

July 2024

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



# First Christian Church

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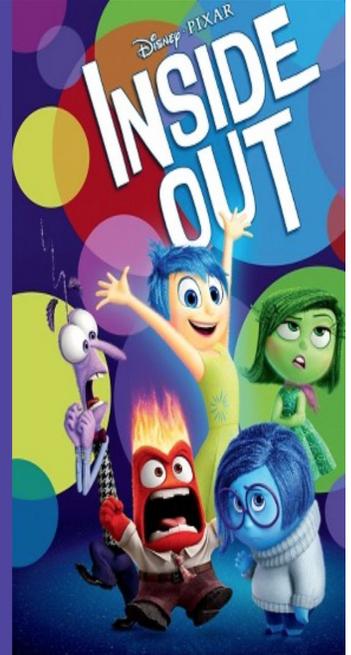


## THANK YOU

Thank you so much to Jan Taylor, Steve Mason, Kevin Morgan & all other unknown volunteers who have helped to keep the gardens & landscaping looking beautiful this year! We appreciate your hard work & willingness to help!

## Movie Night

- July 5th at FCC
- Pizza at 5:30 Pm
- Movie @ 6 Pm
- Post movie chat!
- RSVP @ 647-1363



*Welcome, Calista!*

Please, join us in welcoming Calista Buban to our church family as FCC's new landscaper! She will begin July 2nd!



## GOOD FEELINGS

### WEDDING INVITATION

After church on July 21st, join Kevin & Jan Dearing as they celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows! Following the vow renewal, join them in fellowship hall for a celebratory brunch!

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

## You've Been Missed

Dear First Christian Church of Canton,

I just got back from my first camping experience at our Disciples of Christ camp, Camp Walter Scott (CWS—down near Dietrich, IL), and I need to tell you church: you've been missed. Gavin, Andie and Grant Stephenson, Isaac, Finn and myself were down for the "You and Me" camp (specially designed for kids exiting K-5<sup>th</sup> grade



and their family members) this past month and we literally received an ovation when we named what church we are from. An ovation. We weren't doing clapping for everyone; they just spontaneously burst out when we introduced ourselves. So many people came up and said something to the extent of, "Canton used to be a huge portion of our camp. But you haven't sent anyone in so long. We missed you." To give you a sense of how long it's been since we sent many folks, the director of that week's camp asked me how "little Kara Kemper" was doing these days!! So hear this loud and clear, Canton FCC,

the folks at CWS—as well as I'm sure other parts of our regional and general church ministry—not only have noted our recent absence, but they are longing for restored partnership and community.

And I'll say in our short, three-day camp with our kids, I had a blast. It had been 4 years for me since my last in-person church camp—and I haven't been away from church camp that long since I was younger than Finn is now. But from the moment I got out of the van and long after I returned back to the daily grind, I could feel the restoration that I've never found anywhere quite as well as at church camp. During the three days with kids as young as 6 and guardians as old as 86, we experienced fun, fellowship, prayer and play in the healing natural setting of camp. Whether it was on the lake paddle boarding, fishing, paddle boating, playing card games, taking morning hikes to identify animals and plants, doing crafts, singing silly songs, making homemade ice cream, hanging out with the goats, having smores, sitting around the firepit or even the always-loved FOB (feet on bunk) time after lunch in our air-conditioned cabins—it was just good to see my kids make new friends, watch them grow in compassion and curiosity, make new friends myself and return to the love of the Holy all around.



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## You've Been Missed (Cont.)



Isaac's still got another CWS camp that he's looking forward to, but I'm not sure if we have anyone else going to any other camp this year. But, if there's one thing I could hope to share with you is that there is a camp for you—whether it's at a family camp or for your grandkids



or to volunteer as a counselor—and that while I don't want you to miss out for your sake, I know that our regional ministries still look to this church and its people as leaders and I don't want them to miss out on your gifts. So let's make a plan to continue growing in our camping presence, not just for the sake of CWS, but for the sake of all our spirits.

Peace, *Pastor Steve*



# Scholarships for fall 2024

- For Students attending college this fall semester
- Applications & more details are available in the church office
- Application Deadline: August 1st

## LIVING LEGACY – Phase 2

Phase 1 in 2023 was an informational effort to educate our members on how to become a Living Legacy Partner through a planned gift.

In 2024 we started Phase 2 sharing financial details concerning the current Living Legacy Fund. Now we are collecting names of supporters who will become the Charter Partners. This Phase of the program ends in December of this year. So far, we are aware of 15 individuals and families that have made a commitment to the Living Legacy Plan.

Did you hear Chuck Taylor's giving testimonial at church? He cited his reason for supporting the Living Legacy. He said, he didn't just want to see our church "Survive", BUT he wanted see it "THRIVE". That is thrive for generations. This is very relevant even today in Canton. Have you noticed several churches in Canton that are closed and others that are experiencing financial challenges?

We have been blessed with several estate planned gifts that have helped our church to thrive today. In the next months we will be sharing stories of how and why those past saints of our congregation chose to bless First Christian through their estate gifts. We hope you are considering a way to give a future gift to Canton First Christian Church and become one of our Charter Living Legacy Partners this year. If you have any questions about the Legacy Plan, please do not hesitate to ask anyone on the Finance Committee.

Your prayers for these efforts are appreciated. Blessings to you and those you love.

Don Heller,

On behalf of the Finance  
Committee

Leave a  
Legacy



WORSHIP ONLY SCRATCHES THE SURFACE...

**DIGGING DEEPER  
BIBLE STUDY**

Sundays at 10:30am

Room 104

BECOMING  
DEDICATED

*Disciples*

*Passionate* **SPIRITUALITY**

*Joyful* **SERVICE**

*Inspiring* **GENEROSITY**



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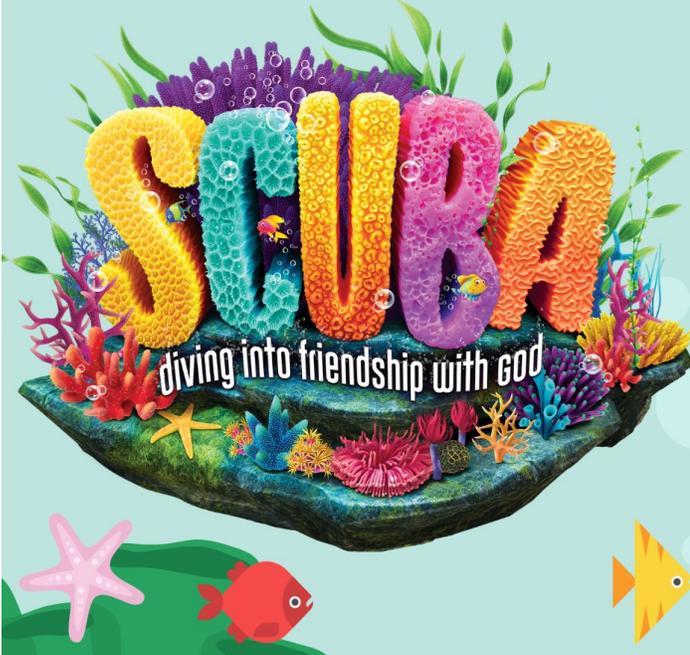
# VBS AUG. 5-8

**5:30-7:30PM**

**AGES 3-5TH GRADE**

**FREE DINNER**

**POOL PARTY**



**REGISTRATION:**



Our congregation is helping with the annual Back-to-School Bash, July 28 at Big Creek Pool, where 250 backpacks filled with supplies, will be distributed so all students will be ready for the upcoming school year.

Our congregation has already committed to providing 48 backpacks, but if you'd like to personally donate some supplies for a (or some) backpacks, you are invited to take a

tag (kind of like our angel tree ministry) and get the supplies on the list and return them back to church by July 17th.

## Flat Jesus Instructions

**This summer take flat Jesus on your adventures**

1. Choose one of the 4 FLAT JESUS cutouts in the Narthex
2. Decorate him however you want
3. Add a popsicle stick as your handle, if you'd like
4. Make sure to take FLAT JESUS on your adventures
5. Then, take pictures and SHARE! Either post on your social media and tag the church or email it to the office

**HAVE FUN! AND REMEMBER, JESUS GOES WITH US ALWAYS!**



Please note the gold tags are for K-4th graders and the purple tags are 5-8th graders. Also do not purchase backpacks or any other supplies not on the list, we are trying to honor the school district's request. If you would like to add a prayer or personal note of support, please feel free.

*If you would like to volunteer at the Bash on July 28, please talk with Pastor Steve*

# July Birthdays

Amanda Valentin	July 1
Kamryn Wilcoxen	July 1
Janet Krulac	July 2
Donita Jo Taylor	July 2
Gabrielle Taylor	July 2
Jack Fitzjarrald	July 3
Paula Grigsby	July 3
Mallory Meade	July 3
Rickey Noe	July 3
Andie Stephenson	July 5
Greg Pollitt	July 6
Doreen Atchley	July 10
Lauren Ray	July 10
Eugenia Warden	July 11
Grant Stephenson	July 12
Kayden Wilcoxen	July 16
Harrison Glomb	July 16
Sheila Dye	July 18
Luke Miller	July 18
Mandy Reneau	July 19
Amanda Sipe	July 19
Becky Wilcoxen	July 19
Marlee Miller	July 20
Steve Mason	July 21
Emily Baldry	July 22
Marla Reneau	July 23
Shawn Snowman	July 23
Bill Svob	July 23
Ryan Crossland	July 25
Emily McLean	July 25
Peggy Cook	July 27

Aaron McLean

July 27

Denise Jarvis

July 28

Diane Schrodt

July 29

Greg Stephenson

July 30

# July Anniversaries

Amanda &amp; Grant Stephenson

July 14

Kevin &amp; Jan Dearing

July 21

## Please Pray For:

Norma Snowman (broken hip) & the Snowman family; Tayvin Henderson (Friend of Jack Fitzjarrald); Larry Avery; Carol Harmon; Wendy Mayall; Margaret Landgrebe (blood clots in her legs); Jan Dearing; 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); 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); 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

## Scriptures, Sermons, & Serving Schedules

<b>7/7/2024 - Fear</b>		<b>7/14/2024-Disgust</b>	
<b>Scripture</b>	Psalm 46: 1-3 & 7-10a	<b>Scripture</b>	Luke 16: 19-31
<b>Greeters</b>	Liz Clark	<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy Cluts
<b>Ushers</b>	Darryl & Kim Schrodt	<b>Ushers</b>	Susan Perez
<b>CtW</b>	Video	<b>CtW</b>	Vinnie Cufaude
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Kara Fitzjarrald	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Bill Leitze
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Rhonda Morgan	<b>Children's Moment</b>	Jen Miller
<b>Song Leader</b>	Belle Hardy	<b>Song Leader</b>	Sherry Coffey
<b>Invitation</b>	Bill Leitze	<b>Invitation</b>	Doreen Atchley
<b>Prayer</b>	Kevin Dearing	<b>Prayer</b>	Jen Miller
<b>Deacons (prepare)</b>	Tad & Amy/ <b>Jean &amp; Michelle</b>	<b>Deacons (prepare)</b>	Dave & Sheila/ <b>Grant &amp; Amanda</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Don Heller & Daryle Coleman	<b>Counters</b>	Doreen Atchley & Jen Miller
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Don & Maida	<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Don & Connie Heller
<b>7/21/2024-Joy</b>		<b>7/28/2024-Outside Service</b>	
<b>Scripture</b>	Phil. 4: 4-7	<b>Scripture</b>	TBD
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill & Judy Kemper	<b>Greeters</b>	Paula Grigsby
<b>Ushers</b>	Sheila Dye	<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce & Sherry Fisher
<b>CtW</b>	Video	<b>CtW</b>	Trygve Meade
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Brian Spiva	<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Michelle Spiva
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Michelle Spiva	<b>Children's Moment</b>	Janet Krulac
<b>Song Leader</b>	Caitlin Mason	<b>Song Leader</b>	Aja Lawson
<b>Invitation</b>	Tammy Weaver	<b>Invitation</b>	Bruce Edwards
<b>Prayer</b>	Mike Krulac	<b>Prayer</b>	Brian Spiva
<b>Deacons (prepare)</b>	Shane & Chris/ <b>Shawn &amp; Lyn</b>	<b>Deacons (prepare)</b>	Denny & Dee/ <b>Allen &amp; Eugenia</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Tammy Weaver & Vinnie Cufaude	<b>Counters</b>	Bruce Edwards & Kevin Coleman
<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Kevin Dearing	<b>Coffee Fellowship</b>	Paula Grigsby

# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Elder's Meeting 6:30PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Movie Night & Pizza @ 5:30pm	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	<b>8</b> Worship Meeting 6PM	<b>9</b> Finance Meeting 5:30PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	<b>15</b> Christian Ed Meeting 6PM Board Meeting 7:00PM	<b>16</b> Outreach Meeting 5pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Worship 9:00AM Bible Study 10:30AM	<b>22</b> Property Meeting 4PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Worship 9:00AM Outside Service Back to School Bash @ B.C. Pool	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			