



CONNECTING POINT

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST



...the little things

Ever stop to consider how important you are to the success of your church? It's been said, almost all the greatest successes in life are won by fine margins. For example, the fastest runner in the world is no more than a few fractions of a second ahead of the other competitors.

According to George McMillan, a university swimming coach, the fastest swimmer is only separated from the others by a few short inches. A "drop in the bucket" may not seem too significant. However, it may be very great in the result it produces. Small pieces of adhesive tape, which somehow disappeared from their proper position, caused a delay in the orbiting of a very expensive satellite. Every single piece of stone in a mosaic is indispensable.

One little wire doesn't appear too important, but when it's disconnected your car can't go anywhere. Look at the peacock's tail and remember the tiny bit of matter within the egg from which that peacock grew. A tiny screw on the wing of an airplane may save a crash. A faulty switch repaired may prevent a fire.

Little things are extremely important. Not necessarily because of what they are in themselves, but rather because they are part of something that depends heavily upon them for success. We might feel we are but one small speck in the universe without much worth or value. We might believe we can make little or no contribution to the world, others, and God. **BUT THAT'S WRONG!**

Every person, whether single or married, young or old, rich or poor, weak or strong, **is absolutely and extremely important**. The Bible reminds us Jesus died for the world and rose from the grave.

But would you believe if the "world" had been you alone, He still would have come and died for you because you are extremely important to Him?

You are incredibly important to God, to Jesus, His church, and the world He created.

Don't ever underestimate your value or importance. God placed you on this earth for His sovereign purposes. He led you to His church for specific purposes – His. And His purposes not only are important, but they also always prevail. Your role in His world is extremely important, especially as part of His church.

If God's church is to accomplish all He has called her to do, it will take your help. You are strategically important to your church. Your prayers are important. Your participation is important. Your giving is important. Your serving is important. Your faithfulness is important. Everything you are and everything you do is extremely important to God's church and what He wants to accomplish in the world.

So next time you're thinking about skipping a service or bowing out from helping in some ministry or activity; next time the devil attempts to convince you what you have to offer or what you do is no big deal — that your time, talent or resources won't make that big of a difference; next time you start believing what you bring to the table is just some insignificant, little thing ... remember:

It's the ***little things*** that make THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE!

Blessings,

Pastor David



That You May Believe: A Journey Through John's Gospel

The Gospel of John is a bold and beautiful invitation to know Jesus—not just to know about Him, but to believe in Him and have life in His name. Unlike the other Gospel writers, John's purpose is explicitly clear: *"These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name"* (John 20:31).

In this series, **"That You May Believe,"** we will journey through key moments in John's Gospel—signs, conversations, miracles, and declarations—that reveal who Jesus truly is. From the Word made flesh, to the Good Shepherd, to the Resurrection and the Life, John leads us again and again to the heart of faith: trusting in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Whether you've walked with Jesus for years or are just beginning to ask questions about Him, this series is for you. As we open the pages of John's Gospel, our prayer is that each of us would come face to face with the living Christ—and that we would believe. And in believing, that we would find life. True life. Eternal life.

Let's open our hearts and minds to the One who came so that *we may believe*.



The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 1, 2025 in observance of Labor Day. Thank you.

From the Church Secretary:

School is back in session. If you want something in the bulletin or in the on screen announcements, I need the information by close of business on Wednesday before the announcement is to run.

I'm still planning to be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays about 9 am and will be there until the day's work is done (1-4 hours typically). If you need something and I am not here, just leave a note on the desk . Thanks.

Julie



Look In the Mirror

Read James 1:13, 22-24 (ESV)

¹³ *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.*

Reflect

²² *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.* ²³ *For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.* ²⁴ *For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.*

Have you ever had one of those days when you just feel like whatever it is, you've got it? You notice that other people just can't help but notice you. It feels like everyone's eyes are on you. Man, you must look good today! You check the mirror to see just how attractive you are only to discover that the sloppy joe you had for lunch must have been extra sloppy today. You've got it all over your face!

Now you are faced with a choice. You can either accept the reality in the mirror and fix the problem by wiping off your face. Or, you can leave it there and carry on with your self-delusion that the rest of the world thinks you're hot stuff.

In the above verses, James says that if we hear the Word of God but we don't put it into practice we are like a man who checks himself out in the mirror but then just turns and walks away. Even if he has sloppy joe all over his face!

You see, God's Word is like a mirror. But instead of showing us how we look on the outside, it exposes the truth of our hearts. The author of Hebrews wrote: "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

God's Word has the power to expose the areas of our lives that need some attention. But what good is it if the Bible shows us changes that we need to make but we ignore it! Why bother reading your Bible or listening to a sermon at all if you are just going to leave the spiritual slop all over your soul?

James says that when we hear the Word without being "doers of the Word" that we are deceiving ourselves. If we think Christianity is about how much we know, we are dead wrong. God didn't just give us the Bible to make us more spiritually enlightened. His Word is of both spiritual and practical use.

2 Timothy 3:17 tells us why Scripture was given to us: "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." You see, God gave us His Word to make us perfect and complete in Christ, equipped to do His work.

Friends, God's Word is meant to change us but we have to respond to it. We have to put what He's teaching us into practice. Today, spend some time looking into the mirror of God's Word, ask God to show you which areas of your life need some attention, and then take action. When you do, you'll gradually begin to notice that your reflection looks a little less like you and little more like Him.

Respond

Lord, I want to be more like You. Reveal to me through Your Word changes that I need to make in my life and help me to take action. I don't want to just hear You, I want to obey You. Amen.

Reveal

Start a short "Mirror Challenge" with a friend—read one Scripture together daily for 5 days and each commit to one action step it calls for. Then reflect together on how it went. Let God's Word guide the growth.



THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Bible Study



TUESDAYS @ 10:30AM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 16TH
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST | CHEROKEE, IA

How do we faithfully follow the Lord while living in a place and culture opposed to the very things of God?

That's precisely the question Daniel faced. In this Bible study through the 12 chapters in the book of Daniel, you'll discover how Daniel resisted the pressure to comply.

The book of Daniel is a fascinating mix of stories about Daniel in exile and his prophecies about coming kingdoms and the end times. This Bible study explores Daniel's life in Babylon and his prophetic visions in which earthly rulers and heavenly powers collide.

Join us each Tuesday morning this fall!

The adventure starts at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16th!

We'll see you there!



Brought to you by Cherokee Regional Hospice Social Workers and Nurse Manager in partnership with the Cherokee County Suicide Prevention Coalition.

A SAFE SPACE | HEALING TOGETHER

Facing the Mourning:

An interactive grief support group for adults designed to help with the grieving process by using visual and thought provoking tools. Open to grief from death by suicide no matter how long ago you were affected by this tragedy.

SEPT. 9: KEEPING YOUR MEMORIES ALIVE
SEPT. 16: LETTER WRITING
SEPT. 23: JOURNALING YOUR THOUGHTS
SEPT. 30: WORKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

Tuesday's in September
 Beginning September 9th
Marcus City Hall
5:00pm to 6:30pm



To register contact:
 Cherokee Regional Hospice
 or use the QR code

FREE Garage Sale

Faith Lutheran Church, AALC

Sat. Sept. 20
8am-1 pm

If you see an item you
 can use,
 simply take it home
 with you!

**Want to donate clothing
 or household items?**

Drop off at Faith Lutheran

Wed, Sept. 17 3-7 pm

Thurs, Sept. 18 3-7 pm

113 N. Main St., Holstein

No cribs, car seats, old TV's or
 computers please.

**ONLY CLEAN ITEMS
 ACCEPTED.**

712-368-2850

www.Faith4Life.org



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Bea Carver
1123 W. Bluff St.
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712-225-2656

Time To Celebrate

Birthdays

6th—Jerry Clark
18th—Lorraine Duvall
23rd—Curtis Wiese
24th—Mary Hasbrouck
27th—Alexander Johnson



Anniversary

Della & Royden Rupp—9/1 (20 years)



If you have a September birthday (or anniversary), and I missed getting you on the list, please let me know and I will get our records updated. I apologize if I did miss someone. Thank you. *Julie*

UPDATED

INFORMATION

I am finding some information (current address or phone, birthday, anniversary date, etc.), is not right in our records. If you aren't sure if your information is right, please call Julie on Tuesday or Thursday morning or take a form from the table in the foyer, complete it and leave it in the office. Thank you!



MCS Birthday Party

September 13

Larry Heschke is hosting

Weekly / Monthly Activities

- ☐ **Bible Study** - Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. (on break for now)
- ☐ **Homemakers** - 2nd Thursday 9:30 a.m.
- ☐ **Scout Troop 107** - Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- ☐ **Bible Buddies** - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (on break for now—will be back after Labor Day)
- ☐ **Quilt Batts Connections (Sewing Days)** - First Full Weekend (Friday @ 9 a.m. & Saturday all day)
- ☐ **Quilt Batts Meetings** - 3rd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

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Rightnow Media Summer Promotion (3 x 3 H)

WORSHIP TEAM SCHEDULE

September 2025			
7	14	21	28
Children's Church	Children's Church	Children's Church	Children's Church
Sholeen Sparks	Polly Fishman	Dixie Draper	Angela Hall
Children's Sunday School	Children's Sunday School	Children's Sunday School	Children's Sunday School
Sholeen Sparks	Polly Fishman	Dixie Draper	Angela Hall
Shut-In Communion	Shut-In Communion	Shut-In Communion	Shut-In Communion
Kirk Nelson	Larry Heschke	David Hall	TBD
Communion Coordinator	Communion Coordinator	Communion Coordinator	Communion Coordinator
Mike Sparks	Kirk Nelson	Barry Nelson	Larry Heschke
Communion Message	Communion Message	Communion Message	Communion Message
Guy Fishman	David Hall	Kirk Nelson	Mike Sparks
Worship Leader	Worship Leader	Worship Leader	Worship Leader
Sharon Henkel	David Hall	Sharon Henkel	David Hall
Piano	Piano	Piano	Piano
N/A	Eleanor Johnston	N/A	N/A
Singers	Singers	Singers	Singers
Nancy Nelson	Angela Hall	Angela Hall	
Larry Heschke		Nancy Nelson	
PowerPoint	PowerPoint	PowerPoint	PowerPoint
Braella Inman	Nancy Nelson	Braella Inman	Nancy Nelson
Sound	Sound	Sound	Sound
Mike Sparks	Larry Heschke	Mike Sparks	Larry Heschke
Janitorial	Janitorial	Janitorial	Janitorial
Jean Heschke	Jean Heschke	Jean Heschke	Jean Heschke
Larry Heschke	Larry Heschke	Larry Heschke	Larry Heschke

BOARD OF ELDERS & DEACONS



MONTHLY MEETING

September 14, 2025

Following the Morning Worship Service

CHRISTIAN HOMEMAKERS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 @ 9:30 AM AT THE CHURCH

POLLY IS HOSTING, HAS THE DEVOTIONS AND THE
HEIRLOOM TO SHARE

Date	Offering	Attendance
8/3/2025	\$1,604.25	On Campus: 49 Online: 32 Total: 81
8/10/2025	\$4,831.00	On Campus: 51 Online: 28 Total: 79
8/17/2025	\$1,297.00	On Campus: 56 Online: 14 Total: 70
8/24/2025	\$	On Campus: 55 Online: 15 Total: 70
8/31/2025	\$N/A	On Campus: Online: Total:

Hello Bible Buddies Students and Families!

It's hard to believe that summer break has come to an end and a new school year is underway. We are praying for each student, that God grant them a blessed and successful learning journey.

To help that become a reality, we believe that including God and learning the precepts of His Word is vital. To that end, we are excited to offer another season of **Bible Buddies** for the 2025-26 school year. Our group teachers and volunteers are busily making preparations to share weekly with your children.

To get the new season rolling we invite you to join us for a **Fall Kick-Off** event taking place on **Wednesday, September 3, from 6:30 - 7:30pm**. We will be gathering on the church lawn on the north side of the building for a free hamburger/hotdog cookout. *The only thing you need to bring are lawn chairs to sit in.*

In addition to the meal, there will be a time for playing yard games, bouncing in an inflatable bounce house, and a chance to win some prizes! You won't want to miss it!!

Registration forms for this new season are available on the literature table in the church foyer. Complete each section and bring it with you to the Kick-Off. Registration forms will also be available to complete at the event.

It's going to be a fantastic year, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

**For the Entire Family
Meal Provided**

2025

BIBLE BUDDIES FALL KICK-OFF

COOKOUT


SEPTEMBER 3 @ 6:30PM

Bible Buddies

First Church of Christ
772 N 2nd St
Cherokee, IA 51012
(712) 225-2667
www.cherokeefcc.com

Registration for Children
Ages 4 through 5th Grade

Food! Games! Fun!




THE LORD DOES NOT LOOK AT THE THINGS
PEOPLE LOOK AT. PEOPLE LOOK AT THE
OUTSIDE OF A PERSON. BUT THE LORD
LOOKS AT WHAT IS IN THE HEART.
1 SAMUEL 16:7B

BIBLE BUDDIES

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
PreK - 5th grades

First Church of Christ
772 N. 2nd Street
Cherokee, IA 51012
(712) 225-2667




MISSIONS THE CHURCH SUPPORTS



BIBLE BUDDIES Mission

Please continue to collect pull tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Bring them to the church anytime. Let's see if we can collect 14 pounds of tabs this Bible Buddies season!



First Church of Christ
772 N. 2nd Street
Cherokee, IA 51012
(712) 225-2667

Handbags with Hope

Purses and Toiletries for Women in Need

Accepting donations of new or gently used purses or handbags and toiletry items to fill our handbags.

Handbags With Hope is meant to bless women struggling from abuse and addiction.

Items Needed:

- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- mouth wash
- deodorant
- pads
- tampons
- lotion
- soap
- shampoo
- conditioner

