

JULY 29, 2026 ISSUE 27

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INFORMER



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

**Genesis 32: 22-31
Wrestling with God
Rev. Chance McMullin**

First Christian Church

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

Work Out Your Own Salvation...

I have been considering the advice from the Apostle Paul to "work out our own salvation with fear and trembling." I am quite certain that Paul does not mean we need to earn our own salvation. I am certain of this because, in other places, Paul writes that we are saved by grace through faith. This leads me to wrestle with the question: What does it mean to work out our own salvation?

I have come to the conclusion that he meant for us to live our lives as a response to the salvation we are receiving. I am also aware that salvation is not something that happened to us once, one day long ago. Salvation is a process in our life that goes on and on. I say this with biblical support. Particularly, I turn to 1 Corinthians 1:18, in which Paul says, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God."

Notice how Paul says, "those of us who are being saved"? Paul makes it clear that our salvation has come and is ongoing. Part of our salvation includes continued growth toward Christlike maturity. This process does not stop because we get old. This process does not stop because we have arrived at some place of maturity or wisdom. This process only stops when we stop participating with what God is trying to do in us.

In my sermon on Sunday, I compared God to a sculptor who is continuously chiseling, shaping, sanding, and working on each of us. The process of growing in our salvation—of working out our salvation with fear and trembling—is often referred to by scholars and theologians as sanctification. Today, I want to remind you that the divine sculptor is willing every day to climb the scaffolding of your life and continue the work of salvation that He started in you. Welcome Him back in today, and let the chiseling resume!

Pastor Chad

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

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 26, 2026

9am 143

11am 174

Online 494

Those serving this Week

Candle lighters

- Kellan and Lilly

Elders

- Gerald Scott and Sterling Green

Deacons

- Youth Youth



Your FCC Staff



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Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin
Senior Minister

Rev. Chance McMullin
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Darrin Hartman
Traditional Worship
Leader

Amy Tilley
Contemporary Worship
Leader

Wayne Smither
Youth Director

Mendy Goss
Children's Coordinator

Sheri Webb
Admin. Asst.

**Ellie Fiorino, 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

FCC

THURSDAY 30

7pm Women's Gathering/GP

FRIDAY 31

Monday 3

6:30pm GS

Tuesday 4

12 noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group

Saturday 1

10am QOV meeting/GP

Wednesday 5

7pm NA

SUNDAY 2

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



George Geotz
received his
Quilt of Valor on
July 25, 2026



**Chancey McRoberts was
baptized on July 26.
We are so happy and excited
for you!**



FCC

**and make disciples of all nations!
Matthew 28:19**



SOLID MISSION TRIP UPDATES:

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

**This Sunday August 2 is Youth Sunday.
We welcome Lizzy and Emerson to SOLID.
We will be painting the worship room in a couple
of weeks to get ready for the 26/27 Season.
Seniors Galore this year.**



FCC lives their lives on Mission!!

Outreach



Mission Team in St. Louis



VBS



United Way Day of Action:
Group 4 being the Hands and Feet



SOLID Mission trip
Colorado



Sewing Day



Ladies Event
2026



Community
Cafe



Souper Bowl

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

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

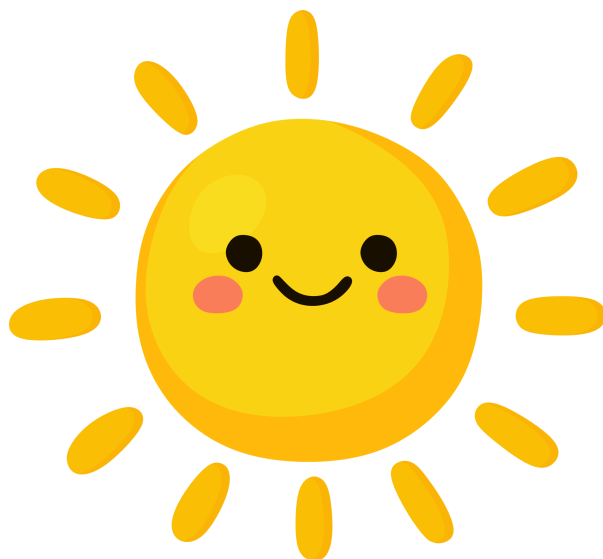
Let The Adventure Begin!

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



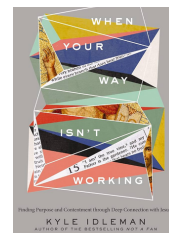
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sign-up for Right Now Media.
Click the code or scan the QR code
to get signed up and start
exploring RNM



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

Adult Spiritual Growth July RNM pick of the Month:

When Your Way Isn't Working



Maybe you've found recently that you are getting more irritable with people. Or you're feeling more overwhelmed and defeated by the challenges that life is throwing your way. Or you're spending more time scanning social media than you are connecting with God in prayer. Even doing things you're way isn't working out the way you think it should. If you're feeling discouraged, frustrated, and worn out, it's a good indication that something in your life is out of sync. Fortunately, there is a solution to this problem found in Scripture. In "When Your Way Isn't Working," Kyle Idleman's short series shows us how to lean more on God and less on ourselves.



This Sunday in Children's Worship we talked about what it means to worship God and why we come to church. We learned that worship is so much more than singing songs—it's everything we do when we offer our love, praise, and gifts back to God. We talked through different parts of our worship service, including the call to worship, music, singing, prayer, scripture reading, giving, and listening to God's Word. The kids helped lead different parts of worship and saw how each person has a special role in helping our church praise God.

Our reminder for the week: Worship isn't just something we do on Sunday morning—it's something we can do every day with our words, our actions, and our hearts.

Questions to talk about at home:

What is one part of our church service that helps you worship God?

What is one gift or talent God has given you that you can use to serve Him?

July memory verse:

"For with God nothing is impossible"

Luke 1: 37



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

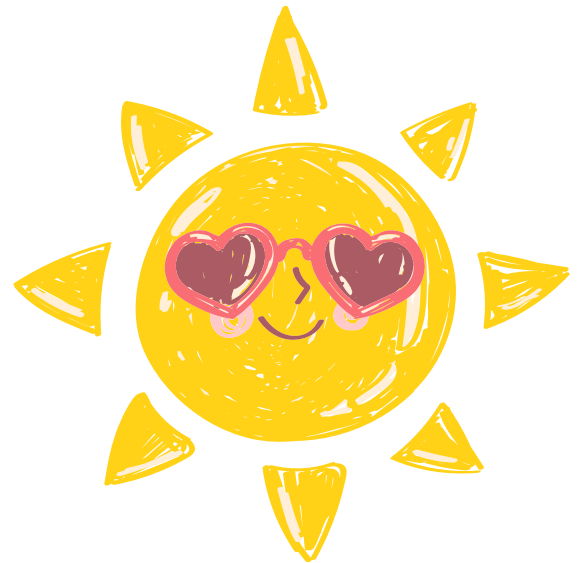
Service Projects

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.



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.

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



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

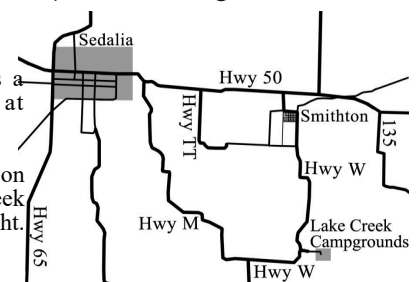
Fred Kennedy and Friends
Begins at 6:30 p.m.

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.





THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who brought presents during the Birthday Blast! Your gift is a blessing for foster children of Pettis County. Your generosity is sure to put a smile on a child's face. Birthday Blessings is thankful for wonderful supporters like you.

August Birthdays

1. Macie Curry, Jennifer Spence
2. Kimberly Rapp, Robert Holdren
4. Allison Brosch, Kenna Schock
7. Linda Reed, Pepper Ditzfeld, Ashlee Martin
8. Judee Mabry
11. Caroline Raetz, Georgia Raetz
12. Sara Rogers
- ★ 14. Tyler Ditzfeld, Susan Sadler, Carrie Capers, Mike Steuber
- ★ 15. Vicki Herrick, Blake Koss
- ★ 17. Paden Lefevers, Carol Cusick
- ★ 18. Kenna Schock, William Hooton, Houston Parkhurst, James Crooks
- ★ 20. Alexander Parkhurst, Michale Barkacs
- ★ 21. Louetta Ditzfeld
- ★ 23. Mack Ditzfeld
- ★ 24. Tonja Hooton, Ann Fleming
- ★ 25. Darrin Hartman
- ★ 26. Alex Sim
- ★ 28. Sam Tagtmeyer
- ★ 29. Amy Elkins

August Anniversaries

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2. Jamie & Vince Bauer
 5. Carol & Phil Ahern
 9. Cathy & Mike Clements
 10. Rose & Roy Martin
 15. Linda & Rod Ellis
 18. Jenelle & John Berry
 23. Caroline & Jason Knox
 31. Cathy & Kevin Geotz, Cheryl & Darryl Ehlers