

INFORMER

**First Christian Church**

**This Week's Scripture and
sermon:**

Colossians 3: 12-17

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

Sunday Worship

9 am and 11:10 am

10 am Sunday School

online @first4god.com

In our vision team meeting last night, I asked how many of our members would like to see this church grow in terms of worship attendance. Everyone, with a lone exception raised their hand. There is always one isn't there? When this individual was asked to explain why they did not raise their hand for numerical growth, they gave a wonderful response. They said, "I am not as concerned with numerical growth, as I am with spiritual growth. For I am convinced that if a congregation is growing spiritually, and doing what the Lord has called us to do, then we will more than likely grow numerically as a result." To which, others joined in and said, "of course," and "for sure," and things like that. The vision team gets it! They know growth is not a goal in and of itself.

I have not shared with them yet my favorite quote that I use with almost every church vision team. That quote is, "Spiritual growth and numerical growth are close cousins, who tend to hang out in the same place." I do not remember who said this, but it stuck with me all these years. I am excited to have received back 103 surveys for this year's vision team. What a great response. For the great majority of you, there were many marks of high praise for the way things are going at this church and your surveys encouraged the team to stay the course and continue to step out boldly for the Lord. I believe this vision team is up to the challenge of connecting to where the Spirit is leading. We will soon be setting goals to work toward for the next few years of ministry.

In a world that often feels divisive, a church's growth is a byproduct of them becoming a community transformed by the gospel. The apostle Paul, in Colossians 3, describes this transformation as an intentional process of changing one's "clothing". He tells believers to lose the "old self" and "put on" a new identity, "which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator". This new self is characterized by a radical commitment to Christ, and this change is expressed through specific, practical virtues. He says, these virtues are compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, forgiveness and patience. A growing church is one that is gentle in its interactions and patient in its dealings with others. Love is not just another virtue on the list; it is the glue that holds everything together. It is the unifying force that allows for forgiveness, patience, and kindness to be expressed genuinely.

Colossians 3:12-17 offers us a clear vision for a church that is not just growing numerically but is also growing spiritually and in its ability to express Christ's love to the world.

Pastor Chad

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Our condolences to the Ditzfeld families on the passing of Lois Ditzfeld on November 18, 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: **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!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nov. 16, 2025

9am 140

11:10am 100

Sunday School 88

Online 415

Those serving this Week

Candle lighters

- Jenson L and Jake

Elders

- Karen Lake
- Larry Lake

Deacons

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| • Amy Elkins | Deana Pomajzl |
| • Dan Nickell | Adam Tilley |
| • Susan Nickell | Glenn Waggoner |
| • Deana Pomajzl | Larry Whipple |
| • Adam Tilley | |
| • Glenn Waggoner | |
| • Larry Whipple | |
| • Ryan Wiedeman | |

Your FCC Staff

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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

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

THIS WEEKS EVENTS



THURSDAY 20

10am Ladies study Amy Lake
5:30pm Outreach
6pm Group 3/FH

FRIDAY 21

Saturday 22

SUNDAY 23

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

Monday 24

1pm Adult Spiritual Growth
6pm Planning Meeting
7pm Board Meeting
6:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday 25

12noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group
6pm Rock Club/FH

Wednesday 26

A graphic for an Advent worship service featuring a lit white candle, a small orange, and pinecones on a dark, textured surface.

FCC will be having a
formal-traditional
Advent Worship Service.
Sunday
November 30, at 5:30pm
Reception to follow.

**Lois Ditzfeld's
Funeral Arrangements:
Tuesday November 25;
10am Visitation
11am Funeral
all at FCC.**

Thanksgiving Day Luncheon

Thurs. November 27th, 2025

1:00 pm Lunch

First Christian Church

Sign-ups due on signup sheet in the church lobby by

Sunday Nov. 23rd

or by calling the Church Office by

Thursday Nov. 20th.

Games/Activities Following Meal

No church transportation available



Cold Weather Drive



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

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



**Cold weather gear
needed by November 23.**

**FCC packed 189
OCC boxes.
Thank you for
everyone who
participated.**



One Service

**December 14, FCC will have
one service at 10am.**

**There will be a potluck
following, please
bring a side dish, salad, or a
dessert to share. Meat,
bread, and potatoes will be
provided. Come and enjoy
good fellowship and fun!**



YOUTH

IMPORTANT DATES:

- SOLID will meet every Wednesday at 5:15pm
- Nov. 19, will be the last SOLID until after Thanksgiving. Then we will be diving into a study of the Holy Spirit.
- **December 13, SOLID will attend David in Branson. Notify through Church Center if you plan to attend. The cost is \$30. It needs to be paid ASAP. Only 10 seats available.**
- The last day for SOLID for this semester will be December 17. We will resume January 7, 2026.

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



Like us on Facebook at Solid-FCC Youth Sedalia



BIBLE STUDIES

Behold: An Advent Study

Advent is a season of sacred waiting—always full of promise as the weary world waits.

This four-week study invites us to pause and rediscover the gifts Christ offers: peace, healing, hope, and freedom.

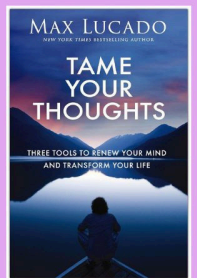
Led by Cathy Clements, we'll meet Sundays from 10-11 a.m. in the Berean Room, November 30-December 21. Bring your Bible and come wait—and rejoice—together.

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.

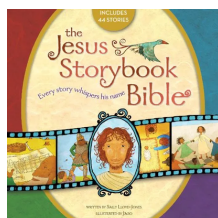
This is a 6 week study at the home of Amy Lake. Books are \$10. Please reserve your spot so books can be ordered. Please sign-up at the church office or email amylake86@gmail.com to reserve.



"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.



There will not
be an Informer
Thanksgiving week.





Dates to Remember

- **November 26** - No FCC Kids
- **November 30** - FCC KIDS
Choir singing at 5:30
- **December 14** - Dress
Rehearsal for Christmas
Program at 4pm
- **December 17** - Christmas
Program at 6. Kids be here
between 4:30-5.



We will have poinsettias in the Sanctuary during Advent season. You may purchase one in honor/memory of a loved one or friend. The cost for each poinsettia will be \$11.00. Please make check payable to First Christian Church. Return this form to the church by November 30th

Memory
of _____

Honor of _____

Given
by _____

December Anniversaries

- 6. Bill and Carla Curry
- 9. Jim and Carol Harvey
- 18. Mike and Barbara Mittenburg
- 24. Brett and Nanci Opfer



**55+ heading to Jeff City
to visit MO Highway Patrol
Museum.**

December Birthdays

- 2. Chris Klinginsmith
- 4. Jeannie Braswell
- 9. Phil Brown, Taygan Bailey
- 11. Rosalie Largent
- 13. Dana Walk
- 14. Susan Edwards, Chris Squires
- 16. Rose Martin, Jadelyn Parkhurst, Jeanne Reed
- 18. Sue Green
- 19. Alyssa Wollard, Darryl Ehlers, LeRoy Wimer, Curt Tagtmeyer
- 20. Amy Tilley
- 22. Hadley Green
- 23. Betty Blackwell, Dale Soendker
- 24. Eric Bradley
- 26. Tammy Christenberry
- 27. Thomas Cooper
- 28. Deana Pomajzl
- 29. Barbara Bremer, Rhonda Crabtree, Virginia McAllister, Jackson Butler
- 30. Helen Tevis, Connie Soendker, Dana White

An Evening with
Eric Poindexter

and Friends

*An elegant evening of
music celebrating the joy
and spirit of the
holiday season*

DECEMBER 12 & 13, 2025

TICKETS \$25.00 PER PERSON

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

SHOW TIME 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Get out that gorgeous black dress you've been saving for a special occasion, or don that sport coat just waiting to be worn, and join us for dessert and beverages at
The Hayden Liberty Center for a special night of Christmas cheer!

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