



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## 2025 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Strangely enough there are those who are already playing Christmas music. Admittedly, my family at times is part of this group. It may be a little rushed but must admit a little Christmas music no matter what time of the year brightness my day. That being said, I also don't want to skip over one of the most important holidays our country celebrates, which is Thanksgiving. I remember growing up and putting on Thanksgiving plays at school. We would cut out of brown paper sacks to represent the Native Americans at the first Thanksgiving and making big black hats with buckles to represent the pilgrims. We also made butter and applesauce during those lessons. A great feast if I say so myself.

It was a pretty enjoyable experience as we remember the first harvest Thanksgiving between the colonists and the Wampanoag people. This feast took place in 1621. History has always been something that I've enjoyed I wanted to share a bit of our history with you today from one of our founding fathers George Washington. His proclamation for setting aside a day of thanksgiving to the Almighty is something I think it's important for us to read and not forget.

*A Proclamation Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their Joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness." Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions,*

*of his providence, which we experience in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us. And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the People, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and Us—and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best. Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789. Go. Washington.*

I find it interesting George Washington not only wanted the nation to express Thanksgiving but also repentance. He implored the people in this proclamation to ask God to "pardon our national and other transgressions". The sad part is for many these days are only for family gatherings, football, and shopping. The original point was for the nation to give thanks for blessings and ask God for forgiveness. Let us make sure in our rush to Christmas that we are mindful of the importance of Thanksgiving as a nation but also as individuals and families. I hope you have a wonderful time with your family over the Thanksgiving holiday and remember the Almighty with His kindness, blessings and grace.



Lately, I've been wrestling with the idea: "What if I have the opportunity to baptize 1,000 kids and disciple them so they love Jesus forever. What if through that though, my own children never surrendered their lives to Christ?" I feel as though I would have failed my family.

I'm sure I'm not alone in this thought. As Christians, we desperately want our own kids to know, love, and follow Jesus. As they grow, they WILL encounter many new things, one being opposing ideas to Christianity.

If you scan the blue QR Code, I've linked an article that I have found incredibly helpful. It discusses preparing your kids to withstand and even how to counteract these ideas. The ability to recognize lies and deceitful empty practices that our culture gives, can be one of the greatest tools you can give to them as a parent.

I am so grateful to have so many families that love and strive after Christ in our Church. You, as parents who love Jesus, are making great disciples in your children just by living your faith out!



FCC Kids is heading to Super Start! Super Start is an overnight, high-energy kids conference hosted by Christ In Youth (CIY) for 4th-6th graders. It will be high energy with incredible worship, amazing speakers, and tons of fun where every aspect of the weekend is intentionally designed for your child's age group.



God moves in very real ways in the lives of the kids who attend. They build relationships with one another that can become life-lasting! Last year when we went, we heard that everyone had TOO MUCH FUN (if such a thing exists) and many still talk about what they learned with me to this day.

FCC Kids and their friends (4th-6th graders) are welcome to join us JANUARY 30-31, 2026. To register, scan the black QR Code.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

	SUNDAY SCHOOL	10:15 SERVICE
NOV 2	Elizabeth Long	Jordan Atwood/Diana Higginbotham
NOV 9	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Morgan Griffith / Macie Edwards
NOV 16	Alex Vaupel / Jackie O'Daniel	Jackie Grepares
NOV 23	Mason & Marissa Spitzner	Bob & Dena Hall
NOV 30	Mariah & Anthony Vaughan	Shane & Heather Neuman



# STUDENT MINISTRY

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We will have Attic Nights at the Borah's (across FCC parking lot) with a bonfire. We will have food, s'mores, drinks, games, and our weekly youth service all outside around a fire. With this, we will also be extending the time. Join us from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on November 2nd!

Middle Schoolers! We will be having a game night for all students 6th-8th grade. Invite your friends and join the Attic for a game night on November 14th! There will be pizza, drinks, prizes, and (of course) GAMES! See you 6:00pm-8:00pm on November 14

The Attic is taking a mission trip in the Summer of 2026! This is open for students incoming Freshman through Graduating Seniors. Scan the QR code or go to this link for more details and information:

[bit.ly/youthmission26](https://bit.ly/youthmission26)

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### November 3

Julie Aman

### November 4

Brantley Wright

### November 5

Joan Wallace

### November 6

Bentley Baker  
Evelyn Doty

### November 7

Landen Keck  
Elizabeth Long

### November 8

Morgan Duckworth

### November 10

Elisa Taylor

### November 12

MacKenzie Billington

### November 13

Carolyn Griffith  
Linda Hodges  
Dennis Mitchell  
Bernadine Obrecht

### November 14

Jess Duckworth

### November 15

Louisa Blessing

### November 16

Haylee Neuman  
JoAn Sons

### November 18

Mike Duckworth  
Aleeah Livesay

### November 19

Laura Ethridge

### November 20

Savannah Basnett  
Ian Puckett

### November 22

Ruth Braddock  
Steven Crawford

### November 24

Terry Hall

### November 25

Debbie Legg  
David Read

### November 26

Chase Curd

### November 30

Barkley Barnard

## SEPTEMBER 2025 FINANCIALS

Fund	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
General	\$561,746	\$52,665	\$87,784	\$526,627
Mission	\$166,501	\$26,164	\$33,942	\$158,723
Totals	\$728,247	\$78,829	\$121,726	\$685,350

## GIVING THANKS

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## LIFE OF PRAYER

**During 2025 the Prayer Ministry wants  
to challenge you to pray for your FCC Family**

<b>Select a family in the church</b>	<b>Commit to pray for that family regularly</b>	<b>Through the month pray the family will:</b>
A single person, a couple, or as multiple individuals/couples	Seek God in guiding your prayers	Pray for a "clean sweep:"
A family not on your prayer list	Assign times to pray	Pray for spiritual cleansing, per- sonal restoration, and preparing for a fresh start.
Use the same family all year or change monthly, quarterly, or however you feel led	Pray as a group daily	Prayer the family can "sweep away" spiritual "toxins," old hab- its, and the influence of negative forces and align their lives more fully with God's will.

## Intercessory Prayer for Our Services

This ministry was formed to invite the Holy Spirit to move greatly in our services. Volunteers pray for the service while it is happening. We provide everything you need for this time. You can pray at the church, your home or anywhere!

**Please contact Cindy Hayes (618-599-1251) or the  
church office (618-842-4311) to fill one of the open spaces.**

### 8:00am

**Nov 2**  
**Nov 9**  
**Nov 16**  
**Nov 23**  
**Dec 7**  
**Dec 14**  
**Dec 21 \*Combined Service**  
**Dec 28**

CIT Class  
**volunteer needed**  
**volunteer needed**  
Jack Tribe  
SALT Class  
volunteer needed  
  
volunteer needed

### 10:15am

CIT Class  
June Reeves  
Carolyn Griffith  
FCC Youth  
SALT Class  
Debbie McKibben  
  
Judy Griswold  
ACTS Class

## BRADY VANHYNING

FCC RESIDENT

I'm back! I am so happy to be back at the church serving as a FCC resident. A church residency is typically a structured program that is designed to train and develop future ministry leaders through hands on experience and mentorship. This will look different from my internship when I was here over the summer, as I step into other roles outside of Worship.

I am still doing school through Johnson University, currently online, as a Ministry Leadership Major. In my time here, I will be working on schoolwork, while doing other weekly tasks. This does include worship ministry, youth ministry, leading, and whatever else I am asked to do. I believe this will help grow and develop me into a better leader for Christ by pushing me outside of my comfort zone and learning from our great ministers here. I am excited to learn more about being in church leadership, and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue building relationships with all of you.

## MISSION SPOTLIGHT

**We are Thankful for what God is doing through FCC to support missions!**

**October was Faith Promise Month. Our theme: "Thrive – For Such A Time as This"**

If you haven't submitted a Faith Promise card and want to support missions in 2026, please drop your card in the offering basket, mail it back to the church, or drop it off at the office. Faith Promise is how we support missions. We then inform our missions of our 2026 giving.

**IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service)** meal packing was another successful mission project. We had 80+ people of all ages worked together October 22, and churned out 15,500 meal kits headed to Haiti or Ghana. Thank you to the 80 + who meal-packed. We are grateful for this annual event!

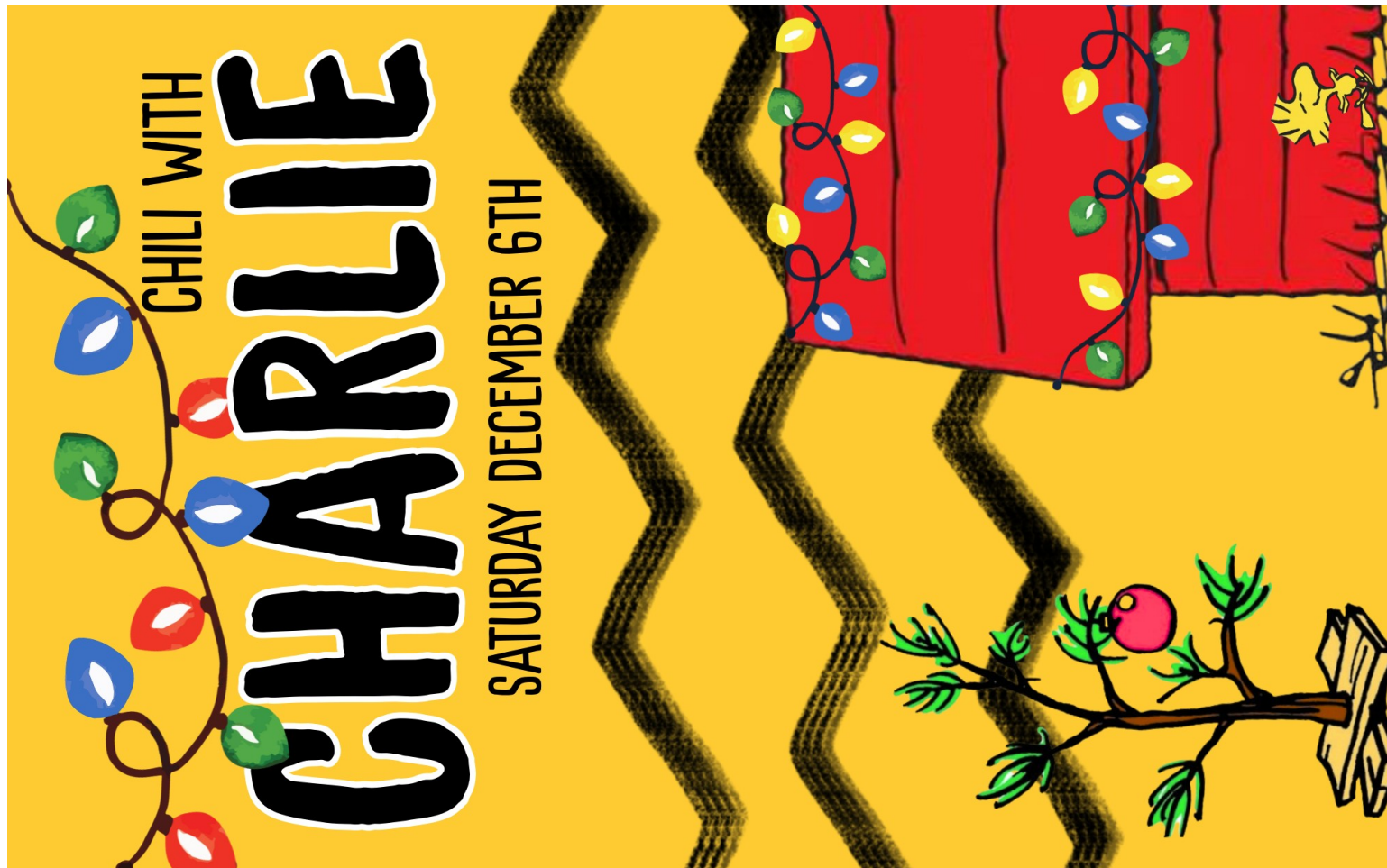


**Our Thanksgiving Golden Bowl Offering will be dedicated to the "Backpack Food Program."**

We have been apart of this program serving our schools for 11 years now! While our schools do a great job of feeding our children through the week, we still have families that struggle with food insecurity through the weekends. The backpack food program helps those families with a few non-perishable items like cereal, canned meals, snacks, powdered milk, canned fruit, juice, etc. We currently have close to 70 local school children (North Side, Center Street, and New Hope) that are enrolled in the program.

Prayerfully consider your financial support and label the offering to "Golden Bowl" so your funds are directed to the children's food backpack program.





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