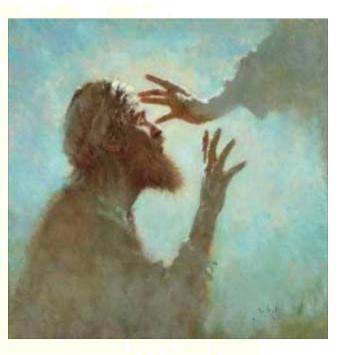
# **First Christian Church News**

#### Our Mission

We are an open and welcoming community that God calls, and the Holy Spirit empowers us to:

- Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages
- Explore and express a growing faith
- Equip believers for ministries which expand the kingdom of God



#### "Let Me See Again" Mark 10:46-52

#### Pentecost 23B, October 27th, 2024

#### What is the message about? . . .

Blind Bartimaeus asks Jesus to let him see again. Health and wellness writer Adam Debrowski writes: "Our sense of sight is responsible for most of the information we absorb from our five combined senses. Many of the movements we perform, tasks we complete and personal interactions we make rely on vision in some way. Even our sleep schedules are affected by the light we see during the day." That is an apt description of how much we rely on the physical sense of sight. However, many of our Gospel stories function as metaphors as well. What does this story suggest for us and our vision? What do we need Jesus to let us see? Let's explore how our faith allows us to open our eyes and give a sharper focus to the things that our time and energy should be directed towards. See you Sunday, we will save you a seat!

### Thanksgiving Baskets for Air Force Families

Urgent call for help! The "Helping Airmen Working Group" at Whiteman AFB is looking for partners to help them in providing Thanksgiving baskets for the reservists serving the 442nd and their families. This represents about 125 families. Hy-Vee has agreed to match any cash donations they receive towards the goods (Estimated total cost \$2,200). They are looking for cash donations to cover 1/2 or \$1,100 dollars. People can also donate goods to the baskets, call the Office or check the bulletin board by the kitchen for a list of what they are hoping to put in (\$30 per basket). We have been hoping to make some good connections and create some goodwill at the Base, and this presents us with an excellent opportunity! They need commitments by the end of October, so we need to move quickly to help with this effort if we can. Place cash or a check with "Helping Airmen Working Group" in the offering plate or the Office. Thanks everyone! Pastor Time.

Hi Pastor Whitmore,

It was great speaking a bit ago! I am so thankful for your willingness to open your heart to the members and families of the 442nd. Anything at all is a huge blessing! As promised, here's a rough list (at retail price) of the goods we need. These are based on a bare minimum set basket, and anything we can drum up beyond that will be used to make the basket even better. Please don't hesitate to call or email if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully, Bill Dorman

\*FCC has a new QR code for making donations via your smart phone. Please see page 6. Thanks!

#### A Note from the Stewardship Committee

"Disciples Making A Difference" is the theme for the 2025 Stewardship campaign. Be looking for some snail mail with commitment cards and more information about our mission and ministries as "The Heart of Christ in the Heart of Warrensburg." Your financial support is what makes everything we do possible. We know that the Holy Spirit is already at work in producing joyful giving. Thank you to those who worshipfully gift us in this way!

#### **Church Directory Pictures**

It is not too late to have your picture taken for the church directory!

You can call the office & make arrangements to take your picture

at a later date, or you can submit a picture to be included in the

directory.

Email your picture to: 1stchristianchurchwburg@gmail.com.

Please include your names with your email! We need all pictures, taken or submitted, by

October 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!



#### Prayer Concerns & Praises

Prayers for Judy Osborne.

Prayers for Amanda's cousin in Texas.

Prayers for Nick Jone's Grandmother, Nancy, who passed away last Sunday.

Prayers for Janice Wolff.

Prayers for Jack Burrows, Bob and Shelly's Grandfather who is now in Comfort Care.

Prayers for Randolph Cooper & Shelle Frelo's Mother, Freddie, who has not been feeling well.

Prayers for Judy Lamm, friend of the Dudley's.

Prayers for Sam and Cathy Jones.

Prayers for Jim Houseworth, friend of Janice Wolff.

Prayers for Pastor Heather of the First Presbyterian Church.

Prayers for Jim Wilson, Debbie Whitmore's Father.

Prayers for Ashton Dennis.

Prayers for Chris Howard.

Prayers for Jody Miller.

Prayers for Larry Bryan, friend of Anita Grigsby.

Prayers for Ann Patterson Scott.

Prayers for Mark Baty, Deanna's husband.

Prayers for Chuck Eaton, son-in-law of the Elliott's.

Prayers for Kathy's nephew, Eric Mueller.

Prayers for our members who are homebound, in an assisted living community and nursing homes.

Praises for Cory & Kristal Shaumeyer who are expecting a new addition to their family in May.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, praises for Pastor Tim Whitmore!

#### **October Birthdays**

- 1 David Handly
- 2 Jerry Basye
- 2 Kevin Raynes
- 3 Andy Gelbach
- 3 Al Gosney
- 3 Donna Bodenhamer
- 4 Mike Haller
- 4 Tommy Christopher
- 11 Wes Maness
- 11 Ashley Gelbach 12 – Vivian Turnbow
- 12 Vivian Furnov13 - Carol Holmes
- 13 Carol Holmes
- 13 Aubrey Whisenhunt
- 14 Lorraine Baldwin
- 14 Robert Burrows
- 14 Brenda Dougherty
- 14 Johnathan Blevins 16 – Rachel Oglesby
- 17 Greg Etter
- 17 Greg Etter 17 – Sheranda Hunter
- 17 Sheranda Hunter 17 – Dana Burchard
- 21 Richard Dudley
- 23 Matthew Whitmore
- 24 Sara Jones
- 25 Sherry Elliott
- 28 Amy Gates
- 28 Carrie Laws
- 28 Deb Cadle
- 31 Scott Dunham
- 31 Tim Whitmore

#### **October Anniversaries**

- 10 Kevin Raynes & Dianne McCloud
- 12 Larry & Megan Holter
- 12 Chris & Sarah Burton
- 24 Philip & Jackie Shumard

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Sunday Worship Services: Sunday, October 13th = 100

Sunday, October 20th = 85

Elders for 10/27:

Traditional Service, Hoover

Celebration Service, Rogers

#### Weekly Calendar

Wednesday October 23 11:00 to 12:00 - Grab 'N Go 5:30 – Fellowship Meal 6:15 - Men's, Women's & Youth Study Groups **Thursday October 24** 11:00 to 12:00 – Devotion & Singing at Warrensburg Manor 5:00 – Harmonayres Practice 6:30 - Regional Elder's Meeting in Gravois Mills, MO **Friday October 25** 9:00 – Bell Choir Practice **Saturday October 26** 8:00 - Doors open at FCC 9:00 – UCM Parade begins **Sunday October 27** 9:15 – Sunday School/Halloween Party 9:15 – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary 10:10 – Costume Parade in the Sanctuary, please bring candy for those trick-or-treating! 10:15 – Coffee Connection, CLC Lobby 10:45 – Celebration Service in the CLC

## WHO LIKES TREATS? WE DO!

We will have some adorable trick or treaters parading through the 9:15 service this Sunday, October 27th.

You are encouraged to bring treats to share with the kids.

Candy is always welcome, but they like stickers, pencils, cards, etc. We will see you Sunday!

# Join us at FCC for our annual... Halloween Party & Costume Parade Sunday, October 27th 9:15 - 10:15

Sunday School Parties 9:15 (Education Wing) "Costume Parade" 10:10 (Sanctuary)

> Don't forget to bring your goodie bags for trick or treating!



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Thank you and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused!