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

Happening Soon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 6am-9am, Waypoint Shelter (1304 Bowling St)
- Sherry Kaye Dobbs Visitation & Memorial Service, 10am-1pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Youth Group & Shyrock's Corn Maze, 4pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

No Tuesday Bible Study or Staff Meeting

- Newsletter Mailing, 1pm, Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 6am-9am, Waypoint Shelter (1304 Bowling St)
- Fall Church Work Day, 9am-12pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Trunk or Treat, 4-6pm, Parking Lot



A congregation related to
The Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
www.disciples.org

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18TH

*"Rendering Unto
Caesar and God"*

MATTHEW 22:15-22

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

2 WORSHIP OPTIONS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH @ 8:30 & 10:30 AM:

In-person worship in the sanctuary.

-OR-

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)"*

Fall Church Work Day

Annual Fall Landscape Workday Set for Saturday, October 24

The return of Mizzou Football signals that it is time to give the Church's exterior grounds their annual fall grooming in preparation for the coming winter! Join us on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 a.m. until noon (or any portion thereof) to clean up, spruce up and shape up after a very tough summer growing season! Volunteers are asked to bring their own gardening tools, gloves, hats, sunscreen, and drinking water. Two or three wheelbarrows, mulch forks or shovels will also be needed if anyone can provide them. If you plan to join us on Saturday, October 24, please call or text Mike Randerson at 573-424-4858 to RSVP. Hope to see you there! Our weather makeup day will be Saturday, October 31, same time.



Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held next weekend on Sunday, October 25 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. We are looking for volunteers to offer trunks and/or single serve baked goods for the popular cake walk (think cookies, cupcakes, *not* cake) - please contact **Stacy Silverwood** (stacy@firstchristian.org) if you're interested! Candy donations are always welcome - please drop them in the donation bin outside of the church office on Sunday mornings or during the week.

Breakfast for Our Brethren

Sign Ups Available! Volunteer with BFOB Saturday Mornings in October or Help by Donating Food

First Christian Church serves breakfast every Saturday in the months of May and October for folks staying at the Waypoint Shelter at the Opportunity Campus. We are always looking for volunteers to help us with this fun and rewarding work! You can sign up now to serve on Saturday mornings in October or to donate food. Please check out the sign up sheets in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, or sign up online: <https://bit.ly/octoberbfof>. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Potthast (dapotthast@gmail.com) for more information.





News of the People & Places

Sympathy...

• Services for **Sherry Kaye Dobbs** will be held on Saturday, October 17 with a visitation at 10:00 a.m. and a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. with a reception to follow in Yonker Fellowship Hall. Please keep **Marilyn Schappert**,



Jeanie Dobbs, Sue Dobbs, Carol Kvanvig and the rest of Sherry Kaye's family in your prayers.

• **Don Mosby** passed away on Thursday, October 8 following surgery at Boone Hospital. Don was 92 years old. Services for Don will be held on Saturday, November 7 at First Christian Church. A visitation will be held from 9-10:50 a.m. with a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. and a reception to follow. Please keep **Brenda, Vic, Amy, Maddie, Brady** and the rest of Don's family in your prayers during this time of grief and transition.



• **Jeff Hallam's** mother, Barbara Cheek, passed away on Thursday, October 8. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, October 17 at Columbia Cemetery. Please keep **Jeff, Jenny** (niece of **Genie Rogers**), and the rest of Barbara's family in your prayers during this time.

Prayers for Health & Healing...

• **Susan Klockow** is now under hospice care as she continues to live with three glioblastoma (brain tumors). Susan is currently living in Apex, North Carolina near her daughter Jessica.

• **Mary Ann Atteberry** is home after being discharged from Columbia Post Acute on Sunday, where she was in rehab following her shoulder surgery for a month.



Congratulations...

• **President Toby Arquette** will be officially installed at Columbia College on Friday, October 16 as the new college president. Brad will officiate the chapel service on Friday and participate in the installation.



• **Joe & Sharidan Holloway** married on Saturday, October 10 at D. Rowe's Restaurant in Columbia, MO! Joe is the son of **Rochelle Parker**. Congratulations to the Parker-Holloway family!

Birthdays

October 21 - Edie Pigg,
Ann Volmert
October 23 - **Bob Dixson (92!)**
Susan McCarty
October 24 - Brenda Mosby
Allie Schomaker
Rory Seltsam, Luke Stagg
Barry Stuart

October 25 - Matthew Taylor

Anniversaries

October 19 - Joe & Kim Reardon
October 22 - Will & Amy Green



Loaves & Fishes

Next month's Loaves & Fishes serving date falls on Monday, October 26 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/octloaves26>. 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 December. Thank you all so much for making this ministry possible!



Save the date
ALTHEA W. AND JOHN A. SCHIFFMAN
Ethics in Society
Lecture
OCTOBER 29, 2026
5:30 p.m.
LAUNER AUDITORIUM
COLUMBIA COLLEGE | 1001 ROGERS ST. | COLUMBIA MO


BART EHRLMAN

ISO: Sunday Morning Volunteers



We have a few open spots in our Greeter, Welcome Station, Sunday Receptionist, and AV Team serving schedules, and we are looking for a few more volunteers! If you have any interest in serving in any of these roles on Sunday mornings, please contact **Erin Perry** in the Church Office (fcc@firstchristian.org).

Free Webinar

CYBERSECURITY FOR SENIORS

PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE



OCTOBER 7

11 A.M. EDT AND 7 P.M. EDT

OCTOBER 28

11 A.M. EDT AND 7 P.M. EDT

Learn more and register at
pensionfund.org/cyberwebinar



Clergy Appreciation Month

Help Celebrate & Thank Rev. Dr. Staggs this October

Clergy appreciation month falls each year during the month of October. If you would like to offer "appreciation" to our minister in honor of Clergy Appreciation Month, there are a few ways to do so! We are asking for a few "words of affirmation" for Brad as we go into this month - you can offer memories, compliments, or a note of appreciation via email (fcc@firstchristian.org), a handwritten note sent to the Church Office, or online: <https://forms.gle/K2si5Q8VrYZfgkiS6>





FREE
Everyone and all ages welcome

OPEN MOSQUE DAY

Curious about Islam?

Ever wondered what happens inside a mosque? Join us for a welcoming afternoon of guided tours, meaningful conversations, cultural exhibits, and delicious food. Whether you're simply curious or looking to learn more, we warmly welcome neighbors of all backgrounds and faiths.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
10:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

ISLAMIC CENTER OF CENTRAL MISSOURI (ICCM)
201 South Fifth St.
Columbia, MO 65203

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour the Mosque**
Explore the mosque, learn about its architecture and purpose.
- Learn about Islam**
Learn about Islamic beliefs and practices and have your questions answered.
- International Food and Culture**
Enjoy traditional food, culture, and clothing from around the Muslim world.
- Observe a Congregational Prayer**
Experience the beauty and spirit of prayer.
- Free Health Check Ups**
Free medical services provided by ICCM community doctors including vision and glaucoma screening, blood pressure and blood sugar screening, and weight loss advice.

RSVP IF YOU CAN!
We'd love to know you're coming! If you're unable to RSVP, you are still very welcome to attend.

RSVP HERE:
<https://forms.gle/zsrKnEy3SU7QCaYH7>



Youth Group Schedule

Join this Sunday!

YOUTH
GROUP

All Youth: Shyrocks Corn Maze

October 18 @ 4:00 p.m.

All Youth: Trunk or Treat

October 25 @ 4:00 p.m.

CYF & College: W2s & Taxes

November 1 @ 5:00 p.m.

Youth Notes & Coming Soon

Just a quick couple of reminders:

- Sunday, October 18:** Trip to Shyrocks Corn Maze: If you want to ride the Church bus; meet at church by 3:45 p.m. and we will leave promptly at 4:00 p.m. All JYF & CYF youth will be paid for - parents and younger siblings are welcome to come with us, but you will need to pay for yourself. Admission is \$13 for ages 13 and up, \$11 for ages 5-12.
- Sunday, October 25:** Trunk or Treat: Our annual trunk or treat will run from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. If you plan to bring a trunk, please let me know so I have a rough estimate of how many we will have (though if you show up on the 25th with a trunk you are still welcome to participate). Please plan to have your trunk here no later than 3:30 p.m. so we can block off the parking lot. We are also taking candy donations outside of the office! This is always such a fun event and we always have a great time. If you need ideas for a trunk reach out and I will be happy to help!
- Huge THANK YOU to Richard Schomaker for teaching our CYF group about car maintenance. We learned so much in our time together. Including how to check the fluids, how to change a tire, how to see if our tags are expired, and tools that are useful for keeping in our cars. Such a great-learning experience!



Questions?



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And follow Jesus Christ.*

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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, October 18

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST:

Carole Harris-Randerson

WELCOME STATION: TBD

FLOWER MINISTRY:

Dave & Debbie Potthast

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Larry & Peggy Veatch

EARLY SERVICE HELPERS: Janice Dysart and Steve & Sharon Smith

COMMUNION PREP: Vicki & Alex Johnson

GREETERS: Debbie Potthast (N. Door), Susan Gray (S. Door), Jacki Davidson (Atrium), Trish Stagg (Portico)

AV TEAM: Cliff Judy

LITURGIST: Dan Gieseke

8:30 ELDER: Steve Smith

10:30 ELDERS: Eric Seaman, Hayley Batterson, Dan Tevis (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Underwood Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

Shannon & Scott Schaefer

OFFERING COUNTERS: