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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

- Adult Sunday School, 8:30am, Morris Parlor
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Special Recognition Awards, 9:30am
- Worship, 9:30am

MONDAY, AUGUST 3—FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Mother's Day Out—Not In Session

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

- Memorial Service for Billie Silvey, 11:30am, Memorial Funeral Home

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

- Adult Sunday School, 8:30am, Morris Parlor
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Worship, 9:30am
- After Worship Brunch, 10:45am, YFH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

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

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10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2

*"You Give Them
Something to Eat"*

MATTHEW 14:13-21

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9

"Water Walkers"

MATTHEW 14:22-33

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)"*

Special Recognition Awards

Special Recognition Awards presented on Sunday, August 2

Our annual Special Recognition Awards Sunday is coming up this Sunday, August 2. Members of the congregation are nominated for Special Recognition Awards each year by the congregation and the Nominating Committee in honor of their dedicated service to the church and our community. Please join us this Sunday so you can help us as we celebrate our award winners!



Sunday Fellowship Brunch

Before you head home and the Sunday scramble begins, make a quick pit stop in Yonker Fellowship Hall and join us for a light Sunday brunch! On Sunday, August 9 the Fellowship Committee invites everyone to share a brunchy bite! There will be breakfast casseroles, sweet breads, and fruit available to all who have time to join us after worship that morning. No RSVP needed! **Questions?** Contact Holly Gieseke at hollycolettegieseke@gmail.com.



Blessing of the Backpacks & Back to School Bash

Blessing of the Backpacks, Back-to-School Bash, and Donation Drive on August 23

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 23 for all things back-to-school: a blessing during worship, a post-worship celebration, and a donation drive all in one! All teachers, students, and all backpack wearers are invited to join us in worship on Sunday, August 23 for the Blessing of the Backpacks! Bring your backpack or work bag with you for the blessing, and we'll have special tags for you to take with you. Following worship, everyone is invited to FCC's Fellowship Hall & Parking Lot for a back-to-school bash. Lunch will be provided, there... (cont'd on pg 3)



THIS IS A DOUBLE-ISSUE OF THE VISITOR!
KEEP IT HANDY UNTIL AUGUST 14.



News of the People & Places

Sympathy...

- **Billie Silvey** passed away on Saturday, July 25 after being placed on hospice care on Friday. Billie was 95 years old. Please keep Billie's friends and family in your prayers during this time of grief and transition.



Prayers for Health & Healing...

- **Carol Hughey** continues to recover at home from her stay in Boone Hospital.
- **Jacki Davidson & Jennifer Alexander's** father continues to recover at University Hospital in the neuro ICU.
- **Susan Klockow** rang the bell at Missouri Cancer Associates on Thursday, July 23 following her final round of radiation treatments for her three glioblastomas.
- **Cherry Hinderberger** will have knee replacement surgery on Friday, July 31.
- **Carol Slusher** was admitted to the hospital on Monday, July 27 to be treated for anemia.

Birthday Card Shower...

- **John Yonker** is celebrating his 80th birthday on Sunday, August 9! Cards are encouraged to celebrate this happy occasion - please send all cards to John Yonker at 3106 Wind River Ct, Columbia, MO 65203.



Welcome, Harrison!

Harrison Bennett Hunsaker was dedicated to First Christian Church on Sunday, July 19. He was joined in the service by several family members and friends, including his parents, **Laura & Ryan Hunsaker**, and his grandparents, **Pam & Mark Hunsaker** and David & Jennie Shirey. Both Dr. Staggs and Rev. Shirey offered words and reflections to welcome Harrison to this community, and we are so grateful! Welcome officially, **2 Harrison!**

Thank You...

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the love and support over the years and thank you all for the scholarships that I was awarded. I have started my program at State Tech, and your support has already helped me buy my fake mouth that I will be using all year to learn how to take great care of people's teeth and gums. So far, I am truly enjoying my course work, and I look forward to starting full time in August.

Jodie Silverwood

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

Dear First Christian Church,
Thank you so much for the Harsh, Frances, and Bennie Brown Scholarship and the Marvin and Marceline Shamberger Education Scholarship. FCC has been a vital part of my life and I would like to thank the entire congregation for their support. I am so blessed to be able to continue my academic journey.

Sincerely, **Alex Johnson**

Birthdays

August 4

Kayla Von Talge

August 5 - Larry Veatch

August 6 - Jeff Underwood

August 7 - Hartley Rogers

August 8 - Don Mosby (92!)

August 9 - John Yonker

August 10 - Max Schaefer, Robert Seltsam, Carolyn Snow

August 11 - Brianna Pooler

August 12 - Mark Goodwin, Stacy Silverwood, James Taylor

August 13 - Teller Schaefer, **Tommy Tomlin (99!)**

August 14 - Janet Mills, Zeke Mottaz

August 15 - Elayna Mottaz

August 16 - Dana Heavin, Louis Janssen, Joyce Stanley

Anniversaries

August 4 - Kurt & Stacia Schaefer

August 6 - Bryan & Debbie Garton, Jeff & Amy LaHue
Thom & Cindy Rose, Richard & Allie Schomaker

August 10 - Jesse & Jordan Barnes

Jay & Mona Stevenson (52 years!)

August 11 - Bragg & Joyce Stanley (53 years!)



Youth & Children's Ministries Updates

Well Friends,

Summer is flying by and school is just around the corner! And with school starting that means we will go back to two services, Sunday School and youth groups will resume and Children's Worship will start a new curriculum.

Dates to know:

- Fellowship Brunch: Sunday, August 9
- Blessing of the Backpacks & Back-to-School Bash: (during and after worship event): Sunday, August 23
- Teaching Training: Sunday, August 30
- Sunday School Resumes: Sunday, September 13
- Youth Groups Return: Sunday, September 13

There will be more information in the Visitor, on social media, and around the church as these events get closer. Also be watching for an email with even more information about all the youth programs and events coming up. In the meantime, enjoy the end of summer and all the excitement and fun back to school brings.

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Stacy Silverwood, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry



Back to School Bash (cont'd)

Celebrate Going Back to School on Sunday, August 23



(cont'd from pg 1) ...will be games, and a very special guest (think 7 foot tall live dinosaur)! Finally, to further celebrate the return "back to school," we are gathering donations to help Mother's Day Out and the Children's Education Department restock the 2nd & 3rd Floor with supplies for classes this fall! A donation list will be posted in future newsletters and bulletins,

and we'll collect donations in bins outside of the church office. All donations should be brought by Sunday, August 23 as we celebrate all things back-to-school! Hope you can join us this August!

Happening Soon

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

- Adult Sunday School, 8:30am, Morris Parlor
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Special Recognition Awards, 9:30am
- Worship, 9:30am



Seasoned Spirits at BCC



Seasoned Spirits at Broadway CC on Monday, August 10

The Broadway Christian Church Seasoned Spirits group (50+) usually meets once a month for a meal and a shared program. This August, Seasoned Spirits will gather to hear from Gary Moreau, the Executive Director of Mobility Worldwide. He will share about his journey from volunteer to Director, the growth of the program, and more! The program will be held on Monday, August 10 at 11:30 a.m. The cost of the meal and program is \$10 per person. Those interested should RSVP online: <https://bit.ly/augustseasonedspirits>.

Cross-Missouri CROP Walk

Join Don Harter as he walks across the state for MO CROP

Don Harter of Broadway Christian Church invites folks to join him on the Cross Missouri CROP Hunger Walk. Contact **Don Harter** (harterd@missouri.edu, 573-445-3258) for more detailed information. You can also sign up for sections of the trip online: <https://bit.ly/crossmissouricrop>



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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, August 2, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Rebecca Bailey
WELCOME STATION: Steve Humble
FLOWER MINISTRY: Dave & Debbie Potthast
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Kathy Ramser
COMMUNION PREP: Tori & Abby Pine
GREETERS: Peggy Veatch (N. DOOR),
Larry Veatch (S. DOOR), Barry Stuart
(Atrium), Linda Stuart (PORTICO)
AV TEAM: Dan Backues
LITURGIST: Katie Carrier
9:30 ELDERS: Ben Carrier, Katie Carrier,
Ryan Hunsaker (Balcony)
DEACONS: The Potthast Team
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Stacy Silverwood
OFFERING COUNTERS:
Jennifer Alexander and Sarah Storm

Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, August 9, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST:
Carole Harris-Randerson
WELCOME STATION: Cliff & Meg Judy
FLOWER MINISTRY: Eric Seaman
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Jacki Davidson
COMMUNION PREP:
Karen Hobson & Amy Mosby
GREETERS: Tracy Fuemmeler (N. DOOR),
Chris Fuemmeler (S. DOOR), Edie Pigg
(Atrium), Karen Hobson (PORTICO)
AV TEAM: Paige Freed
LITURGIST: Meg Judy
9:30 ELDERS: Ryan Hunsaker, Tori Pine,
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DEACONS: The Judy Team
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