

Announcements

- Today is your July opportunity to make a special offering to NCCS. Please place your gifts in the box beneath the map in the foyer. Thank you!
- VBS child pre-registration forms are available in the foyer.
- If you want to receive One Call prayer alerts, text Alert to 22300.
- NCCS Eagle Club Donors: Thank you for making your July donation either in the offering with a notation or online at wfnccs.com/make-donation.
- Would you like to become a regular donor to Christian education at FCC? Please join the NCCS Eagle Club 2024-25! Donor levels are as follows: Platinum, \$125 monthly; Gold, \$100 monthly; Silver, \$75 monthly; Bronze, \$50 monthly. \$19,400 has already been pledged to NCCS for 2024-25! Donor cards are available in the foyer.
- Please see the list on the door of the Helping Hands Pantry for items needed at this time. If you have questions, see Debbie Petkas.

To better serve the spiritual needs of our church family, those who miss the opportunity to partake of the Lord's Supper during Sunday morning worship or who wish to partake more frequently are encouraged to take advantage of individual communion provided in the chapel at the conclusion of Sunday school and on Sunday and Wednesday evenings following services.

This Week

Today, July 28

- Worship: 9 am (nursery and Junction Kids available; Sunday school follows)
- Evening Service: 6 pm (nursery, Junction Kids, and 4:12 Youth available)

Mon, July 29

- Letter Writers: 9 am

Wed, July 31

- Junction Kids, 4:12 Youth, Adult Bible Study: 6 pm

Coming Soon

VBS for Pre-K to 4th Grade: Aug 4-6, 6-8 pm

NCCS' 2024-2025 School Year Begins: Aug 13 (Go Eagles!!! Our FOURTH Year!!!)

FCC Gathered

Service	Last Week	2024 Average	2023 Average
Morning Worship:	130	143	150
Sunday School:	88	85	95
Evening Worship:	26	35	37
Midweek:	29	35	45

FCC Gave

July 2024 (through July 21)

Regular Giving	Other Giving
Church Operating: \$14,595.14	God's Rebuilding Fund: \$39.00
Missions: \$2,243.86	NCCS Mission Offering: \$TODAY
Total: \$17,203.00	NCCS Eagle Club Donations: \$2,250.00
Monthly Need: \$24,412.00	GIVE UNTO THE LORD. (PSALM 29:1)
Over (Under): \$(7,209.00)	

Year to Date 2024

Regular Giving	Other Giving
Total Received: \$182,772.98	God's Rebuilding Fund: \$679.84
2024 Need: \$317,340.00	NCCS Mission Offering: \$2,206.00
Over (Under): \$(134,567.02)	NCCS Eagle Club Donations: \$3,430.63

To give online, text Give to 618-248-4481 or visit fccwf.org/give.

HE RESTORES
My Soul

PSALM 23:3



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS U!

Class	Location	Teacher
Nursery	First room on right in office hallway	Rotating
PreK/1st-2nd	Room on left going into cafeteria	Analisa Woods
3rd-4th	First room, second floor, north gym	Ruth Wicker
5th-6th	Second room, second floor, north gym	Susan Hood
7th-High School	Room above the stage, east gym	Tim Woods
Friendship	Room on right, cafeteria	Cynthia Dutton
Right Track	Room in north hallway off sanctuary	Bryan Lawrence
Kum Join Us	Room in south hallway off sanctuary	Tim Grider
Defenders	Chapel	T. J. Gentry

Prayer Needs – “Pray for one another.” (Jas 5:16)

If you or someone you know would like a pastoral visit, let T. J. know.

Health: Sherry Sandage, April Richey, Ashlee Miller and baby, Jack Hogg, Charles and Amber Reed, Shirley Gayer, Ed and Lisa Smothers, Bobby Blondi, Winnie Kinnison, Marsha Hogan, Isaiah Williams, Scott Williams, Dottie and Charlie Bartoni, Kay Levanti, Jodi Jeralds, Raene Summers, John Louis, Jean Smiley, Cindy Carner, Lori Watts, Samantha Tretter, Landon Adkins, Ryan Buckingham, Patricia Uhls, Virgil Zachary, Leah Hughes, Sheldon Smith, Danny Uhls, Timi McMillin, Jerry Wicker, Laura Siedel, Pam Ford, Betty Uhls, Tom Smith, Yula Gunn, Jack Woolard, Carolyn Place, Jason Coleman, Lois Golio, Rodney Johnson, Rachel Pollack, Jetta Barton, Tammy Wiggins, Mark Carpenter, Jill Lindhorst, Wayne Webb, Ashton Gentry, Bill Bradley, Dalton Husch, Patty Roland, Rusty Bryant, Maverick Belview, Ryan Mondino, Kyle Britton, Lisa Uhls Bishop, Sharron West, Drake Short, Shirley Ward, Piper Castellano, Rita Allois, Brenda Flowers, Sandy Ellis, Carolyn Jones, LaDonna Bryce, Misty Painter, Danny Rodgers, Linda Upton, Wanda Finn, Pam Jeralds, Renee Mifflin, Jim Carter, Tim Williams, Jim Parker, Gene Williams, Avery Potter, Terri Stewart, Missy Story, Barbara Wilmore, Denny Bush, Barbara Winnet, Amanda Brewer, Nancy Denton, Wendy Russell **Other:** the 2024 elections; peace in Israel and Ukraine; New Covenant Christian School; FCC's evangelistic efforts; prisoners; the hungry; the homeless; those struggling with addiction; the grieving and afflicted; FCC elders, deacons, and staff; FCC widows and widowers; US Armed Forces; Southern Illinois Christian Service Camp; missionaries; President Biden; Governor Pritzker; Mayor Arview; local, state, and federal government representatives

Message Notes

T. J.'s verse-by-verse Bible study, *Today's Living Word* (7-10 minutes) and his devotional thought, *Daily 180: 3 Minutes in God's Word* are available Mon-Fri at fccwf.org and through the FCC Facebook page. You can also access all FCC messages at Sermon Audio through the QR code to the right.

So far this year, messages have been heard 12,238 times in 38 states and 40 countries!



Why Communion Every Week @ FCC?



At Communion, Christians meditate upon the sacrifice of Jesus for their salvation. They examine themselves to ascertain if they have grown in the grace and knowledge of Christ during the past week. They reaffirm their covenant with God: to love Him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Communion is the only way Jesus Himself asked to be remembered. Let us come together on this Lord's Day and every Lord's Day to remember and celebrate His mercy in the Lord's Supper as we commune together.

“The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ In the same manner, He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.” (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

Together We Grow: July 28 to August 3

Weekly Memory Verses

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. (Ephesians 5:15-17 NIV)

Daily Devotion, Prayer Guide, and Bible Reading

Sun, July 28: A Discerning Life

“Be very careful, then, how you live.” (Eph. 5:17)

It takes courage to live a careful life when we understand that being careful means being discerning. To discern is to look closely, think deeply, and proceed in reliance upon God. This is how Christians are called to—expected to—live. What calls for careful discernment in your life right now? Look closely, think deeply, and proceed in faith. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we live discerning lives for God.

Bible Reading: Jer. 24; Mark 10

Mon, July 29: An Undiscerning Life

“Not as unwise.” (Eph. 5:17)

Choose your pain and difficulty. It’s painful and difficult at times to live with biblical discernment. It’s also painful and difficult all the time to live foolishly and unwisely. Choose your pain and difficulty. As you consider the choice, know that both options take faith. Wise living is faith in God, and foolish living is faith in self. Which will you choose? (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Ask God to help us choose wisdom every day.

Bible Reading: Jer. 25; Mark 11

Tue, July 30: A Wise Life

“But as wise.” (Eph. 5:17)

Wise people make wise churches, and wise churches make wise choices. Wisdom starts with each of us and affects all of us. Even non-Christians are affected by the wise people and churches God calls us to be, and the wise choices He calls us to make. Our lives as individuals and communities of believers can and must be wise. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we are united in God’s wisdom.

Bible Reading: Jer. 26; Mark 12

Wed, July 31: A Ready Life

“Making the most of every opportunity.” (Eph. 5:16)

There are no unimportant, throwaway moments in life. Every second counts, every choice is significant, every opportunity brings a choice to love God and love others. Further, every opportunity is a gift from God, a moment entrusted to us, a part of God’s grand design. Will we make the most of each moment? Will each moment reflect eternity? (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Ask God to help us glorify Him in each moment.

Bible Reading: Jer. 27; Mark 13

Thu, August 1: A Life in a Broken World

“Because the days are evil.” (Eph. 5:16)

God is good even if the days are evil. We live in a time of increasing godlessness and wickedness, when the good is called evil and the evil is called good. What are we to do? First, see the days as they really are, but second, see God for who He really is. Increasingly evil days are part of life this side of heaven, but God’s goodness is now and forever. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Thank God for our victory over evil days.

Bible Reading: Jer. 28; Mark 14

Fri, August 2: Foolishness Is a Choice

“Therefore do not be foolish.” (Eph. 5:17)

Foolishness seems to come easy to us, as though it is automatic. That’s not the whole story, though. Actually, foolishness is a choice—and so is wisdom. We can choose to rely on ourselves, walking only by sight. That would be a foolish choice. We can choose to rest in God, walking continually by faith. That would be a wise choice. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray for faith to refuse foolishness and choose wisdom.

Bible Reading: Jer. 29; Mark 15

Sat, August 3: God’s Will Is a Choice

“But understand what the Lord’s will is.” (Eph. 5:17)

There’s a lie attacking believers. It’s the false belief that God’s will is difficult to know and even harder to live. This is a lie. God’s will can be known and lived. This is the normal and expected way of the believer. When we ask for His will, He gives His will. When we seek His will, we find His will. When we knock on the door of His will, He opens the door. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Ask God to help us understand and follow His will.

Bible Reading: Jer. 30-32; Mark 16

Do you want to be right with God and have a fresh start in grace?

A: Acknowledge the Gospel, God’s good news of salvation for all.

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

B: Believe the Gospel that God’s only Son, Jesus, died to pay for your sins and rose from the dead so that you can have a relationship with God and spend eternity in Heaven. Repent and turn to Jesus, the only Savior.

“Repent and believe in the gospel.” (Mark 1:15)

C: Confess your faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and obey His command to be baptized.

“Confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus.” (Rom. 10:9) “Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)

First Christian Church

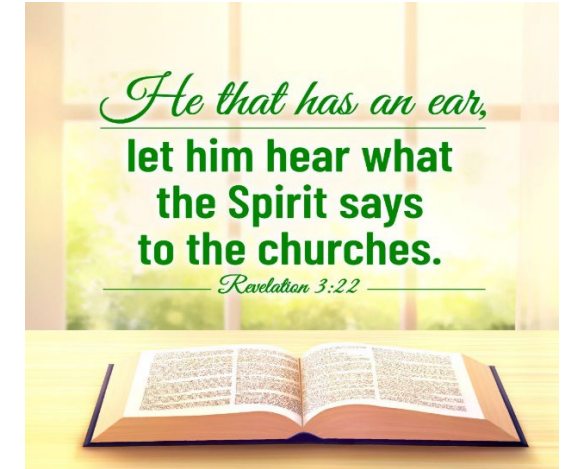
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THE LORD’S DAY

JULY 28, 2024



WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH!

Here’s what to expect as we worship together...

- * Most importantly, know that you are loved. You are a person of profound worth and dignity. Like everyone, you need a Savior from sin. The good news is that God never leaves us hopeless. He knows that we are made for a relationship with Him. Because God loves us, He will challenge and graciously speak to us. He offers to heal our brokenness and forgive our rebellion. His love is for all of us, even you!
- * As we gather for worship, we hear God’s call to us to lift our hearts and voices in song and prayer. Sing to the Lord! He delights in our praise.
- * God’s Word is proclaimed in what we hope is a clear and practical way so that we can better know and serve Him. Let God speak to you!
- * We commune at God’s Table, sharing in the emblems of the precious body and blood of Jesus. All baptized Christians are invited to partake.
- * We worship God in giving, and we know He loves a cheerful giver!
- * We are sent forth on a mission to love and serve God and others.

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