

**June 2025**

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



**First  
Christian  
Church**

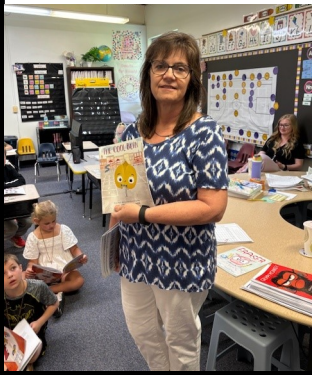
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## Reading to 1st Graders

Just before summer break, FCC volunteers read aloud to local 1st graders and gifted each child a book to take home. What a joy it is to continue this ministry with Canton's elementary schools, teachers and 1st graders! We hope all the students in our community have a fun and safe summer! May your minds and hearts keep growing by leaps and bounds!



## Congrats, FCC Graduates!

This past May, we came together as a church family to celebrate and honor a significant milestone in the lives of our graduates. With grateful hearts, we recognize the hard work, perseverance, and dedication that has brought them to this point. Whether completing high school, college, or a specialized program, each graduate stands as a testament to God's

faithfulness and their own commitment to growth.

To our graduates: We are proud of your achievements and excited for your journey ahead!



**From L to R: Lexie Shaw, Mia Hardy, Belle Hardy, Ella Goforth, Jena Goforth, Marlee Miller, Derek Spiva & Pastor Steve.  
(Not pictured are Addison Allard & Allison Wheeler)**

*oh snap!!* **Updated  
directory  
photos will  
be taken  
Sunday  
Morning  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> &  
29<sup>th</sup>**



**Steve Mason:** Pastor  
**Jessa Wenger:** Office Coordinator  
**Email:** [contact@cantonfcc.org](mailto:contact@cantonfcc.org)



**Rick Coulter:** Building Supervisor  
**John Davis:** Director of Music  
**Gretchen Fuller:** Organist

"The Mighty One has done great things for me; holy is God's name! From generation to generation, God's lovingkindness endures for those who revere Him." These are the words of Mary, the mother of Jesus, upon discovering her unique ministry to share with the world. To me, they speak of the goodness of God that spans time, connecting generation to generation and helping us all put our trust in the Lord, no matter the cultural circumstances we find ourselves in.

That's way, all during the month of June, as Canton celebrates its bicentennial, we at First Christian are also celebrating our communal ministry over the last 135 years in a worship series we're calling "From Generation to Generation." We'll be looking back at different, pivotal seasons in the life of FCC. Here's a breakdown of each week's years:

June 1: the late 1800s as we discuss the founding years of FCC

June 8: the 1940s War years as First Christian is still at the Walnut St building

June 15: in the late 1950s as the church is celebrating the new building and hopes for the future

June 22: in the early 1970s with the church at its numeric peak, right before big changes hit Canton

June 29: we'll be in the present, looking back at changes, the grace that has sustained us and our hope for the future

Each week we'll make an effort to bring the worship into those seasons. We'll celebrate with the music of the times, we'll get to "meet" some of the people who have been a part of the story of First Christian Church and you're even welcome to dress up in the style of the times—let's see who can get creative! And, as our worship series culminates, we'll have photographers here to take new church directory photos on both June 22nd and 29th. Don't miss out on the 29th, because not only will it be our final Sunday looking back, but we'll have a history church-wide group photo taken on sanctuary steps and have a potluck picnic celebration as a fitting end to the festivities.

So as you celebrate the Bicentennial with Canton, make sure you join together as church and celebrate the great things God has done, is doing and will continue to do through our witness and work together as church!

*Pastor Steve*



Find your **Minute at First** every Monday morning.

Information and spiritual formation on Facebook or in your email.

Watch, like and share!





BETH MOORE &amp; MELISSA MOORE

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**SURPASSING  
 VALUE**  
 OF  
**KNOWING  
 CHRIST**

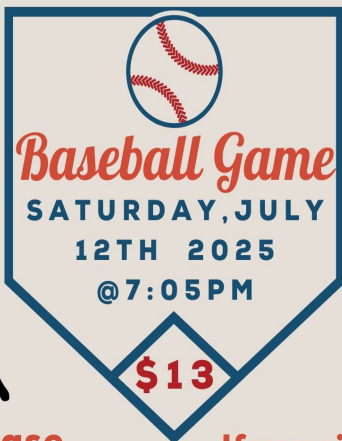
A STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS

# Women's In-Depth Bible Study

Shawna Axline will be leading a women's bible study every Wednesday from 10am-12pm in Fellowship Hall starting June 11<sup>th</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>! If you are interested in joining, please contact Shawna at 309-224-3205. Workbooks for the book study are \$20.

**\*\*RSVP before June 4th\*\***

## PEORIA CHIEFS



**Purchase tickets (with exact change, please) & sign up for rides in the office today.**

**If you sign up for a ride to the game, the bus will leave the church at 5:30pm. There are only 26 seats available on the bus.**

## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Sunday July 27, 2025  
 5pm-7pm @ Big Creek Pool/Rec Center

Free backpacks w/ school supplies to Canton students K-8 grade  
 \*Free meal included for students\* & free swimming for families attending!

### HERE ARE WAYS TO HELP:

- Designate a gift for bulk school supplies
- Donate, shop, or volunteer at Helping Hands (July 8-12)
- Help pack 288 backpacks (July 24th @ The Salvation Army, 10-12PM)
- Distribute backpacks @ event
- Staff a table for the FCC @ event

Questions: Contact Rhonda Morgan 309-224-1226 or [morgan.rhonda342@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.rhonda342@gmail.com)





**REGISTRATION  
IS NOW OPEN!**

**Memphis, Tennessee  
July 12 - 15, 2025**



*Ice Cream Social*

**Volunteers Needed for  
set-up & clean-up**

(5:30-7:30pm) (7:30-9:30pm)

Sat. June 28th  
from 6-9 pm @  
Jones Park

Please, let the  
church office know  
if you can help  
volunteer!

**KIDS  
DAY  
Camp**

**14-18 JULY**

A FREE WEEK OF CAMP FOR KIDS FROM CANTON  
WITH TRANSPORTATION AND LEADERSHIP FROM  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**FAITH  
FORMATION** **OUTDOOR  
ACTIVITIES** **ARTS &  
CRAFTS**

For more info: [www.campem.com](http://www.campem.com)  
14999 Reservoir Road Browning, IL

## 2025 YOUTH & FAMILY CAMPS

AT WALTER SCOTT CAMP & LEARNING CENTER

Get ready for summer by registering for youth camps at Walter Scott today!

### YOUTH CAMPS

- ✓ **CYF | Jun 8-14**  
Grades 9-12
- ✓ **You & Me | Jun 15-18**  
Grades K-5 + Adult(s)
- ✓ **Beginners | Jun 19-21**  
Grades K-3\*

- ✓ **JYF | Jun 22-28**  
Grades 3\*-5
- ✓ **Chi-Rho | Jun 29-Jul 5**  
Grades 6-8

\*3rd graders may attend either Beginners  
or JYF Camp.

### FAMILY CAMPS

- ✓ **Memorial Day Weekend**  
May 22-26
- ✓ **Labor Day Weekend**  
Aug 28-Sep 1

Visit us online for full details, registration, and information on  
service opportunities, additional youth events, and more!



**REGISTER NOW!**



[www.CampWalterScott.org](http://www.CampWalterScott.org)



# Lunch & Learn

Getting Smart, Getting Connected

Date: Thursday, June 12th  
Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
Location: **Baker Rec. Center**  
**940 N Main St.**  
*Free with lunch provided!*  
call 309-647-7665 to RSVP

**Topic - Fraud Prevention**  
TimbukTech & the  
Canton Police  
Department

HOSTED BY:  
CANTON PARK DISTRICT  
&  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE SRC COMMUNITY CHORUS PRESENTS



## MUSIC FROM THE TIME OF THE DUST BOWL

A Historical Edu-Concert

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025  
6:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M.**

**First Christian Church  
Canton, IL**

A one-hour concert featuring popular songs of the Dust Bowl like 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Brother, Can You Spare a Dime, The Joint is Jumpin', Somewhere Over the Rainbow, and more; narration including Canton History; images from the time period; and featuring Nathan Taylor as the dusty traveling musician.

**TICKETS \$5** TICKETS ON SALE NOW FROM ANY CHORUS MEMBER OR  
BY VISITING [WWW.SRC.EDU/CHORUS](http://WWW.SRC.EDU/CHORUS)  
AFTER MAY 15 TO PURCHASE TICKETS ON-LINE



## EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE

FCC received a \$5,000 grant from the National Benevolent Association of Disciples of Christ for a new ministry to help outgoing High School seniors with life skills!

More details to come!

## Summer 2025 Song Leaders

**June 1st** - Lori Coleman  
**June 8th** - Tammy Weaver  
**June 15th** - Sherry Coffey  
**June 22** - Allen Smith  
**June 29** - Shawna Axline

**July 6th** - Aja Lawson  
**July 13th** - Sherry Coffee  
**July 20th** - Aja Lawson  
**July 27th** - Kevin Dearing

**Aug. 3rd** - Allen Smith  
**Aug. 10th** - Tammy Weaver  
**Aug. 17th** - Sherry Coffey  
**Aug. 24th** - Kevin Dearing  
**Aug. 31st** - John Davis

## June Birthdays

Colleen Riley	June 1
Cole Schrodtt	June 4
Amy Allard	June 5
Anna Valentin	June 5
Kathy Burton	June 7
Blake Stephenson	June 12
Henry Dare	June 13
Kadence Schoolcraft	June 15
Evie Taylor	June 16
Shelby Taylor	June 16
Andrew Moser	June 17
Terri Osborne	June 17
Diane Bell	June 22
Emmie Stephenson	June 22
Lorraine Neill	June 25
Alma Lee Wertman	June 26

## June Anniversaries

Kara & Dan Fitzjarald	June 2
Mindy & Greg Glomb	June 5
Kevin & Rhonda Morgan	June 5
Mark & Laura Taylor	June 7
Michael & Susan Walters	June 10
Amy & Tad Allard	June 12
Shawna & Tom Axline	June 13
Corey & Jennifer Miller	June 14
Alan & Daryle Coleman	June 15
Mark & Emily Baldry	June 17
Bruce & Sherry Fisher	June 26
Greg & SueEllen Stephenson	June 27

## Please Pray For:

Tom Axline (recovering from surgery); Melba Dearing; Keith Munstedt (heart murmur); Cindy Schoenheider; Tyler Dixon's dad, Wayne (heart surgery); Ryan Hicks; Brice Heller (eye surgery); Pheobe Raker (recovering from eye surgery); Cathy Schoonover-Orwig (MS); Mandy Sipe; Brenda Dilts (Lyn Snowman's mom); David Lueck (Janet White's nephew); Brad O'Brien (Sherry Hardy's friend); Tayvin Henderson (Friend of Jack Fitzjarald); Carol Harmon; Kevin Allard (Tad Allard's brother); Steve Moore; Those battling with cancer: Jodi Smith, Haleigh Schoop, Crystal Graybel, Andrea (Shane Dixon's family), Pam Beadles, John Brown, Mark Stoneking, Sharon Blair, Jason Lasseigne, Diana Black Williamson; Tracy Snowman

BECOMING  
DEDICATED

*Disciples*

*Passionate* **SPIRITUALITY**

*Joyful* **SERVICE**

*Inspiring* **GENEROSITY**

## Care Facilities:

**At Courtyard Estates:** David & Bea Meeker

**At Sunset:** Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Keith Munstedt

**At Renaissance Care Center:** Angie, Bill & Sue

### Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

June 1-Tending the Soil		June 8-Delighting in God's Word	
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 8: 4-8	<b>Scripture</b>	Psalm 1
<b>Greeters</b>	Keith Munstedt	<b>Greeters</b>	Barb Pollitt
<b>Ushers</b>	Axline Family	<b>Ushers</b>	Moser Family
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Kevin Coleman	<b>Call to Worship</b>	TBD
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Lyn Snowman	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Mark Taylor
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Michelle Spiva	<b>Children's Moment</b>	Jen Miller
<b>Song Leader</b>	Lori Coleman	<b>Song Leader</b>	Tammy Weaver
<b>Invitation/Prayer</b>	Kevin Dearing/Shawna Axline	<b>Invitation/Prayer</b>	Brian Spiva/Grant Stephenson
<b>Deacons (prepare)</b>	<b>Jean &amp; Michelle</b> /Jake & Carisa	<b>Deacons (prepare)</b>	<b>Carissa M &amp; Amanda</b> /Dave & Sheila
<b>Counters</b>	Shawna Axline/Vinnie Cufaude	<b>Counters</b>	Grant Stephenson/Bruce Edwards
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Judy Leitze	<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Jan & Chuck Taylor
June 15-Our Father Knows Best		June 22-A Groovy Savior: Can You Dig It?	
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 8: 26-33, 38-39	<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 8: 40-56
<b>Greeters</b>	Mark & Laura Taylor	<b>Greeters</b>	Corey & Jen Miller
<b>Ushers</b>	TBD	<b>Ushers</b>	Kevin & Jan Dearing
<b>Call to Worship</b>	TBD	<b>Call to Worship</b>	Kara Fitzjarrald
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Kate Fitzjarrald	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Tammy Weaver
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Jean Edwards	<b>Children's Moment</b>	Rhonda Morgan
<b>Song Leader</b>	Sherry Coffey	<b>Song Leader</b>	Allen Smith
<b>Invitation/Prayer</b>	Tammy Weaver/Mike Krulac	<b>Invitation/Prayer</b>	Steve Mason/Shawna Axline
<b>Deacons (prepare)</b>	<b>Shawn &amp; Lyn</b> /Shane & Chris	<b>Deacons (prepare)</b>	<b>Allen &amp; Eugenia</b> /Denny & Dee
<b>Counters</b>	Tammy Weaver/Alan Coleman	<b>Counters</b>	Vinnie Cufaude/Shawna Axline
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Bruce & Jean Edwards	<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Don & Connie Heller
June 29-A Feast for the Ages			
<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 9: 1-2, 6, 10-17	<b>Children's Moment</b>	Jen Miller
<b>Greeters</b>	Denny & Dee Doubet	<b>Song Leader</b>	Shawna Axline
<b>Ushers</b>	Becky Wilcoxon	<b>Invitation/Prayer</b>	Chuck Taylor/Maida Williams
<b>Call to Worship</b>	TBD	<b>Deacons (prepare)</b>	<b>Jake &amp; Carisa</b> /Zack & Janet
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Diane Schrodtt	<b>Counters</b>	Chuck Taylor & Don Heller
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	<b>Potluck</b>		

# June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Elder's Meeting 6:30PM					
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Worship Meeting 11:00AM	Finance Meeting 5:30PM	Women's In-Depth Bible Study in FH 10-12PM	Lunch & Learn 12-1PM @ Baker Rec. Center		
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Christian Ed 6PM Cabinet Meeting 7PM		Women's In-Depth Bible Study in FH 10-12PM			
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM <b>**Directory Photos</b>	Property Meeting 4:00PM		Women's In-Depth Bible Study in FH 10-12PM			Ice Cream Social @ Jones Park 6-
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					
Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM <b>**Directory Photos</b>						