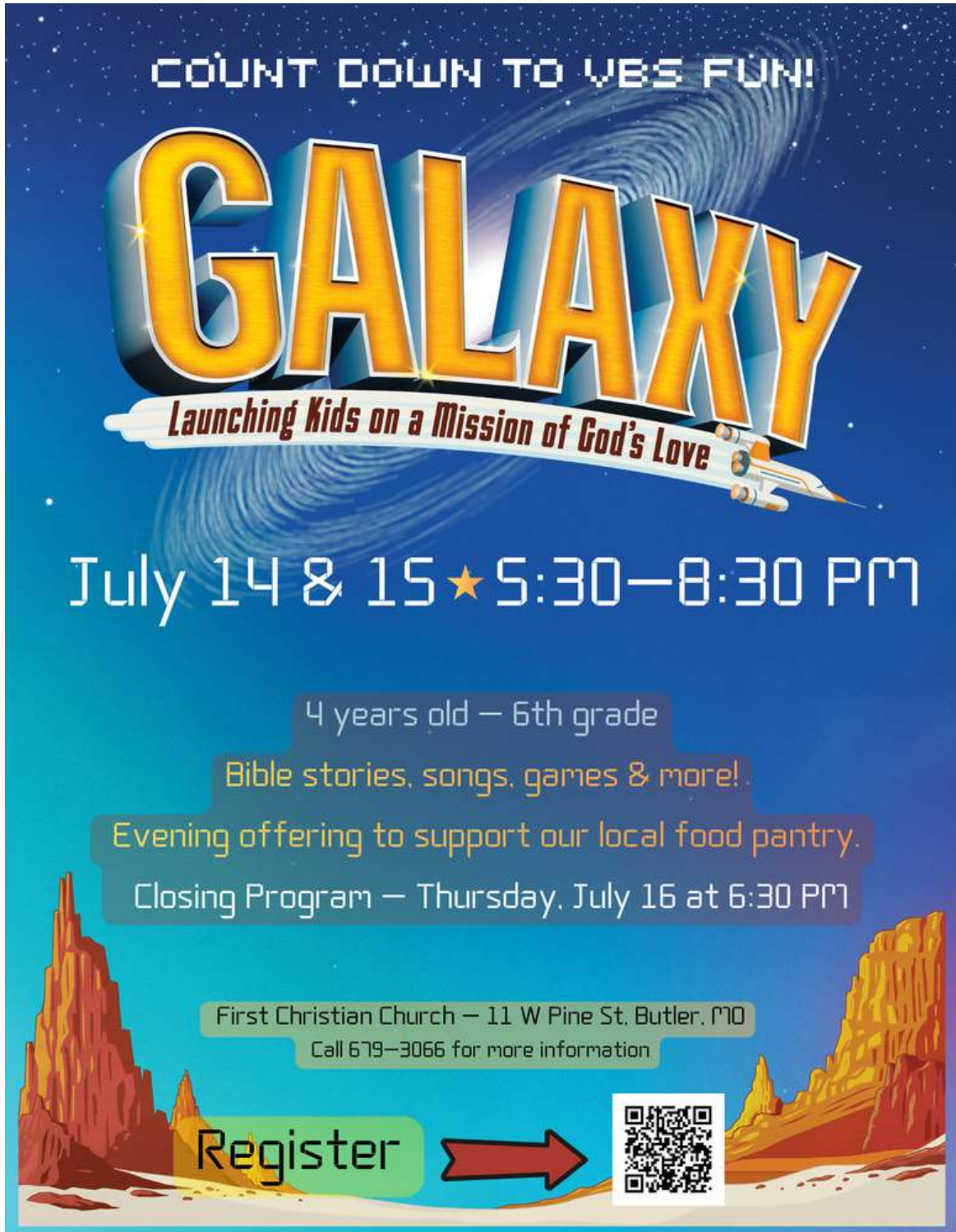


The Messenger

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH DISCIPLES
OF CHRIST

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July 2026

A colorful poster for a VBS event titled "Galaxy". The background is a dark blue space with stars and a blue nebula. At the top, it says "COUNT DOWN TO VBS FUN!". The word "GALAXY" is written in large, 3D, yellow and orange letters. Below it, a white banner with a rocket ship at the end says "Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love". The dates and times are "July 14 & 15 ★ 5:30-8:30 PM". Below that, it lists "4 years old - 6th grade", "Bible stories, songs, games & more!", "Evening offering to support our local food pantry.", and "Closing Program - Thursday, July 16 at 6:30 PM". At the bottom, it gives the location "First Christian Church - 11 W Pine St. Butler, MO" and the phone number "Call 679-3066 for more information". A green button says "Register" with a red arrow pointing to a QR code. The bottom of the poster features a desert landscape with red and orange rock formations.

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July Serving Schedule

Communion Preparers: Carol Roberts

July 5

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

July 12

- **Elder:** John Daniel
- **Deacons:** Judy Daniel & Everett McBrayer
- **Greeter:** Carol Roberts
- **Scripture Reader:** Chuck Lewis

July 19

- **Elder:** Chuck Lewis
- **Deacons:** Don Cole & Debbie Cole
- **Greeter:** Peggy Thomas
- **Scripture Reader:** Jennifer Schmehl

July 26

- **Elder:** Phyllis McBrayer
- **Deacons:** Carol Hedrick & Lyssa Lile
- **Greeter:** Lile family
- **Scripture Reader:** Lyssa Lile



Attendance

May 31

- **In-person:** 34
- **Online:** 5

June 7

- **In-person:** 37
- **Online:** 8

June 14

- **In-person:** 44
- **Online:** 4

June 21

- **In-person:** 34
- **Online:** 2



Budget

May Income

\$12,196.59

May Expense

\$10,582.00

YTD Income

\$61,865.21

YTD Expense

\$51,405.40

Complete financial reports are available in the church office.



Events

Worship: Sundays @ 9:30 am

Life Group: Sundays @ 10:30 am

Memorial Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 30 @ 7 pm at John & Judy Daniel's home.

4H Fashion Revue: Monday, July 6 from 3-5pm

Elders Meeting: Sunday, July 12 @ 10:30 am

Luncheon: Sunday, July 12 after worship

VBS: Tuesday, July 14 & Wednesday, July 15 from 5:30-8:30 pm. Program on Thursday, July 16 @ 6:30 pm.

Board Meeting: Sunday, July 19 @ 10:30 am

Community Cafe: Tuesday, July 21 @ 5:30 pm

Faith Adventures: July 20-24 at Camp Galilee in El Dorado Springs, MO.

Pastoral Support Committee Meeting: Wednesday, July 29 @ 5 pm.

Announcements



Outreach Project

This July, our congregation will join churches across Missouri in supporting the Festival of Sharing, a ministry that provides essential resources to neighbors in need. This year, we are collecting items for two specific kits:

- Missouri Personal Hygiene Packs
- CWS Period Packs

A sign-up sheet will be available in the sanctuary beginning July 5 for anyone who would like to help gather items or assemble kits. Donations may be placed in the collection bin in the foyer throughout the month.



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

Ron & Debbie Dunlap,
Virginia Eckart, Bob & Doris Mills,
Kayla Viar, Alice Michaels,
Jim & Nancy Simpson,
Tyson Bennett, and Patsy Lodge.

Ongoing

Everett & Phyllis McBrayer,
JM Grizzell, Lona Grosshart,
Shelby Duffield, Nick McBrayer,
Marilyn Eneff, Debbie Fortner,
Jim Herrell, Joyce Fitzpatrick,
Nancy Gardner Simons,
Terry Lodge, James Mitchell II,
Rory Kutz, Sherry Wilson,
Gary Maggard, Steve Thomas,
Gwendolyn Dice, Marge Fritts,
Jason Bennett, Rylee Morgan,
John Snell, Isabel Hannon,
Rodney Brown, June Ray,
and Jeff Brown.

At Home

Julie Lewis, Linda Wix,
and Stella Plunkett.

Currently Serving in the Military

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

Our deepest sympathies

with the family, friends, and loved ones of Dale Phillips,
Gary Anderson,
Vickie Chasteen Cady,
Herman Frey Jr.,
Lorene Schmehl,
Terri McCormick Ellis,
Tannor Thomas, Mike Crow,
and all who were lost in the Skydive KC plane crash.

Memorial/Gift Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 30 @ 7 p.m. at John & Judy Daniel's home. If you have ideas about needs/wants for possible purchases utilizing memorial funds, contact Judy at 660-679-1134 or the church office.

Save the Date: July 12 Luncheon

Join us for a fellowship luncheon on Sunday, July 12, immediately following the worship service. All are invited to stay, share a meal, and enjoy time together as a church family.

Birthdays

10	Melissa Warren	22	Diana Rich
17	Sharla Hulse	24	Dax Rolph
19	Ted Bunch	31	Susie French
20	Everett McBrayer		

Anniversaries

7	Steve & Julie Lewis	1979
29	Alan & Lucille Munday	1973



Upcoming Sermons

July 5, 2026 (Proper 9)

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-15

Psalm: 67

Theme: The Lord's Prayer

Title: "How to Do It"

July 12, 2026 (Proper 10)

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-24 (RCL: 16-21, Ash Wednesday, all years)

Psalm: 52:6-9

Theme: Our possessions

Title: "Service"

July 19, 2026 (Proper 11)

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34 (RCL: Epiphany 8, Year A)

Psalm: 49:5-9

Theme: Priorities

Title: "Do This First"

July 26, 2026 (Proper 12)

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-6

Psalm: 96:7-13

Theme: Judgment and hypocrisy

Title: "Here Comes the Judge"

All are welcome

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Board Minutes

With the June board meeting occurring on the last Sunday of the month, the minutes were not available ahead of the newsletter publication date. They will appear in the August issue.





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*"How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you."*

Psalms 139:17-18