



THE CHURCH VISITOR
A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.
John 1:1-3

Processing Life

Prepare yourselves for a massive understatement. Are you ready? Ok, here we go. This past year has been...odd. But people are getting better and now we are mostly back to how we were doing things.

Getting Back Into the groove with you! Pastor Zane.

Seems to be missing something doesn't it? And yet that is exactly how most of us act when we say we just want to get back to what we knew before. We just want to forget this past year and move on. That is not a very healthy or even faithful way of living.

Big events need processed. Sometimes that process looks like a celebration, which is why we have Birthday Parties, and Graduations, and Wedding Celebrations. Sometimes process looks like grieving at funeral, making tough decisions in the hospital, making tough financial decisions. Sometimes that process looks like counseling for depression, couples counseling and addiction counseling.

Because regardless of what the big event brings, it always brings change. That is what life is. It is change, it is moving forward, it is growing. If those things are not happening, there is no life. So while our temptation is to just put the past year in the past and not think about it that actually leads to death not life.

God is a God of LIFE. And as church we are the action and the voice of God for others to see, which means we can't just ignore what happened this past year.

With that in mind there is a group coming together to talk about the challenges, realities, sorrow, and unexpected joys the past year has brought into the lives of so many. We will discuss what things we need to keep, what changes we need to make, but more importantly how we put things in place to help us grow and not let the lessons from the past year go to waste.

Please keep us in prayer, as we present challenges and places to rejoice as we grow.

Looking forward to what THIS year brings as we are church together!
Pastor Zane

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 18, 2021	<i>Cantata During Service</i>
Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Sunday School)	9:15 am-10:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Children's Church)	10:45 am-11:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
<i>General Board Meeting</i>	<i>Following Service</i>
All Together Youth Ministry High School @ FCC	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Monday, April 19, 2021	
<i>Trustees' Meeting</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>
Wednesday, April 21, 2021	
Kids 4 Christ @ FPC (1st-5th grades)	3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
All Together Youth Ministry Middle School @ FCC	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 24, 2021	
<i>Youth Spring Retreat (6th-12th grades) (Lunch Provided)</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.</i>
Sunday, April 25, 2021	
Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Sunday School)	9:15 am-10:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Children's Church)	10:45 am-11:30 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
All Together Youth Ministry High School @ FCC	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 28, 2021	
Kids 4 Christ @ FPC (1st-5th grades)	3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
All Together Youth Ministry Middle School @ FCC	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir	6:00 p.m.
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In Honor of Scholarship Recipients

Kay Sterner (S)

Randy Sawyer

Ruth Chaney (S)

Robert & Donna Peak (S)

Barbara Stuart

Bob & Neola Williams

Charles & Coleen Vanlandingham



Gifts & Memorials

S) indicates Scholarship fund



There will be a Cantata on April 18th during service.



Camp David's Backpack Program connects churches and groups with our campers in fun and affordable way. The backpacks provide at-risk kids with the needed items for camp. This year Camp David can do the shopping for us. We will go online, pick the backpack and pay. The backpack will include a flashlight, shampoo and conditioner, body wash and a pouf, a hairbrush/comb, toothbrush and toothpaste, and deodorant. The Backpack sponsorship also includes a welcome gift and a special birthday gift. Angel Tree provides backpacks and Bibles for every camper. If you would like to sponsor one of these kids, please make your check out for \$25 to First Christian Church. Checks are due by April 30th.



The Outreach Committee plans to have a garage sale this year but decided it would be best to wait a few months longer than the usual May in order to be safe. They would appreciate if you would keep them in mind as you "spring clean". While shoes, purses, and other accessories are welcomed, no clothing is accepted. Remember that your junk might become someone else's treasure! As soon as more details become available on a date, we will be sure to let you know.



As of April 12, 2021

Budget needs Weekly: \$4,334
Year to Date Expenses: \$53,141

Average Weekly Income: \$4,263
Income vs Expenses: \$10,810

Year to Date Income: \$63,951



Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

Sunday, April, 18, 2021:

(Third Sunday of Easter)

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday, April 25, 2021:

(Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24;
John 10:11-18

Saturday, April 24th we hope to see all students in 6th-12th grade at our day retreat here at First Christian Church from 9am-3pm. There will be games, food, music, learning, serving, friends and more. Let us know if you will be joining us and bringing a friend! (saraann8806@gmail.com)

Camp Registration is open for this summer. There is a camp for almost every age! Register at <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer> or talk to Sara! You do not want to miss a week at camp. Games (Gaga Ball), Swimming, campfires, songs, good food, small groups, worship, crafts, canoes, and so much more during the week.

Permission forms have gone out for this year's mission trips for both Middle School and High School youth. Forms are due back before May 10th. Spaces are limited this year so be sure to get them turned in ASAP.

Sara Bright—Youth Director

YOU'RE INVITED...

We hope you will join us for a day retreat at First Christian Church from 9am-3pm on April 24th. All students in 6th-12th grade are welcome to join us for a day of games, Bible study, food, friends, music and so much more.



Sara has a registry at Walmart. We know they need size 2 diapers and up, Enfamil Gentlease Formula (purple can) and PJs for 6 months and up. Also, it might be fun to get a gift for one of the other family members instead of for the baby if you are more comfortable with that (just a thought).

Light refreshments will be provided!

Immediately following Worship Service.

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Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

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Sunday: April 18, 2021

Elders: Stephanie Owings and Sharon Slater

Deacons: Team 3

Doug Thomas, Ron Boswell, Ruth Gritton, Melaney Higgins,
Cody Sims, Katie Sims. Jr Deacons; Piper Higgins, Ty Sims

Deaconesses: Becky Peterson and Heather McBride

Candles: Heidi and Kyra

Liturgist: Craig Bledsoe

Sunday: April 25, 2021

Elders: Bill Azdell and Jean Stephens

Deacons: Team 1

Jordan Bright, Lori Brandow, Bob Larkin, Kay Larkin, Scott
Miller, Lori Osbourn, Debra Trabue. Jr. Deacons; Andrew
Stephens, Jessica Stephens

Deaconesses: Becky Peterson and Heather McBride

Candles: Emma and Ellie

Liturgist: Warren Nordwald