

August 2026

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



First Christian Church

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FCC Pool Party Highlights

The Christian Ed. Committee had a great time hosting our church pool party! It was an entertaining evening filled with swimming, lots of laughs, and great fun! It was wonderful to see everyone—kids and adults—enjoying their time together and making new memories. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped make it such a fun and refreshing day!



Back to School Bash

On July 26th, at the Big Creek Pool, many local families received school supplies, connected with vital services & shared in uplifting fun & fellowship at this year's Back-to-School Bash! This community ministry was stewarded and supported by many FCC folks, not to mention a generous contribution from our Outreach funds.

Thanks to you, kids have all the supplies needed to start the year off right & a community showing them love and encouragement to have great attitudes all along the way. Special shout out to Rhonda Morgan, who led and coordinated this vital ministry!



Steve Mason: Pastor
Jessa Wenger: Office Coordinator
Kevin Dearing: Care Coordinator



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

Pastor Hank Anderson's Report

My friends,

Thank you so much for the welcome and support you have offered to me and Deann over these past several weeks. It has meant more than you will ever know. It has been good to renew earlier acquaintances and to make new ones. FCC is a great congregation that has a lot going for it. My prayer is that you will continue the work you are doing and the direction you are headed. I also want to extend a special word of appreciation to Steve Mason. It says a lot that he was willing not just to accept but to invite a predecessor back during his sabbatical. I hope that you will continue to support and encourage him and his family in their ministry with you. This is a challenging time to be in ministry, and ministers need all the support that they can get. I have so many fond memories of my time here as interim several years ago, and this experience only adds to them.

As you well know, this has been a difficult year for Deann, myself, and our family, but my time with you this summer has been a true bright spot. Your understanding and encouragement, the memories, the laughter, and even the tears have been tremendously comforting. I pray that my presence has been helpful to all of you in some way as well.

I have followed your life and ministry as a congregation ever since I was here several years back, and will continue to do so in the future. I certainly look forward to all of the great things that you will accomplish for God in this community and beyond. May God bless you in your continuing life and ministry together.

Grace and peace, Hank

Safety First

While the elevator was being serviced this summer, the Property Committee took the opportunity to have the Canton Fire Department create a mapped out plan of the property in case of a fire, or emergency. CFD recorded utilities, exits, stairways, and the elevator, etc. onto their mapping system to get a layout of the building while Rick showed them around. This is a routine procedure that the Fire Department likes to have prepared for all businesses in Canton.



FCC Beautification

The Elm street side of the church has recently been landscaped with a lovely assortment of perennial new plants and small trees. Hart's Nursery in Bushnell, with input from the TCW beautification committee, designed and installed the area making it a peaceful, meditative space with the Schrodtr memorial bench in place for reflection. Please take a look!



Lunch & Learn

Getting Smart, Getting Connected

Date: Thursday, August 13th

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Location: **Donaldson Center**
250 S. Avenue D

Free with lunch provided!
call 309-647-1345 to RSVP

**Topic: Banking
Fraud**

with MidAmerica
National Bank

HOSTED BY:
CANTON PARK DISTRICT
&
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Blessing of the Backpacks

If you are a student, teacher or school administrator, let us offer you a blessing in worship on August 9th as we celebrate all that God will be doing in your life this school year. Kids are invited to bring their backpacks to worship as we pray together for a successful school year!

**ATTENTION ALL
STUDENTS ,
TEACHER &
ADMINISTRATION!!!**



A Heartfelt Thank You to Pastor Hank Anderson

As we conclude Pastor Hank's time as our interim pastor, we want to express our sincere gratitude for his faithful leadership and caring presence among us.

Throughout his ministry with our congregation, Pastor Hank has shared God's Word with wisdom, compassion, and encouragement. He has guided us through this season of transition with grace, offering steady leadership, a listening ear, and a servant's heart. We are thankful for the time, energy, and dedication he has given to our church family. His ministry has been a blessing to our congregation, and we are grateful for the many ways he has strengthened our faith and reminded us of God's constant love and faithfulness.

Please join us in thanking Pastor Hank for his service and in praying for God's continued blessings on him as he begins the next chapter of his journey. We wish him every joy and God's richest blessings in the days ahead.

With grateful hearts, thank you, Pastor Hank!

August Birthdays

Kevin Coleman	Aug 2
Zack Krulac	Aug 3
Clint Coleman	Aug 4
Dave Grigsby	Aug 4
Karen Meade	Aug 4
Susan Walters	Aug 4
Tracy Snowman	Aug 5
Norma Snowman	Aug 11
Savannah Snowman	Aug 12
Gary Zaborac	Aug 12
Trygve Meade	Aug 19
Doris Taylor	Aug 20
Allen Smith	Aug 21
Cami Bernard	Aug 22
Dee Doubet	Aug 22
Josh Kemper	Aug 23
Judy Leitze	Aug 23
Char VanRossem	Aug 31

August Anniversaries

Shawn & Lyn Snowman	Aug 4
Bruce & Jean Edwards	Aug 6
Mike & Janet Krulac	Aug 7
Chris & Sherry Hardy	Aug 12
Scott & Tracy Snowman	Aug 13
Dick & Char VanRossem	Aug 14
Chuck & Jan Taylor	Aug 19

June 2026 Giving & Ministry Needs

YTD

Ind. Giving:	16,190	115,105
Other Income:	10,544	60,118
Total:	26,735	175,223
Needs:	35,539	185,667
Difference:	8,804	10,444

Please Pray For:

Family & friends of Judy Conrad during her passing; Don Powell; Donna Phillips; Dave Lefferts; Kim Stoneking (Kevin's brother); Tammy Weaver; Lela Marie & Lonnie; Jeff Shelby & family; Penny Winters; Carolyn Sue (Murphy) Tandy; Lorraine Neill; Diana Black Williamson; Christine Malott; Blaine Hardy; Sharon Hall; Cathy Schoonover-Orwig (MS); Brenda Dilts; Steve Moore; Those battling with cancer: Carol Poindexter, Gary Reneau, Brad O'Brien, Beverly McComb, Stephanie Parson, Tim Roberts, Katie Hill, Steve Lefferts, Barb Bishop, Gary Barnhart, Kim Schrodt, Lana Formal, Jodi Smith, Crystal Graybel, Pam Beadles, John Brown, Sharon Blair, Jason Lasseigne

Care Facilities:

The Carriages Bloomington- David Meeker

Holly Brook Peoria - Liz Clark

Heritage Woods- Bruce Christy, Barb Uno, Nancy Cluts

Renaissance C.C.- Angie Slater; Bill Brockett

Sunset - Lori Bieber; Ed Ford; Keith Munstedt

Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

August 2 - Loyalty Before the Outcome		August 9 - With You, I Am	
Scripture	Proverbs 3: 5–6	Scripture	Exodus 3: 1-14
Greeters	Don & Connie Heller	Greeters	Jan & Chuck Taylor
Ushers	Karen Meade	Ushers	Vinnie Cufaude
Call to Worship	None	Call to Worship	TBD
Scripture Reader	Trygve Meade	Scripture Reader	Kara Fitzjarrald
Children's Moment	Jen Miller	Children's Moment	Rhonda Morgan
Invitation/Prayer	Maida Williams/Grant Stephenson	Invitation/Prayer	Sherry Coffey/Chuck Taylor
Deacons (prepare)	Judy L & Eugenia /Shane & Amanda	Deacons (prepare)	Shawn & Lyn /Denny & Dee
Counters	Grant Stephenson &	Counters	Chuck Taylor & Sherry Coffey
Coffee Fellowship	Grant & Amanda	Coffee Fellowship	Judy Kemper
August 16 - Travel Light and Be a Good Guest		August 23 - The Road that Leads to Life	
Scripture	Matt. 10: 5-20	Scripture	Matt. 11: 25-30
Greeters	Judy Leitze	Greeters	Pheobe Raker
Ushers	Doris Svob	Ushers	Mike & Janet Krulac
Call to Worship	TBD	Call to Worship	TBD
Scripture Reader	Bill Leitze	Scripture Reader	Michelle Spiva
Children's Moment	Daryle Coleman	Children's Moment	Janet Krulac
Invitation/Prayer	Tammy Weaver/Mike Krulac	Invitation/Prayer	Rhonda Morgan/Kevin Dearing
Deacons (prepare)	Jake & Carisa /Zack & Janet	Deacons (prepare)	Judy & Susan /Emily & Mark T
Counters	Tammy Weaver & Alan Coleman	Counters	Daryle Coleman & Jen Miller
Coffee Fellowship	Rhonda & Kevin Morgan	Coffee Fellowship	Michelle Spiva
August 30 - We are All Pilgrims			
Scripture	Psalm 25: 1-10	Children's Moment	Kevin Coleman
Greeters	Eugenia Warden	Invitation/Prayer	Michelle Spiva & Brian Spiva
Ushers	Diane Schrodt	Deacons (prepare)	Tom & TBD /Jean & Aja
Call to Worship	TBD	Counters	Brian Spiva & Bruce Edwards
Scripture Reader	Aja Lawson		
Coffee Fellowship	Potluck		

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Elder's Meeting 6:30 PM					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship 9AM Blessing of the Backpacks		Finance Meeting 5:30PM	Worship Meeting 11:00AM	Lunch & Learn @ 12-1PM		
Bible Study 10:30AM						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Christian Ed 6PM Cabinet Meeting 7PM					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM	Property Meeting 4PM					
30	31					
Worship 9AM Bible Study 10:30AM						