

INFORMER



First Christian Church

Sunday Worship

9 am and 11:10 am

10 am Sunday School

online @first4god.com

This Week's Scripture and sermon: Romans 7: 14-25

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin



Behind the desk at FCC:

Things may feel messy right now in the building of our church – but let's not allow that messiness to seep into our hearts as a congregation. Over the last few weeks, our pastors have poured time, effort, and intentional care into ensuring that our worship space continues to feel like home – holy, sacred, and comforting – even in the midst of dust, noise, and construction.

Their words and presence have been a source of peace for many of us, reminding us that God is near, even when everything around us feels chaotic.

Isn't it a bit ironic? While our church building is literally being built up, it can sometimes feel like the world around us is crumbling. Yet this is our calling – to show up. To show up for each other. To show up for our community. In the middle of rubble, we are called not to retreat, but to build.

As Christians, it is our responsibility – and privilege – to build:

Build each other up in love

Build strong, grace-filled homes

Build hearts that are open to others

And most importantly, build lives centered on loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength

Let's commit ourselves this week – and in the weeks to come – to being Builders. Not everyone gets the opportunity to witness growth rising from rubble. But we do. Let's be thankful. Let's be encouraging. And let's be patient with the process.

Because in the end, we're not just watching a building go up – we're becoming the church God is building from the inside out.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Betty Blackwell, Cole Brown, Kelly Burkholder, Teresa Fowler, George Geotz, Barb Hagebush, Cara Harrington, Harper Jones, Michael Lucito, Hallie Meyer, Barbara Mittenburg, Pat Newport, Rowena Pettet, Beckham Stuckenschneider, JJ, Nancy VanMeter, Evelyn Yonce

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, Aaron Wagoner: Thank you for your service!

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.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

September 14, 2025

9am 148

11:10am 85

Sunday School 38

Online 32

Those serving this Week

Greeters

- Linda Reed and Hannah
- Hannah Brick

Candle lighters

- Bryce Leftridge
- Jack Metzner

Elders

- Gary Fleming
- David Parkhurst

Deacons

- Ann Fleming
- Jenny Spence
- Tyler Ditzfeld
- Kara Metzner
- Ronda McMullin/Brian Leftridge
- Mendy Goss
- Austin Heubi
- Jeanean Longan
- Tom Sampson
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- Austin Heubi
- Jeanean Longan
- Tom Sampson

Your FCC Staff



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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

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.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS



THURSDAY 18

5:30pm Outreach

FRIDAY 19

6pm Fall Fling

Saturday 20

SUNDAY 21

9am Worship
10am Sunday School
11:10am Worship
5:30pm AFS gathering FH
7pm NA

Monday 22

6:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday 23

12noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group
55+ Mystery Trip

Wednesday 24

5:15pm SOLID
5:30 FCC Kids
6pm Adult Bible Study



Community Cafe Group



**OCC is in need of:
children's scissors,
small pads of paper,
tooth brushes and
beanie babies. You
can bring them and put
them in the OCC bin.**

Sewing for Operation Christmas Child Shoebboxes

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 16
for a day of heartfelt crafting and community spirit!

Time: 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

What to Bring: Your sewing machine and sewing supplies
What to Expect: A variety of sewing projects designed to
bless children around the world through Operation
Christmas Child. Whether you're a seasoned stitcher or
just learning, there's a place for you at the table.
Experienced seamstresses will be on hand for guidance.
Let's sew love into every stitch and make this holiday
season extra special for kids in need.

For more information, contact Linda Kirk by texting 660-
829-0755.



FAMILY EDUCATION NIGHT
Find out what HOSPICE is all about. An informational gathering will occur Monday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. at Sylvia Thompson Residence Center, lower level East side. It may be more than you thought and different than your preconceived notions. Light refreshments will be available.



Fall in Love with Jesus

Join other sisters in a Fall Prayer Walk, a craft, and some sweet treats. Please bring an item to fill a Hygiene kit for the homeless (ex: travel size: deodorant, dry shampoo, tissues, lip balm, wipes, socks, tooth brush, tooth paste, gloves, etc)

When: October 17, 2025

Time: 6pm

Where: The Cellar Door

217 S. Ohio

Sedalia, MO 65301

Help us plan and let us know if you will be there

call: 660-826-5300

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- SOLID will meet every Wednesday at 5:15pm
- Pumpkins will be here the morning of Oct. 11, plan to help unload.



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



Thank You to Rick and Pam Haskell
We extend our sincere thanks to Rick and Pam Haskell for generously donating these beautiful wood tops to SOLID. While we are still determining the best way to market them, we are truly grateful for the opportunity to benefit from their craftsmanship and generosity.

SOLID Youth Program

"40 Off" – Jump On Program / Mission Trip Incentive

The "40 Off" program has two primary goals:

- Empowerment** – Encourage youth to take greater responsibility for their Mission Trips and Young Christians Weekend.
- Affordability** – Help reduce the cost of these events for each participant.

Event Costs

- Young Christians Weekend: \$200
- Mission Trip: \$500

How the Program Works

For every hour a youth participates in approved work activities outside of regular Sunday and Wednesday services, \$10 will be deducted from the total cost of their trip.

Example:

If a youth works 16 hours, they will earn \$160 toward their Mission Trip, reducing the cost from \$500 to \$340.

Youth can earn up to \$200 off each trip through this program.

With the full \$200 earned, the Mission Trip cost drops to \$300.

This is a great opportunity for youth to grow, serve, and invest in their own spiritual journeys while helping ease the financial burden on families.

Let us know if you have any questions or if your youth would like to sign up for work opportunities!

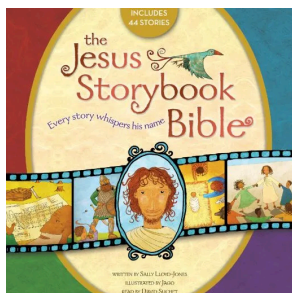


BIBLE STUDIES

**Adult 4 week Bible Study on the book
of Romans. Every Wednesday at 6pm;
Sept. 10 - Oct. 1.
Led by Pastor Chad**

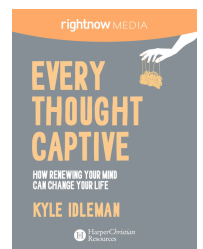
Children's Ministry Right Now Media Pick of the Month

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 will be having a Wednesday night kids program.

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

“Find registration on the church’s FB page.”



Children’s Worship Recap

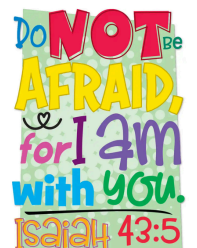
In children’s worship this week, we began by praying over the canned goods brought for Open Door. We were reminded that God can take our little and make it big.

We explored Luke 15:1-10, the stories of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. Even though there are over 8 billion people in the world, each of us is so loved and so important to God that He will always come looking for us when we wander away. To help us experience the story, sheep were hidden around the room for the children to find and keep as a reminder: God never forgets us—He always finds us and celebrates when we are with Him. God’s love is big, personal, and never-ending.

Family Discussion Questions:

1. How does it make you feel to know that God will always come looking for you?
2. Can you think of a time when something small you did became something big for God?

Mendy Goss/Children’s Coordinator



FALL FLING POTLUCK



For Adults

Friday September 19, 2025

6pm to 9pm

BYOB and a dish to share.

Younger-Finley Barn

25257 110th Rd.

Houstonia, MO 65333



6-7pm Dinner

**7pm Corn Hole, Billards, Shuffleboard,
and Minute to Win It games**





**EXCITING NEWS!! WE ARE BACK AFTER A SUMMER BREAK!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SIGN UP!**

**THE PRODUCTION OF DAVID THE MUSICAL
Branson Overnight
Sight & Sound Theatre
October 28 & 29**

MASTER POET. FEARLESS WARRIOR. ANOINTED KING.

From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all: the one within himself. Come alongside this young shepherd on his journey to become a man after God's own heart.

With original music inspired by the Psalms, DAVID is a state-of-the-art theatrical experience. Witness one of the most legendary Bible stories as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals in this original stage production.

Reserve your ticket by signing up with Sheri in the church office. We have purchased 20 tickets and reserved 10 hotel rooms at Best Western Center Pointe Inn.

SIGN UP DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 28TH. If you sign-up and cancel after the deadline, you will still be responsible for payment. Sign up in the church office or sign-up sheet outside the worship area.

Cost: theatre tickets are \$85/person, and the room rate is \$140 so that cost will be divided between how many are staying in your room. Make check payable to First Christian Church.

Transportation: the van will be available, and carpooling is another option.

We'll leave the church at 12:00 pm, arriving in Branson to check in at the hotel at 3:00 pm. We'll meet for dinner (place to be decided) and then we'll need to be at the theatre by 6:45 pm for the 7:30 performance.