

Announcements

- Condolences and prayers to the Gentry family as they mourn the passing of Wanda, who went home to be with the Lord on Saturday. Services are this Friday, May 10, at Riggin-Pillatsch and Burke Funeral Home in Cartersville. Visitation begins at 9 am and the service is at 11 am with burial following in Hillcrest Cemetery.
- No Sunday school or evening service on Mother’s Day.
- 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.
- If you want to receive One Call prayer alerts, text Alert to 22300.

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 @ FCC

- Today, May 5 (No Good Shepherd Academy or evening service today)
- Worship: 9 am (Nursery and Junction Kids available; Sunday school follows)
- Mon, May 6
- Letter Writers: 9 30 am, Friendship Classroom
 - Women’s Bible Study, Evening Group: 6 pm, Gambit Coffee
- Wed, May 8
- Junction Kids, 4:12 Youth, Adult Bible Study: 6 pm

Coming Soon @ FCC

- Women’s Bible Study, Evening Group: May 6 and 20, 6 pm, Gambit Coffee
- Women’s Bible Study, Morning Group: May 23, 9 am, FCC
- Men’s Bible Study: Saturday, May 18, 8 am
- Game On! Seniors’ Gathering: Tuesday, May 14, 10 am
- All Church Fellowship Lunch: Sunday, May 19, following Sunday School

FCC Gathered

Service	Last Week	2024 Average	2023 Average
Morning Worship:	141	148	150
Sunday School:	87	85	95
Evening Worship:	36	36	37
Midweek:	30	38	45

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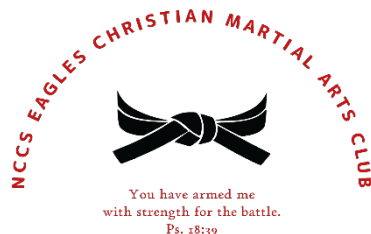
April 2024 (through April 21)

Regular Giving	Other Giving
Church Operating: \$20,265.00	God’s Rebuilding Fund: \$20
Missions: \$2,700.00	Extra NCCS Offering: \$358.00
Total: \$22,965.00	
Monthly Need: \$24,412.00	
Over (Under): \$(1,447.00)	

Year to Date 2024

Regular Giving	Other Giving
Total Received: \$115,736.00	God’s Rebuilding Fund: \$457.00
2024 Budget: \$317,340.00	Extra NCCS Offering: \$1,482.00
Over (Under): \$(201,604.00)	

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



Martial arts resume Thursday, May 16! Going forward, martial arts classes will be offered to the community but will be connected to NCCS. Classes are as follows: K-4th, 3:30-4:00 pm; 5th and older, 4:15-5:15 pm. Classes will continue through summer.

Now Enrolling Pre-K to 12th for the 2024-25 School Year



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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: Jean Smiley, Cindy Carner, Lori Watts, Gilbert Martin, David Price, Wanda Johns, Dottie and Charlie Bartoni, Samantha Tretter, Landon Adkins, Ryan Buckingham, Patricia Uhls, Virgil Zachary, Leah Hughes, Sheldon Smith, Danny Uhls, Timi McMillin, Penny Mueller, Jerry Wicker, Laura Siedel, Pam Ford, Betty Uhls, Tom Smith, Yula Gunn, Jack Woolard, Doug Cordts, Carolyn Place, Jason Coleman, Lois Golio, Rodney Johnson, Rachel Pollack, Jetta Barton, Tammy Wiggins, Mark Carpenter, Carolee Means, Jill Lindhorst, Wayne Webb, Donnie Turner, Ashton Gentry, Bill Bradley, Vivian Tottleben, Robert Tottleben, 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, Bob and Joyce Thomas, Linda Upton, Wanda Finn, Pam Jeralds, Renee Mifflin, Jim Carter, Tim Williams, Jim Parker, Gene Williams, Avery Potter, Bob Means, 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; those in prison; those without sufficient food; 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 Arvieu

Join us for Sunday School

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	Rena Reilly
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

Message Notes

Four Lessons of Grace
Titus 2:11-14

Be _____.

Be _____.

Be _____.

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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 with this QR code. **(ON BREAK UNTIL 5/13)**

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 – 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: May 5 – May 11

Weekly Memory Verse

Show me Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. (Ps 24:4-5)

Daily Devotion, Prayer Guide, and Bible Reading

Sun, May 5: What Do You Hear?

He who is of God hears God's words. (John 8:47)

Learning to hear God's word takes effort. The effort is not required due to a lack of speaking on God's part but to a lack of hearing on our part. Yet, when we ask God to give us a listening ear He gives us a receptive heart. Only when our heart is receptive will our ear hear what God is saying. When we hear with the heart, God's voice is always heard. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we have a receptive heart to hear God's voice.

Bible Reading: Isa 2; Heb 10

Mon, May 6: Never Late

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. (Ps 130:3)

Sometimes we think God is late in answering a prayer, opening a door, meeting a need. When this happens, the problem is not God's timing but ours. God is never late, but we are often impatient. Those who learn to wait on God are the most hopeful, the ones who are never impatient but always grateful. Rather than try to hurry God along, wait in hope. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we learn to wait on the Lord with hope.

Bible Reading: Isa 3-4; Heb 11

Tue, May 7: What Do You See?

All things work together for good to those who love God. (Rom 8:28)

Every situation provides an opportunity to see the goodness of God. Every situation also provides an opportunity to find fault and be critical. It's amazing, but the same situation gives some of us a glimpse of God's goodness while others only become more cynical. Seeing God's goodness is always a choice. Choose to see the good work of God. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we see the goodness of God in all situations.

Bible Reading: Isa 5; Heb 12

Wed, May 8: Never Tired

The everlasting God, the LORD...never faints nor is weary. (Isa 40:28)

Feeling tired and run down? Think your strength is nearly gone? These things may describe you, but they never describe God. He's never weak or weary. No, God is the everlasting Father, and we need not worry that God will somehow fall short or fail us. It will never happen. Even when our strength fails, His won't. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we trust the everlasting strength of God.

Bible Reading: Isa 6; Heb 13

Thu, May 9: What Do You Feel?

Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression. (Prov 12:25)

Not all depression is caused by anxiety, but anxiety will always lead to depression. What is the root of anxiety? Fear. What is the cure for fear? Faith. What is the foundation of faith? Truth. What is truth? Truth is a book and a Person. It is the Word of God and the Person of Jesus Christ. Feeling anxious? Get in the Word of God and talk to the Son of God. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we overcome anxiety with faith.

Bible Reading: Isa 7; Jas 1

Fri, May 10: Never Ungenerous

God shall supply all your need. (Phil 4:19)

Ever find yourself thinking that God can meet every need but yours? You have great faith in His resources for someone else but no confidence that He will meet your needs. Such an outlook is what a friend calls "stinkin' thinkin'" and it leads to despair. Rather than thinking God is withholding what you need, choose to believe He has all you need and more. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we trust God's abundance.

Bible Reading: Isa 8-9:7; Jas 2

Sat, May 11: What Do You Say?

A wholesome tongue is a tree of life. (Prov 15:4)

Do your words give life and hope or death and despair? Do your ears crave to hear good words or gossip? If your words are lifegiving and hopeful, and if your ears are taking in goodness, then your tongue will be a source of life, hope, and goodness to others. Those around you need your wholesome words. Nothing else is worthy of your voice. (TJG)

Prayer Guide: Pray we speak wholesome words of life.

Bible Reading: Isa 9:8-10:4; Jas 3

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)

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THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 5, 2024

Worship
the Lord
in the
Beauty
of Holiness

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 infinite worth and dignity. Also, know that God never leaves us as we are. 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 will 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 will be 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 will 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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