

May Birthdays



BIRTHDAYS

- 4- Marlene VanHorn
- 5- Rawley Crews
Jim Kissner
- 8- Ginger McGraw
- 9- Lin Alexander
Kara Clark
- 10- Lori Blalock
Janice Kueker
Lisa Merchant
- 12- Alan Branson
- 13- Ruth Marsh
- 14- Danny Hoffmeyer

- 14- Cole James
- 17- Vince Lutterbie
- 18- Ginny Farr
- 19- Blaine Thornton
- 20- Jason Dehn
Scott Arnett
Tom McRoberts
- 21- Jane Hartley
- 22- Debbie Arnett
- 27- Blane Dryer
- 28- Mia Shannon
- 31- Dane Branson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5- Joe & Nicki Coslet
- 11- Jim & Lisa Merchant
- 16- Brad & Hope Richards
- 31- Mike & Ramona Green

It is our rotation to serve Meals-On-Wheels the week of May 19th. If you are able to help, please contact the Church office or Ken Bryant.



We are preparing to update the Church Handbook. Please take time to review your information for accuracy. We are asking for the best phone number to call. Report necessary changes to the Church Office or Karla Hannaford. Thank you.



The Church Board is pursuing the purchase of an Outdoor LED Display sign. A demo of the sign, although larger than what we would purchase, will be set up in the Church parking lot for a week beginning Friday, April 18th. Donations towards the purchase is appreciated.



The First Christian Church offers one or more general scholarships through the Scholarship Committee. Application forms are available through the Church Office and due back by April 30th.



Announcement: The nursery, formerly the "Cry Room or Family Room", is staffed and will open at 10:15 AM on Sundays beginning May 4th! Children are always welcome in worship, but sometimes parents and caregivers need a helping hand! A nursery attendant will now be available to watch children 5 years old and younger while parents and caregivers attend worship.



CFW will meet at the home of Kathryn Jones on May 20th at 10:00 with a meal to follow. A salad bar style luncheon will be served, with those attending bringing their favorite salad to make up the salad bar. This will be the last meeting until Fall.

The Fellowship Committee will host a Taco Salad lunch on May 4th, immediately following the 10:30 worship service. If able, please bring a salad or dessert to share.



The "Ladies Luncheon" will be at 11:00 am on May 1st at our newest Marshall restaurant, Santa Fe Restaurant and Cantina. All ladies are invited to join for great food and fellowship.



Charlotte Thornton



Charlot is 14 and finishing up the 8th grade at Orearville Elementary. She will be attending Slater high school after graduation. She is involved in 4H, volleyball, owning her own cookie dough business, and showing pigs on the local, state and national level. She is also very

involved in the family purebred swine operation. Although Charlotte has attended FCC for many years, she became a member on Easter Sunday, April 20th, 2025. We are so happy she has found her Church home with us. Welcome, Charlot!



Welcome,

New Members



Judy Bushnell

Judy had only recently started attending services at FCC when she decided that our Church was the right fit for her. She ob-

tained her "license to preach" four years ago in April, and it is an accomplishment she holds very dear to her heart. Judy, who turned 50 on

April 15th, lives in Marshall. We are blessed that she chose us as her new church family and look forward to getting to know more about her,



“Reaching Out”

a message from the Outreach Committee

We want to update you on the April Outreach efforts to Reach Out to our community:

- Thank you to those who donated money to help out the Hoffelmeyer family as they navigate the travails and expenses of a young mother fighting cancer. You enabled FCC to provide a nice check of several hundred dollars to help pay for gasoline and lodging expenses as the family travels back and forth to Kansas for treatment.
- A huge thank you to Brenda Messerly for training us in how to use our AED to help people who are having a cardiac emergency. Thank you to everyone who came to the sessions. We hope no one ever needs this help, but knowing that many members now know how to use the equipment is reassuring.
- Thank you to Karla, Cindy, Kay, Becky, and Ginger for providing a meal for The Bridge! It’s wonderful to support these MVC students as they share their faith and reach out in Christian charity .
- The Special Easter Offering brought in over \$200 that will be sent to the Disciples of Christ HQ to support college students in leadership development programs and so much more. The next Special Offering will be The Pentecost Offering collected on June 1 and 8. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with our first Community Blood Center Blood Drive. Canteen volunteers, greeters, and donor support volunteers are needed.

If you can help on Wednesday, May 28 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on the corner of English and College Streets, please let Ginger or the office know. FCC is partnering with St Peter Catholic Church to provide an opportunity to share the gift of life.

If you would like to serve with the Outreach Committee, please talk to Ginger McGraw, Lindsey Parton, or the church office.





A Message from our Pastor...

Our May General Board Meeting will be on the 14th at 6:00 pm.



The Lenten season has concluded for this year; we have all been to the cross and empty tomb and experienced the joy of the risen Christ and Easter.

How can anything match the joyful experience of the resurrection and seeing Jesus once dead but now alive?

We expect him to return to us soon for we see the signs around us and know that there is more to come.

What shall we do until then? It is so nice remembering what was and what is to come. We know things will be fine and we can be with the risen Christ. But what shall we do until then?

The tendency is to rest and wait for God to return. We have a few celebrations yet to come in the Christian year. The Ascension, Pentecost and preparing for Christmas.

So much yet to come and yet many are comfortable in just sitting back and letting be. Just waiting for God to do everything for us.

Well, God has already done it all for us and now we who are Easter People those born of the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, are called upon to respond.

For the world takes a toll on us even when we rest. We can be out and doing what Jesus said for us to do. To preach the Good News of Christ to all the world and make

disciples baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit those sick and in prison.

God will not ask us to do more that we can handle. There will be rest for those completely fatigued and strength for all as we need.

May God show us the way we need to go and do. And may we answer, "Yes Lord, send me."

God Bless,
Rev. Randal



Join us May 4th

for the first Drive-Up service of the year ! The new service time will be 8:30 am. If you are able to help at this service, there is a sign up sheet, or

NEW SERVICE TIMES!

Beginning May 4th- 8:30 am Drive In
10:30 am Indoor