

THE MESSENGER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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What am I supposed to do?!

Last month I talked in this space about the upcoming prayer vigil. Now that it's only a few days away, I wanted to offer a little more information for those who are participating—or thinking of participating, or might participate in a prayer vigil at some point in the future.

The theme for our prayer vigil, which will run from 6 p.m. on April 8 to 6 p.m. on April 9, is “Let's Go! Let's Grow! Let's Pray!” The inspiration for the vigil and the theme came from the LIFE Group that meets on Sunday mornings after worship. We want our church to grow, but it's hard to know how to make that happen; things that may have worked 50 years ago, or even ten years ago, may well not work now in the changed and rapidly changing world we live in. So we pray, and we ask God to show us what to do.

A couple things that are always part of a growing church—and by growing I don't just mean the number of backsides in pews on Sunday morning—are a robust prayer life and spiritual depth in our practices as individuals and as a congregation. Our prayer vigil will help us begin to address both of these.

I've had some folks ask me what they're supposed to do in a half-hour of prayer. A number of things come to mind. You could choose a passage of Scripture to read and meditate on, using the ancient practice of *lectio divina* (which is what we do in the livestream Morning Prayer each day), or make a list of people or situations you want to remember in prayer. You could spend the time examining your conscience and asking God to help you do better in areas where you find you've fallen short. You can simply sit and focus on God's presence with you—this is pretty advanced stuff, so you might want to combine it with a Scripture meditation or another more active practice. You can walk around a particular area, stopping to pray in key places. You can choose one or more prayers that have been said by Christians over the years (like the Lord's Prayer or the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi).

If you're going to be praying at the church, you'll have access to a variety of suggestions and materials to help you pray. If you're planning to pray at your home, we will send some of them to you and make them available on the church's website.

Above all, remember this. 99% of prayer is simply showing up. Do that and you've made a great step in the right direction. You may or may not have some dramatic spiritual experience when you pray; either is okay. If you don't feel any great spiritual “high,” it's possible God is working more quietly in your life. But ultimately, Scripture assures us that when we turn toward God in prayer, we will find God already turned toward us.



April Serving Schedule



April 3

Elder: John Daniel

Deacon: Judy Colburn & Lyssa Lile

Greeter: Lyssa Lile

Scripture Reader: Shawn Quick

April 10

Elder: Justin Quick

Deacon: Carol Hedrick & Sally Anton

Greeter: Judy Taylor

Scripture Reader: Don Malan

April 17

Elder: Don Malan

Deacon: Gary Coffman & Peggy Fuller

Greeter: Peggy Thomas

Scripture Reader: Chuck Lewis

April 24

Elder: Phyllis McBrayer

Deacon: Judy Daniel & Dianna Silvers

Greeter: Judy Colburn

Scripture Reader: Shawn Quick

Music Director: Carol Ann Winburn — **Accompanist:** Mary Coffman
Sound Techs: Phyllis McBrayer, Dianna Silvers, Justin Quick



ATTENDANCE



Date	In-Person Worship	Online Live Stream*	Life Group	Sunday School
2/27	28	21	10	0
3/6	29	16	9	3
3/13	29	21	10	3
3/20	28	19	-	-

**If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit fccbutler.org and click the Register Attendance button.*



BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Don Huenefeldt
- 9 Will Lewis
- 11 Adaleigh Embrey
- 12 Izaya Lile
- 20 Andrea Baxter
- 27 Nathan Hines
- 28 Kelly Duckworth
- 28 Lydia Lile



ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Everett & Phyllis McBrayer
- 20 Jerry & Kathy Wood
- 27 Ed & Sue Ann Steele

BUDGET

February Income

\$7,107.47

February Expense

\$8,499.81

YTD Income

\$17,492.73

YTD Expense

\$18,096.27

You may view a complete financial report in the church office.



April 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	2
3 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group	4	5 6:30 pm Disciples Women	6 6 pm - 7 pm Youth Group 7 pm Lenten Service @ Community of Christ	7 7 pm - 8:30 pm Choir	8 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	9
10 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group 11:00 a.m. Elders Meeting	11	12	13 6 pm - 7 pm Youth Group 7 pm - 8:30 pm Choir	14 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	15 <i>Good Friday</i> 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	16
17 <i>Easter</i> 8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Worship	18	19 5:30 Community Café	20 6 pm - 7 pm Youth Group 7 pm - 8:30 pm Choir	21	22 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	23
24 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group 10:30 a.m. Board Meeting	25	26	27 6 pm - 7 pm Youth Group 7 pm - 8:30 pm Choir	28	29	30

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 5 Disciples Women | 15 Good Friday | 24 Board Meeting |
| 10 Palm Sunday/Elders Meeting | 17 Easter/Easter Breakfast | |
| 14 Maundy Thursday | 19 Community Café | |

Upcoming Sermons



April 3, 2022 (5th Sunday in Lent)

Scripture: John 19:1-16a (RCL: Good Friday, all years)

Psalm: 146

Theme: Jesus' trial before Pilate

Title: "Approach the Bench"

What I was thinking: After Pilate questions Jesus privately, he brings him outside for a public pronouncement of judgment.

April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday)

Scripture: John 19:16b-22 (RCL: Good Friday, all years)

Psalm: 24

Theme: Jesus' crucifixion

Title: "I said what I said and I meant what I meant"

What I was thinking: Pilate put an inscription above Jesus' head when he was crucified. The religious leaders objected to its content.

April 17, 2022 (Easter)

Scripture: John 20:1-18 (RCL: Easter, all years)

Psalm: 118:21-29

Theme: Jesus' resurrection

Title: "Haven't we already been over this?"

What I was thinking: Year after year we hear this story, to the point that we could pretty much tell it in our sleep. Why do we keep repeating it?

April 24, 2022 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Scripture: John 20:19-31 (RCL: Easter 2, all years)

Psalm: 145:13-21

Theme: Jesus appears to the disciples

Title: "I'll believe it when I see it."

What I was thinking: Jesus shows up in the middle of a locked room, but one of the Twelve isn't there.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Sympathy to the families of Joel Alvis, Bud Armstrong, Terry Siegel

Current & Ongoing

- ◆ Deloris & Frank Baldwin, Lyndell Colburn, Caroll & Pam Dodds, Bob & Louise Foster, Larry Garren, Lona Grosshart, Caleb Hoffard, Marla Kash, Tim Lemm, David Middleton, Jeanine Stephenson, Will & Christian Tucker, Patty Vowels, Dusty Warren, Ann Widmer, Linda Wix.

At Home

- ◆ Julie Lewis

Currently Serving in the Military

- ◆ Jordan Lopez (Owen Cunningham-Arnold's friend's brother)
- ◆ Jordan Olson (grandson of Everett & Phyllis McBrayer)
- ◆ Rick Warren (Chelsea McConkay's brother-in-law)
- ◆ Josh Thompson (Lyssa Lile's cousin)
- ◆ Matt Thompson (Lyssa Lile's cousin)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUTLER MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE'S LENTEN SERVICES

- April 6 @ 7pm
 - Community of Christ, Jeremy Henderson preaching

There will *not* be meals after the services this year. Masks are encouraged. An offering will be received each night to benefit the Butler Ministerial Alliance's emergency assistance fund.

SUMMER MINISTRIES

Contact the church office, 660-679-3066, for a registration form.

- Faith Adventures @ Camp Galilee in El Dorado Springs, MO
 - CYF, Chi Rho, & JYF, July 24-29
 - Try It, July 28-29

LET'S GO! LET'S GROW! LET'S PRAY!

- What: A Church-wide 24-Hour Prayer Vigil
- Where: First Christian Church parlor, or in your own home
- When: **Friday, April 8 at 6 p.m. to Saturday, April 9 at 6 p.m.**
- Why: To give everyone who belongs to or attends our church a chance to be a part of this prayer effort to encourage the growth of our church's effectiveness in the community and the growth of each of our members in faith and in spirit.

Sign up sheet is available on the front page of the FCC website, fccbutler.org. You may also contact the church office to sign up, 660-679-3066.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Come join us for breakfast on
Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022
@ 8:45 a.m.

In the FCC Fellowship Hall

Menu:

- Biscuits and Gravy
- Egg Casseroles
- Fruit
- Sweet Breads
- Coffee and Juice

First Christian Church Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2022



Board members present:

Deacons- Chuck Lewis, Carol Lewis, Judy Colburn, Everett McBrayer, Gary Coffman, Carol Hedrick, Judy Daniel, and Sally Anton.

Elders-Don Malan, Justin Quick, Phyllis McBrayer, Shawn Quick, Carol Roberts, and John Daniel.

Financial Secretary-Diana Rich.

Others present: Rev Sharla Hulseley and Carol Ann Winburn.

Chuck Lewis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:36 AM. Justin Quick then opened with prayer.

After review, the agenda was adopted on motion of Carol Roberts and second by John Daniel.

The minutes of the 02-20-2022 regular board meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented on motion of Justin Quick and second by Gary Coffman.

Financial Reports: It was noted that the January financial reports that were in the board packet in February were not the most current numbers. But John Daniel verbally reported the accurate numbers and those were approved at the February meeting. To assure that board members had those numbers the January financials were included in the packet today. The February reports as of 02-28-2022 were reviewed noting income of \$7,107.47 and expense of \$8,499.81. The February reports were approved today on motion by Shawn Quick and second by Judy Daniel with no objections. Full reports are available; and may be reviewed in the church office.

Ministers' Report: Rev. Hulseley reviewed the written report (attached to these minutes) noting her telephone and Messenger conversations with members and church related meetings attended. Other topics: Ministerial Alliance Lenten services this year started March 16th. Plans are for FCC to host this on March 23. She noted prayers are needed for the situation in Ukraine, noting money can be donated to the Week of Compassion or Church World Service to help the people there. She said morning prayers are still on Facebook Live every day and are archived on the church's Facebook page and available to be watched whenever you are able.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property Follow-up : Chuck Lewis presented results of asbestos analysis samples obtained by Leland Sumptur with Clearway Environmental Services. The Asbestos Bulk Analysis Laboratory Reports on the two samples submitted both are noted as "none detected". The original reports will be filed in the church office. It was noted that we are still waiting on some significant rain to be sure the roof repair is good before we start any work on the inside walls. Since all the repairs are only to the walls inside, it is thought that no permit from the city of Butler is needed. Chuck reported he has ordered a Moisture Meter for himself that can be used to test the walls periodically before any repairs are started.

FCC Garage rental possibility: Chuck Lewis reported he has checked with the FCC insurance carrier and they have no problem with the church renting the garage for storage to an outsider.

It was noted that there is a gravel floor so moisture can get in.

The walk-in door needs to be repaired or replaced. Chuck and Everett will check on this.

FCC Garage Rental possibility (continued).....

There was some discussion about the issue of electricity in the garage being needed or not. FCC still needs to store a lawn mower, weed eater, and small trailer in the garage.

A rent or lease agreement needs to be written before the space can be rented. (Chuck and Carol Lewis volunteered to do this.)

> **A motion** was made by Gary Coffman and seconded by Shawn Quick to rent the garage to Don Malan for \$50/month after all details are worked out and contract signed. Motion carried with no objections.

> **A motion** was made that the money collected from this building rental will be deposited into the FCC Building Fund. Motion by Judy Daniel and seconded by Phyllis McBrayer. Motion carried with no objections.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board meeting dates: The dates for the April and June Board Meetings fall on Easter and Father’s Day respectively. A motion was made by Carol Roberts and seconded by Carol Lewis to move both dates to one week later. To April 24th and June 26th. Motion carried with no objections.

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Property Department: Everett McBrayer reported that the second installment of 10 new smoke detectors has been completed at the previously quoted price. As noted last month, this activity and expense was approved by the board last year at the 02-21-2021 board meeting.

Membership Department: Carol Roberts reported that this department will be providing a full fellowship breakfast on Easter Sunday starting at 8:45 a.m. This will consist of biscuits/gravy, egg casseroles, fruit, etc. more details soon. She also noted that a fellowship lunch and dessert auction may be held in May with the Christian Education Department to support the youth going to church camp and VBS activities this year.

Outreach: Phyllis McBrayer noted that Community Café will resume in April. The menu for FCC has not been decided at this time.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Sharla Hulsey closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjournment: With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM on motion of Justin Quick and second by John Daniel.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, Secretary

Building Fund Drive

The Stewardship Committee is having a building fund drive. There are many repairs that need to be made to our church. This year we are concentrating on the following repairs:

- Repair the north wall of the Fellowship Hall
- Repair the north wall of the Sanctuary

Total donations: \$ 31,528.25

Goal: \$40,000





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"But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. "

— Matthew 28:5-6

