

# **INFORMER**



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

**Ephesians 1: 15-23**

**Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin**

**First Christian Church**

**Sunday Worship**

**9 am and 11:10 am**

**10 am Sunday School**

**online @first4god.com**

**Our church's vision motto is GO! Based on Jesus' instruction in Matthew's gospel to "go and make disciples," this call is central to who we are. Sometimes I find it hard to differentiate "go" from being in a hurry, but the command to go is not a call to rush. Rather, it is a call to walk in step with the Spirit's guidance. It includes the expectation that our days will have a spiritual rhythm—incorporating prayer, scripture reading, and solitude. Part of going is waiting for instructions on our next steps.**

**Yet, this calling is also a summons to be brave, bold, and adventurous. I love both sides of this command! We cannot shrink back from doing what God calls us to do, but we must not neglect to stay connected to Him.**

**As I sit on my front porch enjoying this beautiful spring morning, listening to the birds and watching the flowers bloom, I find myself fighting the urge to constantly "do." But I am doing something: I am reading Scripture, spending time in prayer, and tending to my relationship with God. I have to fight that impatient, inner voice telling me I must be productive every single minute. I have to remind myself that Jesus regularly retreated for solitude and prayer to stay connected to the Father and to do His will.**

**I love how our church is on the GO! People are bringing friends, groups are growing, and all ages are actively participating in the ministry at First Christian. New members are joining and baptisms are happening! What an amazing season! I celebrate all of it and am humbled to see what the Lord is doing.**

**I write today to remind you that staying in step with the Spirit requires significant time with the Lord—it is not only okay, it is what Jesus did. Enjoy your time with the Lord today. Fight the urge to be so preoccupied with "doing" by remembering that to be an effective, "on the go" follower of Christ, we need time for reflection, rest, and connection to the One who guides our lives.**

**Pastor Chad**

## THOSE WE ARE PRAYING FOR

Betty Blackwell, Dava Brummitt, Kelly Burkholder, Jay Fahnestock, George Geotz, Charlotte and Bill Herrick, Michael Lucito, Tammy Martin, Barbara Mittenburg, Pat Newport, Rowena Pettet, Glenn Waggoner

Our condolences to the family of Barbara Robinson on her passing on April 30, 2026; and to the family of John T. Rissler on his passing on May 3, 2026.

### 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 Waggoner: Thank you for your service!**

## Weekend Totals

**May 10, 2026**

**9am 177**

**11am 153**

**Sunday School**

**Online 367**

## Those serving this Week

### Candle lighters

- Bryce and Cam

### Elders

- Chris Squires
- David Parkhurst

### Deacons

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

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## Your FCC Staff



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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 14**

6pm Elders

**FRIDAY 15**

**Saturday 16**

1pm Smither/Baby Shower

**SUNDAY 17**

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

**Monday 18**

1pm ASG  
Com. Cafe/Hospitality  
6:30pm Girl Scouts

**Tuesday 19**

12 noon Brown Bag  
1:30pm Prayer Group  
6:30pm Soul Sisters/Cellar Door

**Wednesday 20**

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



**Congrats to Carol Smith for joining  
FCC on May 3, 2026.**



**Congrats to Brett and  
Kelly Hieronymus  
for joining FCC May 10,  
2026**



**Congrats Sam and Kelsey  
Wollard and family  
and to Louis and Cecelia Tuck  
for joining FCC May 10, 2026**



## **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.
- SOLID Mission Trip July 11-19 to Colorado currently we have 18 signed up
- **Tonight SOLID will be having a zoom with Colorado Missions, we will be learning to make flavored coffee to be served on Sunday.**
- Wednesday May 20, we will be going to the McCurdy home for a visit and a bbq. We will be taking the church van, be here by 5pm.

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

### **Reminders:**

Mission Trip: July 11-19

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

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

**Love Your Savior**

**SOLID will be doing “special coffees”  
on Sunday May 17 both services!**



## 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.

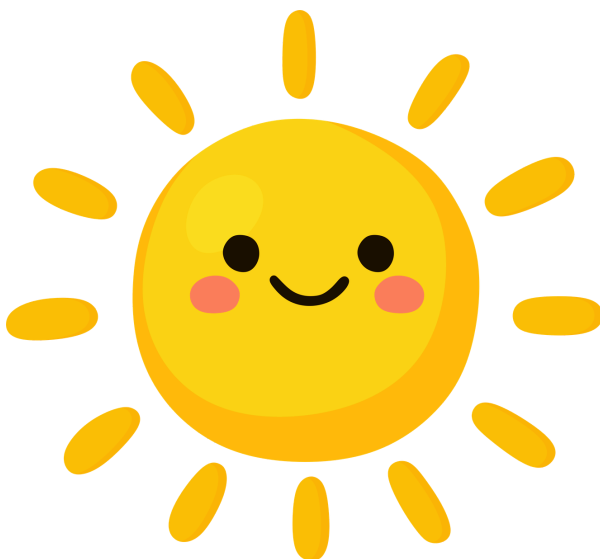


**FCC had a visitor!!  
Betty Blackwell got to  
come and see the new spaces  
and visit for the afternoon.**



# Children's Ministry Right Now Media Pick of the Month

Freddy, David, Melissa, and their friends find themselves navigating the rough waters of peer pressure, temptation, fear, dealing with bullies, lack of self-esteem, and so much more. Each episode shows the characters praying to Jesus, asking Him for guidance and wisdom.

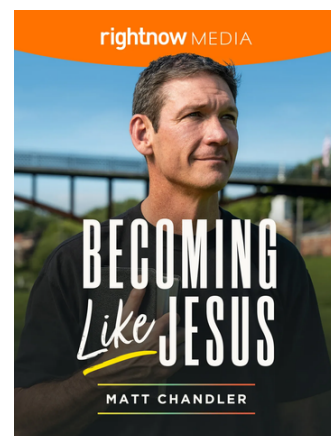


## RIGHT NOW MEDIA STUDIES

### May RNM pick of the Month

#### Becoming Like Jesus

The Christian life is a lifelong series of highs and lows that the Holy Spirit uses to shape us into people who look like Jesus. In the six session series, pastor and author Matt Chandler guides us through the beatitudes found in Matthew 5. As we live out our Christian faith, Jesus develops in us a new way of living so we can be people who reflect God's kingdom.





## Parent Take-Home Recap

On Sunday we talked about when we follow Jesus, good things grow in us like fruit growing on a tree!

Ask your child:

What fruit of the Spirit do you remember?

What good thing can you grow this week?

What color on your necklace reminds you of kindness or joy?

May memory verse:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday  
and today and forever  
Hebrews 13:8



# What's Happening

## UPCOMING 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!

## 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](mailto: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.

