



THE MESSENGER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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As some of you know, if you're on the board or watch Morning Prayer on Facebook, I'm having surgery on January 29. You may remember that I broke my arm five years ago and had to have a partial shoulder replacement. The rotator cuff on that same shoulder is torn and causing me a fair amount of pain, so I'm going to get it repaired.

I'm told this is an outpatient procedure, so I won't be spending any nights in the hospital. But I am going to need to take some time off afterward. Carol Ann has got Sundays handled, and the elders can be called upon if there's anyone who is hospitalized or needs a visit somewhere else.

My hope is to be out only three weeks. When I had my knees replaced I was told to expect to be off work for 8-10 weeks. But I found that while I don't usually get bored easily, three weeks is just about my limit. There's only so much daytime TV a person can watch. I'm sure I'll have therapy, too, for awhile even after that.

Mike is a competent cook, so I won't be in any danger of going hungry (not, mind you, that I couldn't stand to miss a few meals, but let's not discuss that). He's even asked me if he could make manicotti, like he did on Christmas Eve while my broken arm was healing. Of course!

Please know that, whatever happens, I'll be keeping you in my prayers; and while I won't be able to drive for awhile, you're more than welcome to give me a call or have a conversation on e-mail or Messenger. I hope you'll keep me in prayers as well—if nothing else, for patience, mine and Mike's.

Sharla



Serving Schedule



February 2

Elder: Chuck Lewis

Greeter: Bob Thomas

Deacon: Carol Hedrick & Gary Coffman

Scripture Reader: Carol Hedrick

February 9

Elder: Shawn Quick

Greeter: Carol Roberts

Deacon: Everett McBrayer & Kathy Wood

Scripture Reader: Shawn Quick

February 16

Elder: Phyllis McBrayer

Greeter: Don Malan

Deacon: Jennifer Schmehl & Don Cole

Scripture Reader: John Daniel

February 23

Elder: Justin Quick

Greeter: Candi Agnew

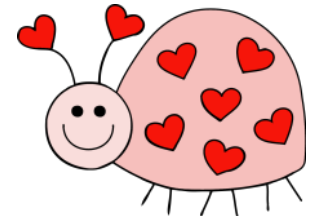
Deacon: Judy Colburn & Steve Hedrick

Scripture Reader: Jennifer Schmehl

Communion Preparer: Carol Roberts

Music Director: Carol Ann Winburn — **Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

Sound Techs: Phyllis McBrayer, Dianna Silvers, Justin Quick



ATTENDANCE

Date	In-Person Worship	Online *
12/29	35	8
1/5	-	-
1/12	34	8
1/19	40	6
1/26	36	4

BUDGET

December Income

\$13,307.34

December Expense

\$10,866.75

YTD Income

\$118,064.54

YTD Expense

\$127,594.12

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

The Outreach Department is inviting us to support the Community Food Pantry with our donations this February. This month, we're focusing on collecting Soup and Crackers to help those in need. Please bring your donations to the church throughout the month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated—thank you for making a difference!



Our offering plate is now online!

First Christian Church is excited to offer an easy and secure way to give to our church online. We are using Givelify's online giving, which allows you to give safely in just a few clicks. Find us in the Givelify app or give online at fccbutler.org.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Campaign Goal: \$20,000

Amount Raised So Far: \$7,136

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far! Your generosity is bringing us closer to our goal, and we are deeply grateful for each and every donation. Every dollar counts and makes a significant impact. You can contribute online or through the offering plate during services. Together, we can "ketch-up" and achieve our goal to strengthen the future of FCC. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our church family!

Thank you for the wonderful food that was brought to the house after our mother's – Louise Foster, funeral. We greatly appreciate your kindness.

- David Foster, Denise Adams, Dana Maugans, Daryl Foster, and Dustin Foster

Thank you for all the prayers, visits, and cards. Prayer is powerful. So glad I'm a part of FCC.

- Nora Carver

IMPORTANT DATES

- **DISCIPLES WOMEN**
Tuesday, Feb. 4 @ 6:30 p.m.
- **BOARD MEETING**
Sunday, Feb. 16 after worship
- **YOUTH GROUP**
Wednesdays @ 6 p.m.
- **ELDERS MEETING**
Sunday, Feb. 9 after worship
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ**
Tuesday, Feb. 18 @ 5:30 p.m.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE**
Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.
- **MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST**
Sunday, Feb. 16 @ 8:30 a.m.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS - Sympathy to the families of Caleb Hoffard and Pam Simmons

Current & Ongoing

- ◆ Nora Carver, Beth Ann Davis, Susie French, Jacqueline Hough, Sharla Hulsey, Nick McBrayer, Bridget Merryfield, Julie Snell, Mike & Dolly Studards, Travis Todd, Sam Wheeler, Kathy Bunch, Eunice Cobb, Caroll & Pam Dodds, Shelby Duffield, Vickie Fowler, JM Grizzell, Lona Grosshart, Bill Hulsey, Lori Koepsel, Missy Lancaster, Alan & Christy Lockard, Pat & Terry Lodge, Charlie Padgham, Bill Perkey, Danny Ross, Greg Swearingen, Dana Young, and Jace Zembsch

At Home

- ◆ Julie Lewis
- ◆ Linda Wix

Currently Serving in the Military

- ◆ Everett Chapman
- ◆ Jordan Lopez
- ◆ Jordan Olson
- ◆ Rick Warren
- ◆ Matt Thompson





February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM LIFE GROUP	3	4	5 6 PM YOUTH GROUP 7 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	6	7 9AM – 12PM SON SHINE LADIES	8
9 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM ELDERS MEETING	10	11 6:30PM DISCIPLES WOMEN	12 6 PM YOUTH GROUP 7 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	13	14 9AM – 12PM SON SHINE LADIES	15
16 8:30AM BREAKFAST 9:30AM WORSHIP (Week of Compassion Offering) 10:30AM BOARD MEETING	17	18 5:30PM COMMUNITY CAFÉ	19 6 PM YOUTH GROUP 7 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	20	21 9AM – 12PM SON SHINE LADIES	22
23 9:30AM WORSHIP (Week of Compassion Offering) 10:30AM LIFE GROUP	24	25	26 6 PM YOUTH GROUP 7 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	27	28 9AM – 12PM SON SHINE LADIES	

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Everyone is welcome—whether you're a long-time member or visiting for the first time. It's a wonderful chance to meet new people, share in conversation, and start your day with some good food and warm company.

Date: Sunday, February 16, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: FCC Fellowship Hall

We are excited to invite you all to a special Church Breakfast! Come enjoy a delicious meal, great fellowship, and a wonderful time connecting with one another.

We look forward to seeing you there!



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Board Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2025

Board Members present: Deacons: Derek Lile, Jennifer Schmehl, Kathy Wood, Peggy Thomas, Don Cole, Gary Coffman, Steve Hedrick, Bob Thomas, Carol Lewis, Judy Colburn, Everett McBrayer, Carol Hedrick. Elders: Diana Rich, Don Malan, Shawn Quick, Chuck Lewis, Justin Quick, Phyllis McBrayer. Voting Member: Carol Roberts. Others present: Rev. Sharla Hulse, Carol Ann Winburn.

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 by Carol Roberts, Board Chair, and she gave the opening prayer.

After review of the agenda, Worship, Membership, and Outreach Committee reports were added. Motion to accept the revised agenda was made by Justin Quick, seconded by Carol Hedrick and was passed unanimously.

The minutes of the December 15, 2024 meeting were reviewed and there were no corrections. Motion made to accept the minutes by Shawn Quick and seconded by Diana Rich, motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports—The December 2024 financial reports were reviewed by Carol Lewis, treasurer. She noted that the December income was \$13,307.34 and expenses were \$10,866.75 with a net income of \$2,440.59. For the year 2024 total income was \$118,064.54 and total expenses for the year was \$127,594.12 with a net income of -\$9,529.58. She noted that normally the property insurance would have been paid in December which would result in a higher expense for the month, but it was decided to wait until the revised amount is known. (Chuck Lewis is currently working with the insurance company to review coverage, the company gave a grace period until the new price was determined).

The Ketchup Fund currently is at \$7,076.80 with a goal of \$20,000. All financial reports are available for review in the church office. No questions or comments, motion was made by Justin Quick to approve the financial reports seconded by Phyllis McBrayer. Approval by unanimous vote.

Minister's Report—Rev. Hulse reported conversations with members via text, phone, email and in person. She made 4 home visits, 1 hospital visit and 1 Nursing Home visit. She officiated at the funeral of Louise Foster on Dec. 27. She attended the Ministerial Alliance meeting and the Elders meeting. She said she missed a couple of meetings due to cancellations due to weather and illness. She continues with the daily Morning Prayer on Facebook. She then reported that the schedule for Lenten services has been made. We will host 2 services with a meal served by us at one of those services. She will preach at the March 19th service. She reported that she will be having surgery on Jan. 29, Carol Ann Winburn is working on pulpit supply.

Old Business—Update on changes to insurance coverage—Chuck Lewis reported that the functional building value is essentially the cost to rebuild, currently approximately \$200/square foot, and \$400-600 per square foot for the sanctuary. After the recent fire at Nevada, the cost to just clean up was \$250,000.00 (Included some asbestos recovery). He stated that the square footage of the Fellowship Hall, 2 downstairs storage rooms, media room upstairs and the sanctuary totals 5,000 square feet. If we lower the functional building value, change the deductible from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and decrease the umbrella coverage from 5 million dollars to 1.2 million dollars, then we would save approximately \$1,200.00 on our premium. Our insurance agent said that this would have to be reviewed by the insurance board which should occur this upcoming week. Discussion whether we should go ahead and pay the premium that is due now or wait until we get the new rate. It was decided that if we have not heard from the insurance company by Jan. 22, we will go ahead and pay the premium that was due in December. Otherwise, we will pay the new rate if the insurance company notifies us of the insurance board's review.

Liability Forms/Facility Use Agreement—Carol Roberts states that we have a Facility Use form, but that it is not a policy. She will research and work on the form and policy.

As far as Liability forms, Carol R. Stated that we just need to get a copy of any contractor's liability insurance who does any work for us.

New Business—Endowment and Pastoral support committee meeting dates. Carol Roberts said that she will be contacting the members of these 2 committees to schedule meetings. The committees each need to elect a chair person who will then be responsible to schedule meetings.

Committee and Department Reports—4th quarter Christian Church Foundation report—this report is included in the packet. Carol Lewis questioned whether we could draw money out of this fund. Shawn Quick stated that we can use the earnings, but not the principal. Carol Ann Winburn stated that this fund is required by law to be pretty conservative. Carol Roberts stated that the Endowment committee needs to understand what the fund is and it's purpose. Justin Quick stated there is a person we could have come and explain the fund to the committee.

Worship—Carol Ann Winburn asked that we pray for pulpit supply for the 3 weeks Rev. Hulseley will be gone. She states there are some plans in place that would not cost the church any money.

Membership—Carol Hedrick stated the committee is planning a breakfast before church services on February 16.

Outreach—Phyllis McBrayer reports that the Moulton fund has been distributed to approximately 15 people. She delivered the gloves and hats collected for our December outreach to the elementary school and that they were very appreciative. She reminded everyone the Community Cafe is this Tuesday night and to come help if possible.

Adjournment—motion made by Shawn Quick to adjourn and seconded by Don Malan. Passed unanimously. Closing prayer by Rev. Hulseley. Meeting adjourned at 11:15.



Submitted by Jennifer Schmehl, Board Secretary

Weather Cancellation Policy In the Event of Inclement Weather...



The decision to cancel worship services will be made jointly by the Pastor and Board Chair, with input from Everett. A final decision will be made by 7:00 AM on Sunday morning. We will communicate cancellations through the following channels:

- **WDAF (Fox4)**
- **KSHB (Channel 41)**
- **FM 92.1** and their website (www.921news.com), as well as their Facebook page ([92.1 News Now](https://www.facebook.com/92.1NewsNow))
- **Mid America Live/Bates County Live**
- The church's **Facebook page**: [facebook.com/FCCButlerMO](https://www.facebook.com/FCCButlerMO)

If you have not seen or heard any updates by **8:00 AM** (to allow media outlets time to post the information), you can assume that worship will proceed as scheduled. However, please use your judgment about whether it's safe to travel. Your safety is our priority, so if conditions are hazardous, we encourage you to stay home. In the event of a service cancellation, all other Sunday activities—including Life Group and meetings—will also be cancelled.

Weekday Closures:

If Butler schools are closed due to inclement weather, the church will also be closed, and all scheduled activities for the day will be cancelled.



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*“According to the grace of God given to me,
like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation,
and someone else is building on it.
Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.*

-1 Corinthians 3:10