



the VISITOR

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OUR MISSION
**To know God and
follow Jesus Christ.**
Happening Soon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

- Worship 8:30 & 10:30am, Sanctuary
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, Cinema
- Burns Night Volunteer Mtg, 12pm, YFH
- All Youth Corn Maze, 4pm, Shyrock's

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

- Stewardship & Finance Meeting, 5:30pm, Morris Parlor

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Ladies' Book Club, 11:30am, Morris Parlor
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Bell Choir, 5pm, 3rd Floor
- Officers Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom
- Chancel Choir, 5:45pm, 3rd Floor

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7-9am, RATI
- Fall Church Work Day, 9am-12pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- Worship 8:30 & 10:30am, Sanctuary
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, Cinema
- Sunday Movie Matinee, 12pm, Cinema
- CYF, 5pm, YFH



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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12TH

*"Apprenticeship:
Endurance"*

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

2 WORSHIP OPTIONS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH @ 8:30 & 10:30 AM:

In-person worship in the Sanctuary.

-OR-

AT-HOME, ONLINE: Tune in to our
livestream on Sunday mornings on YouTube,
or watch the recording of the live service—
available on Monday via email/YouTube
channel/FCC Facebook page.

*"First Christian Church
(Columbia, Missouri)"*

Sunday Movie Matinee: The Sting

Sunday Movie Matinee on Sunday, October 19 in the cinema at noon

Help us honor Robert Redford by joining us on Sunday, October 19 for another Sunday Movie Matinee! This month, we'll watch the 1973 classic "The Sting". The Sting follows con men (Robert Redford & Paul Newman) as they seek revenge on a crime boss (Robert Shaw) following the murder of a mutual friend. This is a special weekend classic, not only because we are offering free popcorn and drinks, but for a \$5 donation you can get some pizza! Join us on Sunday, October 19 in the cinema!



Burns Night Volunteer Meetings

Burns Night Supper Fundraiser Second Volunteer Informational Meeting October 12

Our annual youth mission trip fundraiser is coming up in January, and even though it feels like *forever* from now, we all know it'll be here in no time! Rev. Topher has planned two volunteer informational meetings for those who are interested in getting involved. The second of these volunteer info meetings will be held on Sunday, October 12 immediately following worship at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The first volunteer info meeting was held virtually over Zoom on Thursday, October 2.



Breakfast for Our Brethren

Volunteer with BFOB Saturday Mornings in October!

We have had an amazing turn out for sign ups and donations for this month's Breakfast for Our Brethren! We are so grateful to everyone who has donated food, time, and energy to this cause. If you would like to donate food or your time to Saturday morning breakfasts, there are sign up sheets in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or you can sign up online at <https://bit.ly/octoberb4ob>.

The SignUp Genius will be updated every week as we need more food donations, but you can sign up to serve any time. It's essential for serving volunteers to sign up in advance so we know that we have enough hands to serve each Saturday morning! Contact the Church Office (fcc@firstchristian.org) if you have any questions.





News of the People & Places

Sympathy...

• **Beth Nelms** passed away on Wednesday, October 1. Beth was 85 years old. Services for Beth are currently pending. Please keep the Nelms children in your prayers (Keats, Rob, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Benjamin) during this time of grief and transition.

Prayers of Health & Healing...

• **Helen Stemmons** fell and broke her femur two weeks ago, which required a partial hip replacement on Friday, September 26. She was transferred to Columbia Post Acute last week for rehab and plans to be there until mid-October.

• **Sherry Kaye Dobbs**, the sister of **Marilyn Schappert**, was transferred back to University Hospital from Columbia Post Acute for further testing as she continues to recover from pneumonia.

• **Brad Stagg** had a spinal injection last Wednesday, and will continue to assess whether further treatment for his back will be necessary.

Congratulations...

• **Molly (Read) Ring** received the Diversity Champion Award from Latinos Connect for her work as an Art teacher at Benton High School! This award recognizes her ongoing commitment to creating inclusive spaces and supporting the Latino community in every role she serves.

Office Updates...

• **Tophier Endress** will travel to Black Mountain, NC from Sunday, October 19 - Friday, October 24 for the Chautauqua Comes to Christmount conference. All pastoral concerns should be passed on to **Rev. Brad. Stagg** in during that time.



Welcome, New Member!

Debbie Odor joined First Christian on Sunday, September 28

Debbie Odor joined First Christian Church on Sunday, September 28. Debbie has been attending frequently following the passing of her husband, Clark, whose service was held at FCC in April. Debbie is transferring her membership from Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tn. Please offer Debbie a warm welcome the next time you see her in worship as a new member!



OCTOBER

Birthdays

October 7 - Pamela Hoepfner, Meg Judy
October 8 - Marcy Douglas, Michael Snyder
October 9 - Mona Stevenson
October 10 - Alex Johnson, Julie Nichols
October 11 - Brady Marrero, Joy Overacre

Anniversaries

October 8 - Kelly Schmidt & Seth McCormick
October 10 - Carolyn & Curtis Snow
October 11 - Ryan & Laura Hunsaker

Fall Church Work Day

Church Work Day on Saturday, October 18 from 9am-12pm

The arrival of fall & football are also our signals that it is time to give the Church's exterior grounds their annual shape up in preparation for the winter ahead. Join us on **Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m.**

until noon (or any portion thereof) to clean up, spruce up and shape up the church grounds after the summer growing season and late summer/fall drought! Mary Daugherty & Peggy Veatch will again lead our efforts, and Fred Mottaz will offer his truck & trailer to haul mulch! **Volunteers are asked to bring their own gardening tools, gloves, hats, sunscreen and drinking water.** At least two or three wheelbarrows, mulch forks or shovels will also be needed. **If you can join us on October 18, please email, call or text Mike Randerson ASAP at dmranderson@mchsi.com or 573-424-4858.**

Our weather makeup day will be Saturday, October 25, same time. Hope to see you there!



Mike Randerson

Save the Date! Christmas Bazaar

Annual Christmas Bazaar set for Saturday, November 15

Please save the date for the annual Christmas Bazaar! This year's bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 15 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m in Yonker Fellowship Hall. All are invited to shop for handcrafted gifts, art, crafts, and holiday items. **Brenda Mosby** will begin volunteer sign-ups in the Narthex on Sunday, October 26, but you can contact her any time (573-881-8385) if you're interested in volunteering!



Communion Connection

Elders Offering Communion Connection this October

Communion Connection is scheduled for October 18 - October 20 to bring communion and fellowship to any of our members who are unable to join us at church. If you are an Elder or Deacon who would like to serve or if you know of a church member who would like a visit from our team, please contact **Jessica Humble** at humblejessi-ca00@gmail.com or 573-808-6394.



Save the Date! Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26 from 4-6pm

Dress up, bring your friends, and join us in the church parking lot this year on Sunday, October 26 for some trunk-or-treating, treats, games, and fun! The event will take place in both the church parking lot and Yonker Fellowship Hall from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Join us for the entirety or just a portion of that time for fun and good treats!



Help make Trunk-or-Treat happen for FCC Youth! As we prepare for next month, we are looking for volunteers who want to decorate their trunks and offer candy to our trick-or-treaters, or share donations of treats for our cake walk and additional candy donations! Please email **Rev. Topher** at topher@firstchristian.org if you would be interested in making treats for the cake walk or decorating your trunk. **We only need five more trunks to meet our goal!** There is currently a donation bin outside of the Church Office for candy donations leading up to Trunk or Treat. Candy without nuts is preferred!

Loaves & Fishes

Serving Dinner on Monday, October 27

This month's Loaves & Fishes serving date falls on Monday, October 27 and we are looking for volunteers to help prep, deliver and serve food! Volunteers are needed at Room at the Inn (1509 Ashley St) from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. for serving and cleaning dishes. We are also in need of two co-serving leaders, who will act as point people for transporting food, serving and cleaning up at Room at the Inn. There is an online sign-up available, if you'd like to see where volunteers are still needed: <https://bit.ly/octloaves25>. If you can't join us this month, but want to be added to the Loaves & Fishes email list, contact **Erin** in the Church Office and you'll hear from us in December. Thank you all so much for making this ministry possible!



Youth Group Schedule

Join this Sunday!



YG @ Shyrock's Corn Maze • 4-6pm • October 12
CYF • 5pm • October 19
Trunk or Treat • 4-6pm • October 26
CYF • 5pm • November 2

Meeting in Yonker Fellowship Hall

Schiffman Ethics in Society Lecture

Jim Obergefell to give annual lecture on October 23, 2025

Jim Obergefell, the plaintiff in the landmark Supreme Court marriage equality case *Obergefell v. Hodges*, will offer this year's Schiffman Ethics in Society Lecture. The lecture is scheduled this fall on October 23, 2025 at Columbia College. Obergefell's lecture is titled "Purposeful, Ethical Activism: Navigating Complex Moral Terrain in a Divided Society."



Boone Health Volunteer Opportunity

Looking for Gift Shop Volunteers



Boone Health Volunteer Services

is currently looking for volunteers to assist in their Gift Shop. The volunteers in this role serve as a retail associate providing customer service to our patients and guests, checking out purchases, assisting with new inventory, and the merchandising and decorating of the store. The Gift Shop at Boone Health plays a vital role in supporting the Boone Hospital Foundation. Gift Shop proceeds assist the Foundation in providing enhancements and expansions to Boone Health's inpatient and community outreach programs and services. Donations and proceeds elevate care and community wellness by funding advanced education for caregivers and staff, providing specialized equipment for critical care program, and creating enhancements to our overall healing environment. Without our Gift Shop volunteers, these goals cannot be achieved! If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or how you can get involved, please contact the Boone Health Volunteer Services Coordinator, Amber Kneibel. You can reach Amber at 573-815-2805 or amber.kneibel@boone.health.



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And follow Jesus Christ.*

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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, October 12, 2025

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Carla Tanzey

WELCOME STATION: Valerie Freed

FLOWER MINISTRY:

Paula Hoenes & Anne Campbell

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Karen Hobson

EARLY SERVICE HELPERS:

Richard & Natalie Barnard

COMMUNION PREP: Debbie & Bryan Garton

GREETERS: Susan Ramsey (N. DOOR),
Gerald Ramsey (S. DOOR), Tracy Fuemmeler
(ATRIUM), Chris Fuemmeler (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: Tiger Li

LITURGIST: Tracy Fuemmeler

8:30 ELDER: Stacia Schaefer

10:30 ELDERS: Fred Mottaz, Brenda Mosby,
Janelle Patterson (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Judy Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Holly Gieseke

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Janelle Patterson & Jerry Miller