



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 2026 MAY NEWSLETTER

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Moms are fantastic! I had a great mom, and am married to a great mom. I am thankful for the ladies in my life. I'm sure as a mother there are times when you may feel unappreciated. Day-to-day life happens. It can be overwhelming in the busyness of life with appointments, ball games and activities, and all the things that keep families moving. You wonder if anybody really realizes how wonderful, kind, diligent, beautiful, and gracious you are. We can be unappreciative and take all you do for granted. It's when these times happen we realize how much grace and patience you have. How much you care and get accomplished is truly amazing.

That being said, sometimes life is just normal. We go through our days loving our families, practicing our routines, continuing our habits, and accomplishing things simply because they need to be done. Sometimes life is just life.

Life in Christ, at times, can be the same. We walk with him daily, going through our routines, working on our habits, and doing things that need to be done because God has asked us to follow him. Sometimes there are explosions of understanding and incredible epiphanies about who God is and how he's working. Much of this walk is a slow growth toward maturity, a daily walking in faith striving for holiness, displaying simple acts of faith and compassion toward others, and always being on the lookout for God's hand moving.

It would be wonderful if God would just point at us declare us spiritually mature in such a way we would always act in holiness. Wouldn't it be nice if all our decisions were made in His perfect will and our Godly wisdom would be fully complete? Sadly, as nice as it sounds,

it doesn't seem to work that way. God desires for us to walk daily.

While life is happening, our understanding of God and maturity in faith unfolds in a process of growth. Please don't miss the daily walk with God because you're waiting on a grand revelation to blow you away. Walking daily with God provides a consistent eternal perspective on the happenings of life. Reading our Scripture and having an active prayer life over time will produce a relationship of confidence with God. This relationship of confidence will provide great peace as we move through the challenges and blessings of life.

May is full of challenges and blessings. For instance, sometimes it is a challenge and a blessing when our kids graduate. It's a blessing because of the hard work and achievements but a challenge because of potentially new environments or going to school on their own away from home. These types of changes can be challenging.

Some of the other blessings in May (again as a gentle reminder) is the celebration of Mother's Day. Don't forget to celebrate the wonderful women we have in our lives. The other blessing in May is Memorial Day. This day is a reminder of those who fought and sacrificed so we could have the freedoms we have here in the United States. Some of the most important of these are freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom to worship.

I hope you have a wonderful May and choose to celebrate some of these special days with us in worship at FCC. To all our moms, thank you for the incredible way you care for your families and serve in our church. We are truly blessed.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Kicking off our summers with faith filled fun! Pre-School-5th graders and their friends are welcome to join us on **May 17-22 5:30pm-8:00pm**. This is a free event and dinner is provided each night.



We're also excited because we're jumping back in time to Paul and the Underground church. This will be a great opportunity to watch scripture COME TO LIFE for our kids!

Pre-Register your child by scanning the QR code.

We have many ways that you can also help out with Vacation Bible School this year too!

- **Wednesday Night FUSE** - 5:45pm Meal / 6:30pm Helping prepare/decorate/set up for VBS
- **VBS Food Donations** - We have different items needed to help with food. Visit the foyer to pick up a donation tag and return the food to the church no later than May 10th.
- **Volunteering the Night of VBS** - The more volunteers, the better! We need family group leaders, activity/station assistance, and general chaos control people. If you're willing to help, please contact Caleb or sign up in the foyer. We will have a volunteer meeting to be announced soon!

Child Dedication - May 10 During the 10:15 service

We are having a Child Dedication on Mother's Day this year! This is intentionally a "child" dedication for those who have new babies in their families or for families that have adopted/fostered or recently started attending to our church. If you would like to dedicate your baby or child to the Lord, please reach out to Caleb by calling the office (618)842-4311 or email him directly at caleb@fccfairfield.com



NURSERY SCHEDULE

	SUNDAY SCHOOL	10:15 SERVICE
May 3	Elizabeth Long	Jordan Atwood / Diana Higginbotham
May 10	Volunteer Needed	Morgan Griffith / Macie Edwards
May 17	Jacque O'Daniel / Alex Vaupel	Jackie Gre pares
May 24	Mason & Marissa Spitzner	Bob & Dena Hall
May 31	Mariah & Anthony Vaughan	Shane & Heather Neuman

STUDENT MINISTRY

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June 7 is Promotion Sunday! This is the big switch for 5th graders moving into the Attic from the Children's Ministry. If you have any questions or concerns about your soon to be 6th grader coming into the FCC's Student Ministry, please contact me. I am more than happy to help clear anything up for you!



All incoming 6th & 7th graders are encouraged to sign up for Oil Belt's Jr. High 2 Camp. This will be a fun and faith filled week and Kyle will be the assistant dean! This camp is July 19-24th. Sign up using Oil Belt's website or use the QR code. Contact Kyle for more information, including our FCC's discount code!



We are leaving for our mission trip this month! We will head out on May 30 and return on June 5. We will be partnering with Salty Farms Ministry in Panama City Beach to meet a real need for real people. Pray for the courage of our student, what God will be doing this week, and for safety.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1
Maddelynn Hall

May 2
Anthony Vaughan

May 4
Richard Smith

May 5
Dennis Brant
Kim Liston
Jerry Vaughan

May 6
Mike Dinsmore
Derek Smith

May 7
Elijah Gray

May 8
Reed Duckworth
Brayden Leeds
Amy Pollard
Bill Taylor

May 9
Karoline Book

May 10
Drew Vaupel

May 11
Chris Simpson

May 12
Jackie Grepares

May 13
Janice Gubbins
Grace Pollard

May 14
Kendyn Basnett
Cohen Richards

May 16
Sophia Baker
Gabriella Griffith

May 17
Bob Gain
Sawyer Neuman

May 18
Sharon Fenton
Caleb Higginbotham

May 19
Brenda Helm
Richard MCracken

May 20
Justin Braddock
Kadence Thomason

May 22
Ron Gain
Landon Smith
Lincoln Vaupel

May 24
Alicen Buchanan
Keith Wilson

May 25
Amy Fleener

May 26
Mary Gain

May 27
Selena Musgrave

May 28
Ava Best

May 29
Zef Archer
Jamie Buchanan
Victoria
Higginbotham
Jimmie Musgrave

May 31
Jacob Hall
Duane Parrent
Shelbie Smith

MARCH 2026 FINANCIALS

Fund	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
General	\$501,913	\$96,026	\$62,978	\$534,961
Mission	\$138,100	\$92,332	\$32,533	\$197,899
Totals	\$640,013	\$188,358	\$95,511	\$732,860

PRAYER MINISTRY

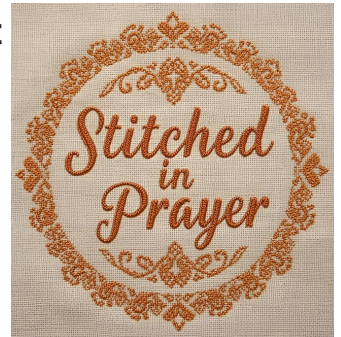


The next time you see a parent, anyone who is a parent, you might want to give them a hug and a word of encouragement. Chances are, they are not okay. Parenting is hard. It is not for the faint of heart. It doesn't matter if you are a new parent, a parent of a 6 year old, a parent of a young adult, or if your kids have kids. Each phase come with its own set of challenges. The times we live in don't make it any easier. It's a "live and let live," "do what makes you feel good," "wrong is right" kind of world out there. We need to be praying for parents. Pray for wisdom and discernment so they know which battles to fight. (Yes, pick your battles is a thing! Make sure you pick the important ones!). Pray they can show firmness where firmness is needed and grace where

grace is needed. Pray they can teach their children by example. Parents, let the Bible be your guide. There is no better parenting manual then the one our heavenly father wrote for us.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

Have you wanted to be a part of the Stitched in Prayer ministry but are unable to attend our "Stitch Days"? Joining the ministry and using your talents has just become easier!



Check out the Prayer Corner to:

- Pick up a prayer guide and help us cover these gifts of love in prayer
- Check the supplies and patterns of current projects. If you feel led, please take some home and complete as time allows; Simply return completed work to the church and we will distribute them. Be sure to pray over the project as you work!

Current ongoing projects:

- Crochet hats for First Christian preschoolers (we could need as many as 80 before fall)
- Pocket prayer quilts (using our material or your scraps)
 - We plan to keep a good supply on hand so that they are ready and available for anyone to take and share with those they wish
- Cut & hem material for new kitchen towels for First Christian
- Baby dedication quilts (pattern available now - material available soon)

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.

May 3
May 10
May 17
May 24
May 31

CIT Class
volunteer needed
volunteer needed
Jack Tribe
Cindy Hayes

CIT Class
June Reeves
Carolyn Griffith
FCC Youth
volunteer needed

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

We will be doing our annual “Baby Bottle Bank Fundraiser” in support of our local Compassion Pregnancy Center (CPC) here in Fairfield, IL.

Compassion Pregnancy has been serving Wayne and surrounding counties since 2007. CPC is a non-profit organization serving women who come seeking help in making an informed decision about their pregnancy. They offer free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, pre-natal information, abortion recovery support, parenting classes, and a program “Earn While You Learn,” where expectant mother’s can take classes to earn needed baby items.



Bottle Banks will be available on Mother’s Day (May 10) and will be collected until Father’s Day (June 21) at the church. Fill the bottle up with any cash or change throughout the month. If you would rather donate through a check, we ask you put “Compassion Pregnancy Fundraiser,” in the memo line so we can be sure to designate it all to the correct fund. 100% of the funds raised in this fundraiser goes directly to Compassion Pregnancy Center. This Baby Bottle fundraiser supports life, supports mothers, and supports families.

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We had a guest visitor in April that introduced to a song “Christ is Enough” that resonated with many in the 10:15am service. We have continued to sing and worship to the song the past couple weeks in service. This song is a statement of truth about the amazing works Jesus did here on earth, saving us from our sins with His blood. When we realize what the world has to offer, is not fulfilling or life giving, but Christ is enough. In every trial we face in this life, we have a hope in Jesus, and realize His love is enough. It makes me think of 2 Corinthians 12:9, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”

As the song moves into the bridge, it start’s with the hymn “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus.” It is a declaration of our commitment to follow Jesus, even in the hard times. His power and love are sufficient. This month, let us all join together in declaring over our lives, in the good times and in the bad times, that Christ is Enough.

Christ is Enough Lyrics by Hillsong Worship

Christ is my reward
and all of my devotion
Now there’s nothing in this world
That could ever satisfy

Through every trial, my soul will sing
No turning back, I’ve been set free

Christ is enough for me
Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in You
Everything I need

Christ, my all in all
Joy of my salvation
And this hope will never fail
And Heaven is our home

Through every storm, my soul will sing
Jesus is here, to God be the glory

Christ is enough for me
Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in You
Everything I need

I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back

The cross before me,
the world behind me
No turning back, no turning back
The cross before me,
the world behind me
No turning back, no turning back



MOTHERHOOD IS THE BEST MINISTRY!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM
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