



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



2026 JUNE NEWSLETTER

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I do my best not to sound like a broken record, but in some circumstances I feel as though it is good to have regular reminders. In May we had the opportunity to speak about how important and how great moms are to a family. For June, with Father's Day quickly approaching, we get to talk about why a Father's role matter to kids and families in such a great capacity.

In our culture, dads can often times be the lost fixture in the family. Their importance in the health and the well-being of the family can be overlooked, underrated, and uncelebrated.

With all of this in mind, I want to take a moment and remind us why fathers are important for children and families. I have found these statistics interesting and helpful for understanding how a Father's role impacts the people around us.

Academic and Cognitive Growth

- When fathers are highly involved in school students are 43% more likely to receive A's
- Students in a father absent home were twice as likely to repeat a grade.

Emotional Health and Psychological Well-Being

- Involved fathering builds higher self-esteem and stronger social connectivity in children.
- Paternal presence and strong father - youth intimacy serve as protective factors, decreasing depressive symptoms and anxiety across adolescence.

Behavioral Outcomes

- Kids with engaged dads exhibit fewer behavioral problems in school and demonstrate better impulse and self-control.
- Father presence is statistically linked to lower rates of truancy, delinquency, and substance abuse.

Long-Term Social and Economic Success

- Children raised in homes with married mothers and fathers are significantly less likely to experience childhood poverty.
- Quality time with the father increases the statistical likelihood that a child will enter and graduate from college.
- Children – particularly young women – with involved father figures are more likely to develop secure attachments and sustained healthy romantic relationships as adults.

This information can be found at fatherhood.org and at a website "all four kids"

We have some awesome dads in our congregation and in this community. I want to encourage all of our dads to continue to strive after Christ and offer your best to your families. I hope you understand the best thing you can do is to strive to be a Godly man setting an example for your children and encouraging them to always offer God their best. Please realize how powerful dads are to the well-being of their children and families. So strive to be the best dad you can be. What a great joy we have as men to be husbands and fathers. Take some time and encourage and thank the men around you. Lastly, men, have a great Father's Day you deserve it!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Summer has begun and couldn't have gotten here soon enough! We're excited to see what all God has in store for the kids this summer. Summer is such a valuable time to grow friendships, but also a time to learn and be discipled. Having said that, we know summer gets incredibly busy and schedules fill up quickly for families. We will have an event each month through the summer filled with fun for your children! Physical copies of this schedule can be found in the foyer and perfect to place on your fridge as a reminder of what is coming up.

We will also be having "Kids Summer Nights" when we'll have pool parties on each Sunday night in place of our normal Sunday activities. We are grateful for so many amazing families willing to volunteer their own homes and spaces so that we can join together! We will run from 5:15pm-7:15pm each Sunday evening. Kids kindergarten - 5th grade, along with their friends, are welcome to

attend! Parents are encouraged to come join us for the fun nights. If you need a ride, please talk to Caleb before that Sunday evening so we can make arrangements. Swing by the check-in computer on Sunday morning to get a list of where we'll be going each Sunday night. We'll make the list available monthly as well as listing it in the bulletin where we will be heading each week.

Come join us as we kick the summer off with our WATER WARS event! This is a great evening for kids to have fun and cool off with their friends. We'll have water balloons, water gun fights, and of course perfect summer treats as we enjoy our time together. Supper is provided. Join us at the church on **June 26, 2026 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm**. Kids will need to wear a swim suit, bring a towel, and we recommend wearing shoes you don't mind getting wet.



Sign up by scanning the blue QR Code.



NURSERY SCHEDULE

	SUNDAY SCHOOL	10:15 SERVICE
June 7	Elizabeth Long	Jordan Atwood / Diana Higginbotham
June 14	Volunteer Needed	Morgan Griffith / Macie Edwards
June 21	Jacque O'Daniel / Alex Vaupel	Jackie Gre pares
June 28	Mason & Marissa Spitzner	Bob & Dena Hall



Summer is kicking off soon! With that, we have some special things happening with Attic Nights in the month of June! Here are the activities that will be happening this month:

June 7 @ Hayes Lake

June 14 @ Fairfield Park & Pool

June 28 @ the Borah's



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!



If your child is entering 6th grade, you are invited to join the Attic for lunch on June 14. This will be a chance for you and your child to meet and hear from Kyle as well as meet their middle school leaders. Please sign up for this lunch so we know how much food to plan for and we hope to see you there! Sign up by scanning the QR code on the graphic.



Just like school, our FCC Kids & Attic Students will be moving on up to different classes! These changes will take place on **Sunday, June 7th.**

- FCC Kids moving Sunday School Classes depending on the grade they are going into.
- 5th graders heading into 6th grade for the '26-'27 school year will now be with Kyle in the Attic for Sunday School, Attic Nights Youth Group, and Attic Events.
- High School Graduates will continue to be with the Attic on Sunday morning for Sunday School, events, and Attic Nights.

If you have any questions about where your child or teen should be going, please contact Kyle or Caleb.

PRAYER MINISTRY



The Stitched in Prayer Group will not be meeting for our “Stitch Days” for the summer. However, there are still plenty of projects that you can work at on your own time!

Check out the church’s Prayer Corner in the foyer 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!

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 \(618-599-1251\)](tel:618-599-1251) or the church office ([618-842-4311](tel:618-842-4311)) to fill one of the open spaces.

June 7

SALT Class

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June 14

volunteer needed

June Reeves

June 21

volunteer needed

Judy Griswold

June 28

volunteer needed

ACTS Class

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Opportunity to Serve at FAME Saturday, June 27

FCC is going on a one-day work trip to one of our missions we support, FAME. This trip is offered for all ages (We ask for children are accompanied by an adult) as there will be jobs for every age group! Some of the jobs may include: sorting medications, pulling equipment to send to missionaries, cleaning, etc. You will need to dress in something you do not mind getting dirty as we will be working in a warehouse. We will depart from the parking lot at 7:00am and return in the evening.

If you can count and write, God can use you to support medical missions. Before a shipping container makes its way around the globe, it needs filled with items for medical and dental care. We will be sorting, bagging, boxing various medicines and medical supplies. You can learn more about the organization at their website fameworld.org



There is a sign up sheet located in the Foyer of the church. If you have any questions about this trip, please contact the church office ([618842-4311](tel:6188424311)) or fcc@fccfairfield.com

For over 5 years our church has been in prayer for a full time worship minister. We have been grateful to have many volunteers stepping up to help lead and direct our morning worship during this time of patiently waiting in prayer. This was no small undertaking, and your sacrifice and commitment to leading our church in worship through song and music is notice and appreciated. Special thank you to all of those who have stepped up to lead through singing, playing music, and tech/sound. We know the sacrifice you and your families have made to help make Sunday mornings run smoothly. Thank you for using your gifts to bring others closer to God.

**Our prayers have been answered and we are excited
to announce we have a new full time
Worship Minister starting in the month of June!**

Drew Hansen has moved from Effingham, IL to Fairfield. He has a wife, Brooke, and a 2 year old son, Jack. Brooke worked at a local kindergarten in Effingham and Drew is an Air Force veteran who was a high school teacher who taught French. He has been serving in the local church as a worship leader, both in staff and volunteer roles, for over 15 years. He has a passion for Jesus and worship music which fueled his desire to pursue vocational ministry for the long term. Outside of ministry, the Hansens are obsessed with coffee and coffee shops. Drew loves all things sports (Go Illini!), while Brooke will most likely be found in the local library looking for her next book.



We are excited to have Drew and his family join us here at First Christian! Please help us in welcoming them and helping them get settled into Fairfield with a Card Shower. Send your best words of encouragement and maybe a gift card to your favorite local restaurant or place to shop. Cards can be dropped off at the Welcome Center or the cards can be sent straight to the church. (Attn: Drew Hansen 100 W. Center St. Fairfield, IL 62837)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1
Evann May

June 2
Travis Gain
Peter Higginbotham

June 3
Greg Bagwell
Heather Neuman
Jimmy Taylor

June 4
Melissa Simpson

June 5
Emily Borah

June 6
Fred Puckett

June 7
Karen Kakac
Holley Sierra

June 8
Rob Edwards
Emily Snidle

June 10
Shelly Borah
Lennix Musgrave

June 13
Ryan Grapperhaus

June 17
Creed Livesay
Jamie Pollard

June 18
Jacob Oldendorf

June 19
Debbie McKibben

June 22
Lowell Fansler
Skylar Gray

June 25
Wyatt Borah

June 26
Lynn Cousert
Valerie Edwards
Cassie Owen

June 27
Bentley Rogers
Sarah Rush
Caroline Spitzner

June 28
Ruth Bunnage

June 29
Steven Lee
Doug Strange

June 30
Terry Shuh

APRIL 2026 FINANCIALS

Fund	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
General	\$534,961	\$47,245	\$61,670	\$520,536
Mission	\$197,899	\$23,808	\$33,341	\$188,366
Totals	\$732,860	\$71,053	\$95,011	\$708,902

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Happy Fathers' Day
from First Christian Church!

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