

BENEATH THE SURFACE



Sermon Series

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

Matthew 17: 24-27

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

INFORMER

ONE MORE WEEK!!!

It feels like our semester of Wednesday nights at FCC has taken forever to get here, but we are finally just seven days away from the start! The energy that is rocking through the Southside of our campus is something many of us are eager to experience again, and if you're someone who has yet to experience a Wednesday night at FCC, you are going to love it!

At 5:15, our SOLID Youth Group will be jamming out to some great music, devouring whatever Ms. JoDee and company are cooking, getting to know one another better, and wrestling through the Word. We have a lot of seniors in the group this year, and they are already beginning to feel some of the excitement—and fear—about what following Jesus looks like after high school. Be sure to encourage these young people as they begin the final stretch of their high school years and prepare for whatever God has next.

At 5:30, our FCC KIDS will be running wild as they begin to understand what it means that Jesus is our Lord. You'll see kiddos from three years old through fifth grade being exposed to small groups, opening their Bibles, and, of course, having lots and lots of fun. The adults who lead them go home spiritually fueled but physically tired, so be sure to give them a little fist bump when you see them!

At 6, our Adult Bible Study kicks off, and you will find them enjoying the comforting peace of our Stone-Campbell Room while they study the book of Philippians with Pastor Chad. This time is always filled with engaging study, meaningful connections, and deeper understanding. These adults will find the script flipped in their study (as you'll see later in this Informer), so be sure to come ready to learn, ask questions, and see if the truth in this little book has a big impact on you!

Our last group to meet on Wednesday nights is our wonderful choir at 7pm. You will find these gifted singers in the Sanctuary where they laugh, learn, rehearse, and—every once in a while—discover that singing the same note is harder than it sounds! When you see them, perhaps a prelude of applause is best to give them. They work hard to help lead us into worship each Sunday, and we are grateful for the music, joy, and heart they bring to FCC.

So, what are you waiting for? Come be part of Wednesday nights at FCC! Whether you are a child, a teenager, an adult, a singer, a Bible-study enthusiast, or someone who simply wants to find a place to connect, there is a place for you. Come grow in your faith, build relationships, and experience the joy of doing life together as the people of FCC. One more week—and then we're back! We can't wait to see you Wednesday night!

Pastor Chance

PRO TIPS FOR READING YOUR BIBLE

From Pastor Chad McMullin

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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.

Wading in the Water

Reflections on "Beneath the Surface" sermon series

Reflections on the September 27th Sermon by Gerald J. Scott

This sermon series is framed around a man who professes his Christian faith but admits to being unfamiliar with the Bible. The first thing that struck me is how different my own experience with the Bible has been. I was reading the King James Version of the Bible before I entered grade school. I wasn't gaining any immediate spiritual benefit, of course, but it was the one "adult" book I could read to challenge my nascent reading skill without risking parental interference. Attending Sunday School and church were a given in my family, so by the time I graduated from high school, I had a good working knowledge of the Bible.

That knowledge resided entirely in my head, of course, which is why it was easy for me to do my own version of Jonah as soon as I left home. It was almost 12 years later that God used that latent head knowledge to open my eyes to the "beneath the surface" meaning of the passages that then brought me to a soul-saving knowledge of Jesus.

Fifty years farther down the road, I'm still eagerly anticipating what I might find beneath the surface. Last Sunday was no exception. My connection with the sermon's Bible story began the previous day when, I was able to get away for what this year has been a far too infrequent trip to the Lamine River. Although I did manage to avoid the ultimate calamity, which would have been falling in, it seemed like everything else that could go wrong did go wrong, including no bites. Then, just as I took my rod out of its holder to reel in and quit, a six-pound channel cat swallowed the bait. That's a big channel cat for the river, and getting it hauled up a 10-foot almost vertical bank turned a dull morning into a memorable one.

The truth be told, my brain shifted into automatic rewind, when I read Luke's version of the calling of the first disciples, but it's far more than the good fish story I thought it was when I first read it as a child. As Chad continued his sermon, the fish story became a demonstration of Jesus's power that I can rely on to carry me through the times when my spirit seems weak and to walk beside me when it seems strong. It may have spoken something entirely different to you, and that's as it should be.

We are praying for You

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

Our condolences to the family of Kelly Burkholder on her passing on Sept. 1, 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

- Kellan and Lilly

Deacons

- Youth

Youth

THIS WEEKS EVENTS



THURSDAY 3

5:30pm Yoga/FH
6pm Adult Study

FRIDAY 4

Saturday 5

SUNDAY 6

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

Monday 7

Labor Day office closed

Tuesday 8

12 noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group

Wednesday 9

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

Sharon Gregory
joined FCC on
August 30, 2026.
We are so happy to Officially
Welcome You!



and make disciples of all nations!
Matthew 28:19

Sunday's are the
Best Days!!





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

SOLID UPDATES:

- Sunday Sept. 6, SOLID will be painting in the basement after services; 1pm.
- Sept. 9, 5:15pm SOLID resumes

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



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



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

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.
660-826-5300



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!



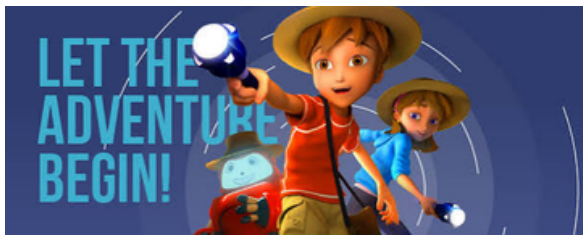
Let The Adventure Begin!

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.



In JYF, we are striving to create little disciples who know and love Jesus, are able begin navigating through a Bible, and have a community of friends to learn with. This past Sunday we sat around the table and colored pictures of the story we learned. While that may sound a little simple, it offered the opportunity for the children to laugh with one another, learn the story in a creative way, and open their hearts to hear Jesus' message for them. The message is for you, too: "Seek first the Kingdom of God".



Beneath the Surface: Digging Deeper Into God's Word

Sunday we learned that the Bible is filled with treasures waiting to be discovered! Through the story of the hidden treasure in Matthew 13:44, the children learned that studying God's Word means looking beyond the surface and discovering the truth, wisdom, promises, and love God has for us.

The kids had fun with a hidden object activity, Bible treasure hunt, interactive games, and practiced four simple ways to dig deeper into Scripture: LOOK, LISTEN, THINK, and DO.

Most importantly, the kids learned that we don't have to understand everything in the Bible all at once. We can ask questions, keep learning, and discover new treasures every time we open God's Word!



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.

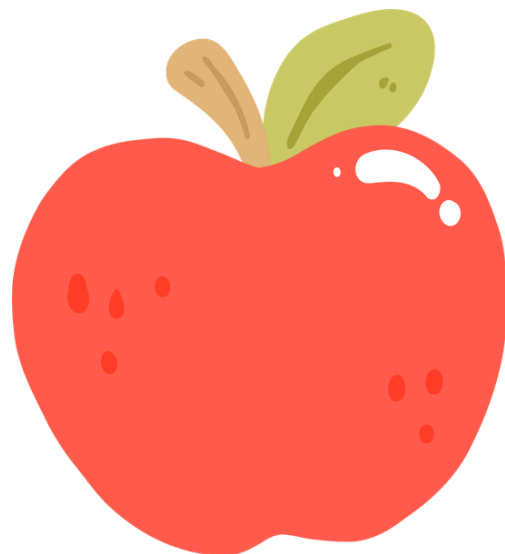
PLEASE RSVP FOR THE CONFERENCE AT
elevationchurch.org/reflect
Your RSVP helps Elevation Church prepare
for an amazing experience for everyone!

 CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE
660-826-5300
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

FCC First Christian Church

660-826-5300

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Weekend Totals

August 30, 2026
9am 146
11am 167
Online 416

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.



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!

