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First Christian Church

This Week's Scripture and sermon:

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin
Genesis 3: 1-4
Deliver Us From Evil

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

The church is hopping!! If you have not been here on a Wednesday night, you have been missing out! There are youths running around having fun in youth group, there are children all over the place smiling and laughing, and there are adults gathered for Bible study and fellowship. To end the evening, our chancel choir practices and fills the space with praise and laughter, too.

Besides all of this wonderful spiritual work, there are a whole host of other kinds of ministry happening behind the scenes. We have our Vision Team gathering, praying and listening for the focus we will have for the next three years. Our Nominating Committee has been inviting people into roles as Deacons and Elders. Our Personnel Team is taking applications and interviewing potential candidates for the custodial position. Updates are being made to our employee manual. The Stewardship Team is preparing next year's budget for our church, and our Elders recently hosted a gathering for elders from other churches.

Meanwhile, the youth and volunteers are selling pumpkins, men's groups are forming and meeting, women's groups are gathering and my head is spinning!

Did I mention that we are also having flooring laid, ceiling tiles installed and other work being done in the new entrance that is being constructed?

While it is nice to have so many ministries doing what they are asked to do, it is always my concern that we stay too busy to actually be deeply spiritual and live holy lives. It is next to impossible to be hectic and holy at the same time. For me, the key is to carve out much needed prayer time to connect myself to the Lord. How about for you? I know you are very busy, too. Please do not mistake business for holiness. Take some time to pray. Give God thanks and breathe. Spend time in the Word and listen to what the Lord might be telling you. You will be surprised at how it is possible to stay spiritual in the midst of all the chaos of our otherwise busy schedules. Remember the source of why you do what you do!

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, Barbara Musslin, Pat Newport, Rowena Pettet, Beckham Stuckenschneider, II, 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 Bravermán, 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.

FCC Staff

First Christian Church

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

Senior Minister

Maintenance Supervisor

Rev. Chance McMullin

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Darrin Hartman

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Sheri Webb

Emilee Jackson, Rilee

Admin. Asst.

Mathew, and Liliya Nine Nursery

Wayne Smither

Mendy Goss

Youth Director

Children's Coordinator

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

October 26, 2025 9am 148 11:10am 117 **Sunday School 94** Online 531

Those serving this Week

Greeters

- Youth
- David and Olivia

Candle lighters

Kellan and Serenity

Elders

- Karen Lake
- **Larry Lake**

Deacons

Youth

Youth

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 30

Monday

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6:30pm Girl Scouts

FRIDAY 31

2pm Wedding Rehearsal Last Day for Pumpkin Patch

Tuesday 4

12noon Brown Bag 1:30pm Prayer Group 5pm Youth Leaders 6pm Deacons Mtg.

Saturday 1

All day/Wedding

Wednesday 5

5:15pm SOLID 5:30 FCC Kids 6pm Adult Bible Study/If Money Could Talk



SUNDAY 2

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

A Big Thank You to all who continue to volunteer their time and talents on helping us get the church cleaned.

3rd Quarter Giving Statements, Stewardship reports, and Pledge Cards will be available at the back of the Sanctuary. Please grab your envelope this weekend.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

55+ Club enjoying their Branson trip.









10:30 AM Leave Church 11:30 AM Lunch (TBD)

1:00 AM Tour the Colonel Alvin R. Lubker Memorial Safety & Education Museum (Highway Patrol Museum) led by our own retired Highway Patrolman, Phil Ahern. Followed by a visit to the Highway Patrol Commissary.

2:30ish visit Central Dairy for ice cream before heading home.

Cost: lunch & ice cream on your own.

There may be some interest in a stop at the Dillard's Outlet which is only one of two in the State. ⊚

Sign-up sheet in the vestibule outside the sanctuary.



IMPORTANT DATES:

SOLID will meet every Wednesday at 5:15pm

The 2025 Solid Pumpkin Patch is nearing the end. Please come and grab your pumpkins. Thank You to all who supported and helped with this year's Pumpkin Patch. We appreciate you!!!











"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

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





BIBLE STUDIES



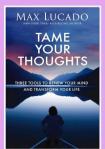
Ladies Bible Study

"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.

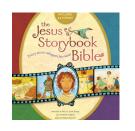
This is a 6 week study at the home of Amy Lake. Books are \$10. Please reserve your spot so books can be ordered. Please sign-up at the church office or email amylake86@gmail.com to reserve.

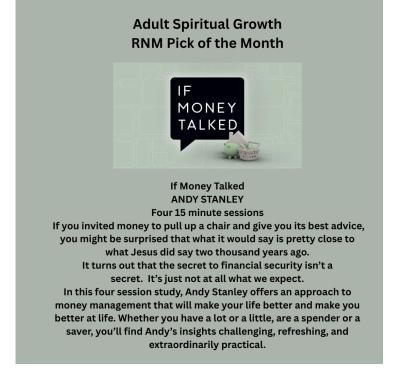


"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind". (Romans 12:2)

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.







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 - Isaiah 55

This week in Children's Worship, we explored Isaiah 55 and learned that God gives us everything we need to grow! Isaiah reminded the people that God's invitation is for everyone — "Come to Me, all who are thirsty." Just like rain and sunshine help plants grow, God's Word helps our hearts grow!

To go along with our lesson, we dropped little sponge capsules into water and waited for them to grow — but they didn't quite cooperate! Still, it turned out to be a perfect reminder that growth doesn't always happen the way or when we expect it to. Sometimes it takes time, patience, and trust that God is still working underneath the surface.

Even when things don't go according to plan, God's promise still stands: His Word will not return empty. It always works in our lives, helping us grow in His love and joy — one way or another!

Parent Questions:

- 1. What are some ways God helps our hearts grow?
- 2. Can you think of a time when you had to wait for something to grow or change?

Mendy Goss/Childen's Coordinator



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November Anniversaries

November Birthdays

- 11. Billie and Todd Holman
- 12. Lindsey and Miles Curry
- 19. Kali and Jaron Lucchesi

Thank you to everyone who came to the Ladies Event.
What a Night!





- 1.Clayton Alcorn
- 2. Maggie Sadler
- 3. Brian Leftridge
- 4. Lynda Alcorn
- 6. Reese Green
- 7. Mike Clements, Kathy Wooden, Jenson Poe
- 8. Carla Curry
- 9. Susan Squires
- 10. Brady Martin
- 11. Caroline Knox, Bode Knox
- 12. Brooke Higgins, Cooper Bradley, Craig Poe
- 13. Molly Bradley
- 16. Carl Taylor, Sheryl Groves
- 18. Scott Ditzfeld
- 19. Judith Steele, Malacki Ehlers, Rhonda
- Summers
- 20. Benjamin Nickell
- 24. William Geotz
- 25. Lisa DeMoss
- 26. Wendy Walker
- 27 Ryan Wiedeman
- 28 Khale Knox
- 29. Chazzlyn Lord
- 30. Mary Martin

