



Easter Sunday Breakfast

All are welcome to celebrate
the Resurrection

Sunday, 5th April, 8:30am

First Christian Church
11 W Pine St., Butler

Join us for a warm meal, friendly faces, and a beautiful start to Easter Sunday. We'll be serving biscuits and gravy, egg casseroles, and a baked French toast dish.



April Serving Schedule

Communion Preparer: Phyllis McBrayer

April 5

- **Elder:** Justin Quick
- **Deacon:** Carol Hedrick & Carol Lewis
- **Greeter:** Carol Hedrick
- **Scripture Reader:** Phyllis McBrayer

April 12

- **Elder:** Diana Rich
- **Deacon:** Bob Thomas & Jennifer Schmehl
- **Greeter:** Chuck & Carol Lewis
- **Scripture Reader:** Chuck Lewis

April 19

- **Elder:** John Daniel
- **Deacon:** Judy Daniel & Everett McBrayer
- **Greeter:** Peggy Thomas
- **Scripture Reader:** Carol Hedrick

April 26

- **Elder:** Chuck Lewis
- **Deacon:** Don Cole & Debbie Cole
- **Greeter:** Carol Roberts
- **Scripture Reader:** Justin Quick



Attendance

February 22

- **In-person:** 36
- **Online:** 3

March 1

- **In-person:** 33
- **Online:** 6

March 8

- **In-person:** 34
- **Online:** 1

March 15

- **In-person:** 38
- **Online:** 4

March 22

- **In-person:** 40
- **Online:** 3



Budget

February Income

\$14,306.40

February Expense

\$8,641.15

YTD Income

\$22,249.53

YTD Expense

\$16,951.29

Complete financial reports are available in the church office.



Events

Worship: Sundays @ 9:30 am

Life Group: Sundays @ 10:30 am

Youth Group: Wednesdays @ 5 pm

Choir Practice: Wednesdays @ 6 pm

Easter Breakfast: April 5 @ 8:30 am

Disciples Women: April 7 @ 6 pm

Elders Meeting: April 12 @ 10:30 am

Camp Rally: April 12, 3-6 pm

Board Meeting: April 19 @ 10:30 am

Community Cafe: April 21 @ 5:30 pm

Pastor Support Meeting: April 22 @ 5 pm

Announcements

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH TACO BAR



Sunday, May 3, 2026
10:45 a.m.

Outreach Project

Our April outreach project will support Faith Adventures, the camp ministry held at Camp Galilee. All funds collected through our Cash Calendar will go directly toward the camp's expenses and ongoing ministry needs.

The Cash Calendar is easy to participate in: each day of April has a designated dollar amount, and you're invited to give that amount on that day—or any combination of days that works for you. Every gift helps sustain the ministry and mission of Faith Adventures.

Birthdays

4 Don Huenefeldt	12 Izaya Lile	27 Nathan Hines
9 Will Lewis	20 Andrea Baxter	28 Kelly Duckworth
11 Adaleigh Embrey	26 Hayley Patterson	28 Lydia Lile

Anniversaries

18	Everett & Phyllis McBrayer	1980
20	Jerry & Kathy Wood	1974



Storm Shelter

In the event of a tornado warning, our church will be open as a designated storm shelter. Everyone is welcome to seek safety with us. Pets are also welcome, but they must remain in a carrier or be kept on a leash.



Thoughts & Prayers

Current

Jason Bennett, Raymond Crist, Gwendolyn Dice, Ron Dunlap, Marilyn Eneff, Marge Fritts, JM Grizzell, Isabelle Haberstroh, Larry Hacker, Darcy Hoffard, Tom & Cindy Kennedy, Brenda Knox, Gary Maggard, Everett & Phyllis McBrayer, Steve Thomas, and Diane Weiss.

Ongoing

Greg Arnold, Kathy Bunch, Eunice Cobb, Mike Crow, Carol & Pam Dodds, Shelby Duffield, Joyce Fitzpatrick, Debbie Fortner, Lona Grosshart, Joyce Guffey, Jim Herrell, Lori Koepsel, Rory Kutz, Betty Lemon, Terry Lodge, Doris Jane Lollar, Mark Lovelace Jr., Nick McBrayer, James Mitchell II, Charlie Padgham, Stella Plunkett, Rocky Redinger, Judy Shubert, Nancy Gardner Simons, Julie Snell, Dolly Studards, and Sherry Wilson.

At Home

Julie Lewis and Linda Wix

Currently Serving in the Military

Everett Chapman, Carter Coffman, Jordan Lopez, Jordan Olson, and Rick Warren.

Sympathy

To the families of
John Dale Herrmann,
Mitch Grainger, Carolyn Hill,
Joan Davis, Sam Lefevre,
Jace Zemsch, Peggy Petty,
William Jones, Jimmy Sixkiller,
and Waylon McGuire.



Upcoming Sermons

April 5, 2026 (Easter)

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

Psalm: 118:21-29

Theme: The meaning of Resurrection

Title: "Walking Through a Fog"

April 12, 2026 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

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

Psalm: 145:13-21

Theme: The risen Jesus gives the Holy Spirit and appears to Thomas

Title: "Show Me"

April 19, 2026 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Scripture: John 21:1-19 (RCL: Easter 3, Year C)

Psalm: 30

Theme: The epilogue to John's Gospel

Title: "Gone Fishin'"

April 26, 2026 (4th Sunday of Easter)

Scripture: John 21:20-25

Psalm: 96:1-6

Theme: The final sentences of the Fourth Gospel

Title: "The Church Library"

All are welcome

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Board Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2026

Board Members present—*Deacons:* Gary Coffman, Steve Hedrick, Bob Thomas, Jennifer Schmehl, Carol Lewis, Carol Hedrick, Judy Colburn, Lyssa Lile, Judy Daniel. *Elders:* Chuck Lewis, Shawn Quick, Justin Quick, Phyllis McBrayer, Diana Rich, John Daniel. *Voting Member:* Carol Roberts. *Others present:* Rev. Sharla Hulsey, Carol Ann Winburn, Claudia Hulsey, Don Malan.

The meeting was called to order at 10:47 a.m. by Carol Roberts, chairperson. Opening prayer was given by Shawn Quick. The agenda was reviewed and requests to add Outreach and Property committee reports were made. The agenda was approved unanimously after a motion was made by Diana Rich and seconded by Shawn Quick.

The minutes of the February 2026 meeting were reviewed. No additions or corrections were made, motion to accept the minutes was made by Justin Quick, seconded by Judy Daniel. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports—Carol Lewis reviewed the financial reports for February 2026.

Budget vs. Actual—Total Income—\$14,306.40 (budget \$10,575.25)
Total Expenses—\$8,641.15 (budget \$10,575.25)
Net Income—\$5,665.25
Budget vs Actual YTD—Total Income—\$22,249.53 (budget \$21,150.50)
Total Expenses—\$16,951.29 (budget \$21,150.50)
Net Income—\$5,298.24
Balance Sheet—Total Assets—\$54,815.01
Owed to Special Projects—\$4,947.26
Total Restricted Funds—\$54,748.74
Total Liability and Equity—\$54,815.01
Total Cash in Bank—\$49,801.48

(Full financial reports are available for review in the church office.)

Carol Lewis then informed the board that we received a letter from Michael Morrison informing us that the church is the recipient of \$7,000.00 from the estate of Jackie Morrison. This will be reflected in the April Financial report.

Motion made by Shawn Quick to approve the financial reports, seconded by Phyllis McBrayer, passed unanimously.

Minister's Report—Rev. Hulsey stated she had conversations with members in person, via telephone calls and texts. She attended the Disciple Women's meeting, the Elder's meeting and the Clergy Cluster during the month. She also helped prepare and serve at the Community Cafe, prepared the Ash Wednesday service and the Ministerial Alliance Lenten Services. She reported that the Lenten services have been well attended. She reported on some education she is taking. We will join with the Ohio Street United Methodist Church for a Good Friday service on April 3 at 6 p.m. The Ministerial Alliance will be holding a community prayer service on Palm Sunday, March 29. The device will begin at 4 p.m. at the gazebo on the square. Faith Adventures camp rally will be April 12 at the First Christian Church in Eldorado Springs.

Old Business

—*Memorial Gift Committee* reports that the lighted flagpole is going as planned. They are awaiting the plaque that will be on the structure.

New Business

—*Property*—Chuck Lewis reported:

1. The city notified us that we had an increase in water use, consistent with a stool leak. They have all been checked but Chuck reminded us that if we hear a stool running, to jiggle the handle and report it to the office or Chuck or Phyllis.

2. He then stated that some of the plaster above the old choir loft is loose. If anyone knows of someone who could fix it, let him know.

—*Outreach*—Phyllis McBrayer reported:

1. We won't be supplying the food for Community Cafe this month, but she will still need help with serving it.

2. Youth Adventure Camp has increased the fees, so several churches are fundraising to help provide money for kids to go. We will probably do a Money Calendar for our outreach project in April. This is for all children in the region. The leaders will have to pay their own way. John Daniel reminded the board that there is a fund specifically for youth camp and money in that could be utilized.

Adjournment—There being no further business, motion made by Justin Quick to adjourn, seconded by Steve Hedrick. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Closing prayer was given by Rev. Hulsey.

Closing Prayer—Sharla Hulsey gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Schmehl, Board secretary





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REV. SHARLA HULSEY

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*“After two days,
he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.”*

Hosea 6:2 (ESV)

