

INFORMER



First Christian Church

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

1 Kings 19: 9-18

Rev. Chance McMullin

Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." — Matthew 19:14

If you sit in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, you've likely seen all the children eagerly making their way to the front for the children's message. They come with excitement, joy, and anticipation, listening intently to God's Word. They can't wait to answer questions—simple, yet deeply meaningful. I can't help but imagine Jesus sitting on His throne, smiling as He watches this beautiful act of worship.

Shouldn't we, as adults, enter the presence of the Lord the same way? Eager. Excited. Joyful. Too often we place unnecessary pressure on ourselves. We worry about how we look, how we act, or what others might think if we're too expressive in our love for Jesus. Sometimes we're afraid people will see us as "too enthusiastic" or "overzealous" for the Lord. But the only opinion that truly matters is His.

Why would we want to spend our lives trying to please the world in the way we approach our Savior. One day, when we stand before Jesus, we will stand there alone. No one else's opinion will matter in that moment, only that He knows he was always the first priority—that His approval was the one sought above all others.

Imagine how pleasing it must be to the Father when we come into His presence with the wonder, trust, and excitement of a child. Perhaps when Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me," He wasn't only speaking about age. Maybe He was also pointing us toward the kind of heart we should have when we come before Him—a heart full of faith, joy, humility, and expectation.

This week, make it your goal to approach Jesus with the excitement and wonder of a child. Come expecting to hear from Him. Come eager to be with Him. Come without fear of what others may think.

I believe that kind of worship brings great joy to the heart of our Father.

Sheri Webb

We are praying for You

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,

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

- Jenson L. & Jack

Deacons

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| • Stacey Edwards | Alyson Wilson |
| • Amy Brust | Caleb Wilson |
| • Jim Brust | Wes Rowden |
| • Stephanie Parkhurst | Judy Rowden |
| • Ann Fleming | |
| • Alyson Wilson | |
| • Caleb Wilson | |
| • Wes Rowden | |
| • Judy Rowden | |

THIS WEEKS EVENTS



THURSDAY 6

6pm Yoga in FH

FRIDAY 7

Tuesday 11

12 noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group

Saturday 8

10am Group 5 Read Ctr.
5:30 Lake Creek Fish Fry
7:30pm Chad preach at Lake
Creek

Wednesday 12

7pm NA

SUNDAY 9

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

Monday 10

10am Blood Drive/FH
6pm Exec. session
6:30 pm GS

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

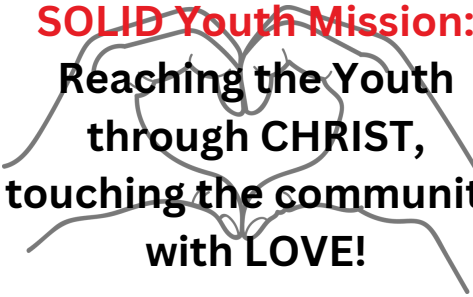


and make disciples of all nations!
Matthew 28:19



SOLID UPDATES:

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

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- **Wednesday August 5, SOLID will meet at 5:15pm**
- **Sept. 9, 5: 15pm SOLID resumes**

SOLID had two more tickets to Skillet at the MO State Fair. If you are interested in going please contact Wayne.



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



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

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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.



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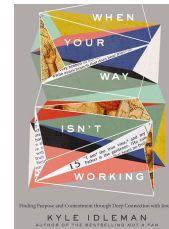
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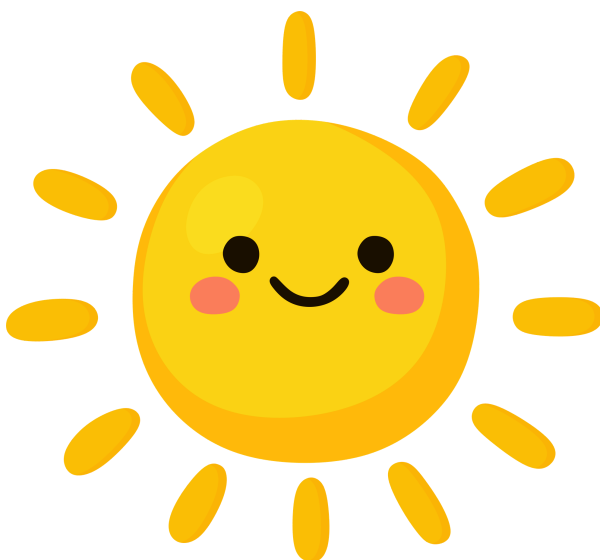
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Adult Spiritual Growth July RNM pick of the Month:

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.





In Children's Worship we learned about Jacob wrestling through the night in Genesis 32:22-31. We talked about how everyone has struggles, fears, and worries sometimes, but God invites us to bring them to Him instead of carrying them alone. Just as Jacob held on until he received God's blessing, we can keep trusting God even when life is hard. Our main takeaway was: When life feels hard, we can hold on to God because He never lets go of us.

Questions to Ask at Home

- What are some things you can talk to God about when you're worried?
- How did God change Jacob after they wrestled?

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.

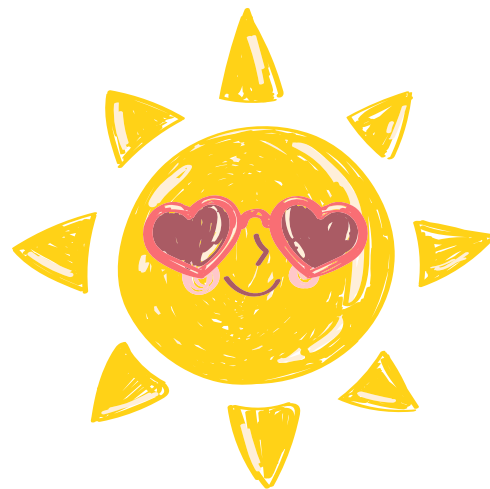
PLEASE RSVP FOR THE CONFERENCE AT
elevationchurch.org/reflect
Your RSVP helps Elevation Church prepare
for an amazing experience for everyone!

 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



Women's Gathering



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.





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

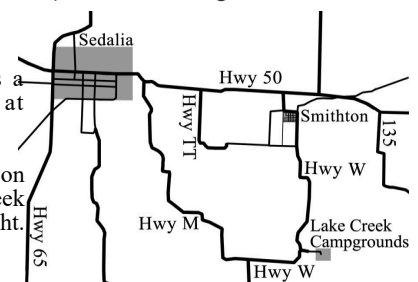
Fred Kennedy and Friends
Begins at 6:30 p.m.

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.





Your FCC Staff



660-826-5300

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin Senior Minister	Rev. Chance McMullin Associate Minister
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

Weekend Totals

August 2, 2026
9am 128
11am 115
Online 492

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.