



THE CHURCH VISITOR
A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Prayer is the best way to get ourselves focused on God and work God has for us. Sometimes we struggle with the words, and we can get sidetracked. With that in mind I would like to share a couple of prayers that have been shared with me recently

I hope these bring meaning to you as they have for me.

Pastor Zane

Focus Your Heart on God

Forgive us for being too busy or distracted by other things, for not fully recognizing what you've so freely given, and all that Christ has done for us. Help us to cease striving and to remember again that you alone are God. We choose to press in close to you today and to keep you first in our hearts and lives. May we walk in your wisdom and purposes, may we stay strong and true to you.

We pray for your protection over our lives, our families, and all others. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy – that you would be a barrier over us and that we would find refuge in you. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

In the powerful Name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

A Daily Prayer for Wisdom

Give me wisdom from your truths, fill me with a desire to faithfully follow after you, more than any other thing. Thank you that you are far greater than whatever I may face in the day. Thank you that your presence goes with me and that your joy is never dependent on circumstances, but it is my true and lasting strength. I ask for your peace to lead me and for your grace and goodness to cover my life this day. Let your Spirit and power breathe in me and through me again, fresh and new.

And even though I woke up with the same troubles I had yesterday, I know there is great power in my choices. So today, dear God, once again, I choose to listen for your voice above everything else. Forgive me for not trusting you enough. Forgive me for spinning my wheels and trying to work everything out all on my own. Help me to truly let go of what you have asked me to release to you and to believe that you're at work in ways I can't fully see. Help me in my unbelief.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 1, 2022	
Sunday School	9:15 am
Worship Service (<i>Bells Playing!</i>)	10:30 am
All Together Youth Ministries (9th-12th Grades) @ FPC	7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Wednesday, May 4, 2022	
Pastor Zane - Bible Study @ King's Daughters	10:00 am
Kids 4 Christ (K-5th) @ FPC	After School-5:00 pm
All Together Youth Ministries (6th-12th Grades) @ FCC	6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Bell Choir	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir	7:00 pm
Friday, May 6, 2022	
<i>Rummage & Baked Goodies Sale</i>	<i>3:00 pm-6:00 pm</i>
<i>Prayer Time in the Sanctuary</i>	<i>12:15 pm</i>
Saturday, May 7, 2022	
<i>Rummage & Baked Goodies Sale</i>	<i>8:00 am-11:00 am</i>
Sunday, May 8, 2022	
Sunday School	9:15 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
All Together Youth Ministries (9th-12th Grades) @ FPC	7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Wednesday, May 11, 2022	
All Together Youth Ministries (6th-12th Grades) @ FCC	6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Bell Choir	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir	7:00 pm
Friday, May 13, 2022	
<i>Prayer Time in the Sanctuary</i>	<i>12:15 pm</i>

memorials
& gifts

Maxine Pilcher

Lynn Becker

The Family of Maxine Pilcher acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. We offer our appreciation to the people who put on the wonderful lunch for our family after the service. A big thank you!

Cathy Azdell



5/1	Ashley Hodges	5/17	Scott Miller
5/3	Dale Donovan	5/19	Jean Stephens
5/5	Craig Bledsoe	5/21	Brad Smith
5/7	Elliot Smith	5/25	Cathy Cidras
5/9	David Hagan	5/26	Ty Sims
5/11	Aubrey Bunge	5/28	Colony Bledsoe
5/13	Randy Owings	5/30	Becky Peterson
5/16	Barbara Miller	5/31	Valerie White
5/16	Joe May	5/31	Minta Wilson

Easter
OFFERING

This year's Easter offering total was \$610.00! A check will be sent to General Assembly Disciples of Christ in Indianapolis for distribution towards general ministries.



Let's let Harry Fowler know we are thinking about him with a card shower. With his COPD and oxygen he is unable to come to church. I'm sure he would love to hear from all of us.

Harry Fowler
2605 Randy St.
Mexico, MO 65265



As of April 25, 2022

Budget needs Weekly: \$4,441
Year to Date Expenses: \$62,865

Average Weekly Income: \$3,835
Income vs Expenses: \$6,166

Year to Date Income: \$69,031



Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

**Sunday, May 1, 2022:
(Third Sunday of Easter)**

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14;
John 21:1-19

**Sunday, May 8, 2022:
(Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John
10:22-30



Camp David's Backpack Program connects churches and groups with our campers in fun and affordable ways. The backpacks provide at-risk kids with the needed items for camp. This year Camp David will 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 is planning a Rummage and Goodies Sale for the first weekend in May. Please 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.

The Rummage and Goodies Sale in Fellowship Hall will be on Friday, May 6 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturday, May 7 from 8:00 to 11:00 am. All sale items should be priced prior to bringing them to Fellowship Hall. Drop off items any day the week of May 1st-5th. If you need assistance getting items to the church, please call Diana Henage at 573-253-0239. All baked and goods and snack items should be labeled, priced and wrapped with clear plastic. Please note if anything contains nuts or is made with gluten-free ingredients. The Outreach Committee thanks you in advance for your donated and/or baked items. Proceeds go to help fund our projects. If you would like to help out the week of May 1 to sort items onto tables and/or help with the actual sale on May 6th and 7th, please contact Diana Henage.



Camp Registration is open! <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer> Be sure to get registered! You won't want to miss out on canoes, swimming, volleyball, Gaga ball, worship, campfires, crafts and so much more. Camp is for all ages. Be sure to contact Sara (Saraann8806@gmail.com) with any questions that you might have. (Be sure to turn in permission forms before **May 8th** to get the best price).

We are honoring our youth that are graduating from high school on **May 15th** during the worship service. This year's seniors are Piper Higgins, Alex Paladin, and Madeline Williams. We are excited to celebrate with them.

Mission trip weekends this summer for all those in 6th-12th grade. We will be traveling to Kansas City **May 26th-29th** and to Springfield **July 22-25**. We will be going and serving in these communities. Permission forms are due back before May 8th. \$30 for the weekend includes food, lodging, and transportation and an afternoon/evening fun event.

Summer is on the way!

Sara Bright—Youth Director

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Church Office Hours for the Summer: Starting Next Week, April 25th

Mon - Thurs: 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Closed (Lunch): 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Sunday: May 1, 2022

Elders: Randy Owings and Warren Nordwald

Deacons: Team 1

Jordan Bright, Ron Boswell, Ruth Gritton, Jim Medley,
Sherry Medley, Kathy Peak. Jr. Deacons; Emma Higgins,
Piper Higgins

Deaconesses: Carol Hines and Cathy Cidras

Liturgist: Alan Street

Sunday: May 8, 2022

Elders: Ed Stephens and Diana Henage

Deacons: Team 2

Jean Stephens, Bob Larkin, Kay Larkin, Alan Street, Connie
Street. Jr. Deacons; Tessa Higgins, Jessica Stephens

Deaconesses: Carol Hines and Cathy Cidras

Liturgist: Ed Stephens

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