

JULY 15, 2026 ISSUE 27

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INFORMER



First Christian Church

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

Matthew 13; 24-30

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

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

In Luke 11, an unnamed disciple asks Jesus a question that still echoes in our hearts today: "Lord, teach us to pray."

I've been taught many ways to pray throughout my life. I've prayed with folded hands and raised hands, in churches and hospitals, with written prayers and spontaneous words. I've prayed prayers that filled my heart with joy, and I've prayed prayers that felt empty.

Jesus gives His disciples the Lord's Prayer, but He doesn't stop there. He tells them to ask, seek, and knock, then reminds them that a loving father would never give his child something harmful when they ask for something good. If earthly parents know how to give good gifts, how much more does our heavenly Father?

The heart of prayer isn't technique—it's trust.

Years ago, a baseball coach taught me a thirteen-step hitting process. It worked well in practice, but in a game I was so busy thinking about the steps that I couldn't hit the ball. Then I heard my dad yell from the stands, "Just like in the backyard!" I stopped focusing on mechanics and simply trusted what I already knew.

Prayer can be much the same. We can become so concerned with saying the right words or using the right method that we forget who we're talking to.

Whether you pray in silence or aloud, with a journal or without one, with folded hands or lifted hands, remember this: our heavenly Father is good, He hears His children, and He delights in meeting us.

Trust is the touch that gives life to every prayer.

Pastor Chance

We are praying for You

Betty Blackwell, Shirley Brown, Dava Brummitt, Kelly Burkholder, Eddie Buso, Jay Fahnestock, George Geotz, Charlotte and Bill Herrick, Harper Jones, Michael Lucito, Tammy Martin, Barbara Mittenburg, Pat Newport, Rowena Pettet, Glenn Waggoner, Joyce Whitaker, LeRoy Wimer

Our hearts go out in christian sympathy to Lori Jones on the death of her father on July 10, 2026.

Nursing Home and Shut-Ins

Essex: **Dava Brummitt**
E. W. Thompson: **Allan Fowler**
Primrose(Independent): **Joyce Whitaker**
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**
Veterans Home Warrensburg: **George Geotz**

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

July 12, 2026

9am 131

11am 144

Online 404

Those serving this Week

Candle lighters

- Bryce and Cam

Elders

- Gary Fleming and Cathy Clements

Deacons

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| • Lisa Ditzfeld | Tyler Ditzfeld |
| • Nita Bales | Kara Metzner |
| • Tyler Ditzfeld | Ronda McMullin |
| • Kara Metzner | Austin Heubi |
| • Ronda McMullin | |
| • Menday Goss | |
| • Austin Heubi | |
| • Jeanean Longan | |
| • Brian Leftridge | |



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Leader

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Youth Director

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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 16

12:15 Foster Care Wrapping/SC
6pm Women's Group Meeting/GP

Monday 20

1pm ASG
6pm Hospitality

FRIDAY 17

Tuesday 21

12 noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group

Saturday 18

Wednesday 22

5:30pm Stewardship
7pm NA

SUNDAY 19

9am Worship
10am Sunday School
11:10am Worship
7pm NA
SOLID Youth return from Mission Trip



Congrats to the
Orell family on
the birth
of Bennie, on
July 7, 2026.



and make disciples of all nations!
Matthew 28:19



SOLID MISSION TRIP UPDATES:

The first picture is all of the donations from our FCC family for the people in Colorado. The second pic is what has been collected by the mission people for the past 4 weeks!!! Wow!!! We have such a generous congregation!!! The mission staff were absolutely amazed when our kids kept coming and coming and coming with more and more supplies. Way to go FCC!!! We love you and we are thankful for you!!



The blessings God is giving us
and allowing us to be the
hands and feet Keeeeep
Coming!!

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



Up to horseshoe bend after a long day....God
treated us with these majestic creatures!



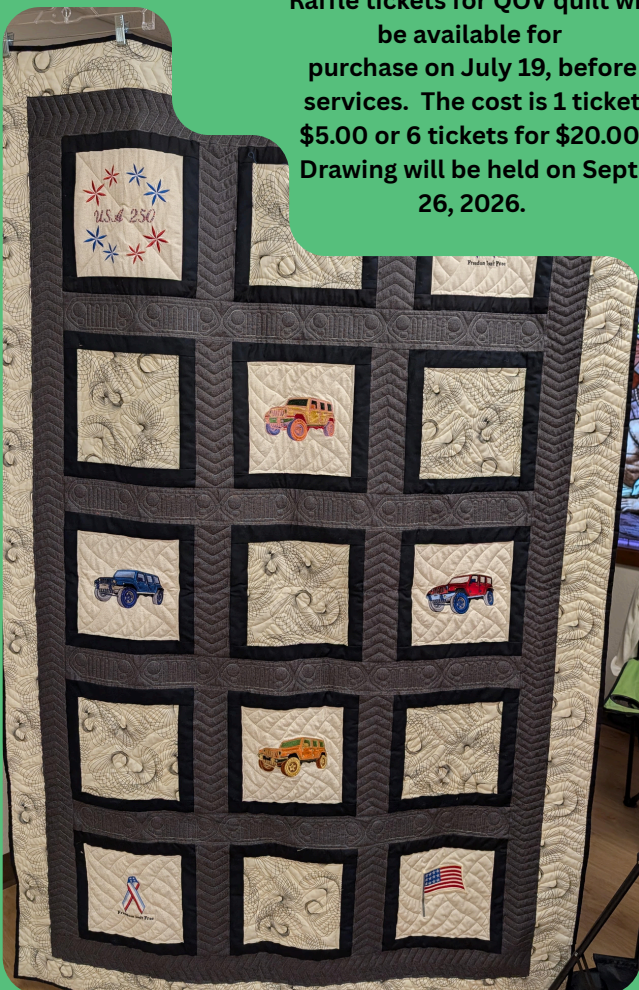
Year of the Mission Trip Information: Please be praying for all of these Mission Teams as they are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Global Mission Trip: Due to the Ebola outbreak we are postponing this trip until next year, 2027

Youth Mission Trip: Our Youth are in Colorado right now! Be Praying.

Local Project: July 25, 8:45am to noon with Helping Hands ministry. Come help us keep people in their homes by making needed repairs. Sign up through the church office

Raffle tickets for QOV quilt will be available for purchase on July 19, before services. The cost is 1 ticket \$5.00 or 6 tickets for \$20.00. Drawing will be held on Sept. 26, 2026.



Registration is now open! CAMP ONE

Through shared activities, worship, and bible study, you'll grow closer to each other while deepening your walk with the Lord. Scan the QR code to register today!



WHO:
DAUGHTERS AGES 8-13
AND THEIR MOMS
(or aunts, grandmas, etc.)



WHEN:
AUGUST 6TH-9TH, 2026
Thu Check-In: 4-6 PM |
Sun Dismissal: 12 PM



WHERE:
CAMP PALESTINE,
CHILHOWEE, MO



COST:
\$200 - MOMS COME FREE!
INCLUDES CAMP SHIRT
+ MEALS



CAMPONECONNECT@GMAIL.COM

Children's Ministry Right Now Media Pick of the Month SUPERBOOK!

FCC



Let The Adventure Begin!

Join Chris, Joy and Gizmo as they travel through time and space to relive the greatest stories ever told!

Superbook has been broadcast in over 90 countries and translated into 48 languages. There are 26 exciting episodes and more in production!

Superbook is created by an award-winning team of artists and storytellers whose credits include Beauty and the Beast, The Lion King and Mulan.

Based on the classic series from the '80s, Superbook has been completely reimagined and reanimated for today's audiences.



RIGHT NOW MEDIA STUDIES

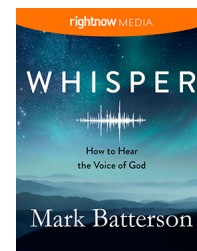
Here are two ways to sign-up for Right Now Media. Click the code or scan the QR code to get signed up and start exploring RNM



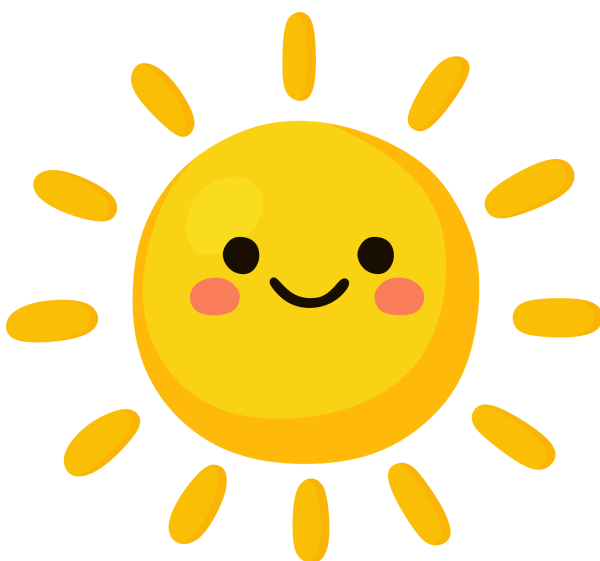
<https://app.righnowmedia.org/join/FirstChristianChurchMissouri>

Adult Spiritual Growth July RNM pick of the Month:

Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God



This month's resource invites us to slow our pace and notice the God whose voice is present in every moment. The same God who led His people out of captivity, who spoke to David, and who sent His Son continues to speak with us today, often in a quiet whisper. In four 12-minute sessions, Mark Batterson reflects on how prayer includes listening for God. A free study guide is available. May His still small voice meet you in the quiet and help you notice His presence in every moment.





FCC would like to give
a huge Thank You
To Emily Jackson for
serving in our
nursery for the last
several months.
You are loved and so
appreciated.

THANK
YOU!

Sunday in children's worship we learned from Luke 11:5-13. We read and acted out Jesus' story about the neighbor who knocked on his friend's door in the middle of the night asking for bread. We talked about how Jesus wants us to keep talking to God through prayer and trust that He always hears us and gives good gifts to His children.

Questions to ask your child:

- Why was the man knocking on his friend's door so late?
- What are the three things Jesus told us to do? (Ask, Seek, Knock!)

July memory verse:

"For with God nothing is impossible"

Luke 1: 37



**George Geotz will be
receiving his Quilt of Valor
on July 25 at the Missouri Veterans Home
in Warrensburg, MO
George was Petty Officer 2nd class for the
United States Navy. He served 1963-1968.**



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.

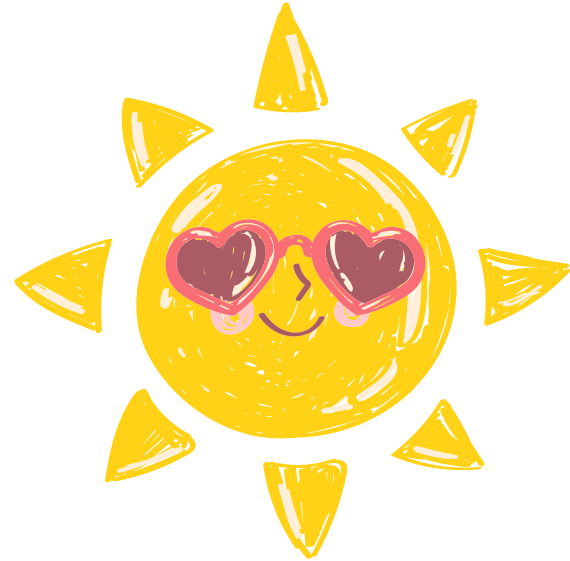
Requirements: Experience in residential maintenance is preferred. Basic knowledge of plumbing, light electrical, carpentry and HVAC required. High School diploma or GED. Specialized technical training is a plus. Must be able to lift heavy objects, climb ladders, and perform physical work for extended 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.

Calling all Women!!



Women's Ministry Gathering
Explore ♦ Connect ♦ Belong

Thursday, JULY 30, 2026

7:00 pm

FCC Gathering Area (north entrance)

**Join us for a sweet evening of fellowship and
discovery.**

Enjoy a build-your-own sundae bar

Hear about:

New small group launch

Service Projects

Skill-Sharing Events

RSVP to: Church Office 660-826-5300

All Women are Invited!

**Bring a friend and enjoy a night of community and
connection.**

New Women's Group Forming

**Come "Journey" with us as we start a
new woman's group. We will have our
First meeting on Thursday, July 16th at
6pm in the new Gathering
Space. Everyone is invited and all age
groups are encouraged**

As we would like to have a mix of ages.

**If you have any questions contact
Christy Goodman or Tonya Borland.**

**We're going to be offering a weekly yoga class
for church members beginning Aug 6th. We
can plan on every Thursday at 5:30pm.**

Room to be determined.

**The class will be led by certified yoga
instructor Nikki Freeman. Bring your own mat
and water as those will not be provided. Cost
is \$10/pp and per class with cash, Venmo or
Paypal as payment options.**

★ Don't Miss It!
Birthday Fellowship
Sunday • July 26, 12:15pm
Hot Dog Bar • Nacho Bar • Cake
Bring a new toy or bedding item for
Birthday Blessings, Foster Care
Wrapping!
Children's promotion will be included.





2026 LAKE CREEK CAMPMEETING

August 2-9, at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning Services, August 2 and 9, at 9 a.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 3-7, from 9-11:45 a.m.

SPEAKERS

Sunday, August 2

Rev. Jim Downing
Retired

Monday, August 3

Rev. Aaron Douglas
Glasgow UMC

Tuesday, August 4

Rev. Vonda Veale
Florence UMC and Stover UMC

Wednesday, August 5

Rev. Dawn Gerard
Wesley UMC, Sedalia

Thursday, August 6

Rev. Drew Hill
Retired

Friday, August 7

Kathy Page
Lay Leader, Lake Creek UMC

Saturday, August 8

Rev. Chad McMillin
First Christian Church, Sedalia

Sunday, August 9

Rev. Trevor Dancer
First UMC Jefferson City

MUSICIANS

Rev. Jim Downing and
Rev. Candace Fowler

Matt & Kayla Vickrey

The Huckleberries

Wesley Faithful Men

Wesley Bell Choir

Lake Creek Vacation Bible School Program

Fred Kennedy and Friends
Begins at 6:30 p.m.

Musical Friends

Join us for activities during the week: Tuesday—sing-along jam session after service, Wednesday—trivia night after service, Thursday—pizza at 6 p.m. before service, Friday—watermelon and capture the flag after service, and Saturday—Mission Committee Fish Fry from 5-6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call (660) 287-7705, email hmallen5063@yahoo.com, send us a message on facebook at www.facebook.com/lakecreekcampmeeting, or check the website at www.lakecreekcampmeeting.org.

Directions from Sedalia, go east on US Hwy 50 to State Route M at edge of Sedalia, Turn south (right) on M and go 9 miles to State Route W. Continue to the left, heading east on W. Go 2 miles to Lake Creek Road. Turn right (east) at the sign and go 1/2 mile to the church and campground entrance on the right. From Smithton, go south 5 miles on W and turn left at Lake Creek Road, go 1/2 mile and turn at church.

