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OUR MISSION
To know God and
follow Jesus Christ.

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 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 30

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

- Burns Night Volunteer Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7-9am, RATI

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 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
- Youth Groups: Mid-Mo Pride Parade & PrideFest, 12pm
- Christmas Bazaar Meeting, 1:30pm, YFH



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The Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
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16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28TH

"Apprenticeship: Content & Generous"

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

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)"*

Homecoming Parking Lot Fundraiser

Mizzou Homecoming Parade Fundraiser on Saturday, September 27

This year, the church is hosting a Mizzou Homecoming Fundraiser by offering our parking lot during the MU Homecoming Parade at the cost of \$20 per spot! The parking lot will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for individuals and families to use as prime parking for the annual homecoming parade. If you'd like to volunteer to help make this fundraiser happen or support in any way, contact the Church Office at fcc@firstchristian.org. There will also be a sign up sheet in the Church Office on Sunday morning if you'd like to sign up.



Burns Night Volunteer Meetings

Burns Night Supper Fundraiser Volunteer Information Meetings on October 2 & 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 first volunteer info meeting will be held virtually over Zoom on Thursday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. The second volunteer info meeting will be held on Sunday, October 12 immediately following worship at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

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! If you'd like to offer financial support for Saturday morning breakfast, you can give on Sunday mornings (memo line: Breakfast for Our Brethren), on our website (<https://firstchristian.org/give>) or through the Church Office. Contact the Church Office (fcc@firstchristian.org) if you have any questions.





News of the People & Places

Prayers of Health & Healing...

- **Marilyn Schappert's** sister, **Sherry Kaye Dobbs**, was moved from University Hospital to Columbia Post Acute where she continues to recover. Please, no visitors at this time!
- **Mary Ann Atteberry** went to the hospital this last week for AFib. She returned home early last week.
- **Susan Gray** is in a back brace again for her T-11 vertebrae.

Supporting our Community...

A huge thank you to **Janelle Patterson**

& **Karen Hobson** for their service to

Central Missouri Honor Flight. CMHR

offers a trip to World War II veterans

to Washington D.C. to visit the memo-

rials honoring their courage and sacri-

fice. Honor Flight celebrated their last flight this past month,

as there are no longer enough WWII veterans who need the

flight to D.C. Both Janelle and Karen attended the final flight,

celebrating Janelle's 16th flight, and Karen's 2nd. Both Karen

and Janelle have volunteered for the Mail Call service with

Honor Flight for several years, where they help collect sur-

prise mail for the veterans to read on their trip. Thank you,

Janelle and Karen, for all of your good work!

Thank You...

To All at First Christian Church...

Janet and I would like to thank you for

all your support through my recent

health concerns. We've been on a bit of a roller coaster, but

the entire experience has turned out to be the absolute best

outcome we could have. That has been in large part because

of your support and kindness and prayers. From flowers to

food gift cards to prayer support, you have blessed us!

Thank you!

Thank You!

Mark & Janet Mills

Annual Reconciliation Offering

Reconciliation Offering Taken on September 28 & October 5

For more than 40 years, Disciples have worked to have a

visible ministry to address racism in society through the

Reconciliation Ministry. Gifts to the Disciples Reconciliation

Ministry, through its annual special offering or throughout the

year, support programs and initiatives aimed at dismantling

racism. The Reconciliation Ministry is not supported by Disci-

ples Mission Fund, but its annual special offering is recognized

by the denomination for congregations to offer their support.

The Reconciliation Special Offering will be taken on Sundays,

September 28, 2025, and October 5, 2025. Your advocacy and

financial support are always so appreciated!

OCTOBER

Birthdays

September 30 - Kelly Schmidt

October 1 - Jake Nichols

October 2 - Seth McCormick

October 4 - Jack Bower

October 5 - Opal Stites (92!)

PrideFest Parade

Annual PrideFest Parade on Sunday, October 5 at Noon

Mid-Missouri PrideFest is

coming up next weekend and

are hosting their fourth annual

pride parade on Sunday, October 5 at noon! The route of the

parade will begin at the Armory, heading east on Ash and up

9th Street. This route will be important if church lets out lat-

er than usual - 9th Street will be closed for any who wish to

exit after church. Alternatively, you can use the 10th Street

exit instead! You are also invited to avoid the traffic and

road blocks all together by joining the Open & Affirming

Department watch the parade as it passes! Youth Groups

will meet at noon to watch the parade, and then walk to

Rose Park to explore PrideFest afterwards to explore

PrideFest booths and activities.



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! 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! 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. There will be a donation bin outside of the Church Office for any extra candy donations leading up to Trunk or Treat. The fun will last 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!



Organ Repair Updates

Plaster & Roof Work Near Completion, Levsen to Return Late Fall

Those who attended church this week-end may have been upset that a giant orange lift took their usual parking spot! The lift was used by Missouri Roofers on Friday & Saturday of last week to fix the roof. This work was an essential part of the plaster repair in the organ chambers, as the water that caused plaster damage originated from a leak in the roof. As the roofers worked, our plaster team continued finishing the plaster repair in the organ chambers. They plan to do their final clean up work and painting this week. Levsen, on the other hand, continues to work hard to convert all of our wind chests to electric magnetic valves. The timeline for their return has been pushed back to later this fall, as they hope to be back in Columbia to reinstall our wind chests between mid-October and mid-November. As the timeline is nailed down, we'll send out the call again for volunteers to help us reinstall the wind chests and pipes!



Youth Group Schedule

Join this Sunday!



CYF • 5-6pm • September 28

Youth Groups @ PrideFest • 12pm • October 5
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Disability Justice Panel & Book Discussion at First Baptist Church

Discussion & Panel at First Baptist on September 30

Join the Racial Justice and Inclusion Team at

First Baptist Church for a two-part event from



6:00-8:00 p.m. on disability justice at First Baptist on Tuesday, September 30. The first part will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will include a discussion of *Accompanying Disability* by First Christian's very own Topher Endress. The second part of the event will begin at 7:00 p.m. and include a disability justice panel comprised of folx with disabilities from First Baptist and the community. Please note that the disability justice panel is for the entire community, including those who did not read *Accompanying Disability*. We hope you'll join Toher & FBC to discuss the ways both churches can become more accessible to all who enter our place of worship!

All Aboard the Energy Bus!

The Energy Bus is on the move! After cleaning up the Historical Room and the Drennan Room, the Energy



Bus has been working in the basement again to clean out some of the rooms our church members never see! Being aboard the Energy Bus not only allows you to participate in serving the church, but also explore the unseen parts of the church building! The next projects on the Energy Bus list are to clean parts of the Boiler Room (ever been down those scary stairs next to the kitchen?), sell the art from the Drennan Room, and finish organizing rooms in the basement. There are always areas in the Church that need our attention. If you are interested in being a passenger on the bus, contact our Bus Driver, **Brenda Mosby**, at (573) 881-8385!



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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, September 28, 2025

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Debbie Potthast

WELCOME STATION: Susan Gray

FLOWER MINISTRY: Eric Seaman

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: The Schaefers

EARLY SERVICE HELPERS:

Steve & Sharon Smith

COMMUNION PREP: Kim & Hartley Rogers

GREETERS: Peggy Veatch (N. DOOR),
Larry Veatch (S. DOOR), TBD (ATRIUM),
Elizabeth Mottaz (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: Janelle Patterson & Dan Backues

LITURGIST: Ben Carrier

8:30 ELDER: Steve Smith

10:30 ELDERS: Steve McCormack, Becky
Baumgartner, Paula Hoenes (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Hunsaker Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Hayley Batterson

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Jean Juba and Sarah Storm