



the VISITOR

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OUR MISSION

To know God and follow Jesus Christ.

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Summer Worship Schedule Begins

- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Worship, 9:30am
- Mission Trip Commissioning, 9:30am

SUNDAY, MAY 24 - SATURDAY, MAY 30

Youth Mission Trip to Evansville, IN

MONDAY, MAY 25

Church Office Closed, Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 26

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor
- Drennan Meeting, 1pm, Lenoir Woods

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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

THURSDAY, MAY 28

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

SATURDAY, MAY 30

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7-9am, RATI

SUNDAY, MAY 31

- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Worship, 9:30am
- Celebrating MDO Graduates, 9:30am

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

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

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The Christian Church
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24

"Poured and Filled"

ACTS 2:1-21

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MAY 31

"The Great Commission"

MATTHEW 28:16-20

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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)"*

Summer Worship Schedule

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Memorial Day Sunday, May 24

The Summer Worship Schedule is nearly upon us! Adult & Youth

Sunday School and youth groups are officially on break for the summer. Beginning this Sunday, May 24, coffee hour will meet at 9:00 a.m. before our one worship service at 9:30 a.m. This schedule will last from Memorial Day Sunday until Labor Day Sunday, with the return to our regular schedule (two worship services at 8:30 & 10:30) on Sunday, September 13. We will also have double newsletters this summer beginning May 22 through early September.



A Call for Helpers: Landscaping & Plants at FCC

Seeking volunteers for landscaping assistance for the church yard

After a good spring clean-up our church yard needs members to help us keep weeds at bay during the growing season. We have small areas for which to sign up - perhaps with friends or maybe a CWF group or a youth group. We find we cannot do it all on our own. There are currently several great volunteers that have helped many years, and for that we are so grateful.

The work areas will be divided into small sections so expectations and time commitments will not be great. If you can give even a month of your time or more - maybe weeding at your convenience every two weeks or so we would very much appreciate that help. Let's keep our church grounds beautiful and growing. We can all make that happen!

Mary Daugherty and Peggy Veatch

THIS IS A DOUBLE-ISSUE OF THE VISITOR!

KEEP IT HANDY UNTIL JUNE 5.

Church Office Closed

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day





News of the People & Places

Prayers of Health & Healing...

• **Susan Klockow** was in the hospital last week for medical testing and asks for your prayers.

Thank You...

We were blessed on our 63rd anniversary with a beautiful bouquet of flowers from our Church service. Thank you **Deb Potthast** for bringing them and visiting with us. We have many angels in our Church and Deb is one of them. Thank you for this ministry of flowers. Love and prayers,

Brenda and Don Mosby

An enormous thank you to **Mike Randerson** for helping control weeds on the church grounds and for removing a dead shrub. You keep our church looking so beautiful!

The Landscaping Team

Birthdays

May 25 - Vicki Johnson

May 27 - Bud Batterson

May 28 - Izzy Arnett, Tracy Fuemmeler,
Peggy Veatch

May 29 - Abigail Reardon

May 30 - Kameron Freed, Amanda Holman

May 31 - Timothy MCarty

June 1 - Lucas Crousore

June 3 - Sarah Hoffman, Michael Provenzano, Alan Street

June 6 - Anne Clark

June 7 - Chris Creasy, Ken McCarty, Molly Ring,
Candace Stormer

Anniversaries

May 25 -

Dan Tevis & Deidre Wipke-Tevis

May 27 - **Doug & Cindy Smith (54 years!)**

David & Libby Weber

May 28 - Loren & Kim Boger

May 30 - Molly & Derrick Ring

June 2 - **John & Sarah Yonker (53 years!)**

June 4 - Brian & Heather Mottaz

June 7 - Alan & Connie Street



Stewardship Campaign Pledge Cards & Surveys

There's still time to turn yours in!

We'll accept stewardship materials until June. Pick up additional materials in the office or fill out your information online:

<https://firstchristian.org/stewardship-campaign>

Breakfast for Our Brethren

Serving Breakfast Saturday Mornings in May

First Christian Church serves breakfast each Saturday during the months of May & October to folks who stay the night at Room at the Inn.

Those who volunteer help cook, serve,

and/or clean up from 7-9:30 a.m. (or any time between)! We are looking for food donations and volunteers. If you'd like to sign up to donate food items or to volunteer, sign up using the sheets in the Church Office or online at <https://bit.ly/maybfast>. Feel free to reach out to **Debbie Potthast** (dapotthast@gmail.com) or **Erin** in the Church Office if you have any questions about serving or donating. We are so grateful for all of you for making this ministry possible!



June Administrative Meetings

Administrative Meetings Coming Up This Month

It's budget season! There are a few administrative meetings coming up this month to take note of. Meetings in June are traditionally moved up by one week, with the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. and the Administrative Board meeting the following week on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. both in Morris Parlor.

Finally, our annual Congregational Meeting to approve the budget will be held on Sunday, June 21 immediately following 9:30 worship.



Happening Soon

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

FCC Scholarships Deadline

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Barnyard Bash VBS

June 21 - 25, 2026



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, as well as before/after Sunday worship in the Narthex until early June. 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!

Graduation Sunday

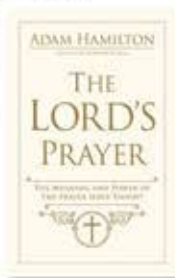
We were blessed to celebrate eight high school graduates on Sunday, May 17 for Graduation Sunday! In worship, we heard from **Ryley Batterson, Audra Crousore, Alex Johnson, Sam Pine, Jodie Silverwood, Kenzie Von Talge,** and our newest tenor Section Leader **Ben Nolke** about their future plans. Our grads all received study bibles and **Brenda Mosby's** famous chocolate cookies as gifts from their church family.



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. Our friend **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.



First Christian Church Scholarships

Scholarships are now available through First Christian Church and through the Mid-America Region of Disciples for those who are currently in undergraduate programs or seeking higher education.



First Christian Church Scholarships

The applications for FCC Scholarships are now available for those members who are in undergraduate programs or higher education to apply. The deadline for applications is **Friday, June 5.** Applications can be found in the Church Office or by emailing fcc@firstchristian.org.

Mid-America Disciples Christian Ministries Scholarship Fund

The Christian Ministries Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance for those preparing for Christian Ministries - both in seminary and undergraduate education. This fund is primarily aimed at supporting those persons from the Christian Church of Mid-America (CCMA) Region who are preparing for the Christian ministries. Apply for these scholarships online at <https://www.mid-americadisciples.org/christian-ministries-scholarship-fund> by **Sunday, May 31 at midnight.**

Kitchen Help and Cookies for Vacation Bible School

Looking for help Sunday, June 21 - Thursday, June 25, 2026

If you have time to bake two dozen cookies for the kiddos at Vacation Bible School, that would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you would like



to spend some "quality" time with friends in the kitchen preparing food for those same kiddos, we would love for you to join us. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex starting next Sunday, May 31. Please stop by next Sunday to consider signing up, we will be glad to help you!

Brenda Mosby



TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, AND WALK HUMBLLY WITH YOUR GOD. -MICAH 6:8

LOVE IN ACTION.
2026 PENTECOST OFFERING
SUNDAYS MAY 17 AND MAY 24






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And follow Jesus Christ.*

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Rev. Sally Robinson, Director

Support Staff

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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, May 24, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Carrie Batterson
WELCOME STATION: TBD
FLOWER MINISTRY: Cherry Hinderberger
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Karen Hobson
COMMUNION PREP: Valerie & Cole Freed
GREETERS: Holly Gieseke (N. DOOR),
Dan Gieseke (S. DOOR), Kathy Miller
(Atrium), Jerry Miller (PORTICO)
AV TEAM: Dan Gieseke
LITURGIST: Ben Carrier
9:30 ELDERS: Tori Pine, Fred Mottaz, Paula
Hoenes (Balcony)
DEACONS: The Hunsaker Team
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Holly Gieseke
OFFERING COUNTERS:
Sarah Storm & Jean Juba

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OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Debbie Pottstast
WELCOME STATION: Carrie Batterson
FLOWER MINISTRY: Holly & Dan Gieseke
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: C.K. & Paula Hoenes
COMMUNION PREP:
Tracy & Chris Fuemmeler
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