



What Do Our Sacrifices Mean

In the last few weeks, Paul's writings in 1 Corinthians chapters 8-10 have been speaking something to me (still chewing on it honestly). The verses discuss if it is ok to eat meat that has been sacrificed to Idols. Paul says eating the meat is not really the issue. The issue is really about evaluating your thoughts, words and actions and asking if your life as a person of faith invites people to God, or does it encourage idol worship. Near the end of Chapter 10 he says

1 Corinthians 10:23-24

"Everything is permissible, "but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible," but not everything builds up. No one is to seek his own good, but the good of the other person." CSB Version

While we as people of faith believe this, we should also be asking if our thoughts, words, actions and posts are at risk of laying something down at the feet of idols. Those idols could look like: Anger, fear, security, possessions, wealth, and comfort.

There are real issues in our world, country, and homes. The culture at large has always been, but is currently rampant with, "Me First." What would it truly look like if we did not give over to the idols but truly did reach out to even our enemies, opponents, those who we don't agree with or even the ones we may not know why but we just don't like, in conversations that HEARD them.

And what if we did it NOT because an agency or an institution said we had to, but because as people of faith that is what we strive to do.

As Holy week is just around the corner we will have a massive example of what looks like to not live for ourselves, but be willing to sacrifice so that others may have life. That others will find hope. That others will find grace. And the amazing thing is, that as we live that life out, we will find it for ourselves as well.

Know you are loved, and I am praying for your physical, emotional, mental and spiritual health! I am also praying that these are not just words for me but that this idea actually drives my thoughts, words, actions and posts.

Pastor Zane

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 30, 2023	
<i>Lenten Bible Study in Fellowship Hall</i>	<i>6:30 pm-7:30 pm</i>
Friday, March 31, 2023	
<i>Chain of Prayer</i>	
Sunday, April 2, 2023 (Easter Offering)	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
Sunday School	9:15 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
All Together Youth Ministries (9th-12th Grade) @ FPC	7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Wednesday, April 5, 2023	
<i>Pastor Zane - Service @ King's Daughters</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>
<i>NO Kids 4 Christ</i>	<i>Spring Break</i>
Bell Choir	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir	7:00 pm
All Together Youth Ministries (6th-12th Grade) @ FCC	6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Thursday, April 6, 2023	
<i>YMCA Senior Expo @ Mexico YMCA</i>	<i>9:00 am-11:30am</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday Service</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
Friday, April 7, 2023	
<i>Office Closed</i>	
Sunday, April 9, 2023 (Easter Offering)	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>Easter Sunday Service</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>



Sunday, April 2 • Palm Sunday • 10:30 am
 Thursday, April 6th • Maundy Thursday • 7:00 pm
 Sunday, April 9th • Easter Day • 10:30 am

Church Friends,
 Thank you for your prayers, food, cards, phone calls, and other means of condolence. All were very much appreciated and comforting. God Bless!
 Dorothy Snell



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& gifts

Francene Snell

Ruth Gritton

S) indicates Scholarship fund

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex (or you may call the office) for Chain of Prayer, **Friday, March 31, 2023**. This is a time for praying, singing, reading the bible, or simply finding peace in the power of prayer. Let's keep this chain of prayer going by signing up. If you can, please consider signing up to be a Host or Hostess too. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful experience.



Everyone is invited to purchase a Lily in honor or remembrance of family or a friend. The lilies will be displayed for the Easter Service on Sunday, April 9th.

If you are bringing a lily, please let the office know by April 5th, so your honoree gets listed in the bulletin. You may drop it off the week of April 3rd. The office is closed for Good Friday, April 7th, but open Mon-Thurs from 7am-4pm. As always, if those times don't work, just let me know and we will figure something out :)

You may take the lily home at the completion of the Easter service.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Nick Paladin	4/13	Tessa Higgins
4/2	Shane Trabue	4/15	Mike White
4/7	Phyllis May	4/16	Madeline Williams
4/10	Robert Higgins	4/25	Karen Dykes
		4/26	Kierra Jackson
		4/27	Robert Given
		4/29	Barbara Miller
		4/29	Lillian Yeast
		4/30	John Elder
		4/24	Robyn Higgins
		4/30	Grant Silver

As of March 27, 2023

Budget needs Weekly: \$4,574
 Year to Date Expenses: \$45,499

Average Weekly Income: \$4,035
 Income vs Expenses: \$10,991

Year to Date Income: \$56,490





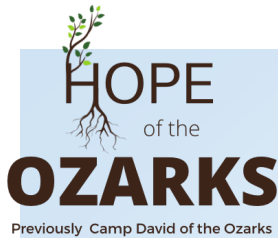
Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

**Sunday, April 2, 2023:
(Liturgy of the Palms)**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

**Sunday, April 9, 2023:
(Resurrection of the Lord)**

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10



Camp Hope'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.

Spring Cleaning for a Rummage Sale.



The Outreach Committee will host a Rummage and Goodies sale on May 6th. Please keep us 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!

Fellowship Hall will be open the week of May 1-5 to drop off items. For anyone needing to drop off items in April after Easter, items can be taken to "Sharon Slater's green room" next to the primary classroom across from the office. The committee welcomes any congregation volunteers to help set up on the 5th or take down at noon, on May 6th.



You are invited to join us at a BBQ dinner. The youth will be serving a BBQ Dinner on April 23rd from 11:30-1 to help with this summer's mission trip. Dine-in, carry out and drive-thru available. We thank you for all your support.

Camp registration is open! You won't want to miss camp this summer. Visit the website at:
<https://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer>

Don't forget permission forms for this year's mission trip are due back on April 26th! The mission trip will be to Burlington, Iowa August 6th-9th.

Sara Bright—Youth Director

TO ALL SENIORS OR COLLEGE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The First Christian Church has awarded this scholarship each year since 1986. We are hoping to reach every high school senior and college student who is eligible to receive this scholarship.

Scholarship applications may be requested from the church office. Office phone 573.581.4628 or email Shellonda Jahn at smannfcc77@gmail.com.

All applications must be returned to the First Christian Church Office by April 5, 2023.

Each scholarship application will be scored by the committee in the following manner. Each item will be graded from 1 through 5 with 5 being the highest.

- Participation in First Christian Church of Mexico, Mo.
- Length of membership in First Christian Church, by the applicant.
- Applicant's employment.
- Participation in the Mexico Community.
- Applicant GPA and class rank.
- Must be a member of FCC.

First Christian Church Scholarship Committee

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)
307 West Jackson St.
Mexico, Mo. 65265

***Graduation time will be here
before we know it!***



Our Scholarship fund can always use replenishing. Please consider donating to this fund by honoring a loved one as a memorial gift. Be sure to mark your check "scholarship fund" in the memo or on your envelope so it will be credited to the correct account.

Thank you for helping our next generation succeed both financially and spiritually.



Serving Schedule



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Liturgy of the Palms
Sunday School-9:15 a.m.
Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Resurrection of the Lord
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Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

Sunday: April 2, 2023

Elders: Sharon Slater and Stephanie Owings

Deacons: Team 1

Aubrey Bunge, Randy Owings, Kathy Peak and Pat Thomas.

Deaconesses: Cathy Cidras and Heather McBride

Liturgist: Sharon Slater

Sunday: April 9, 2023

Elders: Doug Thomas and Kathy Spires

Deacons: Team 2

Martha Hagan, Alan Street, Connie Street and Kim Whorton.

Deaconesses: Cathy Cidras and Heather McBride

Liturgist: Cathy Cidras