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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor
- Admin Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Worship 8:30 & 10:30am, Sanctuary
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Library
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, Cinema
- Chi-Rho, 4pm, YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH



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14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 14TH

"Apprenticeship: Divine Training"

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

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)"*

Annual Church Picnic at Cosmo Park

Good weather, good food, and good friends found at the Annual Church Picnic!

We were given the perfect day for fellowship at the park this Sunday, with beautiful weather and clear skies! The picnic food table was full of pasta and bean salads, homemade desserts, and hot dogs & hamburgers from grill masters **Bryan Freed & C.K. Hoenes**. There was such a good turnout at this year's picnic that we ran out of plates, which is always a good sign—either the food was just *that* good or there were an abundance of folks sharing it! Thank you to everyone who joined us at the park, who brought a dish to share, and most importantly the Fellowship Team (**Holly Gieseke, Dan Gieseke, Kim Rogers, Hartley Rogers, Paula Hoenes, Jacki Davidson, Marcia Smith, Janelle Patterson, Karen Hobson, Edie Pigg, Carla Tanzey**) for all of their hard work making the picnic happen every year!



This Sunday! Adult Sunday School

The Chosen Sunday School Class Begins this Sunday

The Adult Sunday School class will kick-off this Sunday, September 14 during the 9:30 hour. The kickoff will include a recap of what's been covered in previous classes, an introduction to how the class is structured, and coffee hour treats to share before the class officially dives into new content!

The Adult Sunday School Class will return their focus to the series *The Chosen* this fall. *The Chosen* is a powerful series that brings the Gospels to life by showing the ministry of Jesus through the eyes of the people who encountered Him. With rich storytelling and authentic characters, it draws you into the cultural and spiritual world of the New Testament, making familiar stories feel fresh and personal. Each Sunday, we gather and do a short recap of the previous week's episode and topics we discussed. Then we watch a portion of an episode and discuss how the episode relates to our lives today. The class will kick off by watching Season 3, Episode 6.

Adult Sunday School FAQs

- **Is there homework?** No! Our class is discussion-based.
- **Do I have to talk?** Only if you want to!
- **Will I be behind if I've not watched the first two seasons?** Nope – we're hosting a recap of the series up to where we're starting on Sunday, September 14 from 9:30 -10:30 in Yonker Fellowship Hall – please join us!
- **Who are the leaders?** Katie & Ben Carrier, and Fred Mottaz

Resolutions from General Assembly

Resolution Passed concerning Disability Justice and Inclusion

Another resolution presented to the General Assembly this year was GA-2513, Concerning Disability Justice and Inclusion in All Ministries Within the Christian Church (DOC) in the US and Canada. This resolution called upon the denomination to support the rights of disabled members of the DOC to a self-directed faith, baptism, a place at the table, equitable participation, exploration and development of spiritual gifts, and leadership possibilities including employment and/or the pursuit of ordination. The resolution encouraged members of the DOC to engage in training and learning opportunities to work through conscious and unconscious bias towards members of the disability community, and for regional ministries to make disability justice training available to congregations. The resolution was written in part by our own **Topher Endress**, and passed at the assembly with a nearly-unanimous vote. Each resolution from General Assembly offers us another opportunity to engage in the work of the church—what does **2** disability justice and inclusion look like for First Christian?

Energy Bus on the Move

Brenda Mosby's "Energy Bus" has been on the move this month! The bus started its work cleaning out the Drennan Room, since it had been filled with several items without homes as we cleaned out of Bethany Hall. The Drennan Room was filled with pieces of art from a collection of Mary Alice List, a former member of FCC, whose family donated her art to the church. These pieces have been on display on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall, and are for the taking for a donation. The donations from these sales are going to the CWF "drape" fund, which was originally created to purchase the drapes for the stage, but has since become a holding place for big ticket items for the church. Art will continue to be displayed throughout the month if anyone is interested in perusing or purchasing!



The energy bus acted as the primary force to clean out the Historical Room and move it into Morris Parlor, and they are now back to cleaning out rooms in the basement. Thank you to **Brenda Mosby** and team for keeping this building clean and in order!



Youth Group Schedule

Starting this Sunday!



Chi-Rho • 4-5pm (starting September 21)

CYF • 5-6pm (starting September 14)

Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

July 2025 Financial Report

Following the congregational meeting in June, the Stewardship & Finance Department hoped to offer more transparency about the finances of the church through sharing regular financial reports. Find the report from July 2025 below.

Income Sources General Operations

Tithes and Offerings	\$83,998
Rental and Other	\$2,292
Permanent Funds	\$18,804 (excludes funds marked for Scholarships)

Total Usable Income \$105,094

Expenses

Administrative	\$38,573
Property	\$16,309
All Other	\$16,123
Total Expense	\$71,005

Mother's Day Out

MDO Income	\$34,918
MDO Expense	\$36,437
MDO Net	(\$1,526)

Net Income General and Mother's Day Out

General	\$34,089
MDO	(\$1,526)
NET Income	\$32,563

Capital Campaign

Income	\$9,055
Expense	(\$2,750)
Current Balance	\$34,990

Comments and Notes for July and upcoming Months

\$40,000 cash reserve from permanent funds available but not used

Higher than typical pledge month

Increased property costs due to van maintenance to prepare for mission trips

Increased property costs purchase of new refrigerator

Upcoming Events

Pay outs to Levensen for Organ contracts first from Capital Balance then Property fund and last utilize line of credit if needed.

Rental income for Bethany will begin in September. Net of around \$1,000 a month.

Roof Repair costs to fix leaks over the organ room must be done before we can make full repairs in the organ room. Total Cost no more than \$7,000.

Monthly meetings with Mother's Day Out leaders and Stewardship and Finance to review performance and move to break even and eventual positive margins.

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

- September 15** - Cindy Smith
- September 16** - Donaleigh Richardson
- September 17** - Christina DeVenney, Maddie Marrero
- September 19** - Ben Carrier, Brad Stagg
- September 20** - Kyle Boger, Donna Kessell, Carleigh Snow
- September 21** - Bob Hutton, Lisa Zimmer

Anniversaries

- September 18** - Russ & Monica Palmer
- September 19** - Louis & Janice Janssen
- Chuck & Emily Scott (51 years!)**
- September 20** - Brad & Khons Volmert



News of the People & Places

Prayers of Health & Healing...

- **Mark Mills** continues to heal from his kidney removal surgery at home and returned to work this week!
- **Chris Fuemmeler** had a partial knee replacement on Tuesday, September 9. Pray that all will go well as he recovers so that he might return to the baseball field soon!
- **Tom Hughey** had a fall on Sunday, August 31 in the midst of recovering from COVID. Both Tom and Carol continue to heal and regain their strength from this round of COVID.

RBCC Labyrinth Retreat

Labyrinth Retreat on Saturday, September 20

Save the date for the **annual Labyrinth Retreat, September 20, 9:45am - noon** at Rock Bridge Christian Church. This is a free retreat, open to all, and no labyrinth experience is necessary. Folks will gather at 9:45 for coffee and snacks,



followed by a brief presentation introducing labyrinths and ways to use them as spiritual practice. We will then have time for participants to do a labyrinth walk (indoors in the sanctuary or outdoors on our outdoor labyrinth, weather permitting), and explore various stations that will be set up, including finger labyrinths, labyrinth books, journaling, and a labyrinth craft. Participants will choose which activities they want to participate in. We will gather at the end for a brief closing. RSVP to Kim Leon (kimberlykleon@gmail.com) by September 17 so they can plan materials & snacks accordingly.



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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, September 14, 2025

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Don Mosby

WELCOME STATION: Valerie Freed

FLOWER MINISTRY: Brenda & Don Mosby

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Marcia Smith

EARLY SERVICE HELPERS:

Mary & Laura Daugherty

COMMUNION PREP:

Meg & Cliff Judy and Kathy & Jerry Miller

GREETERS: Ryan Silverwood (N. DOOR),

Stacy Silverwood (S. DOOR), Carrie

Batterson (ATRIUM), Chuck Scott (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: TBD

LITURGIST: Jacki Davidson

8:30 ELDER: Cherry Hinderberger

10:30 ELDERS: Ryan Hunsaker, Dan

Backues, Janelle Patterson (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Judy Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Holly Gieseke

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Jerry Miller and Deb Batterson