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



"What is Divine Rule Number One?" Mark 12:28-34

Pentecost 24B, November 3rd, 2024

What is the message about?...

Jesus was asked by experts in religious law, "Which commandment is the greatest?" "Which one is first of all?" "What must be done to inherit eternal life?" "How would people know his disciples?" When Americans are asked to check a box indicating their religious affiliation, 28% now check 'none.' A new study finds that a group comprised of atheists, agnostic and those who say their religion is "nothing in particular" – is now the largest cohort in the U.S. For me, Jesus' answer to this question is a big part of my "why." Why I choose to follow Christ. Why I choose Christianity. Why I want to proclaim the good news. What did Jesus say was the most important point of theology? Let's explore his answer. See you Sunday!

THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU from CWF!

The ladies of our Christian Women's Fellowship would like to express our gratitude to the church congregation for all the donations, volunteer time and, yes, purchases, which made our 2024 Rummage Sale such a 'huge' success!

We were thrilled with the final total of \$15,211.16 - Truly, one person's junk is another person's treasure! There were some leftovers this year. Our local RISE organization was happy to receive them and will re-cycle them yet again!

As well as our on-going contributions to various FCC projects and denominational programs, we will be making donations to some of the local charitable organizations. Our Budget Committee will issue a statement once we have completed a list.

We would be remiss not to mention, again, how much we appreciate the renovation of our downstairs space! The clean white walls, new and improved lighting and totally upgraded electrical service makes working in our basement so much better than working in a basement! Thanks again to Noel and the rest of the Property Committee for the wonderful improvements!

Our next meeting is Thursday November 14 at 9:30 in the FCC Parlor. We would love to have all FCC ladies join us for a light breakfast, devotional reading, business meeting and fellowship. We will be making plans for our Annual Christmas Party, which is December 5th this year. Please join us!

Respectfully submitted, Deb Cadle

A Thank You Note from Pastor Tim:

Pastor appreciation and my birthday fall in the same month, and I have been overwhelmed with the amazing outpouring of blessings from the congregation! I want to take a moment to let you all know how much you are appreciated. The cards, gifts and words of encouragement reveal your generous and loving hearts. Thank you for your many expressions of kindness and for being the amazing and supportive worship community that you are. I am truly blessed to serve as your pastor.

With Sincerest Gratitude, Pastor Tim

Have You Heard from Us Yet? A Note from Stewardship

"Disciples Making A Difference" is the theme for the 2025 Stewardship campaign. Be looking for a letter in 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

Two more days to have your picture taken for the church directory!

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

We need all pictures, taken or submitted, tomorrow, October 31st.



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Christmas Bible Study for Worshipful Wednesdays starting on Wed, Nov 6th!

We will study **Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas** by Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City.

His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ Child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness.

Prayer Concerns & Praises

Prayers for Judy Osborne.

Prayers for the family of Nick Jones. His Grandmother passed away.

Prayers for Janice Wolff.

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

Prayers for Sam and Cathy Jones.

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 Sam Jones, he is recuperating at home.

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

November Birthdays

- 1 Brenda Dooley
- 2 Phillip Shumard
- 6 Debbie Whitmore
- 6 Austin Frandsen
- 8 Teri Goodwin
- 9 Cathy Jones
- 9 Kyle Shackelford
- 12 Glenn Borum
- 14 Millie Burton
- 15 Marshall Good
- 16 David Ritchhart
- 17 Michael Caldwell
- 18 Brent Baldwin
- 19 Gene Lang
- 20 Rick Dooley
- 22 Jana Hakes
- 22 Travis Seigfreid
- 23 Maggie Stuck
- 24 Ashlee Holdren
- 24 Toni Frandsen
- 26 Paul Osborne
- 26 Grace Dennis

November Anniversaries

- 1 Al & Anita Gosney
- 4 Scott & Carol Dunham
- 5 Robert & Sharon Cochran
- 24 Brad & Tori Hunter
- 27 Roger & Connie Baldwin
- 30 Jim & Wanda Skelton

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Sunday Worship Services: Sunday, October 20th = 85

Sunday, October 27th = 95

Elders for 11/3:

Traditional Service, Handly

Celebration Service, Crabtree

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday October 30 11:00 to 12:00 - Grab 'N Go No meal or Men's, Women's & Youth Study Groups tonight. We will resume next Wednesday. **Thursday October 31** Have a Safe and Happy Halloween! **Happy Birthday Pastor Tim!** 9:30 – Nominating Committee 11:00 to 12:00 – Devotion & Singing at Warrensburg Manor No Harmonayres Practice tonight **Friday November 1** 9:00 – Bell Choir Practice Saturday November 2 7:30 to 10:30 – Community Breakfast at FCC! Time Falls back one hour! Remember to re-set your clocks for Service in the morning! **Sunday November 3** 9:15 - Sunday School 9:15 – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 – Coffee Connection, CLC Lobby 10:45 – Celebration Service in the CLC Tuesday November 5 **Election Day!** 5:30 – Task Force Meeting 6:30 - Advisory Council

This Saturday is our Monthly Community Breakfast!

IOI East Gay Street

Warrensburg, MO

First Christian Church COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Adults...\$6.00

Children 10 and Under Eat FREE!

Please use this QR code for contributions to FCC, thank you!

