

FEBRUARY 4, 2026 ISSUE 5

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INFORMER

This Week's Scripture and sermon: Matthew 4: 12-22

Rev. Chance McMullin



First Christian Church

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



In Acts chapter 9—we catch up with Saul (Paul) after he had been called to preach that Jesus was the Messiah. Formerly, Saul had a high position within Judaism and was known for persecuting and even killing followers of the way of Jesus. As you can imagine, the Jewish community was not crazy about Saul (Paul) changing his perspective. After Paul had his conversion, the Jewish religious leaders sought ways to kill him. With the support of followers of Christ in Damascus, Paul escaped their physical threats and went to Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, the followers of Christ (the apostles themselves) were afraid of Paul. Last time they saw him, he was participating in some pretty wicked acts. They would not listen to him and did not believe him. And who could blame them? Paul was in a tight spot. He had a clear call to preach Christ, to follow Christ and he also had enemies behind him. In front of him was the closed door of a past that haunted him. Nobody was willing to overlook who he had been. Paul was just 3 years into his ministry at this point. Alone. Without the support of community. Without an opportunity to join what the apostles were doing. At this point, it seemed like he was out of options.

In the middle of that struggle—at just the right time, a man named Barnabas stood up on behalf of Paul. Barnabas took Paul to the apostles and vouched for him. In one great big courageous act, Barnabas put his own credibility on the line. Barnabas seems to be the one man who did not hold Paul's past against him. If anyone should be avoided, dismissed or left out—it was this guy! He was notorious for his anger and for the harsh way he treated others. Nevertheless, Barnabas knew what Christ could do in the life of a sinner. Barnabas vouched for Paul; and because of Barnabas' intervention, the apostles agreed to allow Paul to be part of the ministry.

In my message on Sunday, I mentioned that we needed more Barnabas types in our lives. Barnabas took the cross of Jesus Christ so seriously, that he believed even a murderous zealot could be changed! I want to challenge you today to believe the same thing. I am also under the impression that Barnabas is the guy who does not always share his opinion, rather, he is the guy who is steady, supportive, encouraging—and when he finally has something to say—people listen. He does not waste his energy on trivial things, but he knows when to speak—and he knows what he believes. In his speaking up for Saul, Barnabas changed the world. Be encouraged by his example, and consider well what you have to say.

Pastor Chad

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 Pette, Beckham Stuckenschneider, JJ, Nancy VanMeter, Kay Young

Our condolences go to Alyson and Caleb Wilson on the death of Alyson's Grandpa.

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**

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**: **This now has a prayer request service!**

option on the website.

It will go straight to our prayer team so they can be praying with and for you.

Your FCC Staff



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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Feb. 1, 2026

9am 135

10am 108

Sunday School 99

Online 887

Those serving this Week

Candle lighters

- Emerson P and Cam

Elders

- Cathy Clements
- Gary Fleming

Deacons

• Stacey Edwards	Stacey Edwards
• Amy Brust	Amy Brust
• Jim Brust	Jim Brust
• Stephanie Parkhurst	Stephanie Parkhurst
• Ann Fleming	
• Alyson Wilson	
• Caleb Wilson	
• Wes Rowden	
• Judy Rowden	

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our Digital Bulletin while

worshipping; go to

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scroll down to Worship Online,

click Digital Bulletin. Scripture

and list of songs will be posted.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS



THURSDAY 5

Anchor Point All Day
FH/SC/CR

FRIDAY 6

2pm QOV set up

Saturday 7

7:30am QOV sewing day FH

SUNDAY 8

9am Worship
10am Sunday School
11:10am Worship
12:15pm Souper Bowl Luncheon
7pm NA

Monday 9

6pm Exec. Session
6:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday 10

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

Wednesday 11

5:15pm SOLID
7pm Choir

We're having a Fellowship Event on 2/8 following Second Service (12:15pm) called "Souper Bowl Sunday" to celebrate the end of our canned soup drive for Open Door. We'll have a couple of different soups, sandwiches and desserts and just enjoy a meal together. No one needs to bring anything, just stay after service or come back and let's eat!

Dates to Remember

- **Feb. 3, 10, & 17; 7pm Zoom Bible Study/Pastor Chad**
- **Feb. 8, 12:15pm Souper Bowl Luncheon/FH last day to bring soup cans**
- **Feb. 17, 5pm Shrove Tues Pancake Supper**
- **Feb. 18, 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Service**
- **Feb. 22, 12:30pm Pastors Class(baptism interest)**
- **Feb. 25, 5:30pm FCC Wednesday nights begins**

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!



Wayne is back and gearing up for YCW at the end of March!

★ Payment due ASAP

Mission Trip is coming in July

✓ Work off up to \$200 of the \$500 this spring

📝 Sign up this Sunday in the foyer

Let's get busy and make this happen.

LET'S GO SOLID!

— Wayne & Leaders

Remember Matthew 25:40, to the least of these.....

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.



Pastor Chad is starting a 3-week Tuesday evening Zoom Bible study beginning February 3, titled:

The Wrath of God and God's Grace | Wrestling with God in the Old and New Testaments

This study will explore how God's wrath and God's grace are revealed across both the Old and New Testaments, and what that means for us today.

Details:

-  **Tuesdays, starting February 3**
-  **3 weeks**
-  **Format: Zoom**

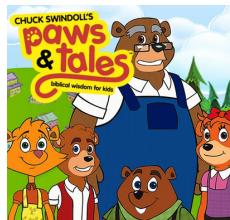
To sign up and receive the Zoom link, text Wrath to our church number.

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

CHUCK SWINDOLL

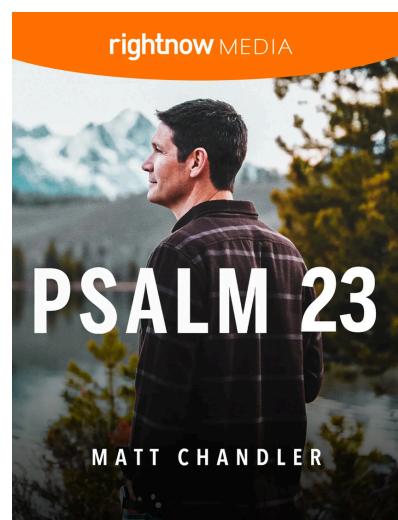
Animated adventures little children love with God-centered lessons parents applaud!

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.



RIGHTNOW MEDIA ASG January Pick of the Month;

Let's start the year trusting God to take care of all of our needs! Psalm 23 by Matt Chandler is a 6-part series (9 minutes). This psalm teaches us wonderful truths about our loving and protective God. May we hold on to these truths in 2026.





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

FCC kids bible verse for January:
Romans 8:31 What, then, shall we say in
response to these things? If God is for us,
who can be against us?



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

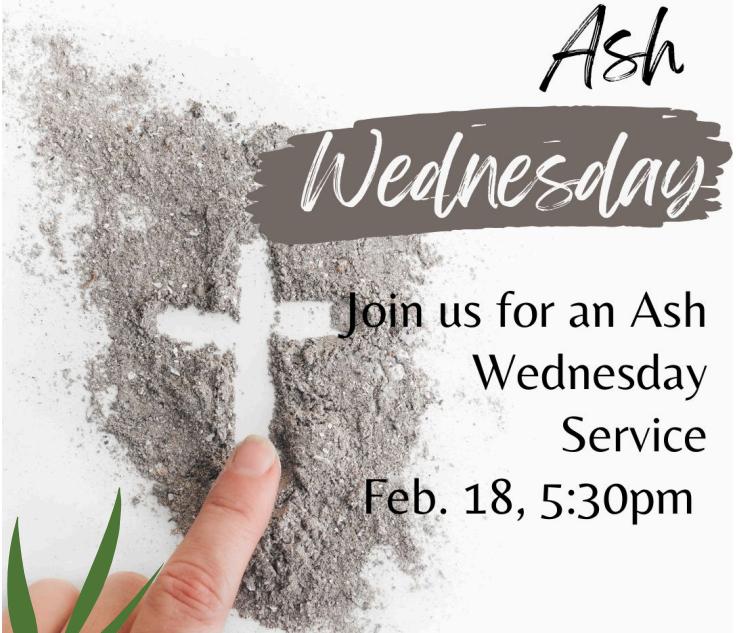
The 55+ Club is hosting this “Mardi Gras” style celebration of Shrove Tuesday also known as Fat Tuesday or Pancake Day. It is the day before Ash Wednesday and the official countdown to Lent. It’s what most people associate with food! Historically, this was the last chance to use up rich ingredients like 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



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.