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THE MESSENGER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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YOU'RE INVITED TO



OWEN'S

Graduation Recognition



MAY 4, 2025.
SUNDAY, 9:30 AM

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
11 W. PINE STREET
BUTLER, MO 64730

A CELEBRATION LUNCH WILL FOLLOW THE
SERVICE AND WILL BE HELD IN THE
FCC FELLOWSHIP HALL.



Serving Schedule



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 4

Elder: Shawn Quick

Greeter: Don Malan

Deacon: Everett McBrayer & Kathy Wood Scripture Reader: Shawn Quick

7 Pam Hannon

14 Jim Adams

May 11

Elder: Phyllis McBrayer

Greeter: Bob Thomas

Deacon: Jennifer Schmehl & Don Cole Scripture Reader: Diana Rich

14 Keagen Robinson

14 Oscar Schmehl

May 18

Elder: Justin Quick

Greeter: Judy Taylor

Deacon: Judy Colburn & Steve Hedrick Scripture Reader: Jennifer Schmehl

21 Steve Lewis

31 Lyndell Colburn

May 25

Elder: Diana Rich

Greeter: Lile family

Deacon: Derek Lile & Peggy Thomas Scripture Reader: Lyssa Lile

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12 Jim & Nancy Simpson

Communion Preparer: Carol Hedrick

Music Director: Carol Ann Winburn — Accompanist: Mary Coffman

Sound Techs: Phyllis McBrayer, Dianna Silvers, Justin Quick



ATTENDANCE



Date	In-Person Worship	Online
4/6	34	9
4/13	43	4
4/20	32	9

BUDGET

March Income

\$20,548.00

March Expense

\$10,673.98

YTD Income

\$42,229.01

YTD Expense

\$31,351.34

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

The Outreach Department is excited to announce a **Non-Essential Grocery & Household Item Collection** for the month of May!

We're collecting items that may not be staples but make daily life a little easier, tastier, or more comfortable. If you're able to contribute, here are some examples of what we're looking for:

- **Kitchen Items:**
Salt & Pepper, Spices, Maple Syrup, Soy Sauce, Vegetable Oil, Vinegar, Baking Soda, Baking Powder, Dry Yeast, Breadcrumbs
- **Household Supplies:**
Dish Soap, Sponges, Steel Wool Pads, Aluminum Foil, Ziploc Bags
- **Personal & First Aid Items:**
Chapstick, Q-Tips, Cotton Balls, Band-Aids, First Aid Cream

Due to the late April board meeting, the minutes will be included in next month's newsletter.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Campaign Goal: \$20,000.00
Amount Raised So Far: \$10,536



Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far! 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!

FAITH ADVENTURES YOUTH CAMP

Camp Galilee in El Dorado Springs Missouri

Try It (grades K - 2nd); July 24 - 25

JYF (grades 3rd - 5th); July 21 - 25

Chi Rho (grades 6th - 8th); July 21 - 25

CYF (grades 9th - 12th); July 21 - 25

Contact the church office for a camp registration form.

All forms need to be returned to the church office by June 1st.

IMPORTANT

- **GRADUATE RECOGNITION**
Sunday, May 4 @ 9:30 a.m.
A celebration lunch will follow the service.
- **DISCIPLES WOMEN**
Tuesday, May 6 @ 6:30 p.m.
- **ELDERS MEETING**
Sunday, May 11 after worship
- **BOARD MEETING**
Sunday, May 18 after worship
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ**
Tuesday, May 20 @ 5:30 p.m.
- **YOUTH GROUP**
Wednesdays @ 6 p.m.
- **CHOIR PRACTICE**
Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.
- **MEMORIAL DAY/OFFICE CLOSED**
Monday, May 26, 2025

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

- ◆ **Current**
Mark Allison, Greg Arnold, Jim Arnold, Linda Barr, Greg Bartimus, Don Cole, Mike Crow, Marilyn Eneff, Bonnie Friedrich, Don Huenefeldt, Boone Middleton, Johnny Morrow, Rocky Redinger, Brenda Rich, Nancy Simpson, Victoria Rose Toliver, Marian Williams
- ◆ **Currently Serving in the Military**
Everett Chapman, Jordan Lopez, Jordan Olson, Matt Thompson, Rick Warren
- ◆ **At Home**
Julie Lewis and Linda Wix
- ◆ **Ongoing**
Kathy Bunch, Eunice Cobb, Caroll & Pam Dodds, Shelby Duffield, Vickie Fowler, JM Grizzell, Lona Grosshart, Jacqueline Hough, Bill Hulsey, Lori Koepsel, Missy Lancaster, Pat & Terry Lodge, Nick McBrayer, Bridget Merryfield, Charlie Padgham, Bill Perkey, Danny Ross, Julie Snell, Mike & Dolly Studards, Dana Young
- ◆ **Sympathy**
Families of Geneva Hough, Wilma Carter, and Jane Ann Ronald





May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 9AM – 12PM SON SHINE LADIES	3
4 9:30AM WORSHIP GRADUATE RECOGNITION 10:30AM GRADUATE CELEBRATION LUNCH	5	6 6:30PM DISCIPLES WOMEN	7 6PM YOUTH GROUP 7PM CHOIR PRACTICE	8	9 9AM – 12PM SON SHINE LADIES	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM ELDERS MEETING	12	13	14 6PM YOUTH GROUP 7PM CHOIR PRACTICE	15	16 9AM – 12PM SON SHINE LADIES	17
18 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM BOARD MEETING	19	20 5:30PM COMMUNITY CAFÉ	21 6PM YOUTH GROUP 7PM CHOIR PRACTICE	22	23 9AM – 12PM SON SHINE LADIES	24
25 9:30AM WORSHIP 10:30AM LIFE GROUP	26 <i>Memorial Day</i>  OFFICE CLOSED	27	28 5PM PASTORAL SUPPORT MEETING 7PM CHOIR PRACTICE	29	30 9AM – 12PM SON SHINE LADIES	31

UPCOMING SERMONS



May 4, 2025 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7

Psalm: 43

Theme: The letter to the church in Ephesus

Title: “Talk About the Passion”

What I was thinking: The letters to the seven churches in Asia Minor are a mixed bag: some are very positive, some quite negative, and some a combination of both. But many of them speak rather clearly to today’s churches.

May 11, 2025 (4th Sunday of Easter)

Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22

Psalm: 18:1-3, 31-33, 46-49

Theme: The letter to the church in Laodicea

Title: “Tepid”

What I was thinking: This letter is the final one in the series found in the second and third chapters of Revelation; it describes a church whose reality mirrors that of many churches today.

May 18, 2025 (5th Sunday of Easter)

Scripture: Revelation 4:1-11

Psalm: 111

Theme: a heavenly worship service

Title: “One Long Sunday”

What I was thinking: Before any of the horrible things we associate with Revelation happen, we get a glimpse into heaven to see what goes on there.

May 25, 2025 (6th Sunday of Easter)

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17 (RCL: All Saints, Year A; and Easter 4, Year C)

Psalm: 34:1-3, 8, 22

Theme: More heavenly worship, with a twist this time

Title: “Put on your glad rags”

What I was thinking: The last part of Revelation 7 is in the midst of the opening of the book with seven seals—in the midst of some of the terrors Revelation describes. But like most of Revelation paradoxically does, this text brings good news.



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REV. SHARLA HULSEY

Return Service Requested

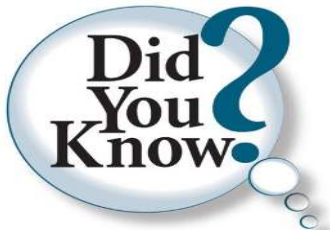
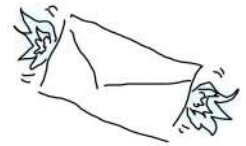
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Our offering plate is now online!

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.