

FIRST CHRISTIAN NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

SENIOR RECOGNITION RECEPTION



Between services (9:45 AM) this Sunday we will celebrate our graduating high school seniors.

Jayden Bruce
Sara Diemer
Paige Koutroubis
Vivian Wortmann

The Edna Ricks Circle will provide cookies and refreshments and there will be a slideshow and presentation of the graduates. **ALL ARE INVITED!!** We are a community that loves to celebrate and support one another's accomplishments. You will have the opportunity to write notes of encouragement for the graduates that they can take with them to college and beyond. Take some time to read about our seniors in this newsletter.

MOTHER'S DAY SLIDESHOW

Please email photos of your mothers to the church office: fctroy@fctroy.com **NO later than Friday, May 3rd.** We will present a slideshow during the children's moment on Mother's Day.

ELDERS – SHORT MEETING ON SUNDAY

The Elders will have an extremely short meeting on Sunday, May 5th, so that all members can attend the Senior Reception in Fellowship Hall. The meeting will begin immediately after the 8:30 service concludes.

LADIES BREAKFAST CLUB TO MEET

The Ladies Breakfast Club will gather this coming Saturday morning, May 4th at 8 am at Cornerstone Café on Cherry Street. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please reach out to Naomi Uy-Moore.

CMF TO MEET SATURDAY

The Christian Men's Fellowship will meet this coming Saturday, May 4th at 8 am in the Conference Room. Please note this location – due to the Mission Team BBQ using the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are encouraged to attend – besides a business meeting led by President Mike Walton, there will be a devotional and always an opportunity for "God-sightings."



Upcoming Events

May Outreach- Pentecost

Wednesday, May 1st

1:30 PM Bible Study
5:30 PM Youth Night
6:30 PM Choir

Saturday, May 4th

8:00 AM CMF Breakfast in
Conference Room
8:00 AM Women's Breakfast
@ Cornerstone
10:30 AM-1 PM Mission Team BBQ

Sunday, May 5th

8:30 AM Worship
9:45 AM Elders' Meeting
9:45 AM Senior Reception in
Fellowship Hall
10:45 AM Worship

Monday, May 6th

1:00 PM Prayers Arising
4:15 PM FSP Governing Board

Tuesday, May 7th

6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, May 8th

7:30 AM Finance Committee Meeting
1:30 PM Bible Study
5:45 PM Executive Committee
Meeting
6:00 PM Board Meeting
6:45 PM Choir

Thursday, May 9th

6:30 PM Grief Support

Sunday, May 12th

MOTHER'S DAY
8:30 AM Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Worship

PASTOR JEFF'S JOTTINGS...

It seems so amazing that here we are in May and the end of the school year is around the corner. Already various schools are gearing up for finals, and public schools are winding down their testing periods in preparation for this final stretch. I know, very soon, I will devote an afternoon to assisting Naomi pack up her room for another summer, bringing personal items home, and securing others in boxes (all so that her classroom will be thoroughly cleaned this summer!)

This Sunday we are honoring our graduating high school seniors – such a special event each year, and we are preparing for the summer calendar, with the summer worship schedule now complete, Mission Trip planned, VBS planned, and some of our staff vacations figured out. Additionally, we know that certain activities take a summer break including both my weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays, and my Grief Support session the second Thursday of each month.

Lunch Bunch, which had a whopping 26 folks yesterday attend, will conclude on the last Tuesday of this month for a summer hiatus as well. I'm trying to plan something very fun for our last gathering for the current season – with a restart in either August or September. While the Tuesday Lunch Bunch will go away for a couple months, the Lincoln County Travelers will continue to meet and do have some activities planned, which will be very exciting.

Naomi and I always enjoy cooking and preparing meals for Youth Night, but that too – will conclude this month with a beginning planned for September. However, with that said, there are several activities for our youth this summer to take advantage of. We do know that vacations and get-aways will involve many of our church families, and I am certainly praying that everyone gets the rest they need, the relaxation they deserve, and have some fun, for sure.

Pastor Seth and I will be gone at various points throughout the summer – so you will have the opportunity of hearing about an equal number of messages from both of us, as we come and go! Of course, if you have any needs this summer please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

I will be in my place this Sunday – and I look forward to seeing you in yours.

FIRST STEP BOARD TO MEET

The First Step Preschool Board will meet on Monday, May 6th at 4:15 pm in the church Conference Room. All members are urged to be present for this important meeting.

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

APRIL 28TH

General : \$ 4,846.00

Coffee: \$ 17.00

Capital Campaign: \$225.00

Attendance: 129

SYMPATHY

The congregation extends its Christian love and sympathy to the family of Elsie Kinker, who recently passed. A Memorial Service honoring her life will take place on Saturday, May 18th at 11 am in our sanctuary with a time of fellowship immediately afterwards. Pastor Jeff will be officiating the service.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY

Adult Sunday School classes will have an abbreviated lesson time this coming Sunday because of the Senior Recognition Reception in Fellowship Hall. Those who would like a short lesson at 10 am are urged to be in their respective classroom for a shorter lesson.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The Summer Worship Schedule will officially begin on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, in which there will be several baptisms planned. The worship service each week (rotating between traditional and contemporary format) will commence at 9 am, followed by Sunday School at 10 am.

GRIEF SUPPORT WILL WRAP UP FOR SUMMER

The final Grief Support group meeting before the summer break, will take place on Thursday, May 9th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. The group will reconvene in September, if there is continued interest. Thank you to all who have attended and found the gatherings and discussion helpful.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the cards and visits. I love my church family!

Love,
Betty Guzenski

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



MISSION TEAM BBQ

PORK STEAKS & PORK BURGERS

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

10:30 AM-1:00 PM

ALL FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

1302 BOONE ST, TROY, MO 63379

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MISSION TEAM BBQ

ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

MEAT \$6

(no sides or drink)

PLATE \$11

(meat, cheesy potato casserole,
baked beans, & drink)

QTY _____ PORKSTEAK X \$6 _____

QTY _____ PORK BURGER X \$6 _____

QTY _____ PORKSTEAK PLATE X \$11 _____

QTY _____ PORK BURGER PLATE X \$11 _____

DRINK CHOICES:

_____ COKE _____ DT. COKE _____ MT. DEW

_____ DR. PEPPER _____ WATER

PAID
 COLLECT

PICKUP _____ TIME _____
 DELIVERY _____

Make checks payable to First Christian Church
Contact Pastor Seth (817) 602-7927 with any questions

Jayden Bruce

Our Church's Graduates



Sara Diemer



Describe your Senior year in three words.

An interesting experience.

Who has taught you the most while you've been in high school and what did you learn from this person?

My mom continues to teach me patience and that not everything is within my control.

What did you want to be when you were a child? A Doctor.

How would you describe your ideal job today?

Working for the State Department in some form of foreign relations.

What Bible verse or Bible story is the most meaningful to you?

Why? Deuteronomy 3:22, if my senior year has taught me anything it is if you're patient, your path will be shown to you.

Tell us a FUN FACT that others would not know about you.

I'm obsessed with chips and salsa.

I will always remember...

Almost passing out after being hit in the head playing slip-n-slide kickball at our Covid mission "trip."



Describe your Senior year in three words.

Memorable, stressful, exciting.

Who has taught you the most while you've been in high school and what did you learn from this person?

My teacher Mr. Eckhard. He taught me how relationships should be and being true to ourselves and our purpose.

What did you want to be when you were a child?

I wanted to be a veterinarian.

How would you describe your ideal job today?

When I ride my horse, I help out at the barn whenever I can, I also help my dad at Culvers whenever he needs me.

What Bible verse or Bible story is the most meaningful to you? Why?

"The greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13. This is meaningful to me in a lot of different ways. I use it throughout my relationships with friends and family, but also with horseback riding.

Tell us a FUN FACT that others would not know about you.

I love to travel, go to the lake, and playing tennis and pickleball. I also ride horses.

I will always remember...

Going on mission trips with my Nana and being able to meet new people and making endless memories.



Paige Koutroubis

Vivian Wortmann



Describe your Senior year in three words.

Challenging, exciting, unique.

Who has taught you the most while you've been in high school and what did you learn from this person?

My cross-country coach taught me to lean on those around me, to be kind, and to always trust in God.

What did you want to be when you were a child?

Actress.

How would you describe your ideal job today?

Something that involves helping others.

What Bible verse or Bible story is the most meaningful to you? Why?

Philippians 4:13 because it reminds me to put my faith in God.

Tell us a FUN FACT that others would not know about you.

I love coffee.

I will always remember... My cross country team.



THANK YOU, EDNA RICKS

Dear Edna Ricks Circle,
Thank you very much for the gift card! I greatly appreciate the support during the end of my busy semester. M-I-Z!
Thanks again,
Konnor Calvin

EDNA RICKS CIRCLE

Edna Ricks Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 20th @ 4:30 PM in the conference room. **Please remember to bring your blessing boxes.**



CARD SHOWER FOR THE MENNES

Bernard & Marilyn Menne will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on May 22nd. Let's shower them with cards to celebrate them! Their address is: 436 Highway J, Troy, MO 63379.



**Pre-K having
some spring
time fun!**



TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

The Tuesday Lunch Bunch travelled to the Old Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield, on Tuesday, April 30th. 26 church members and friends of the church attended – thanks to Pastor Jeff and Pastor Seth for driving. Be watching for details for the final Lunch Bunch experience before the summer break – planned for Tuesday, May 28th. Pastor Jeff is thinking about a trip to downtown St. Charles, which would include some shopping. The bus(es) will depart the church at 10:45 – in time for an 11:30 lunch. If you would like to ride the bus, or plan to attend, please sign up on the board in the Narthex area.

2024 Camp Dates

<p>Faith Adventures July 22- 26th - \$195 JYF, Chi Rho, and CYF</p> <p>Try It- \$95/pair July 25-26 Adult or parent must come with Child</p> <p>Regional Canoe Camp \$280 July 14-18</p>	<p>Jo Ota Try It Camp- June 7-9 \$225/pair Adult or parent must come with Child</p> <p>CYF - July 8-13 \$375</p> <p>Elem \$185/1r/\$335 - July 15-19</p> <p>Chi Rho - July 28-August 2 \$375</p>	<p>North West Chi Rho- June 29-July 3 \$230</p> <p>CYF- July 6-11 \$230</p> <p>123 Go- July 13-15 \$150</p> <p>Junior - July 17-21 \$230</p> <p>Combo (Junior & Chi Rho) July 23-27 \$230</p>	<p>Our Bodies Our Faith \$385 July 28-August 2 at Camp MOVAL 8th grade (9th graders are welcome is they have never attended)</p> <p>Regional Sons & Fathers Retreat Oct. 11-13 at Shannondale \$190 for son and father together: \$99 per single adult</p>
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Regional Young Adult \$185
(ages 18-24)- Eve of 6- 24- Morning 27th @ Jo Ota

If you child is interested in going to camp this summer, please contact Pastor Seth.

Prayer Concerns:

-Nathan Voss
(friend of the Larsons)

-Bob Hall

Continued Prayers:

-Dave Duncan
(friend of Wayne Kollar)

-The family of Dale Skeens
(Pastor Jeff's brother in law)

-Darrell Faires

-Betty Guzanski

-Melody
(niece of Mary McCann)

-Camden Davenport
(Jeran Davenport's brother)

-Alfred Chilton
(Donna Loughridge's brother)

-Helen Lester
(friend of Betty Guzanski)

-Theresa Dearing
-Jessica Renfro's mother

-Mary Roberts

-Arlene Smith
(friend of Bart & Linda Creech)

-Joseph Lovette
(friend of Bart & Linda Creech)

-David Jackson
(friend of Naomi)

-James Gant
(cousin of Brenda Monse)

-Morgan Groves
(friend of Annette & Mike Walton)

-Susan Noelkin
(friend of Coral Ballack)

-Harry Jones

-Nancy Lacey

-Jim Finger
(Marilyn Menne's brother in law)

-John Barnhart
(uncle of Karen Starr)

-Anna Riley
(cousin of Christy Harper & Cindy Davenport-Bertels)

-Jerry & Ann Watts

-Lucas Carroll
(Bob Hall's son-in-law)

-Rick Gritz
(brother in law of Rocky Collins)

-Karl Berger
(friend of Mike Walton)

-Bill Carr
(Cathy Whitworth's brother in law)

-Jerry Faires
(brother of Darrell Faires)

-Bev Kersting
(Matt's mom)

-Angela Collins
(Rocky's daughter)

-Caiden Thies
(Friend of Brandi Rash)

-Tab Militello
(friend of Donya Gress)

-Anita Darnell

-Katie Bruening
(niece of Brenda Monse)

-Shelby Jones
(Harry Jones' brother)

-Russ Mudd & Doug Mudd
(family/friend of Tom & Lynn Sullivan)

-Brittany Filsinger
(friend of Jim & Karen Diemer)

-Robert Stuckey
(Cathy Pieper's brother-in-law)

-Bill Dahlheimer

-Pat Ind & Judy Myers
(friends/family of Garry & Glenda Martin)

-Courtney Carroll
(friend of Rocky Collins)

-Helen Bowen
(Annette Walton's sister)

-Geneva Fetch
(Jessica Colbert's grandmother)

-Stephen & Marin Justice
(Leslie Lindsay's parents)

--Rebecca Galmiche
(friend of Scott & Sharon Falls)

-Sal Toro
(Cindy Finley's brother-in-law)

-Denise Gannon
(Donna Raeman's daughter)

-Cindy & Edward Stumpe,
Angie Gralnick, Nicole Licary,
Jean McCann *(family of Mary McCann)*

Homebound:

-Delmar Gardens: Dorothy Graeler

-Sugar Creek: Mary Roberts

-Lincoln County Nursing & Rehab:
Helen Stice

-Elsberry Heath Center: Donna Lewis

-Home: Dottie Westermann

Active Military: Jamison Lallis, Merrill Soundararajan *(Becky Wilhoit's son in law)*, Nicholas Hutton *(Grandson of Norma Campbell)*

Please call the church office if you have any additions or updates to the prayer list.



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

SERVING SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 5

8:30 AM

Elder: Cindy Finley
Deacons: Renee Martin & Clint Wilson
Greeters: Charla & Harry Jones
Musicians: Pam Hall, Kathy Hardy &
Cathy Whitworth
Slides: Rose Ottinger
Sound: Rollin Heaton

10:45 AM

Elder: Jane Kelley
Deacons: Naomi Uy-Moore & Cindy Davenport-Bertels
Greeters: Nori Rasmussen & Cindy Mohorc
Musicians: James Bertels, Denny Gibson, Andrea
Lallis, Brett Mossotti & Chris Stark
Slides: Mark Hasekamp
Sound: Scott Falls

Sunday, May 12

8:30 AM

Elder: Cindy Finley
Deacons: Renee Martin & Clint Wilson
Greeters: Charla & Harry Jones
Musicians: Pam Hall, Kathy Hardy &
Cathy Whitworth
Slides: Jim Diemer
Sound: Naomi Uy-Moore

10:45 AM

Elder: Jane Kelley
Deacons: Naomi Uy-Moore & Cindy Davenport-Bertels
Greeters: Nori Rasmussen & Cindy Mohorc
Musicians: James Bertels, Denny Gibson, Andrea
Lallis, Brett Mossotti & Chris Stark
Slides: Rocky Collins
Sound: Tad Wasowicz

Preparing Deacon: Tad & Hollie Wasowicz