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First Christian Church

**This Week's Scripture and
sermon: Proverbs 3: 1-12**

INFORMER

Dear Church Family,

We want to express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming kindness, thoughtful cards, generous gifts, and thoughtful expressions you showered on us for Pastor Appreciation. It is a genuine privilege to walk alongside you, and your words of encouragement mean more to us than we can possibly say. It is very nice to be appreciated!

While Pastor Appreciation days and notes are deeply touching and very much appreciated, they also make us reflect on what ministry actually is.

If we look closely at the New Testament, ministry was never meant to be the action performed by a person standing behind a pulpit or holding a title. Real ministry happens everywhere in the life of this church:

It happens when someone sits with a grieving friend over a cup of coffee.

It happens when meals are dropped off for a family who is going through a difficult time.

It happens when a leader shepherds his/her ministry team or class.

It happens every time we visit one of our homebound friends.

It happens in the quiet prayers spoken for our community, the hands that set up chairs, the teachers investing in our kids, and the everyday acts of grace shown to neighbors outside these walls.

You are not the recipients of ministry; you are the ministers also. The heartbeat of this church isn't driven by us pastors—it is the flowing of God's Spirit working through all of us, each of you using your unique gifts to love God and serve one another. In 1 Peter 4:10 it says, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you have received." I love the way you share your gifts, your love and your talents as a community of faith!

Thank you for seeing us, encouraging us, and—most importantly—thank you for actively being the hands and feet of Jesus in this community every single week. We are deeply blessed to serve with you and so proud of the ministry we all do together!

With love and gratitude,

Pastor Chad & Chance

We are praying for You

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

Our condolences to the Metzner family on the death of Glenn Waggoner on Oct. 15, 2026.

Nursing Home and Shut-Ins

Essex: **Dava Brummit**

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

Primrose(Independent):

Primrose(Assisted): **Dorothy Robertson, Joyce Whitaker**

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, Bob Holdren**

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

- Allison Brosch and JoDee Buso

Candle lighters

- Saige and Jake

Deacons

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| • Amy Elkins | Bill Michael |
| • Bill Michael | Brenda Michael |
| • Brenda Michael | Barb Bremer |
| • Alex Foote | Ryan Wiedeman |
| • Larry Whipple | |
| • Hannah Brick | |
| • Mike Clements | |
| • Ryan Wiedeman | |

THIS WEEKS EVENTS



THURSDAY 22

5:30pm Yoga/FH
5:30pm Outreach
6:30 Praise Band

FRIDAY 23

7am Men's Breakfast
FH/Booked

Saturday 24

10am FH Booked
6pm Hayride/Highway Gardens

SUNDAY 25

9am Worship
10am Sunday School
11:10am Worship
5:30pm AFS Meeting
7pm NA

Monday 26

6pm Board
7pm Planning
6:30pm GS

Tuesday 27

12 noon Brown Bag
1:30pm Prayer Group

Wednesday 28

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

FCC Fall Hayride

Oct 24th 6-8pm

Highway Gardens, Missouri State Fairgrounds
Come for an evening of Fall fun and fellowship with a hayride through the fairgrounds, sing-a-longs, face painting for the kiddos and sweet treats! Pack the lawn chairs and invite those friends for what's guaranteed to be a good time! Let us know how many are attending from your family by filling out the sign up sheet or calling the church office.



and make disciples of all nations!
Matthew 28:19

Want to learn to play Mah Jongg???

There will be a training/informational session on Sunday, November 15th
4:00-6:00 PM

In the Bethany Sunday School Class (use the South Entrance). The class will be led by Christy Goodman, Pat Jennings and Sharee Norfleet and will be limited to 16 people. Please use the sign-up sheet

In the Gathering Area or call the church office.



SOLID

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

SOLID UPDATES:

- **Wednesday's SOLID meets at 5:15pm**
- **SOLID SOLIDERS will help one of our members of FCC. Be here at 5:15pm and we will be ready to leave at 5:30, and will return by 7pm**

Romans 12:2



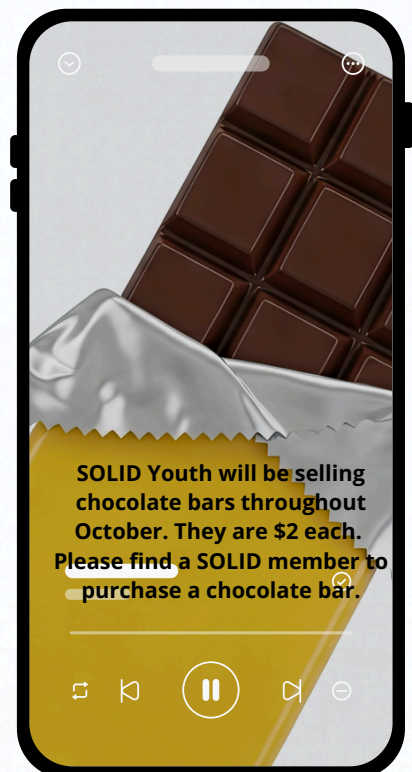
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we plan



missions!



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.

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



Beanie Babies

These items can be
dropped off in the
church office.



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

**Men's Breakfast will be
Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.**

Men's Get-Together



Thursday, December 3 | 6:00 PM



Join us for a relaxed evening of
fellowship, good conversation,
and time together!



Come enjoy an evening of
friendship, laughter, and
connecting with other men.



Hosted at the home of Sterling Green



We hope you'll join us for a great evening together!
Please RSVP by calling 660-317-8097.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Excellent items to add to your shoebox.
Barbie, yoyo, top, harmonica, cars, legos,
school supplies, hair supplies, ball with
pump, babydoll, stuffie, drawstring bag,
toothbrush, sewing kit, fishing kit, an outfit,
socks, flip flops, sand toys, nerf football,
brush, comb, beaded jewelry,

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

"THE GARDEN" is a cartoon-comedy/adventure series aimed at children ages 3-8. It stars a loveable lion named LENNY and a sweet little lamb named LUCY who live in a miraculous garden where ANYTHING can grow! If they plant a trumpet – BOINK! – they get a trumpet tree! If they plant a donut – BOINK! They get a donut bush! The possibilities are endless. Each and every day they get a new assignment from GOD (who they call 'The Boss', hey, they work for Him after all) but they don't usually get the task correct on the first try. However, through various scriptures, Bible stories and original songs in each episode they eventually learn more about THE WORD OF GOD and how to tackle the challenges that lie ahead of them.

So come along and join Lenny & Lucy in 'The Garden'...it's where the Gospel grows!



We will be collecting boxes of cereal for Open door. Please drop off in the bins outside the office.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA STUDIES

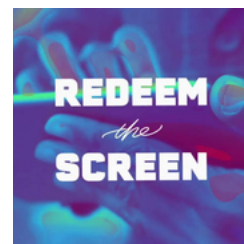
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<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/FirstChristia>



Redeem the Screen
ASG Right Now Media Pick for September
KYLE IDLEMAN

Our screens dominate our lives. In a unique way, they hold the power to bring us together yet can also keep us isolated from those physically around us. With a click, we can connect with family and friends or join a debate over an issue that interests us. Screens bring information and inspiration, but they can also carry temptations and stresses.

What kind of power do you give to your screen? Do you use it to assist in your calling, or does it distract you from your calling?

In this three-part series, pastor Kyle Idleman will teach us how to redeem the screen. Join him as he applies the truths of Romans 12 to our lives, showing us the power of Jesus to transform us. Rather than allowing our screens to conform us to the world, in Jesus we can make screens a tool to change the world.



Sunday we learned from Deuteronomy 6:1-9 that God wants us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and strength. We talked about remembering God throughout our everyday lives, not just when we're at church.

Ask your child:

1. What does God want us to do with all our heart?
2. What is one way you can remember God or show His love this week?

Lord, you are our Father. We are the
clay. You are the potter. Your
hands made all of us.
Isaiah 64:8



Adult Study

Finishing Well Study

Guidance for Life's Later Chapters

Every season of life matters. Join us for a 4-week series designed to help us prepare wisely, care well for those we love, and face the future with faith, grace, and peace.

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

 Oct. 7 — Difficult Conversations

 Oct. 14 — Legal Preparations

 Oct. 21 — Financial Preparations

 Oct. 28 — Funeral Planning

Whether you're preparing for your own future or walking alongside someone you love, Finishing Well is for you.



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.

A festive poster for 'Miracles of Christmas' at Sight & Sound Theatres in Branson, MO. The poster features a dark green background with gold and red accents, including pine branches, snowflakes, and a star. The title 'MIRACLES OF CHRISTMAS' is in large, gold, serif font. Below it, '55+ ADVENTURES' is in a red banner. The dates 'DEC. 4-5' are in a gold banner. A green box contains ticket information: Theater ticket: \$73.65 per ticket, Hotel: \$115 per double occupancy, Total \$132.00 per person, Sign up by November 2, 2026, 20 spots available. At the bottom, a red banner says 'Join us for a memorable CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE.'

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SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES • BRANSON, MO

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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

Oct. 18, 2026

9am 164

11am 130

Online 358

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



— NOVEMBER BIBLE STUDY —

Prepare Him Room Dwell and Abide



NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22 AT 10:00 AM

Former Bethany Classroom ~ Led by Cathy Clements

Before the holiday rush, join us this November for an unhurried, four-week adult Bible study. We'll trace the ancient promise of God dwelling with His people and watch how John reveals its fullness in Jesus—the Word who dwells among us, invites us to abide in Him, and reveals His holy light.

This November study is a quiet preparation for Advent's hope, peace, joy, and love.

At the conclusion of the four weeks, a companion Advent devotional will be available for December to supplement the November study.

