

INFORMER



First Christian Church

Sunday Worship

9 am and 11:10 am

10 am Sunday School

online @first4god.com

This Week's Scripture and sermon: 1 Corinthians 15: 50-53
Do I Believe in the Resurrection?
2 week sermon series
Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

If you've ever served on a board, you probably wouldn't describe it as a "pleasure." At best, meetings are filled with reports, a few thoughtful questions, and people leaving largely unmoved—maybe even a little bored. At worst, they can devolve into tension, sharp words, and emotional outbursts, with everyone going home frustrated.

Monday night was different—because right now, we are anything but ordinary.

We heard about Outreach's upcoming mission trips to Uganda and St. Louis—serving underserved communities abroad and building tiny homes closer to home. We celebrated the energy, growth, and vitality across our Fellowship, Youth, Children's, and Adult Spiritual Growth teams—and yes, even the joy and connection happening in our 55+ Club. We reflected on last Thursday's Women's Event, where 74 women gathered and left encouraged, changed, and inspired.

In short, we were reminded: this is not normal.

Partway through the meeting, each board member was asked to answer one simple question in a single sentence: **Where are you seeing the church be the church?**

Here are just a few of the responses:

We see the church being the church...

- when our people invite others and new visitors walk through our doors
- in the way those visitors are genuinely welcomed
- as joy and the Spirit spread through our community
- in the care found within smaller communities inside our church
- through lives being shaped by spiritual growth
- in the creative ways we serve and encourage women
- through outreach both locally and globally
- in how we care for those who can no longer attend
- by helping our children truly know God—not just the stories
- in the abundance of joyful relationships
- through generous financial giving
- in the dedication of our teachers

This meeting wasn't boring. It wasn't tense. It wasn't ordinary. We left encouraged, filled, and even a little overwhelmed—in the best way—by all that God is doing here.

We are seeing the church be the church, and we hope you are too.

What we're experiencing isn't normal. It's something better—something different. You might even call it unusual... or, dare I say, biblical.

Here's a simple challenge: take a moment and ask yourself the same question—Where am I seeing the church be the church?

Chances are, it won't take long to find an answer.

THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

Betty Blackwell, Cole Brown, Dava Brummitt, Kelly Burkholder, Jay Fahnstock, 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, Glenn Waggoner

Nursing Home and Shut-Ins

Essex: **Dava Brummitt**
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 26, 2026

9am 152

11am 131

Sunday School

Online 654

Those serving this Week

Candle lighters

- Kellen & Lilly

Elders

- Chris Squires
- David Parkhurst

Deacons

- Youth Youth

Your FCC Staff



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Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin
Senior Minister

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Associate Minister

Darrin Hartman
Traditional Worship
Leader

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

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 30

FRIDAY 1

Saturday 2

SUNDAY 3

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

Monday 4

6:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday 5

12 noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group
4:30pm/Jeff T in FH

Wednesday 6

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



**Mike Steuber and Kinnick Foote
were baptized Sunday April 26.
Congrats, we are so happy for
you!**

**Thank you to everyone
who helped
make the “Spring Ladies
Event” a success!**



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 opportunity to work for \$200 off of total April 30th is the last day for mission trip registration.

- 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

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.

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

Group 5 will meet
May 9, 10am at
Read Center Apts.



Wednesday Evenings
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.





Reminder: April 29 is last day for FCC kids Wednesday night program

Sunday we talked about the story of the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35). The kids learned that two people were walking and talking about Jesus, and even though Jesus was right there with them, they didn't recognize Him at first. It wasn't until they sat down and broke bread that they realized—Jesus had been with them the whole time!

We focused on the reminder that Jesus is always with us, even when we don't see Him or realize it.

Parent questions

- When did the people finally realize it was Jesus?
- Can you think of a time Jesus might be with you, even if you can't see Him?



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 2 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!

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

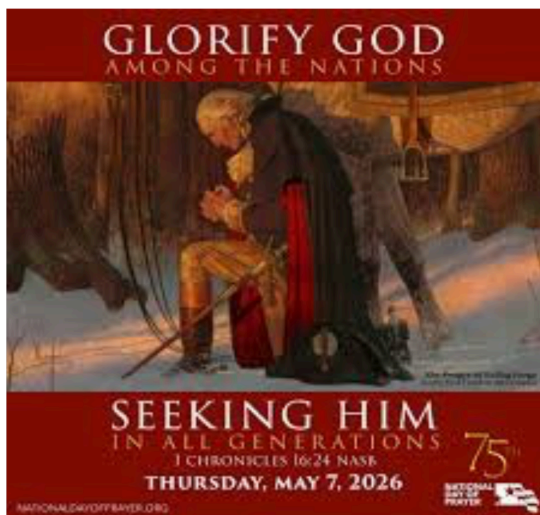
May 7, 2026



Please join us as we unite with millions across America for the National Day of Prayer.

In this milestone year, we gather to seek God's guidance for our leaders, our families, and the next generation.

Location: Pettis County Courthouse
Date & Time: Thursday, May 7, 2026
12 pm



There will be no informer the week of May 6.

Kokendoffer Scholarship Applications

New and returning students must complete the application process to be considered for this scholarship. Applications can be picked up at the church office or via email (tonja.hooton@hotmail.com). Applicants must be members of First Christian Church of Sedalia, MO and a full-time college student. Also make sure to include a good contact information (student cell# works best) so you can be notified of awards and updates throughout the school year. The completed applications are due into the church office by Sunday June 21st, 2026. Scholarship recipients will be notified of award and date of church presentations in mid-July.



JOB OPPORTUNITY – Facility Maintenance

Read Memorial Christian Center is in search of a Facilities Maintenance Generalist.

This job includes general maintenance and upkeep of the apartments and townhomes. This person is also responsible for repairing vacant units for new residents (painting, cleaning and repairs as needed).

This individual must be a self-starter performing needed repairs and general maintenance of the facility's buildings and grounds including common areas and community building with minimal supervision. Some additional duties include mowing and snow removal.

Must respond to resident maintenance requests and troubleshoot issues in a timely and professional manner offering friendly service to senior residents. Respond to emergency maintenance situations as needed.

Requirements: Experience in residential maintenance is preferred. Basic knowledge of plumbing, light electrical, carpentry and HVAC required. High School diploma or GED. Specialized technical training is a plus. Must be able to lift heavy objects, climb ladders, and perform physical work for extended periods. Indoor and outdoor work in varying weather conditions. Daytime hours with occasional on-call or emergency availability.

Compensation: This is a part-time position that could expand seasonally up to 40 hours per week. Hourly compensation will be commensurate with experience.

How to apply: Send a resume to the Read Memorial Christian Center Board, 2434 Killion Drive, Sedalia, MO 65301 or email to ReadMemorialCC@outlook.com

Timing: The position is currently open. Interested parties should apply promptly.