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First Christian Church

RENEATH THE SURFACE

This Week's Scripture and
sermon:
Jonah 1-4

Sermon Series

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

INFORMER

I was visiting a small farm in Scotland. The farm was one of many beautiful hillside, grassy meadow types of farms that dominate the landscape. The misty mountain weather was a daily companion on my 10 day journey across Scotland. One lazy morning, I had the privilege of watching a farmer/shepherd with his sheep. As he walked out in his pasture, it seemed many of his sheep were paying him no mind. However, when the shepherd scooped up some grainy sweet treats in his blue bucket, all the sheep came running to be fed.

I heard a preacher once say that sometimes we act like those sheep. We love the blessings, but otherwise ignore the Lord. As I listened to that wise old preacher talking about blessings, I did a little bit of personal soul searching. Am I like that? Do I ignore the Lord until He has a sweet treat for me—and then I come running? Then I am grateful. Then I am attentive.

As we grow in our faith, we discover that being in the shepherd's presence is an even better blessing than those little nibbles of sweet treats. When we realize this we discover that despite our life circumstances, or the challenges of this world, we have all we need and then some in His holy presence. Somehow, we arrive at a place where we still see the blessings, even when life does not feel so sweet.

Pastor Chad

We are praying for You

Mary Allee, Betty Blackwell, Shirley Brown, Dava Brummitt, Kelly Burkholder, Jay Fahnestock, George Geotz, 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 Brummit**

E. W. Thompson: **Allan Fowler**

Primrose(Independent): **Joyce Whitaker**

Primrose(Assisted): **Dorothy Robertson**

Primrose(Enhanced Assisted Living): **Judy Parkhurst, Susan**

Daniels, Marion Thomas, Terry and Linda Gibbs

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!



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.

Those serving this Week



Elders

- Gerald Scott and Sterling Green

Candle lighters

- Bryce & Cam

Deacons

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

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Lisa Ditzfeld

THIS WEEKS EVENTS



THURSDAY 13

5:30pm Yoga in FH

FRIDAY 14

Group 3 in FH Kitchen

Saturday 15

SUNDAY 16

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

Monday 17

Community Cafe/Elders
6:30 pm GS

Tuesday 18

12 noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group
5:30pm Nominating

Wednesday 19

5:30pm Stewardship
6:45pm SOLID to Skillet concert
7pm NA

Wednesday Nights at FCC Beginning September 9, 2026

- 5:15 PM • SOLID Youth
- 5:30 PM • FCC Kids
- 📖 6:00 PM • Adult Bible Study
- 🎵 7:00 PM • Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday



and make disciples of all nations!
Matthew 28:19



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

SOLID UPDATES:

- Sept. 9, 5: 15pm SOLID resumes
- August 19, 6:45pm SOLID to Skillet concert; we will leave at 6:55.

Ephesians 4:32

King James Version

32 And be ye kind one to another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
even as God for Christ's sake hath
forgiven you.



Like us on Facebook at Solid-FCC Youth Sedalia

FCC SEDALIA
SOLID
SHINING OUR LIGHT IN DARKNESS
YOUTH GROUP

Shine
LIKE THE
SON

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.
MATTHEW 5:14

IT'S A **MINI LOCK-IN!**

THEME: SHINE LIKE THE SON
Come dressed as someone who has helped
you shine your light for Christ.

DATE
AUGUST 28

TIME
7PM – MIDNIGHT

LOCATION
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
OF SEDALIA

FOOD. FUN. GAMES. WORSHIP. FRIENDS.
DON'T MISS IT!

**August 28, SOLID Mini Lock-in 7pm
to 12 midnight. Games, food,
worship, fun and some surprises.**



Bible Studies

Call the church
office to sign up!
660-826-5300



Doing Life with your Adult Children

Come celebrate the joys and wrestle with the difficulties of moving from parenting your children in the home to doing life with your adult children.
Pastor Chad and Ronda will lead us in conversation.

 | Aug 20th, 27th, and Sept. 3rd at 6pm

Men's Fellowship!

Men's Breakfast

Start your Friday morning
off with some good food,
good fellowship, and
prayer with other men.

THE FOURTH FRIDAY
OF EVERY MONTH.
7AM/FELLOWSHIP HALL



FCC

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



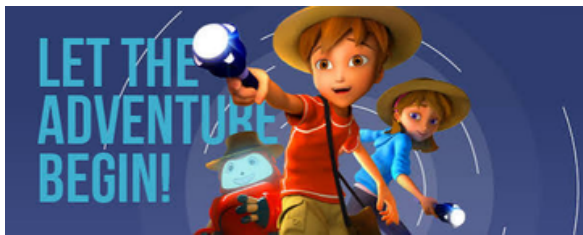
Let The Adventure Begin!

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

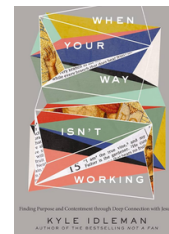
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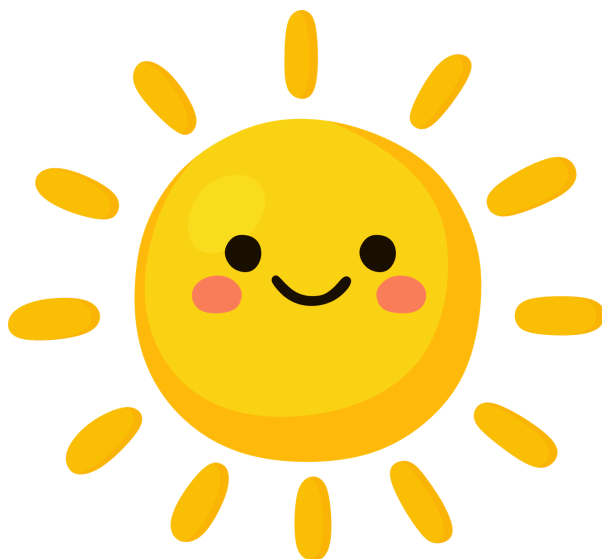
<https://app.righnowmedia.org/join/FirstChristianChurchMissouri>

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.



JYF

The JYF, third through fifth graders, Sunday School class has said "see you later" to friendly faces moving up to the SOLID Youth and said "welcome, friend" to some new faces as the school year approaches.

The JYF class is full of bright kiddos with big questions and a great desire to know and love God through Jesus.

Last week the kids wrapped up their Sunday School lesson by writing encouraging notes for Elder Sue Green to deliver to our members at Primrose. This was another beautiful example of their great hearts as they wrote notes like "You make our church better", "May a river of peace flow through you", and "May the Lord be with you always. You are blessed."

Be encouraged FCC. You are raising a generation of little disciples filled with the Spirit that are hungry for the Word.



Sunday we learned about Elijah and how God spoke to him in a gentle whisper. We talked about how God is always with us, even when we feel scared, tired, or alone. Sometimes we need to slow down and get quiet so we can listen for God.

Talk about it at home:

1. What are some ways God speaks to us?
2. What can we do when we need to slow down and listen to God?



August Memory Verse:
Worship the Lord with Gladness. Come before
Him, singing with Joy!
Psalms 100:2



Calling all Women!!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF FCC
JOIN US FOR A

Watch Party

FOR THE LADIES NIGHT OF
REFLECT
= Women's Conference =
FROM ELEVATION CHURCH

 September 25th

 THE EVENING BEGINS
AT 5:30PM
and will last approximately 2 hours.

 Come with your
bible and notebook
ready to worship and
hear a word that all of
us ladies can benefit
from young or old.

 We will have
snacks and
beverages
for everyone
to enjoy.

PLEASE RSVP FOR THE CONFERENCE AT
elevationchurch.org/reflect
Your RSVP helps Elevation Church prepare
for an amazing experience for everyone!

 CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
660-826-5300
we can't wait to see you there!

 Please let us know
if you plan to attend so we can be sure
and have enough goodies for everyone.

Let's worship together and be refreshed in His presence! ♥

*Be still
and know
that I am God.
PSALM 46:10*



Weekly Yoga Class

Every Thursday at 5:30pm.

Fellowship Hall

Begins August 6.

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.





Your FCC Staff



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Children's Coordinator
**Ellie Fiorino, Reese
Green, Grace Homan
and Liliya Nine**
Nursery

Sheri Webb
Admin. Asst.

Weekend Totals

August 9, 2026

9am 152

11am 138

Online 523

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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.

Church information page

