

INFORMER



First Christian Church

**This Week's Scripture and
sermon:
Luke 24: 13-35**

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

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

In my prayer time this morning, I was reflecting on Psalm 46, which reminds us of how intimately present God is in our lives. The Psalm calls God our "refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble."

What strikes me is that this Psalm begins and ends with the comforting reminder that God is with us—culminating in the powerful reminder that the Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us and that our God is our fortress.

It is essential to return to Scripture to be reminded of these foundational truths. Knowing God is present brings comfort, refreshes our perspective, and inspires confident obedience. Just before this Psalm ends, we find its greatest challenge—"Be still, and know that I am God!" In our fast-paced, make things happen culture, we are called to slow down and let God lead.

If you are like me, you love to "get after it"—to attack goals and work hard on the things the Lord has entrusted to you. For me, much of my work is geared toward the vision God has for our church. Yet, as I was preparing for another week of ministry this morning, gearing myself up to attack the goals, meetings and tasks of the week—the Lord used this Psalm to center me.

The result? A commitment to settle into the week, allowing it to unfold in a holy way rather than forcing things and getting things done. I found this Psalm to be a reminder of something I already knew. Which is that it's very hard to be holy and in a hurry! Even in ministry, it is easy to get out in front of the Lord, rather than walking alongside Him.

I pray that you find space for quiet reflection today. I hope you can dwell in His Word and find comfort in the invitation to be still and know that He is God, remembering always that our God is with us.

Pastor Chad

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

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, Pat Newport, Rowena Pettet, Barbara Robinson

Nursing Home and Shut-Ins

Essex: **Dava Brummit**
 E. W. Thompson: **Allan Fowler**
 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!**

Weekend Totals

April 19, 2026
9am 151
11am 116
Sunday School 98
Online 573

Those serving this Week

Candle lighters

- Emerson and Serenity

Elders

- Christy Goodman
- Mickey Goodman

Deacons

- Amy Elkins
- Bill Michael
- Brenda Michael
- Barb Bremer
- Alex Foote
- Glenn Waggoner
- Larry Whipple
- Hannah Brick
- Mike Clements

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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.

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 23

6pm Ladies Event Heritage Ranch

Monday 27

6pm Planning Mtg
7pm Board Mtg
6:30pm Girl Scouts

FRIDAY 24

7am Men's Breakfast

Tuesday 28

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

Saturday 25

Wednesday 29

5:15pm SOLID
5:30 FCC Kids
6pm Adult Bible Study
7pm Choir
7pm NA

SUNDAY 26

9am Worship Service
10am Sunday School
11:10am Worship Service
7pm NA

Congratulations to Mike and Desiree Steuber. They joined FCC on Sunday April 19. We are so excited to welcome you!!



If you have a graduating Senior please call the Church office. We are wanting a picture and a short bio for our Senior Board.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- SOLID will meet every Wednesday at 5:15pm. The last day of the semester will be May 20. During the summer SOLID will meet one Wednesday a month.

SOLID THINGS LOOKING FORWARD

- Events will be coming up that SOLID youth can work to help lower the cost of the mission trip. They will be scheduled through Wayne.
Reminder: Mission trip \$500 with the opportunity to work down \$200 by community service, TBA.
- SOLID Mission Trip July 11-19 to Colorado currently we have 18 signed up

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

Summer Programs

[Click here to start](#) — [Click here for this year's fee schedule](#)

[The Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\) of Mid-America](#)

Summer camp forms:for digital
use only



SOLID worked the Community
Cafe on Monday.

Reminders:

Mission Trip: July 11-19

Currently, we have 18 signed up for the Mission Trip, with 2 spots still available. If you are interested, please sign up soon, no phone number, so you can begin making arrangements for your payment. May 1st is the deadline for signing up.

Three months until the mission trip, we will start the planning process.

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

Love Your Savior





Year of the Mission Trip

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 - May 8, 2026

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

Team Lead - Loletta Combs - 660-287-6002

Youth Mission Trip: Our Youth will 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 with Wayne Smither.

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

**58lbs of food
donated to Open
Door this month!**

Reminder: There is a blue and white Lions Club Eyeglasses donation box in the area of the donation bins across from the church office. When the box gets full, the box will be emptied, and the glasses will be collected by the Lions Club to be processed at a site that refurbishes the glasses and gives them to those in need of glasses. Remember to bring your unused glasses to fill up the box!!



Wednesday’s Sharee Norfleet will be leading an adult study “Why Do We Need The Bible?” It will begin each Wednesday at 6pm. It will go thru May 20.

**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 wha 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.



**Adult Spiritual Growth
Adult RNM pick of the month
30-day Journey by John C. Maxwell**

Each daily session is only about 4 minutes, making it easy to fit into your rhythm while still offering meaningful growth.

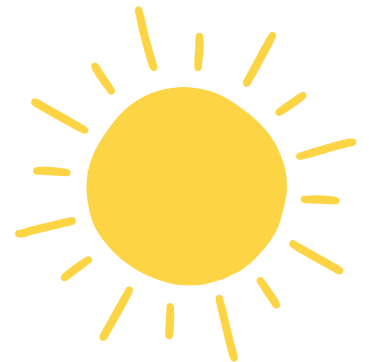
This month’s focus is on becoming a person of intentionality—someone who doesn’t drift through life but chooses purpose, direction, and impact. These daily reflections help you assess where you are, where you want to go, and how to live with greater purpose.

Intentionality is one of the most transformative habits a leader or believer can cultivate. This journey offers simple, actionable insights that can shape your mindset and strengthen your influence—at home, at church, and in your community.





Dates to Remember



- FCC kids will be each Wednesday at 5:30pm
- **April 29** - Last day

This week in Sunday School, we learned about a special moment when Jesus met His friends by the water after they had been fishing all night and caught nothing. When Jesus told them to try again, they caught so many fish they could hardly hold them all! Then Jesus lovingly made breakfast for them and spent time together.

Through this story, we learned that Jesus cares for us, provides for our needs, and wants us to trust Him—even when things don't seem to be going well.

Questions for kids to think about:

Have you ever needed help with something? Who helped you?

How did the disciples feel when Jesus helped them catch so many fish?

What are some ways Jesus takes care of you?

How can we listen to Jesus like the disciples did?

We had so much fun acting out the story and playing fish games to remind us that Jesus always takes care of us!

Mendy Goss/Children's Coordinator

April Memory Verse

Psalm 118:29

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. His
Faithful love endures forever!



What's Happening

UP COMING EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

SCOTT JOPLIN/SEDALIA TROLLEY TOUR

May 28th, 12:00 noon

Hop on a trolley for a magical tour for a look around the Cradle of Ragtime. Visit notable ragtime points of interest, historic homes and sites while enjoying some ragtime music right on our trolley. Locally known historian, Becky Imhauser will be our guide. Tour also includes a snack and a stop at Liberty Park for a short concert. Tour last 1 ½ hour.

Cost is \$30 each, payable to First Christian Church. The deadline to sign up is May 7th with ONLY 3 seats available on the trolley. So don't wait! Sign up sheet will be in the vestibule outside the sanctuary, or you may call the church office. Please pay prior to the event!



May Birthdays

1. Dolores Brown, Eric Rogers
4. Tom Sampson
8. Chance McMullin
9. Coby Tagtmeyer
11. Robert Longan
13. Marion Thomas, Abby Hart
16. Kaitlyn Geotz
17. Christine Crooks
18. Dee Dee Letourneau, Robert Norfleet
19. Dylan White, Elizabeth Wolfe, Kiwi Popyk-Wyatt
20. Sterling Green
21. Cassie Poe, Nancy VanMeter
22. Connie Broaddus, Roy Martin
24. Kasey Tucker, Mary Robinson
25. Megan Walk
26. Jeff Tilley, Hayden Foote
28. Lindsey Curry, Molly Braverman
29. Dava Brummitt, Sam Braverman, Samuel Lauer
30. Liliya Nine, Jenson Lucchesi
31. Kenneth Combs

May Anniversaries

11. Travis and Lisa DeMoss
12. Nate and Tonja Hooton
21. Carrie and Taylor Capers
22. Mary and Jay Fahnstock
24. Amy and David Lake,
25. Jyl and Sam Jones
26. Ann and Gary Fleming
28. Sue and Sterling Green
31. Mike and Deana Pomajzl

