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First Christian Church

**This Week's Scripture and
sermon: Matthew 18: 21-35**

Rev. Chance McMullin

INFORMER

As fall approaches, there is a buzz in the air. Cicadas, yes—still plenty of those—but there is another kind of buzz happening around the walls and outside the walls of First Christian Church.

Since our sermon series, *Beneath the Surface*, I have noticed more activity, more engagement, and, most importantly, more people seeking to grow in their faith. More people are coming to our weekly Bible study, where we dissect, discuss, and learn from the upcoming Scripture. And then I look at what is happening on Wednesday nights: Youth is starting, FCC Kids is beginning another season, Adult Bible Study is being offered, and our new Choir season is getting underway.

It is beautiful to sit where I sit and see so many people becoming involved.

This sermon series has even changed me. I have found myself reading more Scripture during my daily devotion time—looking at the “before and after,” digging a little deeper, and wanting to understand more. It has sparked an interest in the upcoming Adult Bible Study and created a deeper longing to learn more about the life of Jesus and to strengthen my relationship with Him more and more.

What is that old song? “To know, know, know Him is to love, love, love Him.”

And perhaps that is what all of this “buzz” is really about.

I hope you will find a place to become engaged in something new that is being offered at First Christian Church. But if nothing else, I hope you will become more engaged in knowing Jesus, loving Jesus, and growing in your relationship with Him.

There is a lot happening inside and outside these walls—and I believe God is stirring something beautiful among us.

See you at the Loving and Knowing Place!

Sheri Webb

PRO TIPS FOR READING YOUR BIBLE Beneath the Surface

From Pastor Chad McMullin

1

PRAY BEFORE YOU READ

"Lord, speak to me as I read. Let me hear your truth. Help me hear your voice."

2

CONSULT A STUDY BIBLE

Use a study bible like the Life Application Study Bible for context and a deeper look at the text.

3

CONSIDER YOUR GOAL

The goal is not to get through the Bible; it is to be in it and let it be in you

4

ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS

To stay aware and engaged, read, reread, and ask questions.

5

DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP

Or if you are in the position to help, be listening for people asking for help.

6

INSERT YOURSELF INTO THE STORY

Sometimes you have to let the story be the story and insert yourself into the story to find deeper meaning

7

YOU CAN'T MAKE IT MEAN WHAT IT NEVER MEANT

No, the meaning of the story was not to quit your job.

8

KNOW WHY YOU ARE READING

To encounter the Lord, to know and follow Jesus' path, to follow Jesus

9

STUDY WITH SOMEONE

Study your Bible with someone else who also desires to be in scripture.

10

READ THE CHAPTER

Read the whole chapter before and after studying the text.

BEING IN THE BIBLE IS ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

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We are praying for You

Mary Allee, Betty Blackwell, Shirley Brown, Dava Brummitt, Lisa Demoss, George Geotz, Harper Jones, Michael Lucito, Tammy Martin, Barbara Mittenburg, Pat Newport, Rowena Pettet, Joyce Whitaker, LeRoy Wimer

Our condolences to Natalya Gunn on the passing of her Father, Mark Gunn on Sept. 2, 2026.

Nursing Home and Shut-Ins

Essex: **Dava Brummit**

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

Primrose(Independent): **Joyce Whitaker**

Primrose(Assisted): **Dorothy Robertson, Rosalee Jordan**

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

- Megan Simon and Linda Kirk

Candle lighters

- Jenson L & Jack M

Deacons

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

THIS WEEKS EVENTS



THURSDAY 10

11:30am Burkholder visitation
1pm Burkholder funeral/FCC
5:30pm Yoga
6pm Elders
6:30 Praise Band

FRIDAY 11

Tuesday 15

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

Saturday 12

10am Group 5 Read Ctr.

Wednesday 16

5:15pm SOLID
5:30pm FCC Kids
6pm Adult Bible Study
7pm Choir
7pm NA

SUNDAY 13

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

Monday 14

6pm Exec. Session
6:30pm GS



Relay for Life Sept. 26, 6-9pm. First United Methodist Church 916 Thompson Blvd.

The next 2 Sunday's Pat Jennings and a few other church members and youth will be in the church foyer. They will be selling luminaries and tickets for 3 quilts. Donations to the American Cancer Society will also be accepted. Please stop by our table and show your support. All proceeds go to cancer research and care.



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, SOLID will resume at
5:15pm**

We look forward to seeing you this Fall.
We will be focusing on “Can Christ
really go with you everywhere?”
Does Isaiah 41:10 apply to us?

2027 Mission trip discussions and
ideas!!

You will want to be there!!!!



Like us on Facebook at Solid-FCC Youth Sedalia

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.



Men's Fellowship!

Wednesdays
AT
FCC
GROW. CONNECT. SERVE.

5:15 PM >> **SOLID**

5:30 PM  **FCC KIDS**

6:00 PM  **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

7:00 PM  **CHOIR**

Be here. Belong. Grow together.

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



It is that time of year. Operation Christmas Child is in need of



Beanie Babies



Draw String backpacks

These items can be dropped off in the church office.



FCC has Meals on Wheels the week of Sept. 21. We are needing help on Monday Sept. 21, and Thursday Sept. 24, please call the church office to sign up.
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FCC

Bible Study

FLIPPING THE SCRIPT

The core idea: We live by a cultural “script” that says power comes from status, security comes from self preservation, identity comes from performance and peace comes from control. From a Roman prison cell, the Apostle Paul flips this script entirely, offering a radical, upside-down way of experiencing community and resilient joy!

Week 1 — Life in Community

Philippians 1

We were created to do life together.

Week 2 — Joy Despite Your Circumstances

Philippians 2

Our joy comes from Christ, not our circumstances.

Week 3 — Trust the Lord in All Matters

Philippians 3

Trusting Christ produces the fruit of a transformed life.

Week 4 — Consider Others First

Philippians 4

Trading self-promotion for humility leads us toward true peace.

Whether you are a lifelong student of the Bible or brand new to your faith, this study is for you.

Four weeks. Four chapters. One invitation: Flip the Script.



**A 4-WEEK STUDY THROUGH
PHILIPPIANS**

**WHAT IF GOD WANTS US TO
SEE OUR LIVES DIFFERENTLY?
PHILIPPIANS CHALLENGES US
TO FLIP THE SCRIPT AND LIVE
FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF
CHRIST.**

Sept. 9 - Sept. 26 6pm

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



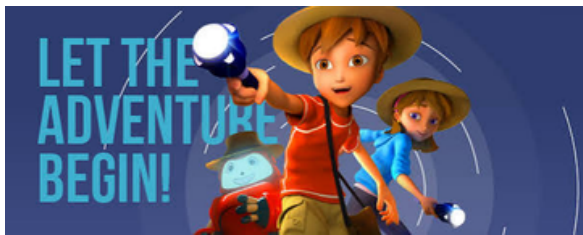
Let The Adventure Begin!

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

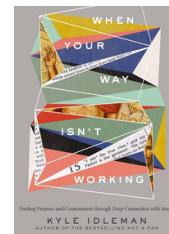
Here are two ways to sign-up for Right Now Media. Click the code or scan the QR code to get signed up and start exploring RNM



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

Adult Spiritual Growth July RNM pick of the Month:

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.



Dates to Remember

FCC kids will be each Wednesday
at 5:30pm

Nov. 25 - Break for Thanksgiving
See you the Wed. after (Dec 2)

Dec. 16th - Christmas Pageant

Kids are working on this all semester.
Please let us know if your kids will not
be able to make it this day.

A red rectangular graphic with a white scalloped border at the bottom. It features the FCC KIDS logo in the top left, a Polaroid photo of three children sitting on the floor in the center, and text in the bottom left. At the bottom, there is a line of small text with a URL.

We've missed you!
New semester
begins Sept. 4th
5:30-7

More info and registration here: <https://forms.gle/3f0crP90hNIDHByz8>

September Memory Verse:
The Lord is good to everyone.
He showers compassion on
all his creation
Psalms 145:9



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.

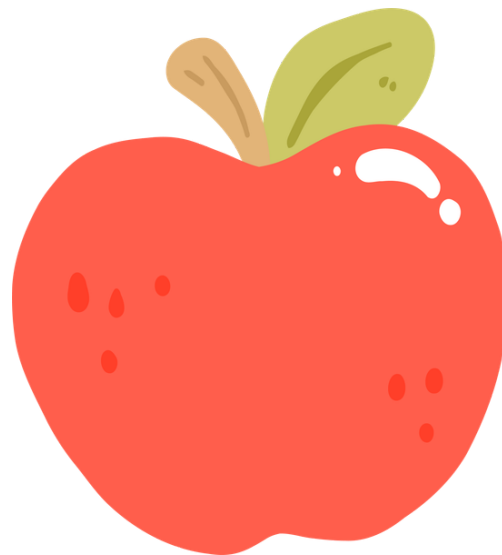
 We will have
snacks and
beverages
for everyone
to enjoy.

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

 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! ♥



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.



Create & Connect – Ladies Craft Night

Create & Connect: A Relationship-Building Craft Night

Thursday, October 1, 2026 • 6:30 p.m. • Gathering Area

Join us for a warm and creative evening as we learn how to make a meaningful craft using pages from old bound books.

This simple, relaxing project is a wonderful way to spark conversation and build new connections.

If you have an old book you'd like to recycle, please bring it along. If not, we will have some available.

Come ready to create, connect, and enjoy a gentle night of fellowship with other women in our church family.





Your FCC Staff

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Leader

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

Sheri Webb
Admin. Asst.

Weekend Totals

Sept. 6, 2026

9am 137

11am 155

Online 626

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.

Church information page





Are You 55+ Adventurers Ready to Wander into Fall?

We have several fun activities planned for the next upcoming months you will not want to miss! To get a sneak peek at what those are, you are invited to attend a fall kick-off dinner to be held September 29 th , 6:00 PM. The only criteria to attend is to be age 55 or older. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and fellowship with others you may or may not know.

Please use the Sign-up sheet found in the foyer outside the sanctuary or call Sheri in the church office to let us know you will be attending! This helps us know how to prepare the food and set-up. Please sign up by September 25 th.

You might notice the change in appearance of our logo. We removed the word “club” and added the word “adventures.” We want to make sure that ALL senior folks feel welcome to attend any future events planned and they will be a great adventure for you!



BRICK ORDERS ARE OPEN!

Leave Your Legacy at FCC!
Brick orders will be available for the next few weeks.



Order forms & sign-up sheet
Available on the table outside the sanctuary.



Please return your completed order form and payment to the church office.

Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of our church's story!



“Songs of the Soul”

Sedalia Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert
Heckart Performing Arts Center
2010 Tiger Pride Blvd.
October 12 th , 7:30 PM

Make plans to join us for a stirring program of hymns and spirituals in an orchestra setting performed by guest artist Cameron “Cam” Cory, Director of Music and Principal Organist at Chapelwood Methodist, Houston, TX. Tickets are \$35 each, payable to FCC. Sign-up sheet will be in the foyer outside the sanctuary, or you may notify Sheri in the church office of you attendance.

If interested in dinner prior to the concert, please indicate it on the sign-up sheet. We'll meet at El Tapatio at 5:30 pm.