



# the VISITOR

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OUR MISSION  
**To know God and  
follow Jesus Christ.**

## Happening Soon

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Worship, 9:30am
- Sunday School Teacher Training, 10:45am, Location TBD

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor
- Officers Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Worship, 9:30am

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Church Office Closed, Labor Day Holiday

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Newsletter Mailing, 1pm, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

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**The Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
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## 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30

*"Live Peaceable With All"*

ROMANS 12:9-21

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

## 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6

*"Love Fulfills the Law"*

ROMANS 13:8-14

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

## 2 WORSHIP OPTIONS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH @ 9:30 AM

In-person worship in the Sanctuary.

**AT-HOME, ONLINE:** Tune in to our livestream on Sunday mornings on YouTube, or watch the recording of the live service—available on Monday via email/YouTube channel/FCC Facebook page.

*"First Christian Church  
(Columbia, Missouri)"*

REGULAR

# WORSHIP

SCHEDULE RESUMES

**Sunday, September 13**

8:30 & 10:30 Worship

9:30 Coffee Fellowship &  
Sunday School

## New Date! FCC Supper Club this September

**New Date! Supper Club meeting Friday, September 18**

The FCC Supper Club is an opportunity for fellowship with other FCCers and to explore restaurants downtown (also with the benefit of free childcare for the evening). Join the Supper Club at Bangkok Gardens on Thursday, September 18 from 6-8 p.m. (childcare drop off at 5:45 p.m.). **Please RSVP to Erin Perry at [fcc@firstchristian.org](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org) by Monday, September 14 if you'd like to join. When you RSVP, please note if you'll need childcare.**



## Energy Bus Brown Bag Lunch-N-Learn

**Learn About the Energy Bus on Sunday, September 13 following worship**

The Energy Bus invites everyone to gather for a brown bag lunch as we all return to our regular worship schedule on Sunday, September 13! The Energy Bus is a group of dedicated volunteers cleaning up the church building one room and project at a time.

**Brenda Mosby** will offer a presentation about the philosophy of the Energy Bus during lunchtime on Sunday, September 13 that you just don't want to miss! The brown bag lunch will be provided by the Energy Bus and the Fellowship Committee. If you'd like to join us, please RSVP in your pew pads on Sunday mornings or online:  
<https://firstchristian.org/rsvp>.

**Church Office Closed**

Monday, September 7  
Labor Day



THIS IS A DOUBLE-ISSUE OF THE VISITOR!

KEEP IT HANDY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 11.

# News of the People & Places

## Sympathy...

- Sympathy to **Scott Schaefer** and his family on the sudden & unexpected passing of his uncle, Don Grimwood.

## Welcome to the World...

- **Ella Marie Carrier** was born 9:19am on Monday, August 24. Congratulations to parents, **Katie & Ben Carrier**, and older siblings **James, Henry, and Anna**. Both mom and baby are doing great!

## Prayers for Health & Healing...

- **Mary Ann Atteberry** will have shoulder surgery on Friday, August 28 for her broken arm.
- **Steve Humble** is recovering from a successful hernia surgery on Monday, August 10.
- **David Meyer** will have right hip replacement on Monday, August 31. He will then have cataract surgery on his left eye on September 16 and then surgery on his right eye on September 23.
- **Ryan Stem** is home recovering from a heart ablation on Friday, August 21.
- **Pat Wright** is home recovering from the removal of fluid around his hearts and lungs.

## 2026-27 CWF Yearbooks

### CWF Yearbooks Now Available

The latest edition of the Christian Women's Fellowship Yearbook is officially available! The CWF yearbooks include information about the CWF groups, group directories, meeting times, and the operating budget. Pick your copy up in the Church Office during the week and on Sunday mornings, or from the CWF nook in the first floor elevator alcove. You can also request a copy by sending an email to [fcc@firstchristian.org](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org).



## Music Class with Miss Jill

As we begin a new school year at Mother's Day Out, the building feels alive! Our classrooms are clean and bright, our hallways hum with energy, and the rhythm of our children learning new classroom routines fills every corner of our space. It's a beautiful reminder of how far our program has come, and how much it is a part of the life in our church.



This year, we are excited to introduce Music with Ms. Jill, a weekly musical movement and learning class for all MDO students. Every child, from our infants to our preschoolers, will spend time exploring rhythm, sound, expression, and joyful movement. This addition is designed to nurture the children's body, mind, and spirit through the universal language of music.

For a congregation that cherishes music, we believe a weekly music class also is the continuation of a legacy. Music in our church has marked weddings, funerals, baptisms, holidays, and ordinary Sundays. It has comforted, inspired, and united. It has been the heartbeat of this church.

Now, that same heartbeat is pulsing through Mother's Day Out.

When our children gather for Music with Ms. Jill, they are learning the very language this church speaks so beautifully. They are discovering joy, praise, movement, and connection, which are the foundations of worship and community life. As we celebrate a new year at MDO, we want our church family to feel proud of what this ministry has become. Your support has allowed us to grow, to innovate, and to serve families who might never otherwise walk through our doors. You have helped create a place where children feel safe, loved, and encouraged to explore the gifts God has given them.

Thank you for believing in this work. Thank you for embracing a ministry that may look different from Sunday mornings but is

no less sacred. And thank you for letting the joyful noise of children become part of the ongoing song of this church. Here's to a new year, a new rhythm, and a community growing in harmony!

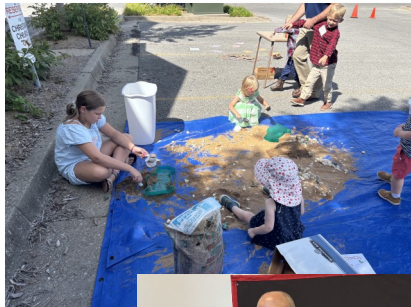
**Hayley Batterson**



## Back to School Bash

Wow! Thank you seems so small compared to the amount of love, time, dedication, grace, and fun that everyone poured into our Blessing of the Backpacks and Back to School Bash. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all of the ways our Church and MDO teachers/ staff came together to make this an amazing event. We had people baking cookies, getting pizza, creating fun characters for our games, getting REAL dinosaurs to come visit, setting up, running games/ activities, cleaning up, serving food, greeting new people, and making everyone feel welcome....the list goes on and on and on. I am humbled by your willingness to serve alongside Hayley and myself as we do our best to provide opportunities for our children, youth, and MDO families. What a fun way to kickoff the school year! Thank you to Erin, Hayley, Matt, Ryan, Jodie, Aubrey (MDO teacher), Jenny (MDO teacher), Holly and Dan, Jessica, Dietrich, Cole, Noah, and all of our dessert bakers for saying "yes" when I asked for help!

**Stacy Silverwood**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries



## REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES

### Save the Date! Regular Worship Schedule Returns this September

#### Two Worship Services & Sunday School Return September 13

Our regular worship schedule resumes on Sunday, September 13 following Labor Day Sunday. We will return to two services at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. with a host of activities in between at 9:30 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday Schools will return on September 13 on the third floor. *The Chosen* Adult Sunday School class will return later in September. Coffee Fellowship Hour will return to the 9:30 hour in Yonker Fellowship Hall with coffee and snacks available to anyone in need of their daily fix. The Church Library will remain open to anyone looking for a quiet, contemplative time between worship services with books to peruse and comfortable places to sit. Please mark your calendars as we gear up to return to our regular schedule this fall!

### Save the Date! Church Picnic

#### Church Picnic on Sunday, September 27

The Fellowship Committee isn't slowing down at all this summer! The date has been set for the annual church picnic. This year's picnic will be held on Sunday, September 27 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. This year's picnic will be held at Albert Oakland Park. We hope you'll join us for this fun fellowship opportunity!



### Mid-Missouri CROP Walk

#### Mid-Missouri CROP Walk on Sunday, September 20

Mid-Missouri CROP Walk will fall this year on Sunday, September 20. CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. More information will come in future newsletters about how you can get involved this year!



## Scholarship Awards 26-27



On Sunday, June 28, the FCC Scholarship Committee presented the 2026-27 Academic Scholarships during worship. Congratulations to all of our scholarship students this year!

### FRESHMEN

**Ryley Batterson** – 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Kubach, & Purdy Scholarships

**Alex Johnson** – Brown & Shamberger Scholarships

**Sam Pine** – Purdy Scholarship

**Jodie Silverwood** – Miller & Purdy Scholarships

### SOPHOMORES

**Paige Freed** – 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Brown Scholarships

**Amelia Leon-Rudy** – Purdy Scholarship

**Lillian McCormack** – Brown & Purdy Scholarships

### JUNIORS

**Izzy Arnett** – Shrout Scholarship

**Delaney Batterson** – 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship

**Kira Hoenes** – 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Koelling, & Ridgeway Scholarships

**Cooper Mast** – 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Miller, Purdy, & Ridgeway Scholarships

**Kayla Von Talge** – Kubach & Shamberger Scholarships

### SENIORS

**Aleena Li** – Shamberger Scholarship

**Ella Rogers** – Ridgeway Scholarship

**Lena Schaefer** – Ridgeway Scholarship

**Annie Stagg** – Shamberger Scholarship

### GRADUATE SCHOOL

**Kameron Freed** – Shamberger Scholarship

**Abigail Reardon** – Drennan Scholarship



## Thank You So Much!

Friends at FCC—

Thank you so much  
for your prayers and  
kind thoughts during my recovery time.

Thank you to **David & Debbie Potthast** for visiting Sunday afternoon and bringing the beautiful flowers from Sunday's service. I saw my new cancer doctor today. He gave me a good report. Also, thank you to **Ann Beasley** who took me to my doctor appointments. Thank you to **Erin** for being with me on Monday evening before my family could come from Arkansas on Tuesday. I appreciate all of you for your support during my time of need. Blessings to all of you - thank you, **Brad** for your calls etc. during your busy schedule.

Sincerely, **Mary Ann Atteberry**

Dear First Christian Church,

I would like to thank you so much for awarding me the Ridgeway Scholarship. This church has shown me support throughout my entire life, from MDO to mission trips, to helping me with my Eagle Scout project. This money will help me cover textbooks and living costs for my last year at Mizzou. Thank you again.

**Lena Schaefer**

Thank you so much for the generous gift. I am so appreciative of the church's continued support of my education, and am grateful to have such a wonderful home to come back to in the congregation. I will be using this scholarship towards my final year of my masters, and feel lucky to be able to have FCC with me in the journey.

**Abigail Reardon**

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU to everyone who supported Mother's Day Out and Youth & Children's Ministries at FCC with your financial support and back-to-school donations! We are so grateful for you generosity. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



## Birthdays

### August 31

Jessica Humble

**September 1** - Mary Ann Atteberry

**September 3** - Barbara Li

**September 4** - Noah Stagg

**September 6** - Marsha Rawlings, **Perry Stemmons (96!)**

**September 8** - Jeff LaHue, Joseph McCormack

**September 9** - **Bonnie Fay (91!)**

**September 11** - Sam Dunnings, James Mark Rogers

**September 12** - Deb Batterson, Aiden Fullington

**September 13** - Colleen Nilges

## Anniversaries

**September 3** - Mike Randerson & Carole Harris-Randerson

**September 7** - Chris & Jay Creasy

**Helen & Perry Stemmons (74 years!)**

**September 8** - Jessica & Steve Humble

**September 12** - **Betty & Rich Montgomery (62 years!)**

# september

## Ladies' Book Club

Ladies' Book Club meets August-May with a break in December when we have no assigned book...just lunch and maybe some book talk. Our meetings are in Morris Parlor on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch. Come and join us for some good exchange of ideas with a great group of ladies. If you are new, let us know you are coming and we'll meet you at the gym door so you won't have to find your way by yourself.

The following is this year's schedule and book list:

- ♦ **Sep. 9<sup>th</sup>** - *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi (Barb Rothenberger)
- ♦ **Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** - *Mary Magdalene Revealed* by Meggan Watterson (Amy LaHue)
- ♦ **Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** - *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby van Pelt (Linda Hutton)
- ♦ **Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** - December Lunch
- ♦ **Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>** - *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans (Sarah Yonker)
- ♦ **Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** - *To Rescue the American Spirit* by Bret Baier (Genie Rogers)
- ♦ **March 10<sup>th</sup>** - *James* by Percival Everett (Janelle Patterson)
- ♦ **April 14<sup>th</sup>** - *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks (Peggy Veatch)
- ♦ **May 12<sup>th</sup>** - *The Calamity Club* by Kathryn Stockett



## Sponsor An Apron

The case of the missing aprons has come to a close! We believe that the missing aprons wound up in a trash bag after one of our events hoping to go home for a wash—but instead were accidentally thrown away. Therefore, Christian Women's Fellowship is purchasing more aprons and we're looking for a few sponsors! Each apron can be sponsored for \$25 each. Please contact **Brenda Mosby** (573-881-8385) if you're interested in sponsoring one of our brand new aprons!



## Upcoming Administrative Calendar Items

After a break in July, we are officially back to our regular meeting schedule for the new fiscal year. The Church Cabinet met in August, and will meet again in September on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Morris Parlor. The Administrative Board returns this September as well, meeting for the first time as the new board on Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Morris Parlor.



## Happening Soon

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### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Return to Regular Worship Schedule

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Children's Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Youth Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Energy Bus Lunch-N-Learn, 11:45am, YFH
- JYF, 4pm, YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

## Scenes from Bell & Chancel Choir Guest Night!





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Dr. Rochelle Parker, Organist  
Travis McFarlane, Early Service Musician  
Madi Myers, Bell Choir Director

### Mother's Day Out Pre-School

Hayley Batterson, Director  
Sam Dunnings, Assistant Director

### Columbia Older Adult Ministry

Rev. Sally Robinson, Director

### Support Staff

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Maria Clark, Weekend Custodian  
Justin DeWick, Business Manager  
Erin Perry, Office Manager

## Worship Serving Schedule

*Sunday, August 30, 2026*

**OFFICE RECEPTIONIST:** Carrie Batterson  
**WELCOME STATION:** Cliff & Meg Judy  
**FLOWER MINISTRY:** Jessica & Steve Humble  
**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Peggy & Larry Veatch  
**COMMUNION PREP:** Meg & Cliff Judy  
**GREETERS:** Cindy Rose (N. DOOR), Chuck Scott (S. DOOR), Bud Batterson (Atrium), Don Mosby (PORTICO)  
**AV TEAM:** Dan Gieseke  
**LITURGIST:** Laura Hunsaker  
**9:30 ELDERS:** Cliff Judy, Meg Judy, Fred Mottaz (Balcony)  
**DEACONS:** The Potthast Team  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** Stacy Silverwood  
**OFFERING COUNTERS:**  
Sarah Storm and Jennifer Alexander

## Worship Serving Schedule

*Sunday, September 6, 2026*

**OFFICE RECEPTIONIST:** Carla Tanzey  
**WELCOME STATION:** Steve Humble  
**FLOWER MINISTRY:** Paula Hoenes  
**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Marcia Smith  
**COMMUNION PREP:** Kathy & Jerry Miller  
**GREETERS:** Steve Humble (N. DOOR), Jessica Humble (S. DOOR), Cindy Smith (Atrium), Doug Smith (PORTICO)  
**AV TEAM:** Chris Fuemmeler  
**LITURGIST:** Jessica Humble  
**9:30 ELDERS:** Jeff Underwood, Dan Tevis, Janelle Patterson (Balcony)  
**DEACONS:** The Potthast Team  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** Hayley Batterson  
**OFFERING COUNTERS:**  
Jerry Miller and Eric Seaman