

# INFORMER

**First Christian Church**

**This Week's Scripture and  
sermon: Matthew 16: 24-28**

**Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin**

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



Lent is upon us offering an invitation to look upon the face of our Lord. I wonder how you see the face of Christ. Is it beautifully adorned with God's glory? Is it swollen, bloodied, and disfigured as the crown of thorns rests upon it? Is it kind and joyous as he picks up a child and holds him? Is it filled with compassion as he says, "Your faith has made you well." Throughout this season you will be offered the opportunity to see our Lord as he feasted and as he starved, as he loved and as he judged, as he healed and as he was hurt, as he died and as he lived again.

This season of the Christian year begins with a service of recognition of our sinful condition. It is a service in which we confess that we have fallen drastically short of the glory of God - a reminder of just how bad we indeed need to be saved. We invite you to come and reflect, come and repent, come and look upon your own self before we begin to look upon the face of Jesus. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of this season, a day marked with sin and shame - yet Easter, and the hope that comes with it, awaits us.

**Pastor Chance**

# OUR PRAYER LIST



Betty Blackwell, Cole Brown, Dava Brummitt,  
Kelly Burkholder, Teresa Fowler, George  
Geotz, Barb Hagebush, Cara Harrington,  
Charlotte and Bill Herrick, Harper Jones,  
Michael Lucito, Tammy Martin, Hallie Meyer,  
Barbara Mittenburg, Barbara Musslin, Pat  
Newport, Rowena Petteet, Beckham  
Stuckenschneider, JJ, Nancy VanMeter, Kay  
Young

Our condolences go to Jason and Amanda  
Moore on the death of Jason's mom Ginger  
Moore on Feb. 8, 2026.

Our condolences go to Robert and Sharee  
Norfleet on the death of Robert's father  
Robert Norfleet on Feb. 9, 2026.

## 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, Marion Thomas, LeRoy Wimer, Lorene Downing**  
Sylvia Thompson: **Judy Steele, Margie Sowder, Lynda Alcorn, Merle Fisher, Donna Thompson, Margaret Johnson, Betty Blackwell**

Our friends in the Armed Services: Ryan Arnold, Tyler Bauer, Taylor Brown, Sam Braverman, Preston Butts, Daltin Butts, Kenneth French, Nicholas Holman, Adam Schock, Adriana Teiberis, Aaron Wagoner: Thank you for your service!

## Your FCC Staff



FirstChristian Church

660-826-5300

**Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin**

Senior Minister

**Rev. Chance McMullin**

Associate Minister

**Darrin Hartman**

Choir Director

**Amy Tilley**

Contemporary Worship Leader

**Wayne Smither**

Youth Director

**Mendy Goss**

Children's Coordinator

**Sheri Webb**

Admin. Asst.

Emilee Jackson, Rilee Mathew, and  
Liliya Nine  
Nursery

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

**Feb. 8, 2026**

**9am 121**

**11:10am 126**

**Sunday School 86**

**Online 393**

## Those serving this Week

### Candle lighters

- Bryce and Jack

### Elders

- Cathy Clements
- Gary Fleming

### Deacons

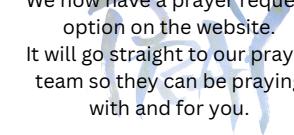
• Lisa Ditzfeld	Lisa Ditzfeld
• Nita Bales	Nita Bales
• Tyler Ditzfeld	Tyler Ditzfeld
• Kara Metzner	Kara Metzner
• Ronda McMullin	
• Mendy Goss	
• Austin Heubi	
• Jeanean Longan	
• Brian Lefridge	

If you wish to check out  
our Digital Bulletin while  
worshipping; go to  
[first4God.com](http://first4God.com)

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

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.



# THIS WEEKS EVENTS



THURSDAY 12

6pm Elders  
7pm Band

FRIDAY 13

Saturday 14

SUNDAY 15

Monday 16

1pm ASG  
5pm Prop.  
Community Cafe  
6:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday 17

12noon Brown Bag  
1:30pm Prayer Group  
5pm Shrove Tuesdays Supper  
7pm Zoom Wrath of God study  
with Chad

Wednesday 18

12:15PM Foster Care Wrapping  
5:15pm SOLID  
5:30 Ash Wednesday Service  
7pm Choir



After 12 years of Licensed and Commissioned Ministry, Tim Whitmore was ordained at FCC Warrensburg. Congrats Tim!!



FCC will be collecting candy to fill 7,000 Easter Eggs for our annual Easter Egg hunt.

Please drop off in the basket in the lobby. Reminder: no suckers, smarties, chocolate, or plastic eggs. Drop off before March 22.

## Dates to Remember

- **Feb. 17; 7pm Zoom Bible Study/Pastor Chad**
- **Feb. 17, 5pm Shrove Tues Pancake Supper**
- **Feb. 18, 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Service**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- SOLID will meet every Wednesday at 5:15pm.

### SOLID THINGS LOOKING FORWARD

- April 12, SOLID will be doing a skit in both services. We will be getting prepared.
- Young Christians Weekend: March 26-29 Branson, Missouri.
- SOLID Mission Trip July 11-19 to Colorado

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



Hi everyone!

We are getting close to YCW, so we need a verbal and written commitment along with the \$200 deposit as soon as possible.

Currently, we have 11 students signed up for the Mission Trip, with 9 spots still available. If you are interested, please sign up soon so you can begin making arrangements for your payment.

I've already discussed the total cost with you, and I'm happy to set up a payment plan if needed—just let me know.

Reminders:

YCW: End of March

Mission Trip: Mid-July

Thanks, and I'm looking forward to a great season together!

Scripture: Exodus 33:15 We want Your presence LORD!

# Year of the Mission Trip

**General Mission Trip** - Christmount - The National Conference Center for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which was hit by Hurricane Helene and continues to be in need of help restoring this holy place.

Location - Black Mountain, North Carolina

Dates - March 15-20

Pricing - \$200/person

Final day to sign up - February 16

Trip Lead - Deana Pomajzl - 660-221-5679

**Family Oriented Mission Trip** - Veteran's Community Project - We will spend a few days constructing a tiny home for a veteran to live in, and spending one day at the St. Louis Zoo.

Location - St. Louis, Missouri

Dates - June 8-11

Pricing - TBD

Final Day to Sign up - TBD

Trip Lead - JoDee Buso - 660-553-2180

**Global Mission Trip** - Ray of Hope Medical Missions - We will be stepping in to support this medical center and the surrounding community by doing everything from small construction, playing with children, or helping birth children at the birthing center.

Location - Uganda, Africa

Dates - August 25 - September 8

Pricing - \$2500/person

Requirements - Yellow Fever vaccine and passport

Final day to sign up - February 18th

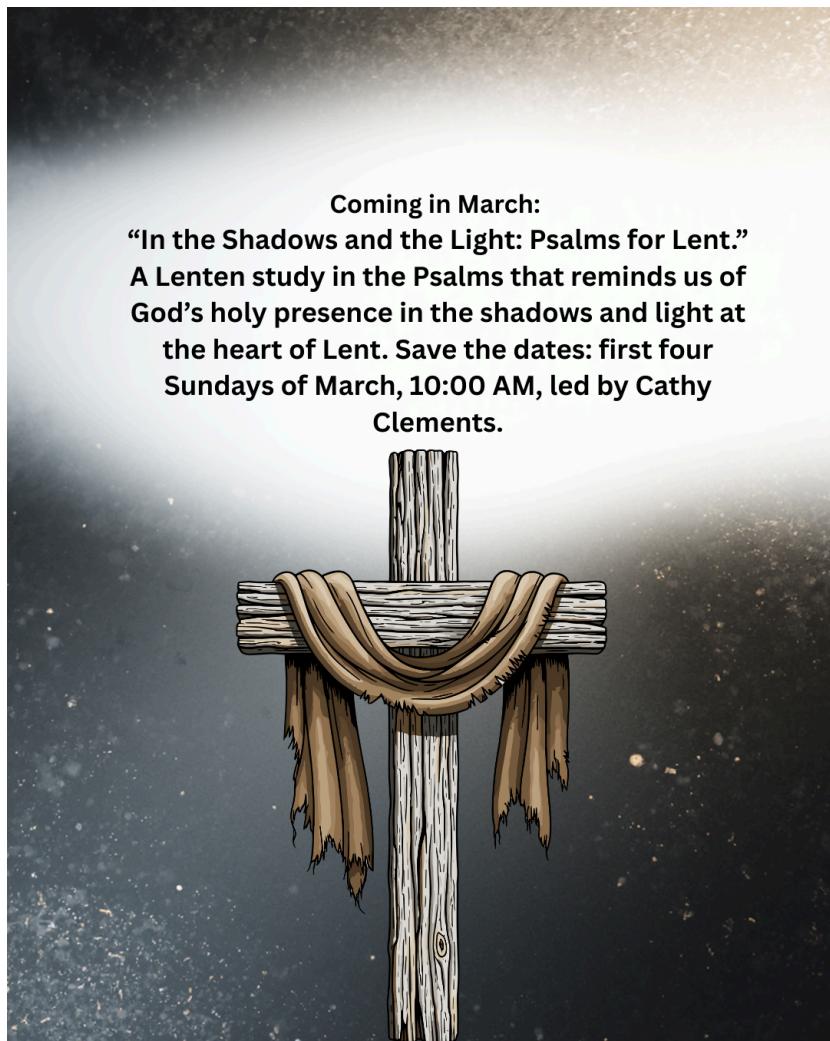
Team Lead - Loletta Combs - 660-287-6002

Our youth will also be heading to Colorado this year to serve that community as well as to deepen their connection to the Lord and one another. For information on this trip check out our youth group.

You may sign up or ask questions for any of these mission trip by calling the church office or the leaders of these trips.

The logo consists of the word "OutReach" in a stylized, colorful font. Each letter is a different color: O is blue, u is yellow, t is pink, R is green, e is blue, a is orange, c is green, h is pink. The letters are slightly overlapping and have a 3D effect.

60lbs. of food was donated  
in the month  
of January. Please  
remember only food in the  
Open Door bins.



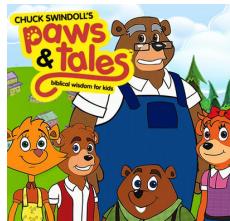
Coming in March:  
"In the Shadows and the Light: Psalms for Lent."  
A Lenten study in the Psalms that reminds us of  
God's holy presence in the shadows and light at  
the heart of Lent. Save the dates: first four  
Sundays of March, 10:00 AM, led by Cathy  
Clements.

## Children's Ministry Right Now Media Pick of the Month Paws & Tales: Season 1

CHUCK SWINDOLL

Animated adventures little children love with  
God-centered lessons parents applaud!

Welcome to Wildwood! Here the folks live just  
like you and me. They love fun and adventure,  
enjoy their work and family, and try to learn  
each day what it means to be like Christ.  
With Paws & Tales, kids can enjoy meaningful  
adventure stories and fun animation while  
they learn biblically based concepts like being  
thankful, overcoming fear, putting others  
first, and obeying God's rules.



LENTEN PICK  
Adult Spiritual Growth  
Right Now Media:  
"ONE AT A TIME"  
by Kyle Idleman  
Seven, 13 Minute Sessions

We all want to be difference makers. And maybe,  
with each passing day, the question seems to get louder.  
AM I MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD?  
So, how did Jesus make such a difference in this world?  
There is one phrase that captures HOW Jesus had such an  
impact. Want to make a difference? Focus on THE ONE.  
That's it. That's the secret of the way of Jesus. ONE AT A  
TIME!



## Wednesday Nights

- BEGIN FEB. 25 5:30 TO 7PM  
A LIGHT MEAL WILL BE  
SERVED TO BEGIN THE  
EVENING
- MARCH 18, FCC KIDS WILL BE  
IN RECESS
- APRIL 29, LAST NIGHT FOR  
FCC KIDS

In Children's Worship this week, the children explored the story of Jesus calling the first disciples in Matthew 4:12-22. Through lots of movement, role-play, and conversation, they experienced what it means to hear Jesus say, "Follow me."

The children wondered together about why the fishermen chose to follow Jesus so quickly and what it might have felt like to leave their nets behind. We also talked about what it means when Jesus says He will make them "fishers of people." The children connected this idea to sharing kindness, helping others, inviting friends, and showing Jesus' love in ways that make sense for kids.

Throughout the lesson, children were encouraged to see themselves as followers of Jesus right now—not someday—and to recognize everyday moments where they can listen, love, and lead others toward Him.

### Questions for Families to Talk About:

1. Why do you think the fishermen followed Jesus right away? What would have been hard about that?
2. What are some kid-sized ways you can "fish for people" by showing Jesus' love this week?

Mendy Goss/Children's Coordinator

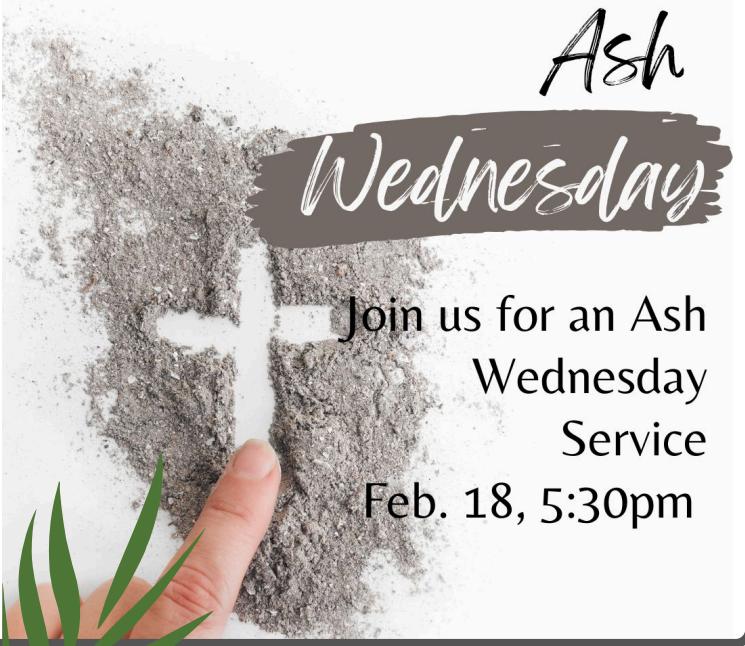


Feb. Scripture of the Month:  
Instead, be kind to each other.  
Tenderhearted, forgiving one another just  
as God through Christ has forgiven you.  
Ephesians 4:32



SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE  
FEBRUARY 17TH, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

The 55+ Club is hosting this “Mardi Gras” style celebration of Shrove Tuesday also known as Fat Tuesday or Pancake Day. It is the day before Ash Wednesday and the official countdown to Lent. It’s what most people associate with food! Historically, this was the last chance to use up rich ingredients like eggs, butter, and sugar before fasting, which is why pancakes became the star of the day. So, come let’s step into the Lenten season together and feast on some delicious pancakes, sausage and eggs! A free will donation will be accepted, and the proceeds will benefit our building fund. We hope to see you there! If you are age 55 and older and would like to help, contact JoDee Buso via phone, 66-553-2180 or email, [jodeebuso@yahoo.com](mailto:jodeebuso@yahoo.com)



## Ash Wednesday

Join us for an Ash  
Wednesday  
Service  
Feb. 18, 5:30pm



**Pastors Class for those  
interested in Baptism.**

**Beginning Sunday Feb. 22,  
It will be every Sunday,  
ending March 22.**

