

## Announcements

- Today is our **October Mission Offering** for NCCS.
- Thank you to all who took part in the NCCS Fall Festival!
- If you want to receive One Call prayer alerts, text Alert to 22300 and you will be added to the notifications list.
- **If you or someone you know would like a pastoral visit, please let T. J. know.**
- NCCS Eagle Club Donors: Thank you for making your **October** donation as a designated offering or online at [wfnccs.com/make-donation](http://wfnccs.com/make-donation).
- Would you like to become a regular donor to Christian education at FCC? Visit [wfnccs.com/eagle-club](http://wfnccs.com/eagle-club) for more information.



Join us for the **FCC Trunk-or-Treat**, this **Thur., Oct. 31, 5-7 pm**. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer and Sunday school classrooms for those giving out candy. Thank you!

### FCC Gathered

Service	Last Week	'24 Average	'23 Average
Morning Worship:	142	144	150
Sunday School:	86	86	95
Evening Worship:	31	34	37
Midweek:	45	37	45

### FCC Gave

#### October 2024 (through Oct. 20)

Regular Giving	Other Giving
Church Operating: \$14,068.70	God's Rebuilding: \$80.00
Missions: <u>\$2,110.30</u>	NCCS Missions: <b>TODAY</b>
Total: \$16,179.00	NCCS Eagle Club: \$1,180.80
Monthly Need: <u>\$24,412.00</u>	
Over (Under): \$(8,233.00)	

#### Year to Date 2024

Regular Giving	Other Giving
Rec'd YTD '24: \$259,723.57	God's Rebuilding: \$779.84
Total '24 Budget: <u>\$317,340.00</u>	NCCS Missions: \$3,495.00
Over (Under): \$(57,616.43)	NCCS Eagle Club: \$8,236.43

To give online, text Give to 618-248-4481 or visit [fccwf.org/give](http://fccwf.org/give).

## Upcoming Election

The election of officers and the proposed budget for FY 2025 will be held on Sun., Nov. 17, 2024, 8:30-11:30 am in the gymnasium. Copies of the election letter and sample ballot are posted on the bulletin boards in the office and cafeteria hallway and available on the table in the foyer. All active members who are eighteen (18) years old and older on the day of voting may vote. Absentee ballots are available in the church office, Nov. 4-15. Proxy voting is not allowed.

### This Week @ FCC

Today, Oct. 27

- Worship: 9 am (Nursery and Junction Kids available; Sunday School for all ages follows)
- Pastor Appreciation Dessert Fellowship: 6 pm

Mon., Oct. 28

- Letter Writers: 9:30 am

Wed., Oct. 30

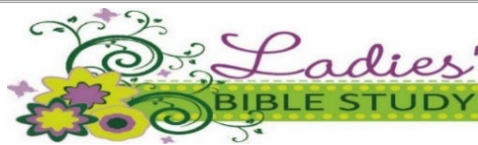
- Adult Bible Study, Junction Kids, and 4:12 Youth: 6 pm

Thu., Oct. 31

- Trunk-or-Treat: 5-7 pm (Those in the car line-up please be ready to give out candy at 5 pm.)

Sat., Nov. 2

- Upward Volleyball Games: 9 am



### Remaining Fall 2024 Dates

Morning Group: 9 am @ FCC

11/7, 11/14, 12/12, 12/19

Evening Group: 6 pm @ Gambit Coffee

11/4, 11/11, 12/9, 12/16

See Diana Follmer for more information.

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Join us this evening at 6 pm in the gymnasium for a Pastor Appreciation Dessert Fellowship, ministries update, and to show appreciation to our Pastor and Staff.

## Message Notes

### All for Jesus? Questions about Stewardship

#### Q. How Do I Steward Social Media?

Stewarding social media calls for \_\_\_\_\_ of its dangers.

- Danger to my \_\_\_\_\_
- Danger to my \_\_\_\_\_
- Danger to my \_\_\_\_\_

Stewarding social media calls for \_\_\_\_\_ for His judgment.

- Judged for every \_\_\_\_\_
- Judged for every \_\_\_\_\_
- Judged for every \_\_\_\_\_

Stewarding social media calls for \_\_\_\_\_ with its power.

- Power to \_\_\_\_\_
- Power to \_\_\_\_\_
- Power to \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions for Further Reflection

- What role does prayer have in my use of social media?
- Am I regularly sharing my faith and church on social media?
- Have I fallen into gossip and slander on social media?

### Resources for Further Study

- Video: "Why I Quit Social Media: A Christian Perspective" (<https://youtu.be/T2bdJzKdFXU>)
- Article: "5 Biblical Principles for Social Media" (<https://ca.thegospelcoalition.org/article/5-biblical-principles-for-social-media/>)



Do you want to know and grow more as a disciple of Jesus? Using your smartphone, scan the image to the left for biblically faithful, practical audio resources from T. J.'s Bible teaching ministry, including his daily (M-F) verse-by-verse study, **Today's Living Word** (7-10 minutes), daily (M-F) devotion, **Daily**

**180: 3 Minutes in God's Word**, and a collection of his sermons, **Cherry Street Pulpit**. These online messages have been played 14,126 times this year, reaching 43 states and 52 countries!



<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Nursery	Office hallway	Rotating
PreK/K	Office hallway	Rotating
1st-3rd	Cafeteria hallway	Analisa Woods
4th-6th	Second floor, gym	Susan Hood
7th-12th	Above stage, gym	Tim Woods
Friendship	Across from cafeteria	Cynthia Dutton
Right Track	Off north sanctuary	Bryan Lawrence
Kum Join Us	Off south sanctuary	Tim Grider
Defenders	Chapel	T. J. Gentry

### 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)*

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.

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

The solution is as simple as **ABCD**:

**A: Admit** that you have sinned and need a Savior.  
**"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus."**  
**(Romans 3:23, 6:23)**

**B: Believe** that God's only Son, Jesus, was crucified and died to pay for your sins and rose from the dead so that you can have forgiveness from God and receive eternal life.  
**"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)

**C: Confess** your faith that Jesus is Lord upon repenting of your sins, and be baptized.  
**"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."** (Romans 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)

**D: Dedicate** yourself to God's Word and His people.  
**"They continued...in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in breaking of bread, and in prayers."** (Acts 2:42)

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**Staff:** T. J. Gentry, Sr. Pastor/NCCS Supt.; Analisa Woods, NCCS Principal; Tim Woods, Director of Student Ministries; Ashton Gentry, Director of Worship

**Deacons:** David Bartoni, Jim Bayless, Stephen Dillard, Greg Smiley, David Summers, Scott Williams, James Willingham

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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2024**



### WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH!

*We're so glad you're here!*

*If this is your first time with us,*

*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. **God loves you and so do we!**
- + 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!**
- + We study God's Word together as it is proclaimed and applied so that we can 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. **Eat and drink in faith!**
- + We worship God in giving, remembering that all we have is from Him and that He loves a cheerful giver. **Give joyfully!**
- + We are sent forth on mission to show and tell our world the good news of Jesus. **Grow deeper and reach wider!**