

INFORMER



First Christian Church

**This Week's Scripture and
sermon:
Romans 10: 9-10**

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

On Tuesday of Holy Week, your church staff had the wonderful opportunity to step away for a day-long retreat. During this time, we intentionally entered into spaces set apart for prayer and reflection. Some walked a quiet nature trail, experiencing God's presence in creation. Others journeyed through a labyrinth, focusing on His presence with each step. Still others sat in stillness, bowing before the Almighty in prayer.

For a bit of fun and team-building, we also visited an escape room, where we worked together to find clues and solve riddles in order to "escape." After plenty of laughter—and some timely help from Wayne—we made it out!

One of the most meaningful moments of the day came when Rev. Ron Routledge joined us to offer words of encouragement. He shared an allegory about a woman named Much-Afraid, who longed to leave her home in the Valley of Humiliation and journey to the High Places atop the mountain. Along the way, she was guided by two companions, Sorrow and Suffering, and faced many obstacles, even traveling with broken feet.

When she finally reached the High Places, she looked back on the valley she had left behind and realized she was called to return—not to stay, but to lead others upward, out of the Valley of Humiliation and toward the heights of hope and restoration.

Rev. Routledge reminded us that this is our calling as the Church: to walk with others, even with our own brokenness, and help guide them toward the Kingdom of Heaven. We are called to lead people out of places of despair and into the life-giving presence of God.

And this calling is not just for your church staff. Many of you are already walking alongside others in this way. Others may feel the desire to help but aren't quite sure how to begin or how to return to the "valley" to guide others.

If you feel ready to step into that role—to descend so that others might ascend—but would like guidance, Pastor Chad and I are here for you. Reach out to us. We would be honored to walk alongside you as you help guide others, together seeking the light and direction of our Lord.

Pastor Chance

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, Barbara Musslin, Pat Newport, Rowena Pettet, Beckham Stuckenschneider, JJ, Nancy VanMeter, Kay Young

Nursing Home and Shut-Ins

Essex: **Dava Brummitt**
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!**

Weekend Totals

April 5, 2026
9am 261
11:10am 188
Sunday School
Online 441

Those serving this Week

Candle lighters

- Jake and Jack

Elders

- Christy Goodman
- Mickey Goodman

Deacons

- Youth Youth

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.

Your FCC Staff



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Emilee Jackson, Rilee Mathew, and Liliya Nine
Nursery

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 9

6pm Elders Mtg

FRIDAY 10

Saturday 11

9am Boundary
Training/Gathering Place
10am Group 5 at Read Ctr.

SUNDAY 12

9am Sunday School
10am Combined Service
11:10am Fellowship Meal
7pm NA

Monday 13

10am Blood Drive
6:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday 14

12 noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group

Wednesday 15

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

April 12, there will be one service at 10am.

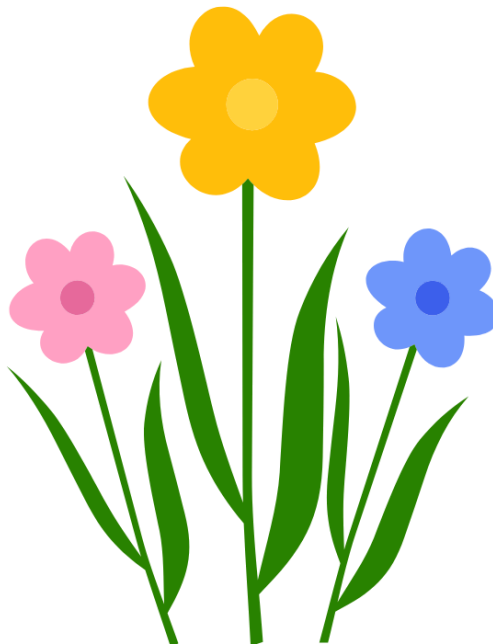
Sunday School will be at 9am.

**Following Worship there will be a
Fellowship Meal.**

**The menu is hamburgers, hotdogs, mac and cheese,
baked beans, veggie trays, and brownies and ice cream.**

Since it is not a potluck there will be a love offering.

Come for great food and fellowship.



IMPORTANT DATES:

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

SOLID THINGS LOOKING FORWARD

- April 12, SOLID will be doing a skit in the 10am Service.
- April 20 SOLID is doing Community Cafe, be here at 4:30pm we will serve at 5pm.
- 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!



**Wednesday is full
dress rehearsal
for the skit. We
will be in the
Sanctuary from
5:30 to 7pm.**

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.

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 Meeting
Saturday April 11,
10am
Read Center





Wednesday's Beginning April 15, 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



On Easter Sunday
Bode Knox, Serenity Bremer,
Lilyann Durland, and Jenson Poe
were baptized.
Congratulations and we are so
excited for you!!

Easter Sunday was a really special one in children's worship. The kids walked through the resurrection story together—some acting it out, all of them stepping in and seeing the empty “tomb” for themselves. It was simple, hands-on, and such a good reminder that Jesus is alive!

Parent Questions:

- Ask your child what they saw or remember most about the empty tomb.
- Ask your child how they think the women felt when they found the tomb empty.

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



“Growing Our Faith”
Ladies Event.
Thursday April 23, 2026
6pm
Heritage Ranch
23735 Anderson School Rd.
The evening will begin at 6pm with a light meal, button bouquet making, praise and worship, and a guest speaker.
The cost of the event is \$10
Come to relax and enjoy a spirit filled evening.
Call the office or sign up on the Church Center App.
Please sign up by April 12.
Please bring something to put in a summer hygiene kit!



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!