

OCTOBER 1, 2025 ISSUE 28

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INFORMER



First Christian Church

**This Week's Scripture and
sermon: Matthew 22: 15-22**

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

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

Every month at our church, our leaders gather for what we call a “planning meeting.” This meeting is where each ministry team leader brings their dates for upcoming events that they are planning. During this meeting we spend time reflecting on our role as leaders of ministry teams. This week we discussed the spiritual nature of leadership in the church. I shared with them someone’s theory that there are always 4 O’s that need to be considered in ministry leadership.

In all our ministries, the Lord creates opportunities for growth that go beyond the boundaries of what we have always done. And while that is exciting and energizing, as a leader you can almost always expect some opposition to any opportunity that is not already an accepted practice/tradition. The way we handle the opposition is a big part of our success or failure as a leader of a ministry. We discussed creating an environment where differing opinions are valued and included in our leadership. Ultimately, however—as a leader, part of our calling is to lead the ministry where we feel the Lord is leading. And so, we are called to obedience. This is usually not a difficult thing, but sometimes opposition makes it very difficult for our ministry team leaders. When opposition is strong, obedience to the Spirit’s guidance can require a ton of energy and courage from our ministry team leaders. Finally, the ministry team leader needs to believe that serving carefully, courageously, and faithfully is going to lead to a positive outcome.

We have at least 17 active ministry teams/committees and special ad-hoc teams in our church. Each of these teams has a ministry team leader who is doing the difficult work of leadership. Please pray for our ministry team leaders, and ask that God would bless them as they lead. Give thanks for those among us who so willingly lead—and please go out of your way to support them as they seek to walk in obedience to what the Lord is doing in their ministry.

Pastor Chad

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 28, 2025

9am 174

11:10am 89

Sunday School 106

Online 417

Those serving this Week

Greeters

- Youth
- David and Olivia

Candle lighters

- Kellan Kehde
- Serenity Bremer

Elders

- Nate Hooton
- Tonja Hooton

Deacons

- Youth Youth

Your FCC Staff

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Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

Senior Minister

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 2

FRIDAY 3

Saturday 4

SUNDAY 5

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

Monday 6

10am Blood Drive
6:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday 7

12noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group

Wednesday 8

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

Thank You A Heartfelt Thank You to Jay Fahnestock

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Jay Fahnestock, who has faithfully served as our Maintenance Supervisor for the past year and a half.

Jay's last day in this role will be October 2, 2025.

Thank you, Jay, for all the hard work, dedication, and care you've brought to FCC. You've made a lasting impact, and we are truly grateful.

Emma Holloman and Grace Homan were baptized on Sept. 28, 2025. We are so excited for you!!



Thank you to all who helped serve Meals on Wheels.

Cold Weather Drive



Collecting in
OCTOBER and NOVEMBER
Bins located in
Sunday School hallway.

Accepting NEW or
USED coats, blankets,
scarves, hats, and
gloves.



There will be a Bake Sale on
Sunday October 12, 2025
between services
and after 2nd service.
This Bake Sale will benefit
Operation Christmas
Child.

If you would like to donate
baked goods
you can bring them anytime
before the 1st service
on Sunday Oct. 12.



Sewing for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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.



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
- Mums will be available Oct. 4 and 5. We are putting out pledges now. Mum prices: \$20 small; \$30 medium; \$40 large.
- Pumpkins will be here the morning of Oct. 11, plan to help unload.
- October 18, 8pm Popcorn and Pumpkins movie night at FCC Pumpkin Patch.

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!



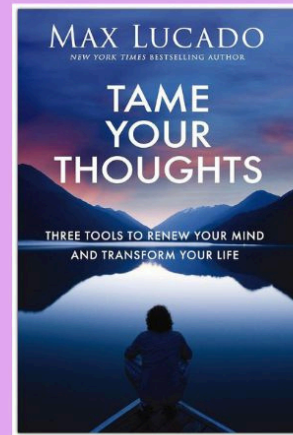
BIBLE STUDIES

Ladies Bible Study

"Tame Your Thoughts"

God has not left us alone in the battle of the mind. We will learn to take our thoughts captive, test our thoughts against scripture and tame our thoughts. Starts Thursday, October 16th @ 10 a.m.

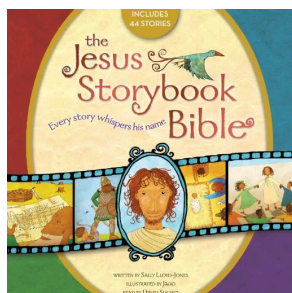
This is a 6 week study at the home of Amy Lake. Books are \$10. Please reserve your spot so books can be ordered. Please sign-up at the church office or email amylake86@gmail.com to reserve.



"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind". (Romans 12:2)

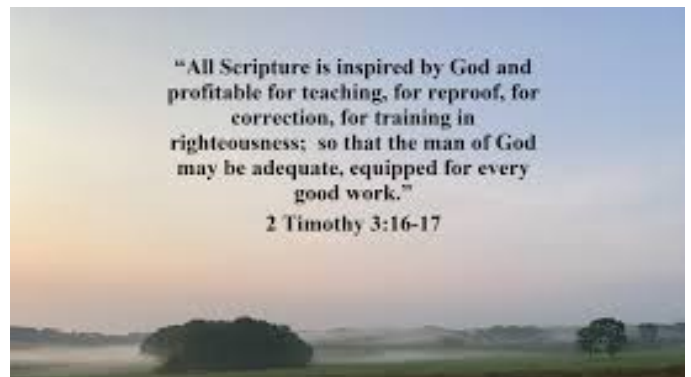
Children's Ministry Right Now Media Pick of the Month

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.



"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17





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 Sermon Recap – Luke 16:19–31

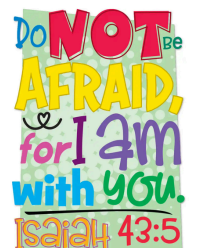
Sunday our kids learned about the story Jesus told of the rich man and Lazarus. To make it fun and easy to understand, some kids dressed up—one in fine clothes as the rich man, another holding an empty bowl as Lazarus. The children saw how the rich man had everything he wanted but didn’t even look at or help Lazarus, who had nothing.

Through acting it out, the kids discovered Jesus’ big lesson: Don’t close your eyes to people in need. Open your eyes, read God’s Word, and use your hands and hearts to help others. Just like the Bible teaches, when we share and show kindness, we are living the way Jesus wants us to live.

Family Questions for the Week

1. The rich man didn’t help Lazarus. What is one way we can help someone who needs it this week?
2. The Bible shows us how to live like Jesus. What is one thing you remember from the Bible that teaches us to love others?

Mendy Goss/Children’s Coordinator



**October is Pastor
Appreciation Month.**

**There will be a card basket
in the entry
during both services, October 12.**

**Please bring a card to tell
Pastor Chad and Pastor Chance
how much they are appreciated
and loved!!!**

**SOLID Pumpkin Patch will
be open beginning Oct. 12,
10am to 7pm.**

**Come support SOLID and
get all your Fall decor.**

