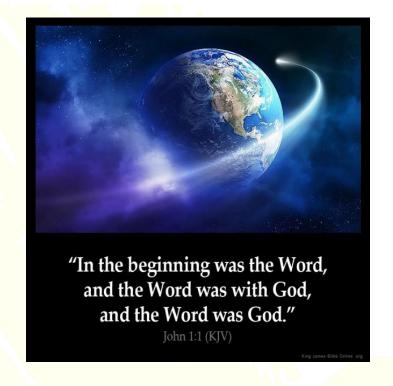
### Our Mission

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



"God With Us" John 1:1-18

Second Sunday After Christmas, December 31st, 2024

What is the message about? ....

Humans always seemed to have had a fascination with the point in time or space at which something starts. The first words of John's gospel and the first words of Genesis are the same, "In the beginning..." What is the power behind all that has come into being? What is the nature of that power? How was it represented by John? How did it come to live among us in the form of a human being, Jesus? How is this power manifest today and how does it move, direct and influence our lives now? From the beginning until now. Can we cover it all in fifteen minutes? Not really, but it might be fun to hear an attempt at it. See you Sunday!

# Welcome to the Warrensburg Recorder Consort!

After many busy events at FCC in the last two weeks, the Warrensburg Recorder Consort's Benefit Concert last Sunday was well attended and well received! The audience enjoyed ancient (from the 1500's forward) and traditional holiday music. The soothing, sweet, lilting harmonies of the recorders and their musicians shared peace and joy with everyone there. Thank you for the wonderful gift of extraordinary music! Thanks also to those in attendance who donated \$705.00 toward the Warrensburg Ministerial Association who helps those locally in need.



# Grab 'N Go

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Chris Simon's team served a variety of soups, crackers, corn bread and desserts. A few regular team members were unable to be there, and the call went out for help. Wow, what an overwhelming show of support! Several donated soups and chili. Over twenty church members showed up to help! Looking back at Grab 'N Go for this year; record numbers came for lunch and Grab 'N Go helped countless folks with other daily needs too. Our FCC membership should take great satisfaction in the work we are doing for our community! Thank you, Pat Turner the founder of Grab 'N Go, Grab 'N Go teams, and those that help and support you! Prayers for another wonderful year of assisting our neighbors in 2025!

## **Prayer Concerns & Praises**

Prayers for Vikki Stogner, friend of the Dooley's.

Prayers for Rick Dooley.

Prayers for Bill Bernier

Prayers for David Cadle.

Prayers for John Landreneau, friend of the Simons.

Prayers for Bob and Shelly Burrow's Grandfather and Grandmother.

Prayers for Sam Jones.

Prayers for Debbie Whitmore's Father.

Prayers for Ashton Dennis.

Prayers for Chris Howard.

Prayers for Ann Patterson Scott.

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 Nancy Rogers who is fully recovered.

Praises for Rich Dudley who is home and better.

Praises for Jody Miller who is fully recovered.

Praises for Debbie Whitmore's Grandmother who has fully recovered from pneumonia.

## **January Birthdays**

- 2 Tori Hunter
- 3 Clint Godfrey
- 5 Kyle Ritchhart
- 12 Karla Seigfreid
- 14 Sean Sullivan
- 15 Shirley Fitterling
- 15 Bret Miller
- 16 Ivanna McConnell
- 17 Mary Ann Younce
- 17 Nick Nichol
- 21 Chris Simon
- 22 Pete Miller
- 22 Pat Turner
- 23 Robert Cochran
- 23 Sterling Granger
- 27 Gary Grigsby

# **January Anniversaries**

8 – Richard & Peggy Dudley



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# **Sunday Worship Services:**

Sunday, December 22nd = 120

Tuesday, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th = 103

Sunday, December 29th – 72

Elders for 1/5:

Traditional Service, Crabtree

Celebration Service, Cadle

Deacons for 1/5:

Elliott, Revels, Borum & Younce

(Please read on, there are 2 more info pages!)

#### **Weekly Calendar**

#### Wednesday January 1

Happy New Year's Day!

The Office is Closed

11:00 to 12:00 - Grab 'N Go

No – Study Groups & Youth Group

#### **Thursday January 2**

11:00 – Devotion, Warrensburg Manor

No – Harmonayres

#### Friday January 3

No – Bell Choir practice

#### Saturday January 4

7:30 to 10:30 – Community Breakfast in the CLC

#### **Sunday January 5**

9:15 – Sunday School

9:15 – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

10:15 – Coffee Connection

10:45 – Celebration Service in the CLC

#### **Tuesday January 7**

6:30 – Advisory Council

#### **Important Event January 12th!**

After the Traditional Service in the Sanctuary there will be a Congregational Meeting at 10:15 regarding new signage for FCC, please plan on being there!

First Christian Church 101 East Gay Street Warrensburg, MO COMMUNITY BREAKFAST FIRST SATURDAY OF **EVERY MONTH** (September 7th) 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM Adults...\$6.00 Children 10 and Under Eat FREE!

# Mark Your Calendar!

This Saturday, January 4th, is the first Saturday of the month!

Come to the Church and let the Property Committee cook your breakfast. \$6.00 for adults, 10 years old and under eat free.

You are invited...

# First Christian Church Women's Worship

Let us come together in love and support of one another. Let us release any sorrows or burdens of the last year and celebrate our successes with each other!

This will be a night of praise, prayer, and open testimony. All are welcome to share in the power of this evening.

"For where two or three gather together in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20

Praise. Prayer. & Healing. CLC 1/10/25 6:00 PM



# To the Women of FCC,

I wanted to extend an invitation for the first FCC Women's Worship Service.

After our Wednesday night group together, I knew there was a resounding desire for more moments of bonding and connection with our sisters in faith. Also, after some of the trials I had been through in the last year, I felt an overwhelming pull to seek support and comfort in my elders and church community. I have often thought about asking for prayer support or requesting hands be laid upon me, but I also couldn't shake that I may not be alone in the need/desire, and others may be feeling similar weight upon their shoulders.

That being said, I thought, what better way for us all to release any pain from last year AND celebrate our joys and successes than praising God together?!

The goal for this evening is to offer an intimate worship space, where we can be free to share with our sisters in vulnerability and rejoice without reservation. This will be an evening of music, prayer, and connection.

(As this is a new concept, I will not be advertising to the public at this time, but feel free to invite anyone you think may benefit from a service such as this!)

I am hoping this is a powerful evening that leaves us all feeling refreshed for the coming year & I hope some of you choose to join me in the experimental service!

Sincerely, Abby Miller