

# **INFORMER**



**This Week's Scripture and  
sermon:**

**John 21: 1-14**

**Rev. Chance McMullin**

**First Christian Church**

**Sunday Worship**

**9 am and 11:10 am**

**10 am Sunday School**

**online @first4god.com**

**While reading Ezekiel this morning, I was struck by the strange, profound scene of the prophet being led by the Spirit into a valley filled with old, dried-up human bones. Over the course of 14 verses, Ezekiel is instructed to speak the “word of the Lord” to this graveyard, commanding life to return. As Ezekiel obeyed, a rattling sound filled the air. Bones began to snap together, followed by the formation of sinews, flesh, and skin. Yet, the scripture notes, there was no breath in them. God then commanded Ezekiel to call upon the four winds, and as he spoke, breath entered them, and they stood up—a vast, living army.**

**Sometimes this story serves as a gentle reminder that when we lose hope, the word of the Lord can restore our weary souls. Other times, it is a powerful testament that God can resurrect broken lives, shattered relationships, and impossible situations.**

**I know that on any given day, someone in our community needs this word of hope. Whether you are facing the threat of financial ruin, the heartbreak of a broken marriage, or uncontrollable, chaotic changes, please know this: Your situation is not outside of God's ability to turn things around.**

**Ezekiel 37 is a story of profound hope—a testament to God's ability to restore and renew what appears utterly dead. Never overlook the vital role of the Spirit and the power of speaking God's word into your situation. I encourage you to try it yourself—and see if you don't start hearing a rattle!**

**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, Beckham Stuckenschneider, JJ, Nancy VanMeter

## 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 15, 2026**  
**10am 210**  
**Sunday School**  
**Online 476**

## Those serving this Week

### Candle lighters

- Bryce and Cam

### Elders

- Christy Goodman
- Mickey Goodman

### Deacons

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

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**Tyler Ditzfeld**

## Your FCC Staff



First Christian Church

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**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

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 16**

5:30pm Outreach

**FRIDAY 17**

5pm Altrusa in FH

**Saturday 18**

**SUNDAY 19**

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

**Monday 20**

1pm ASG  
4:30pm SOLID Comm Cafe  
6pm Hospitality  
6:30pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday 21**

12 noon Brown Bag  
1:30pm Prayer Group

**Wednesday 22**

12:15pm Foster Wrapping  
5:15pm SOLID  
5:30 FCC Kids  
5:30pm Stewardship  
6pm Adult Bible Study  
7pm Choir  
7pm NA

## SOLID you did GREAT!!!



**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**

- 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!

I THOUGHT THE PRESENTATION BY THE SOLID YOUTH WAS VERY MEANINGFUL AND OUTSTANDING. WELL DONE BY THE ENTIRE CAST.

MANY THANKS TO WAYNE AND THE SOLID YOUTH LEADERS.

.I WILL BE FOLLOWING UP WITH A DONATION FOR THEIR COLORADO MISSION TRIP.

ANYONE WANT TO JOIN ME?

BETTY BLACKWELL

**Awards Banquet for SOLID, Wednesday  
April 15, 5:15:  
Pizza, popcorn, drinks, and lots of fun!!**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

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 Beginning April 15, Sharee Norfleet will be leading and 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



Sunday in children's worship we talked about Romans 10:9-10. How we believe in our hearts and say it out loud. We used the Bible as an example: we know it's full of truth, but if we never open it and read it, we're missing it. In the same way, our faith isn't meant to stay hidden—we believe it in our hearts and share it with our words. The kids had fun practicing saying "Jesus is Lord" and learning that it's okay to talk about what we believe!

### Parent Questions:

- What does it mean to believe something in your heart?
- Why is it important to talk about Jesus with others?

### 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!**

**Thank you to the Fellowship Team for putting on a great luncheon last Sunday.**

**It was an awesome time!!**

