DECEMBER 10, 2025 ISSUE 36

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# INFORMER



Sunday School 9am
One Service 10am
Potluck following

Yesterday, I stopped in at the Sylvia Thompson nursing home for a few pastoral visits. As I visited with several of our church members who currently stay there, I ran into two of our elected elders. These two elders were carrying their bible, a tupperware dish with soft bread, and a communion kit to serve the sacrament of communion. As I sat down with the two elders and one of our members, they invited me into their time. One of the elders read the words of institution, the other handed us the bread and the cup. As one read, we each ate while hearing, "this is my body broken for you, do this in remembrance of me." A few moments later we heard, "this is the cup of the new covenant, my blood shed for the forgiveness of sin," and we each drank from our own little cup.

It was quaint. It was just the four of us. It was intimate, and my oh my-how good it felt! I felt the warmth of our love, the presence of the Holy Spirit and I was moved in all the right ways. Just when I thought it was over, we all grabbed hands and gave thanks to God. The elder who was praying said, "thank you God for loving us in spite of who we are." This line of the prayer reminded me of just how hard it is to love someone, and that our God knows everything about us, and chooses to love us regardless. These intimate spiritual moments are a part of the blessing we receive as part of the church. I left the room reminded, ready and fueled for a day of sharing the same love I had received.

Every now and then I bump into our church members out doing ministry. Sometimes it's ringing a bell, or mentoring a student, or serving others at the hospital, or at a local charity. Other times it is a sacramental, intentional sharing of the Word or communion. It is a delightful blessing to see our ministries in action outside the walls of our church. I am so grateful that our elders care so much and that they take time to visit our homebound members and those who are in the nursing homes. Their visits mean so much and they are packed with the spirit of love. I want to thank and acknowledge you for the ministry you do, and I want to encourage you to know that each visit, each kind act, every card you send, every moment that you offer, and every thing you do in the name of Jesus, is the work of our ministry. Thank you for the ways you serve.

# 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

#### 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!

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.

# Your FCC Staff

First Christian Church

660-826-5300

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin Senior Minister

Rev. Chance McMullin
Associate Minister

**Sheri Webb** 

Admin. Asst.

**Wayne Smither** 

**Youth Director** 

Darrin Hartman Music Director

Emilee Jackson, Rilee Mathew, and Liliya Nine Nursery

Mendy Goss
Children's Coordinator

# WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Dec. 7, 2025 9am 173 11:10am 126 Sunday School 112 Online 481

#### Those serving this Week

#### Candle lighters

• Serenity and Bryce

#### **Elders**

- Sterling Green
- Sue Green

#### **Deacons**

- Allison Brosch
- Amy Brust
- Jim Brust
- Treasure Green
- Bill Herrick
- Alyson Wilson
- Caleb Wilson
- Chancey McRoberts
- Kenna Schock

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

FCC

THURSDAY 11

**6pm Elder Christmas Party** 

Monday 15

1pm ASG 5pm Property 6:30pm Girl Scouts FRIDAY 12

Tuesday 16

12noon Brown Bag 1:30pm Prayer Group Saturday 13

SOLID to see David in Branson 11:30pm Curry Christmas/FH 6pm Rock Club Christmas Party

Wednesday 17

12:15pm Foster Care Wrapping 5:30pm Kids Christmas Pageant/Reception to follow **SUNDAY 14** 

9am Sunday School 9am Advent Bible Study 10am One Worship Service 11:30am Fellowship Luncheon 4pm Dress Rehearsal for kids 7pm NA

#### Congregational Meeting of First Christian Church, Sedalia, Missouri December 7, 2025

The annual congregational meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by board president Nathan Hooton. The purpose of the meeting was to vote to confirm proposed members of the executive team, spiritual leaders and ministry team leaders as well as the budget for 2026.

The congregation was offered the opportunity to ask questions prior to voting. Ballots will be accepted until noon on Tuesday, December 9.

There was a total of 90 ballots received. Voting results are as follows.

#### 2026 Budget Proposal

The proposed budget was accepted with 82 votes to approve. 7 abstained and 1 no.

#### 2026 Leadership Team

All proposed executive team members, spiritual leaders and ministry team leaders were accepted with each candidate receiving 86 or more votes to approve.

#### **Installation of Officers**

Having been approved by vote of the congregation, the newly elected spiritual leaders and members of the board will be commissioned on the second Sunday of January.

# December 14, 2025 We will have one Worship Service at 10am First Christian Church, Sedalia, MO





# **Upcoming at FCC**

December 14, 11:30am
There will be a potluck. 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!









#### 🗽 Ahhhh.....the comfort of your favorite pajamas.

Whether it's wearing them watching your favorite Christmas movie or staying in them all day long on a snowy day, many of us have great memories associated with them. This December, we would like to create these same memories for the kids at Show Me Christian Youth Home. We will be collecting new pajamas infant - teen sizes now until December 19th. Please bring them to the collection bins located in the Hallway outside the sanctuary. Let's work together to make this a warm and cozy Christmas for the kids at Show Me!



#### **Memorial Bricks Available for Purchase:**

For the next three weeks, we will be offering Memorial Bricks for sale. You may purchase a brick in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special or an entire family. Proceeds will go toward building fund. More information will be shared next week.

Bethany Class Christmas Party
We will be having a social hour on December 21,
during our Sunday School hour 10am to 11am.
Please bring snacks and finger food to share.

Questions, please call Jeannie 660-221-4950 Pat 660-620-3891



# **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Reaching the Youth through CHRIST, touching the community with LOVE!

- SOLID will meet every Wednesday at 5:15pm
- December 13, SOLID will be going to Branson to see David.
- The last day for SOLID for this semester will be December 17. We will resume January 7, 2026.













Behold: An Advent Study

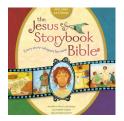
Advent is a season of sacred waiting—always full of promise as the weary world waits.

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.

### 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.



# RightNow Media Pick of the Month for December

The Wonder of Christmas
Pastor Jarrett Stephens

Many of us are familiar with the story of
Christmas. Maybe we've even heard
about the manger scene and the birth of
Christ every year for as long as we can
remember. But what if we revisited the
Christmas story with new eyes? What
would we discover? Pastor Jarrett
Stephens will unpack Jesus' story in the
Gospel of Luke in four 11 minutes videos.
Rekindle the wonder of Christ's presence,
his good news, his plan, and his people.





- Reminder: Sunday School Dec. 14
   9am.
- December 14, 2025 Kids Dress Rehearsal 4pm
- December 17, 2025; Kids Christmas
   Program. Kids be here by 5:30,
   program begins at 6pm. Refreshments to follow.



In Children's Worship, our kids learned about John the Baptist and his message to "prepare the way for the Lord." We talked about how John helped people get their hearts ready for Jesus.

The children explored how we can prepare our hearts today, and then we took a meaningful Prayer Walk around the church. At each stop, we prayed for the people who learn, serve, worship, and are welcomed in those spaces—including the lobby, classrooms, kitchen/Fellowship hall, sanctuary(kids worship room), and prayer chapel.

As we walked, the children repeated simple prayers asking Jesus to help them welcome others, learn and grow, serve with kindness, worship with joy, and listen for God's voice—just as John the Baptist encouraged long ago.

#### **Parent Questions:**

- 1. Where in the church did you pray, and what did you pray for?
- 2. What's one way you can "prepare your heart" for Jesus this week?







# 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 6:00PM
SHOW TIME 7:00-9:00PM

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!

A FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT THE LIBERTY CENTER ASSOCIATION FOR THE ARTS

#### Poinsettias 2025

In memory of Jack Blackwell Betty Blackwell

In honor of Darrin Hartman David and Rhoda Moore

In memory of Sue Mittenburg Jennifer Dillon & Family

In memory of Mary Alice Flores Lisa Flores

Ron Petersen

**Ruth Combs** 

In memory of our parents

In memory of Barb Braverman
In honor of Donna Freese Lisa Braverman family

In memory of Sam and Angela Wollard
In memory of Fay and Bill Turk,
Raymon and Nancy Petersen, and

In memory of Eric Brown Phil and Dolores Brown

In memory of Dave Menefee Tonja and Nate Hooton and George Whitman

In memory of Ray and Mary Mickey and Christy Goodman

Warren and Mary Trivett

In memory of Mabel Glenn JoDee Buso family

and Neal Buso

In memory of Bethany Class
members
The Bethany Class

In memory of Roy Kabler Lindsay Ream

In memory of Roy and Ruthann Alexander
Louise Alexander Rosalee Jordan