



the VISITOR

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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Father's Day

- Adult Sunday School, 8:30am, Morris Parlor
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Worship, 9:30am
- Congregational Meeting (FY27 Budget), Sanctuary
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8pm

MONDAY, JUNE 22

- Loaves & Fishes, 4-6pm, Room at the Inn
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8pm
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Scholarship Sunday

- Adult Sunday School, 8:30am, Morris Parlor
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Worship, 9:30am
- Reception for Topher Endress, Following Worship, YFH

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4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21

*"Find and Lose;
Lose and Find"*

MATTHEW 10:24-39

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28

"Come and See"

JOHN 1:35-51

REV. DR. TOPHER ENDRESS, 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)"*

Vacation Bible School: Barnyard Bash

Sunday, June 21 - Thursday, June 25, 2026

Calling all FCC Youth & Families— Vacation Bible School is almost here! This year's Vacation Bible School theme is Barnyard Bash, a time to reflect on how faith grows and celebrate growing the fruits of the Spirit! VBS will be held on Sunday, June 21 - Thursday, June 25 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. for children, volunteers, and parents with programming to follow from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Congregational Meeting (FY27 Budget)

Congregational Meeting on June 21

Our annual Congregational Meeting to approve the church budget will be held on Sunday, June 21 immediately following 9:30 worship. Please find a copy of the FY27 Budget inserted in this issue of The Visitor for your reference. Additional copies will be made available on Sunday, as well as expanded copies of the budget. Please contact our Business Manager, **Justin DeWick**, if you have any questions.

THIS IS A DOUBLE-ISSUE OF THE VISITOR!

KEEP IT HANDY UNTIL JULY 3.

PLEASE JOIN US
TO CELEBRATE THE
MINISTRY OF

**REVEREND DR.
TOPHER ENDRESS**

*Sunday, June 28, 2026
Following the 9:30 am
worship service
Yonker Fellowship Hall*

A love offering will be presented to Dr. Endress and his family. Please direct all donations to the church office before Friday, June 26th.



News of the People & Places

Prayers for Health & Healing...

- **Dana Heavin** had her gall bladder successfully removed on Tuesday, June 9. Dana was released from the hospital this week to continue recovering at home.
- **Susan Klockow** has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer, glioblastoma, after medical tests revealed three tumors. She began radiation & chemo therapy this week. Please contact the office (fcc@firstchristian.org) if you're available to help with meals or rides for Susan during this time!

Sympathy...

- **Trish Stagg's** sister, Christine Gonzales, passed away on Thursday, June 11. Please keep the Stagg family in your prayers as they travel to Houston to be with family during this time.
- **Elizabeth Hensley** fell on Tuesday evening and broke her femur. After returning to Lenoir on hospice care, she passed away on Monday, June 15. Please keep Elizabeth's family in your prayers during this time of grief and transition. Elizabeth was 105 years old—the oldest living member of our congregation! Per her wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial service.



Vacation Bible School: Cont'd

We are excited to partner again this year with Mother's Day Out preschool, as they will be sharing some activities, lessons, plans and decorations during their school in the mornings, as well, and are inviting their families to participate in FCC's VBS!

Registration is live, and we've already seen some folks from the community sign up. As always, we offer VBS as a free gift, but there is an option to offer a donation when signing kids up. Students who are potty-trained up to 5th grade are welcome to join the fun and grow together! Register by scanning the QR code or online: <https://bit.ly/fccvbs26>

As always, we are looking for program & kitchen volunteers! Program volunteers guide our kids through the evening, and others will teach in 4 different rooms: Games, Science, Stories, and Crafts. Kitchen volunteers will help prepare and serve food to our kids & families each night. Those interested and available to help in the kitchen should contact **Brenda Mosby**.

With the theme being centered on both 'growing' and 'barnyards,' we would happily accept any great decor you may have that helps us transform our space - hay bales, straw hats, overalls, farm tools (that can either be safe for kids or can be used for display purposes), red gingham or buffalo plaid tablecloths, inflatable/stuffed cows and pigs, ride-on tractors, woven picnic baskets, plastic vegetables, etc. To help with decorations or volunteering, please email **Topher Endress** or **Jessica Humble**. In June, we will have a brown bag supply drive, but we have also put together a list of items on an Amazon list if you'd like to contribute! We don't need these specific versions of the item, so if you already have something that matches this list, or can find it cheaper elsewhere, please do! Amazon Wish List: <https://a.co/0a73TnuK>

Thank you so much for all that you do to support this program every year—we are so excited for another fun year together!

Scholarship Sunday

Scholarship Awards Announced on Sunday, June 28

Scholarship Sunday will be held this year on Sunday, June 28. All scholarship recipients are invited to join us on June 28 to receive their scholarship awards during worship and be celebrated by the congregation. All scholarship awards and letters will be mailed out in early July.



Birthdays

- **June 22** - Kim Reardon, Pat Rybolt
- **June 23** - Heather Hunsaker, Sarah Keithley
- **June 25** - Steve Evers
- **June 26** - John Hickey
- **June 30** - Bryant Savidan
- **July 1** - Mary Jane Anderson, Jamestyn Dietzel, Cole Freed, Bette Scavone, Carla Tanzey, Emily Unterschutz
- **July 2** - Mary Moeller
- **July 3** - Jadie Arnett, Faith Silverwood
- **July 4** - Drew Nichols
- **July 5** - Kim Leon, Stacia Schaefer



Anniversaries

- **June 23** - David & Sarah Read
- **June 26** - Stephanie Mottaz-Vens & Ben Vens
Larry & Peggy Veatch (61 years!)
- **July 2** - Brice & Mary Moeller
- **July 4** - **Will & Donna Houston (72 years!)**

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH COLUMBIA MISSOURI

FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET NARRATIVE

1. Income Sources General Operations
 - a. Tithes and Offerings \$375,000
 - i. Pledged Offerings \$320,000 (Up from FY26 \$288,000)
 - ii. Unpledged/Loose \$55,005
 - b. Rental and Other \$91,885
 - c. Permanent Funds \$226,800 (includes Scholarships)
 - d. **Total Usable Income \$693,690**
2. Expenses General Operations
 - a. Administrative \$458,573
 - b. Property \$155,575
 - c. All Other \$104,808
 - d. **Total Expense \$718,956**
3. Mother's Day Out
 - a. MDO Income \$583,820
 - b. MDO Expense \$576,598
 - c. **MDO Net \$14,722**
4. Columbia Older Adult Ministry
 - a. COAM Income \$149,000
 - b. COAM Expense \$149,000
 - c. **COAM Net \$0**
5. Net Income General, COAM and Mother's Day Out
 - a. General (\$25,266)
 - b. MDO \$14,722
 - c. COAM \$0
 - d. **NET Income (\$10,494)**
6. Capital Campaign
 - a. Income \$88,323
 - i. \$45,605 pledged, yet to be received (Campaign ends December 2026)
 - ii. \$32,718 Currently in bank account
 - iii. \$10,000 Donated from Xmas Bazaar Fund
 - b. Expense (\$55,265)
 - i. (\$30,265) Last Levsen invoice
 - ii. (\$25,000) Estimated Reinhardt invoice
 - c. **Net Balance \$33,058**
 - i. Income beyond balance will be replenishing Repair Account transfers made in FY26

Comments and Notes for Budget Narrative

- The generosity of our members continues to be tremendous as our pledge cards come in. We have currently received 54 pledge cards, but historical data shows we still expect to receive 23 more pledge cards! Another reminder, it is very helpful to have all pledge cards returned for accurate revenue predictions. This impacts the decisions made towards things like personnel hires, raises, and requested budget increases in our departments such as worship, strategic planning, mission outreach and youth programming. **Please help us by turning in your pledge card as soon as possible. It is not too late! Emailing Justin@firstchristian.org with your pledge information will suffice!**

- Raises have been given to the following staff members
 - 5% to Office Manager, Senior Minister, Nursery workers, Music Staff (No raises received last yr)
 - 3% raise for MDO director (First year eligible)
 - Ass. MDO Director to \$21 (from \$20)
 - \$0.50 hourly raise to all MDO teaching staff
 - Business Manager to \$26 (from \$24.36)
 - Weekend Custodian to \$18.50 (from \$16.75)
 - NO raises given to Bell director and Youth Director as they were just hired

Even with all raises given, Admin expenses are \$29,067 **less** than FY26 due to losing a full-time Associate Minister position.

- We will not have to utilize a line of credit for the remaining organ invoice. We have enough in our Capital account to pay the last invoice and we continue to collect towards the final pledged total for our capital campaign. With about 6 months left in our campaign, we are optimistic we will meet our pledge goal. As those funds come in, we will be replacing funds into the repair account.
- As suggested by our Trustees, we will be drawing a smaller percentage from our permanent funds this year. (4.58% opposed to 5% from FY26). We will also be redistributing our permanent funds:
 - 90% to Operating (opposed to 100% in FY26)
 - 10% to Repair Account (opposed to 0% in FY26)
- FY26 was a rebuilding year for MDO. Though they currently have a (\$35,000) deficit, it was mainly due to lack of historical data for teacher expenses. This fiscal year MDO is expected to turn a \$14,722 profit! Hayley Batterson has done a tremendous job building a sustainable program. All classrooms have been completely filled, and we are excited for what's to come!
- We have an estimated \$26,000 in cash surplus carried forward from FY26 that will be able to cover the Net income deficit (\$10,494) if needed.

Summary: Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 Church Budget

Congregational Meeting June 29, 2025

	FY 2025 Actuals	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2026 YTD + Est.	FY 2027 Budget	Net Change
Estimated Funding Sources:					
<u>Tithes & Offerings:</u>					
Pledged Offerings	308,817	287,960	292,000	320,000	32,040
Un-pledge Offerings	50,084	50,000	63,000	52,000	2,000
Loose Offerings	2,733	2,500	3,900	3,000	500
Church School	7	5		5	0
Total Tithes & Offerings	361,641	340,465	358,900	375,005	34,540
Rent	33,716	41,250	48,725	50,785	9,535
Endowed Permanent Funds	29,500	33,100	33,700	34,100	1,000
Scholarship Fund	16,650	13,300	10,900	12,700	(600)
Permanent Fund	191,148	194,664	194,664	180,000	(14,664)
Memorial Fund	32,507	46,500	27,400	31,000	(15,500)
Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry	108,203	143,000	128,796	149,000	6,000
DWM / CWF	1,000	6,500	4,950	15,074	8,574
Mother's Day Out Preschool	351,770	436,622	450,000	591,320	154,698
Other Sources	7,530	11,050	10,905	10,100	(950)
Total Other Income	772,024	925,986	910,040	1,074,079	148,093
Total Funding Sources	1,133,665	1,266,451	1,268,940	1,449,084	182,633
Estimated Expenditures:					
Administrative	485,873	487,433	487,728	458,366	(29,067)
Adult Education	0	200	0	200	0
Advent	542	750	320	750	0
Children's Education	2,418	2,335	1,475	2,335	0
Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry	121,756	142,999	123,886	149,000	6,001
Communication	19,377	20,128	18,911	20,628	500
DWM / CWF	4,125	6,475	4,939	15,074	8,599
Emergency Preparedness	33	475	542	475	0
Evangelism	0	250	0	250	0
Fellowship	2,077	2,793	1,900	2,793	0
Mother's Day Out Preschool	382,699	429,040	504,705	576,598	147,558
Office	8,473	10,250	12,617	10,000	(250)
Outreach Ministries - Local [Church n Society]	10,845	6,252	6,252	6,919	667
Outreach Ministries - US/Global [World Outreach]	15,531	7,694	7,694	8,516	822
Property	141,052	153,575	143,067	155,575	2,000
Scholarships	1,650	13,300	10,900	12,700	(600)
Service Board of Deacons & Elders	75	250	100	250	0
Strategic Planning	0	426	1,725	3,675	3,249
Stewardship & Finance	175	250	430	450	200
Student Ministry	6,949	9,200	7,375	9,200	0
Worship	20,353	23,825	21,634	24,825	1,000
Open & Affirming	51	1,000	288	1,000	0
Total Expenditures	1,224,054	1,318,899	1,356,488	1,459,578	140,679
Total Funding:					
Total Estimated Funding Sources	\$ 1,133,665	\$ 1,266,451	\$ 1,268,940	\$ 1,449,084	182,633
Total Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,224,054</u>	<u>\$ 1,318,899</u>	<u>\$ 1,356,488</u>	<u>\$ 1,459,578</u>	<u>140,679</u>
Difference	\$ (90,389)	\$ (52,449)	\$ (87,548)	\$ (10,494)	41,954
Variance	92.62%	96.02%	93.55%	99.28%	

— **SAVE THE DATES** —

2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY 

BEYOND:

LOVE SURPASSING

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

JULY 10-11, 2026



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Information & Registration!**



Welcoming Our New Director of Youth & Children's Ministries!

We are excited to share that **Stacy Silverwood** has been chosen to be our new Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. Stacy will start on July 1. For the past 16 years, Stacy has been homeschooling her 4 children, **Mason, Ryley, Jodie,**



and **Faith**. She has been working part time at Tiger Academy of Gymnastics and most recently working part time teaching our three year olds at Mother's Day Out Preschool. Stacy has been volunteering for church programming for over 20 years. She spent 10 years at Olivet Christian Church co-leading all youth and children's program, until the Silverwoods joined First Christian in 2017. She has been active in youth programs and the life of the church since that time. In her time at FCC, Stacy has been on 5 mission trips and truly enjoys working with kids and youth of all ages!

Stacy is still homeschooling her youngest daughter Faith, and helping her 3 older children navigate adulthood. In her spare time she loves reading, being outside, and spending time with her family and friends. Please offer Stacy a warm and official welcome to the First Christian Church team when you see her! We are so excited for this next chapter of ministry for youth & children at First Christian Church!

Loaves & Fishes

This month's Loaves & Fishes serving date falls on Monday, June 22 and we are looking for volunteers to help deliver and serve food! There is an online sign-up available, if you'd like to see where volunteers are still needed: <https://bit.ly/juneloaves26>. If you can't join us this month, but want to be added to the Loaves & Fishes email list, contact **Erin** in the Church Office and you'll hear from us in August. Thank you all so much for making this ministry possible!

Chancel Flowers

2026 & 2027 Dates Available to Donate Flowers

The beautiful flowers that grace our chancel every Sunday don't just magically appear. They are purchased by wonderful people just like you to honor someone special, to celebrate an anniversary or to remember a departed family or friend. Anyone who wishes to sign up to donate flowers for the chancel for \$30 per Sunday in 2026-27 can sign up in the Church Office. **The dates still available to donate in 2026 are November 22 and December 6. The dates still available in 2027 to donate are January 10 & 17, February 7, and June 27.** Those who would be willing to arrange and deliver their flowers, please indicate when you sign up your willingness to help. Otherwise, we'll arrange a schedule of volunteers to arrange and deliver through the Church Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



Welcome New Members!

Welcoming Greg & Terry Chapman

Greg & Terry Chapman joined First Christian Church on Sunday, June 9 after visiting the church for several months on Sunday mornings and during the week when picking up a grandchild from MDO. We are so excited to see Greg & Terry join our community "officially" here at FCC!



Please offer them a welcome the next time you see them!

Happening Soon

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

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

THURSDAY, JULY 2

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

FRIDAY, JULY 3

Church Office Closed—Fourth of July Observance

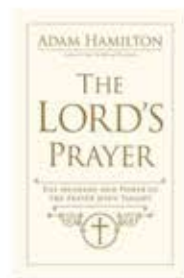
SUNDAY, JULY 5

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

Summer Adult Sunday School

Meeting Summer Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in Morris Parlor

Join us on Sunday, June 7 for the first meeting of Adult Sunday School for the summer. **Mark Goodwin** will lead our discussion of Adam Hamilton's *The Lord's Prayer* each week at 8:30 a.m. in Morris Parlor. This Sunday School class will explore the meaning of the prayer we repeat each week in worship and will offer space for meaningful fellowship throughout the summer.





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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, June 21, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST:

Carole Harris-Randerson

WELCOME STATION: Meg & Cliff Judy

FLOWER MINISTRY: Holly & Dan Gieseke

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: The Schaefers

COMMUNION PREP:

TBD & Elizabeth Mottaz

GREETERS: Elizabeth Mottaz (N. DOOR),
Edie Pigg (S. DOOR), Jacki Davidson
(Atrium), Karen Hobson (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: Cliff Judy

LITURGIST: Tracy Fuemmeler

9:30 ELDERS: Jacki Davidson, Mark Mills,
Dan Tevis (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Underwood Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Hayley Batterson

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Deb Batterson and Cindy & Doug Smith

Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, June 28, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Janelle Patterson

WELCOME STATION: Susan Gray

FLOWER MINISTRY: Eric Seaman

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: The Rogers'

COMMUNION PREP: Holly & Dan Gieseke

GREETERS: Susan Gray (N. DOOR),
Trish Stagg (S. DOOR), Gerald Ramsey
(Atrium), Susan Ramsey (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: Tiger Li

LITURGIST: Elizabeth Mottaz

9:30 ELDERS: Jeff Underwood, Brenda
Mosby, Janelle Patterson (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Hunsaker Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Jessica Humble

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Jerry Miller and Janelle Patterson