

The FIRST-CENTENARIAN

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST-CENTENARY

SUN.
Oct 26th

8:30AM: Sanctuary Worship Service
9:30AM: Sunday School
10:45AM: Sanctuary and Vine Worship Services
12:00PM: Free College Lunch
12:00PM: Stewardship Luncheon
4:30PM: Sunday Night Youth Group
5:00PM: Sunday Night Worship & Dinner
5:00PM: Positive Christian Singles Walk at The Greenway
7:00PM: College Small Group at The Wesley

MON.
Oct 27th

11:30AM: The Centenary Committee Meeting
7:00PM: College Small Group at The Wesley

TUES.
Oct 28th

10:00AM: Church Staff Meeting
10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
10:00AM: ABIDE Caregivers Support Group
10:00AM: Crafty Capers
10:00AM: Positive Christian Singles Coffee Talk at Jacks
10:30AM: United Women in Faith Chris Bowles Circle
11:00AM: Mustard Tree Ministries Board Meeting
4:00PM: SPRC
7:00PM: College Small Group at The Wesley

WED.
Oct 29th

10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
12:00AM: Finance Meeting
5:00PM: Fall Festival

THURS.
Oct 30th

10:00AM: ABIDE Respite Ministry
11:00AM: Ms. Jarenda Retirement Celebration
1:30PM: Aldersgate Vibrations
7:00PM: College Small Group at The Wesley

FRI.
Oct 31st

4:00PM: Trunk-or-Treat with Mustard Tree Ministries

SAT.
Nov 1st

10:00AM: Forward Grief Group

SCRIPTURE SPOTLIGHT

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

~ John 15:15



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Rev. Caroline Archer

CLERGY CORNER

The Archers went camping for Fall Break, and the kids discovered birch bark for the first time. They

were amazed at the way the bark falls to the forest floor in sheets and began making a collection. They learned to spot birch trees by looking up for the white trunks and excitedly ran to the base of each tree to add to their collection. They searched the whole campground, rock hopping across streams to get every bit they could find.

Once they realized birch bark makes an incredible fire starter, they offered some to each and every camp site, showing them where to find our collection if they needed more. I am so thankful my children know that everyone should experience the light, warmth, and comfort of a fire on a perfectly cool fall night.

Hear the good news: God gives us everything we need through Her wondrous creation. She delights in our discovery of this great truth, even (and especially) through the small things like sharing nature's fire starter. May we remember that sharing the good news can be simple, joyful, holy work.

"And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it." Mark 16:20

~ Rev. Caroline Archer



FALL FESTIVAL IS NEXT WEDNESDAY!

Our annual Fall Festival is officially set for **October 29th from 5:00-7:30p.m.** This fun-filled evening will include inflatables, trunk-or-treat, games and activities, delicious food, and so much more! Bring your family, invite your friends, and come enjoy a night of Fall fun together.

How You Can Help

We need volunteers to help make this event a success!

Opportunities include:

- Running inflatables
- Decorating a trunk and passing out candy
- Cooking and serving
- Running activity booths

Sign up outside the worship spaces or call the church office!

Candy Donations

We're also collecting candy for trunk-or-treat! Donations can be dropped off in the Welcome Center or in the buckets outside each worship space.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT WITH MUSTARD TREE MINISTRIES

Mustard Tree Ministries Trunk-or-Treat will be at both, **College Hill Courts and East Lake Courts, on October 31st!** We're looking for volunteers to join us with decorated trunks and to hand out candy in the community. We will gather in the **Oak Street Center parking lot at 3:30 p.m. and caravan over together, OR you can meet us there at 4:00 p.m.** The event will wrap up around 6:00 p.m. We're also collecting candy donations! Donations can be dropped off in the Welcome Center and labeled MTM. **For more information, contact Barry Kidwell at bkidwell@firstcentenary.com.**



This month in First Kids Preschool our theme is "Super Kids!" Brave is not the first word most people think of when they think of themselves. But when we think of God, the powerful God who is always with us and can help us be brave, even the most fearful of us can be strong and courageous with God! Our Memory Verse is "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . for the Lord your God goes with you." (Deuteronomy 31:6 NIV)

This month in First Kids K- 5th Grade, our theme is Wisdomland- God can help us make the wise choice! We may not know the answer to every question or problem, but God does. When we look at God's Big Story, we can see that we can turn to Him for wisdom whenever we need help. Our memory verse is "It is much better to get wisdom than gold. It is much better to choose understanding than silver." (Proverbs 16:16, NIV)

Join us in the Children's Wing for our Sunday School and Worship Opportunities!

- Early Service Childcare: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- First Kids Worship: 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
- First Kids Sunday Night: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



FREE COLLEGE LUNCH

Calling all fcCollege students! Join us in **The Vine lobby THIS SUNDAY after the 10:45 service** to walk over to one of our favorite restaurants. Enjoy some great conversation, get to know other young adults, and hear about some upcoming events. Lunch is on us!



Join us for a special luncheon to kick off our Fall stewardship campaign on **October 26th at 12:00p.m. in The Vine!**



Join us on **November 2nd during the 10:45 a.m. worship services in both the Sanctuary and The Vine** as we honor and remember the saints who have gone before us. You are invited to bring a photo or small piece of memorabilia in remembrance of a loved one who has passed away to place on the altar as part of this meaningful time of worship and reflection.



CENTENARY SUNDAY

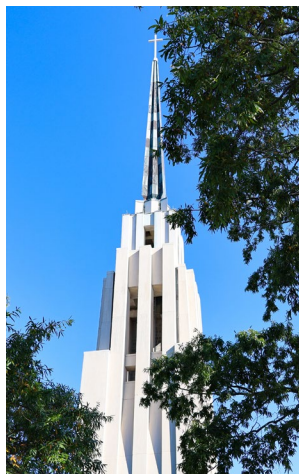
Centenary Sunday will be celebrated on **November 9th during the 10:45 a.m. worship services in both the Sanctuary and The Vine**. Join us for this special day as The Centenary shares a short surprise presentation during worship, you won't want to miss it!



Join us in celebrating the ministry of Dr. Jan McNair! For thirty years now (can you believe it!), Jan has blessed this congregation with her many musical and organizational talents, creating countless memorable worship experiences.

To show our appreciation, the Chancel Choir will host a reception in the Cloister on **Sunday, November 2nd, following the 10:45 service**. Please join us in honoring Jan for her many years of tireless service – and looking forward to many more to come!

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LEGACY LUNCHEON



SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 26th, 2025

Sanctuary Services:
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

"Aligned With the Word"
John 15:1-17
Rev. Jason Gattis

The Vine Services:
10:45 a.m.

"Aligned With the Word"
John 15:1-17
Rev. Dr. Will Lauderback

Mustard Tree Services:
5:00 p.m.

The Vine
Rev. Barry Kidwell

Lectionary Readings:

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

WDEF-TV Televised Sermons:

11:30 a.m. Sundays & 12:35 a.m. Mondays

"Ministry Will Never End"
Rev. Jason Gattis