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

Happening Soon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 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
- Trunk or Treat, 4-6pm, Parking Lot

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

- Loaves & Fishes, 4-6pm, RATI

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Drennan Meeting, 1pm, Lenoir Woods
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Bell Choir, 5pm, 3rd Floor
- Chancel Choir, 5:45pm, 3rd Floor

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- All Saints Hymn Sing, 8:30 & 10:30am
- 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
- Church Women United, 2:30pm, YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH



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20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 26TH

"Apprenticeship: The Good Fight"

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-18

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)"*

This Sunday! Trunk or Treat

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

Dress up, bring your friends, and join us in the church parking lot on Sunday afternoon 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! Thank you to everyone who has already donated candy, treats, or their time to this event—we are so grateful for all of your support. God's love is present as we share with our neighbors, especially through all of the sugar-fueled chaos, cute costumes, and fun!



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!



All Saints Sunday Hymn Sing

Alternative Worship Option on All Saints Sunday, November 2



There will be a hymn sing on Sunday, November 2 for All Saints Sunday in the place of our typical worship format. The hymn sing will take place for both services at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Bring your beautiful voices and look up the numbers of a few of your favorite hymns to prepare for Sunday morning as we sing together and honor our saints who have passed away since November of last year.



News of the People & Places

Prayers of Health & Healing...

- Kelly Gilbert, the daughter-in-law of **Rosalie Gilbert**, is on the kidney donor list. Rosalie asks for prayers for Kelly and Rosalie's son, who is in a wheelchair. Kelly is Rosalie's son's primary caretaker.
- **Carol Slusher** continues to recover from pneumonia, but **Paula Slusher** has now come down with an illness and could use some prayers as she recovers!
- **Rich Montgomery** spent several days in the hospital last week and is now recovering at Columbia Post Acute.

Congratulations...



On Saturday, October 18, **Rev. Sally Robinson** officiated the wedding of **Sonya Swanson Carney** and Brett Bachman at Shortwave Coffee. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

Thank You...

A huge THANK YOU goes out to **Jacki Davidson, Brenda Mosby, Sarah Storm, Eric Seaman** and **Dan & Holly Gieseke** for delivering communion to 14 of our members over this last weekend!

What a blessing it was to be able to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to those who couldn't join us in church.

Jessica Humble

Thank you to **Karen Hobson** for the generous donation of apples from her trees for Apple Week at MDO! We are enjoying fresh apple recipes made daily by Ms. Hayley for our preschool snacks in addition to using apples for observing, painting, tasting/charting, stamping, and more!



Thank you to **Brenda Mosby, Bob Hutton, Justin DeWick, Erin Perry**, and all the rest who helped organize, clear out, move and set up the church's historical relics to pave the way for the repurposing of the Historical Room space as a classroom for our Mother's Day Out Preschool and Early Learning Center.

Thank you to **Scott & Shannon Schaefer** for their generous donation of a Pikler triangle ladder for Mother's Day Out kiddos to climb and explore!

Thank you to **the Silverwood Family** for your time and hard work in moving the MDO Preschool Room into its new space on the 2nd floor AND your continued assistance in freshening up youth education classrooms on the third floor to allow for better use of the spaces during the week while also improving their function for our children on Sunday morning!

Hayley Batterson & Mother's Day Out

News from Mother's Day Out

The former Historical Room has traded its archives for apples and its old pictures for our oldest preschoolers as Mother's Day Out officially opened the second-floor space as the classroom for our 4-5 year old friends during the week! Once a quiet keeper of our church's history, this room now bursts with the holy work of preschool: sharing, listening, and loving our neighbors (even when they take the red marker).



This transformation is more than just a change of decoration and furniture. It's a reflection of our church's deep commitment to nurturing children not just academically, but emotionally and spiritually. In this space, we are preparing children not only for kindergarten, but for a life of empathy, resilience and love.

We are deeply grateful for the vision, discussion, and care that made this transformation possible. Thanks to generous hearts and nimble hands, this space now serves to shepherd children in faith, love and readiness for the world beyond these walls.

Mother's Day Out Preschool's mission has always been about more than the ABCs—it's about nurturing hearts, building community, and planting seeds of faith. In this newly repurposed space, we're doing just that. From preserving the past to preparing the future, this room proudly continues its sacred work at First Christian Church.

As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me...for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

Hayley Batterson, Director of Mother's Day Out Preschool

OCTOBER

Birthdays

October 27 - David Potthast, Kurt Schaefer

October 28 - James Carrier

October 30 - Daisy Crane, Rachael Fullington,
Drew Gieseke

October 31 - Richard Hoepfner

November 1 - Cherry Hinderberger, Lillian McCormack,
Richard Schomaker

November 2 - Holly Gieseke

Anniversaries

October 29 - David & Debbie Potthast

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. We are looking for volunteers to help us make this year's Bazaar possible! **Brenda Mosby** will begin volunteer sign-ups in the Narthex this Sunday, October 26, but you can contact her any time (573-881-8385) if you're interested in volun-

First Christian Church
101 N. 10th - Downtown Columbia

Christmas
Bazaar



Saturday, November 15
8am - 2pm, Fellowship Hall



teering!
We will
need bread
& cookie
makers,
servers,
and more
to make
this year's
Bazaar a
success!

Get Your FCC Church Merch!

Variety of Church Merchandise Available for Sale

As we head into another season of several church events for both members and the Columbia community, we wanted to encourage you all to consider purchasing some First Christian Church apparel! Wearing your favorite FCC shirt is a perfect way to advertise the church while you're running errands, or to stand out as a welcoming figure at church events where visitors need advice or directions.

First Christian has branded shirts, gear, and swag that can be ordered direct, right from the comfort of your own home! All items are print-on-demand, so you can pick and choose from a wide array of designs on a huge selection of potential items. There are standard, classic shirts of course, but also more fitted options, dry-fit options, and even sleeveless. You can also find water bottles, stickers, phone cases, tote bags, socks, and even a wall clock! If you're interested in perusing designs or different products to purchase, contact the Church Office for more information: fcc@firstchristian.org.



Youth Group Schedule

Join this Sunday!



Trunk or Treat • 4-6pm • October 26

CYF • 5pm • November 2

Chi-Rho & CYF • 4pm & 5pm • November 9

CYF • 5pm • November 16

Meeting in Yonker Fellowship Hall

Sunday Morning Security

New Door Protocol for Sunday mornings

On Sunday, October 12, we test ran a new security protocol for the church during worship on Sunday mornings. We hope to continue to test this system over the next few weeks, so we're looking for feedback from you all as we do so! Beginning at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, the kitchen, portico, and office entryway doors will be locked in order to keep the building more secure during worship. The Narthex and Sanctuary doors (bell tower door and north door) will remain OPEN during worship. This means that all doors to the building will remain open leading up to the late service (7:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.), but once worship begins at 10:30 a.m., members and visitors will have 15 minutes to enter any external door other than the sanctuary doors. While only two doors will be accessible from the outside of the building, **all five exterior doors mentioned will be accessible as exits, in case of a fire or other emergency.**



Overall, this means that if you are someone who arrives after 10:45 a.m. for worship, you will either need to navigate around the building to the two sanctuary/narthex doors on 10th street, **or** ring the door bell and Maria, our weekend custodian, will let you by opening the doors from the office.

If you have any feedback for how this new system might impact you, please let us know! You can email us at fcc@firstchristian.org or call the office during the week at (573) 449-7265. Thank you all so much for your patience with us as we test out this new way to stay safe during worship!

Stewardship & Finance Meeting

Monday, November 10 @ 5:30 p.m.

Cabinet Meeting

Tuesday, November 11 @ 6:30 p.m.





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Daylight Savings

Time Ends

Sunday, November 2



Don't forget to set your clocks
back by one hour on Saturday
night to ensure you make it to
church on time on
Sunday morning!

Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, October 26, 2025

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Janelle Patterson

WELCOME STATION: Susan Gray

FLOWER MINISTRY: Jessica & Steve Humble

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Carla Tanzey

EARLY SERVICE HELPERS:

Steve & Sharon Smith

COMMUNION PREP:

Ryan, Stacy, & Faith Silverwood

GREETERS: Holly Gieseke (N. DOOR),

Dan Gieseke (S. DOOR), Kathy Miller

(ATRIUM), Jerry Miller (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: Chris Fuemmeler

LITURGIST: Elizabeth Mottaz

8:30 ELDER: Mary Daugherty

10:30 ELDERS: Katie Carrier, Dan Gieseke,

Janelle Patterson (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Hunsaker Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Jessica Humble

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Janelle Patterson & Cindy/Doug Smith