

May 2024

Office Hours
Monday — Thursday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



First Christian Church

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Canton, IL 61520

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COMMUNITY WORK DAY

FCC showed some joyful service helping with the community clean up day! We had folks helping at the Salvation Army, YMCA and Youth Acres. Thanks to all the volunteers who showed some love for our community!



Succulents and Snacks

WE HAD A GREAT TURN OUT FOR OUR FAMILY MINISTRY SUCCULENTS AND SNACKS EVENT! WE HAD SEVERAL NEW FACES JOIN US! SOME BROUGHT THEIR OWN PLANTERS & OTHERS CREATED LOVELY PAINTED POTS! EVERYONE ENJOYED CHOOSING, DESIGNING AND PLANTING THEIR PLANTS AND HAVING SOME SNACKS! IT WAS A GREAT EVENING FILLED WITH FUN, FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP!!



Steve Mason: Pastor
Jessa Wenger: Office Coordinator
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Rick Coulter: Building Supervisor
John Davis: Director of Music
Gretchen Fuller: Organist

If you had to boil down the message of God's invitation to humanity, what would it be? It's tricky, right? There's a lot of directions you could go—love, salvation, service, comfort, the list goes on and on. But if you asked me that question, I would say that God's underlying invitation that we learn through the Bible and we strive to live as church is to discover a life of freedom! I think those two words—life and freedom—because they are everywhere in our scripture. It's the thread that connects Genesis all the way to Revelation and everywhere in between. God's call to Abraham is to know and create life through generations of family. God literally frees the Israelites in Egypt, with the help of Moses, so that they may live free. The words of the prophets mainly boil down to, "don't put your energy into stuff or worldly powers, God wants to give you real life and real freedom, but you've got to let go of the other things." And Jesus continues and clarifies those messages, maybe nowhere more concisely than in John 10.10 when he says, "I came so that you might have life and have it abundantly."

No wonder the only prayer that Jesus explicitly teaches his disciples, that we repeat on a weekly basis together, essentially says, God you're great. We're gonna work with you to make earth act a bit more like heaven. That means that we need life (our daily bread), freedom (forgive us from the sin/trespases/debts that tie us down) and God's guidance (lead us). So we're saying in the Lord's Prayer that in order for life, we need God's guidance to freedom. And we even name in the prayer, for those of us who pray, "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" that one of the most powerful forces that bind us up, that keep us away from God's invitation to a liberated life are economic forces. God knows that money and debt and greed are so often those things that misplace our priorities, that separate us from living free, which is why the Bible talks about money more than 2,500 times! More than 60% of Jesus' teachings were about economics!

To put our prayer into action, to help us accept God's invitation live a freed life, we're beginning a worship series Free to Live, Free to Give. Our worship series is going to help us re-prioritize our lives so that we can accept God's invitation to an abundant life of freedom. We'll be discussing how to reduce our debts, to name our financial goals, set (and keep) budgets and discover the joy of giving! Each of the 5 weeks will offer a lesson in good stewardship and a handout to guide you in living that lesson—it's not only spiritual wisdom, but Jesus wants us to put these ideas into practice. And throughout this series we need your stories of how God has freed you to live and give! We'll be inviting people to share stories for us to put together and share in worship. So be thinking about how God and the church have freed you for living fully, freely and with generosity.

If you—or someone you know—has ever struggled with challenges of indebtedness, feeling anxious about money or being afraid of not having enough; come discover the freedom God offers to live and give, Sunday 9am worship in May and on June 2nd!

-Pastor Steve



FREE to LIVE
FREE to GIVE

FAMILY MINISTRY

KICKBALL GAME

SUN MAY 26TH 5PM

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
SPECTATORS WELCOME!

WALLCE PARK BALL
DIAMOND

MAY MINUTE FOR MINISTRY DONATE TO THE

CANTON YWCA CHILDCARE CENTER

ITEMS NEEDED:

- GALLON ZIPLOCK BAGS
- SOFT SOAP
- DISH SOAP
- WHITE WASH CLOTHS
- AA AND AAA BATTERIES
- LYSOL
- SPRAY BOTTLES
- UNDER ARM THERMOMETERS



eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca
Canton, IL

Minute for Ministry

Throughout the month of May, the Outreach Committee will be collecting donations for the YWCA childcare center.

Their Mission: YWCA Canton is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. They offer many programs in the Canton area including a child development center, Little School, YWCA Dance Academy, Y We Run Program & 1 mile/5k Fun Run and a Summer Food Program. They are in need of the items listed below. Please leave donations in the box at the bottom of the stairs. Thank you for supporting the Canton YWCA and our community!

(items needed listed above)

BECOMING
DEDICATED

Disciples

Passionate **SPIRITUALITY**

Joyful **SERVICE**

Inspiring **GENEROSITY**

WORSHIP ONLY SCRATCHES THE SURFACE...

DIGGING DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

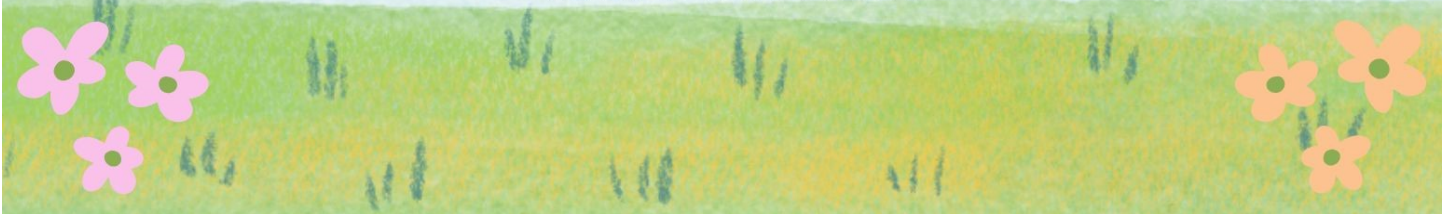
Sundays at 10:30am

Room 104



LOOKING FOR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Are you good with toddlers? Are you the person who asks to hold other people's babies? Are you over 15 and have done our Safe Kids training? If so, we would love you to volunteer as a backup nursery attendant. Every worship service we try and have the nursery available for parents to be able to worship fully. We currently have a small team of trained nursery staff who are CPR and First Aid certified, but sometimes in order to maintain our proper ratio of nursery adults with children, we might need to call on some volunteers who can help when it's needed. If you'd like to be added to the list, please get in touch with Michelle Spiva at 405.436.7060.





FCC Sports Equipment Donation

Don't forget to give your sports equipment donation today! The donation box is located at the bottom of the stairs near the main entrance doors.



WALTER SCOTT CAMP & LEARNING CENTER

Jun 9 - 15 **CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship)**
Completed grades 9th to 12th

Jun 16 - 19 **You & Me**
*Completed grades K to 5th & Adult(s)
(Parent, Grandparent, etc.)*

Jun 20 - 22 **Beginners Camp**
*Completed grades K to 3rd**

Jun 23 - 29 **JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship)**
Completed grades 3rd to 5th*

Jun 30 - Jul 6 **Chi Rho**
Completed grades 6th to 8th

Jul 12 - 14 **Social Justice Weekend Camp**
Completed grades 6th to 12th

**Campers who have completed 3rd grade may attend either
Beginners Camp or JYF Camp.*

Visit us online for registration details, camp costs, and additional camp information. Registration closes 2 weeks before the beginning of each camp.

REGISTER ONLINE



www.CampWalterScott.org

(501) 570-6685

campws@cciwdisciples.org

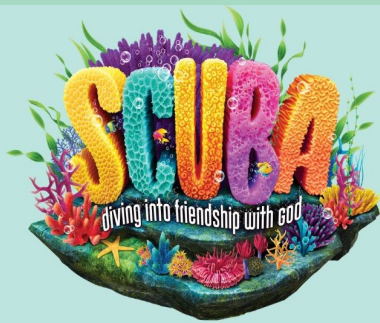
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Library Updates & Free Books

Pardon the mess, but we're updating the church's library this month. Keep your eyes peeled for what it will look like with the new design by our amazing Taking Care of Worship crew. And since we're paring down books, check out the selection of free books on the tables in the fellowship hall. Take home as many books as you would like by May 19th.

Children's Church Update

- **Last Whirl Children's Church on May 26th**
- **Prayground will be available this summer**
- **Children's Church will resume Aug 11th**



VBS SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 4-8

**POOL PARTY KICKOFF:
AUG. 4**



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Come join the women of G.E.M.S.

Thursdays at 10am
as they study Wayne Muller's book "Sabbath"

about restoring the sacred rhythm of rest and delight.

S A B B A T H

*Restoring the
Sacred Rhythm of
Rest and Delight*

WAYNE MULLER
author of Legacy of the Heart

66th Annual

Altruistic Club

Cookies for a Cause

We will have our homemade cookies available for pick-up or delivery
for \$12.00 per box.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Pick-Up or Delivery 7:30 to 10:30 am

First Christian Church

215 W Elm St, Canton

If you would like to preorder boxed cookies, text or call

309-338-2845 (Jean) or 309-338-2107 (Veanna)

Donations Are Appreciated

Fulton County Health Department is proud to sponsor a



Fulton County Breast Cancer Support Group Walk



Where: Wallace Park, 250 South Ave D, Canton, IL 61520

When: Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 9am

Who: Survivors, caregivers, & in memory of loved ones

**Meetings are held quarterly (1st Tuesday of March, June,
September & December) at the Fulton County Health
Department**

700 E Oak St., Rm 307, Canton, IL 61520

For more information, Contact Angela Blickenstaff

309-647-1134 ext. 258

Thank you

“I want to thank everyone for all your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, food and visits during my recovery from back surgery. I am doing good, but still have a ways to go to be completely recovered. Continues prayers are still needed and greatly appreciated.” -Doris Taylor

Prayer Request

Please Pray For:

The friends & family of Emily Dosier upon her death; The friends & family of Margaret (Zaborac) Wright upon her death; Alma Lee Wertman (pneumonia); Kevin Allard (Tad Allard's brother); Doris Taylor recovering from back surgery; Sarah & Tas in their work at Salvation Army and for all of those w/o safe housing; Sid Smith while hospitalized (Lyn Snowman's uncle); Liz Pollitt; Blaine Hardy (deployed overseas); Evelyn Hicks; Joyce & Zack Norris; Steve Fisher (diagnostic procedures); Those battling with cancer: Jason Lasseigne, Bev Lynch (friend of Daryle Coleman), Lloyd Leezer (Marla Hedden's brother), Jessica Mayall (Sandy Foutch's niece), Ava Leitze; The Stephenson family on SueEllen's transplant recuperation; Steve Moore; Tracy Snowman; Cora Murphey

Care Facilities:

At Courtyard Estates: David & Bea Meeker

At Sunset: Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Keith Munstedt

At Renaissance Care Center: Angie, Bill & Sue

May Birthdays

Misti Crossland	May 1
Larry Warden	May 8
Trinity Baldry	May 9
Doris Svob	May 12
Kim Schrodt	May 13
Keith Munstedt	May 16
Gavin Stephenson	May 17
Nancy Cluts	May 18
Judy Wickert	May 19
Gillian Spiva	May 21
Jarrold Zaborac	May 28
Juliana Jump	May 29
Amy Smith	May 29

May Anniversaries

Greg & Barb Pollitt	May 2
Bill & Judy Kemper	May 8
Dee & Denny Doubet	May 10
Kevin & Lori Coleman	May 26
Frank & Melinda Jones	May 28

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

5/5/2024		5/12/2024	
Scripture	Luke 17: 11-19	Scripture	Acts 4: 32-35
Greeters	Liz Pollitt	Greeters	Eugenia Warden
Ushers	Liz Clark	Ushers	Mike & Karen Meade
CtW	Dave Bell	CtW	Video
Scripture Reader	Hailey Bryant	Scripture Reader	Vinnie Cufaude
Children's Moment	Grant Stephenson	Children's Moment	Judy Kemper
Children's Church	Amanda & Grant Stephenson	Children's Church	Lyn Snowman & Addy Dominski
Invitation	Bruce Edwards	Invitation	Caitlin Mason
Prayer	Brian Spiva	Prayer	Daryle Coleman
Deacons (prepare)	Allen & Eugenia /Denny & Dee	Deacons (prepare)	Jake & Carisa /Zack & Janet
Counters	Bruce Edwards & Kevin Coleman	Counters	Daryle Coleman & Jen Miller
Coffee Fellowship	Judy Kemper	Coffee Fellowship	TBD
5/19/2024-Pentecost		5/26/2024	
Scripture	Acts 2: 1-21	Scripture	John 2: 1-11
Greeters	Chuck & Denise Jarvis	Greeters	Lorraine Neill
Ushers	Mike & Janet Krulac	Ushers	Tad & Amy Allard
CtW	No CtW, baptisms	CtW	Video
Scripture Reader	Lyn Snowman	Scripture Reader	Maddie Bryant
Children's Moment	Rhonda Morgan	Children's Moment	Michelle Spiva
Children's Church	Caitlin Mason & Becky Wilcoxon	Children's Church	Jean & Bruce Edwards
Invitation	Steve Mason	Invitation	Kevin Dearing
Prayer	Alan Coleman	Prayer	Bill Leitze
Deacons (prepare)	Judy & Susan /Corey & Mark T	Deacons (prepare)	Tad & Amy /Mark R & Michelle
Counters	Alan Coleman & Chuck Taylor	Counters	Don Heller & Vinnie Cufaude
Coffee Fellowship	Stephenson Family	Coffee Fellowship	Morgan Family

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship 9:00AM Discipleship Class 10:15-11AM Bible Study 10:30AM	6 Elder's Meeting 6:30PM	7	8 Choir Practice 7PM	9 G.E.M.S. 10AM	10	11
12 Worship 9:00AM Discipleship Class 10:15-11AM Bible Study 10:30AM Mother's Day	13 Worship Meeting 6PM	14 Outreach Meeting 5pm Finance Meeting 5:30PM	15 Choir Practice 7PM	16 G.E.M.S. 10AM	17	18
19 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	20 Christian Ed Meeting 6PM Board Meeting 7:00PM	21	22 Choir Practice 7PM	23 G.E.M.S. 10AM	24	25
26 Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM FM N: Kickball @ Wallace Park 5pm	27 Property Meeting 4PM Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29	30	31	