hmallen5063@yahoo.com), send us a message on facebook at [www.facebook.com/lakecreekcampmeeting](https://www.facebook.com/lakecreekcampmeeting), or check the website at [www.lakecreekcampmeeting.org](http://www.lakecreekcampmeeting.org).

Directions from Sedalia, go east on US Hwy 50 to State Route M at edge of Sedalia. Turn south (right) on M and go 9 miles to State Route W. Continue to the left, heading east on W. Go 2 miles to Lake Creek Road. Turn right (east) at the sign and go 1/2 mile to the church and campground entrance on the right. From Smithton, go south 5 miles on W and turn left at Lake Creek Road, go 1/2 mile and turn at church.



Some of our own will be participating at the Lake Creek Camp meeting. Chad and Chance Thursday July 31, and the Huckleberries August 2. 7:30pm start time.

**Ladies: SAVE THE DATE**  
**October 17, 6pm for**  
**a fun event at the**  
**Cellar Door.**  
**More details to come.**

**Group 5 will**  
**meet**  
**Saturday**  
**August 9,**  
**10am**  
**at Read**  
**Center.**



# YOUTH

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- SOLID soldiers will begin in the spring assisting in the community where we can.
- August 6, 5:15pm SOLID meets
- August 22, SOLID will be having a lock in, 8pm to 8am. 70's theme! Bring air mattresses and sleeping bags. Awards for best dressed and most spirited.



**SOLID Youth Mission:**  
Reaching the Youth  
through CHRIST,  
touching the community  
with LOVE!



## SOLID painting the downstairs Common Area.



Like us on Facebook at Solid-FCC Youth Sedalia

# Current Bible Study

## Sacred Conversations: Meeting God in the Prayers of Scripture July Small Group Study

Beginning July 2, at 6pm and every Wednesday of July.

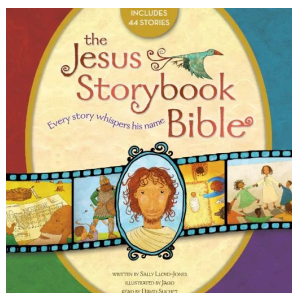
Stone Campbell Room

From Genesis to Revelation, God's people are constantly in conversation with Him. Please join Pastor Chad and Cathy Clements for a five-week journey through some of the most powerful prayers of Scripture and the people who prayed them. We'll explore how these sacred conversations with God can shape our own prayers and relationship with God. Come be renewed, challenged, and drawn deeper into the heart of prayer.

### RIGHT NOW MEDIA STUDIES

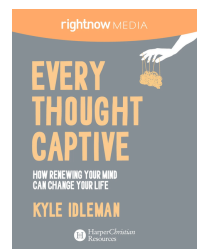
#### Children's Ministry Right Now Media Pick of the Month

This month's Kids Pick of the Month is:  
The Jesus Storybook Bible on  
RightNow Media. This is a great series  
of 44 episodes that teach our children  
not just the stories of the Bible, but  
what the Bible is meant to be. Check it  
out and replace your Disney+ time  
with Bible time on RightNow Media.



#### Adult Spiritual Growth Right Now Media Pick of the month.

Everything around us seems to be fighting for our attention. Our thoughts can become chaotic as we decide where to put our focus. Are your thoughts drawing you closer to God or pulling you away? “Every Thought Captive” is a fantastic study for August as summer vacations end and life gets busy again. This 5-session study (18 min. avg) by Kyle Idleman gives simple tools that help us control our thoughts, so that we can live a more joy-filled life. This study is great for young teens – older adults.



# FCC Kids

**Save the date:**

**Sept. 10 thru Nov. 19**

**FCC will be having a Wednesday night kids program.**

**It will begin at 5:30pm with a light meal,  
bible study, games, and fun.**

**More details will be coming soon.**

## **Children's Worship & Sunday School Recap**

**This week, we continued learning about Paul and his travels as he shared the message of Jesus. The kids learned about Paul's missionary journeys and the friends who traveled with him—Silas, Timothy, Barnabas, and Luke.**

**To bring the story to life, the kids also made boats out of tinfoil and tested them in water! This fun activity helped us imagine the journeys Paul and his friends might have taken by sea as they traveled far and wide.**

**We talked about how God calls us to share His love—even when it's hard, and even when we feel unsure or face challenges. Just like Paul and his companions, we can be brave and trust that God is with us every step of the way.**

**It was the last Sunday of the month so we recited our scripture without help! Next Sunday a new one will be introduced.**

**Do NOT  
AFRAID,  
for I am  
with you.  
Isaiah 43:5**



## August Anniversaries

- 3. Cindy & Steve Peck
- 5. Carol & Phil Ahern
- 9. Cathy & Mike Clements
- 10. Rose & Roy Martin
- 15. Linda & Rod Ellis
- 18. Jenelle & John Berry
- 23. Caroline & Jason Knox
- 31. Cathy & Kevin Geotz,  
Cheryl & Darryl Ehlers

## August Birthdays

- 1. Macie Curry, Jennifer Spence
- 2. Kimberly Rapp, Robert Holdren
- 4. Allison Brosch, Kenna Schock
- 5. Kimberly Garrison
- 7. Linda Reed, Pepper Ditzfeld, Ashlee Martin,  
David Menefee
- 8. Judee Mabry
- 9. Trevor Cunningham
- 10. Noah Purvis
- 11. Caroline Raetz, Georgia Raetz, Shelbi Mootz
- 12. Sara Rogers
- 14. Tyler Ditzfeld, Susan Sadler, Carrie Capers, David Turner
- 15. Vicki Herrick
- 17. Paden Lefevers, Carol Cusick
- 18. Kyle Cory-Yaeggi, Kenna Schock, William Hooton,  
Houston Parkhurst, James Crooks
- 20. Alexander Parkhurst, Dale Mootz, Michale Barkacs
- 21. Louetta Ditzfeld, Joy Cooper
- 23. Tim Fielder, Mack Ditzfeld, Jessica Cooper
- 24. Tonja Hooton, Ann Fleming
- 25. Darrin Hartman
- 26. Alex Sim
- 29. Tyler Kempton, Allison Chaplin
- 30. Grant Anderson



**Thank you Rik Hill  
for hosting our  
FCC men to rock  
slinging and  
great fellowship.**