

The Church Bell

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Pastoral Ponderings

Dear FCC Family,

Since I shared the news of my transition back in January, many of you have asked about my next vocational chapter. I knew the sustainability of our family life required this change but, at that time, I did not have anything concrete planned.

Through weeks and months of prayer, discernment, and conversation, I am glad to now be able to offer this update on what the future of ministry looks like for me. You all have been gracious and affirming of my decision, but I recognize the many ways this season of change has been hard for us all. Please know that even as I look forward, my heart is overwhelmed with gratitude for the years we have spent together serving God's people.

A few years back, I started a doctorate at Mizzou on a part-time basis. It was meant to serve primarily as professional development and to take advantage of the amazing opportunity that comes with having a first-class research university in close proximity. Beginning this fall, I will transition to full-time status and aim to complete my degree over the next three years. The focus of my dissertation project is on the public policy of chaplaincy, specifically within hospice care.

One potential calling I have sensed is pursuing a chaplaincy or teaching position within one of our Disciples-related colleges, universities, or theological institutions. None of that is possible without completing my doctoral degree, so this is a necessary step in that direction.

I am also humbled that an opportunity has arisen to join the staff of a Christian magazine called *Word & Way*. This outlet has historically been aimed at Baptists here in the Midwest, but the current trends in religious journalism have caused their leadership to recognize the need to reach a broader audience across a range of platforms. Administratively, I will be overseeing their communications and partner relationships, along with helping on the development side of things. On the journalistic side, I will be writing and editing content across their various platforms (magazine, website, and email newsletters).

This latter role fits well with prior experience in Washington, DC working in the religious communications and advocacy space. Both of these opportunities allow me to continue building up Christ's Church in various ways, while affording the flexibility of schedule and workload that my family life requires in this moment. *(continued)*

Pastoral Ponderings *(continued)*

Our leaders at the church have been working diligently on this transition. The life of this community is not defined by its pastors and staff but by everyone who claims membership in this incredible congregation. While my formal time of serving as your senior pastor concludes at April's end, my love and prayers for you will endure. These last six plus years sharing life together before God has been an incredible privilege for me. I am excited for the next chapter in FCC's life, just as I look forward to the next chapter in my ministry.

*Steadfast in hope,
Rev. Beau*

40 Days of Prayer for First Christian Church Jeff City

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| April 14 | For the Holy Spirit to reveal to us the gifts of our congregation |
| April 15 | For the Holy Spirit to reveal to us the gifts of our community |
| April 16 | For the Holy Spirit to reveal to us the needs of our congregation |
| April 17 | For the Holy Spirit to reveal to us the needs of our community |
| April 18 | For our faithful stewardship of what the Holy Spirit reveals to us |
| April 19 | For comfort as we face times of uncertainty |
| April 20 | For all who are in need of healing in our congregation |
| April 21 | For the work of the Worship Team and all who help us Worship God together |
| April 22 | For the many ways we continue to Grow in Faith together |
| April 23 | For the individuals and ministries who help us Serve All in Need |
| April 24 | For a sense of completion and renewal as we approach the end of Rev. Beau's ministry |
| April 25 | For Rev. Beau, Casey, and Jesse as we say Good-Bye |
| April 26 | For First Christian Church and our future ministry |
| April 27 | For comfort as we experience both grief and hope |
| April 28 | For the right person to be available to become our Senior Minister |
| April 29 | For the work of our incoming Interim Minister and our church staff |
| April 30 | For the continued prayerful work of this church |
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From the Search & Call Committee—

The Search Committee will be doing in-person visits with candidates for the Interim Minister position this week.

Thank you all for your continued prayerful support!

David Durbin, Chair

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for these

Beverly Anderson, Steve Brown, Jane Burd, Richard Carroll, Wilma Collins, Gibson Archer Dudenhoeffer, Nancy Dunwiddie, Ken & Karen Dykes, Marilyn Gross, John & Barbara Gulick, Norma Hasselman, Philip Hawkins, Jeanette Hickman, Shirley Jarrett, Emily Lane, Cindy Millard, Vivian Murphy, Mae Oehring, Bob Priddy, Janice Wood, Doris Yelton, Our Country

Individuals will be kept on our prayer list for **four weeks** at a time. At the end of four weeks, please give Kathy a call at 573.636.5157 or email her Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org, if you would like continued prayers for an individual. Thank you!

Members in Care Centers

BLUEGRASS TERRACE

Glenda Crow

HEISINGER

Richard Carroll

Shirley Ferguson

Barbara Nikodyn

Norma Woodson

JC MANOR

Jackie Possinger

OAK TREE VILLA

Sue Cobble

PRIMROSE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Norma Hasselman

Wendell & Myra Hubbs

Jessie Schell

RIVER CITY LIVING COMMUNITY

Mae Oehring

ST. JOSEPH'S BLUFFS

Marilyn Gross

Doris Yelton

SUMMIT VILLA

Shirley Jarrett

VILLA MARIE

Terry Fockler

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Mariam Craddock

OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

Betty Schramm

Betty Schulte

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

APRIL	
1	
Braden Millard	
3	
Sharon Williams	
4	
Tyler Fishback	
Emma Gregory	
Meghan Hagenhoff	
Noah Schwartz	
5	
Sherry Fitzpatrick	
Patty Osman	
<i>John & Barbara Gulick</i>	
7	
Lyric Kroeger	
8	
Pat Amick	
Joyce Keitel	

10	
Jim Jones	
Joe Payne	
12	
Heather Giles	
Reid Millard	
Nikole Peek	
<i>Hugh & Deanna McKay</i>	
13	
Roxie Hawkin	
Ryan Mullen	
14	
Bobbi Enslen	
Kelly Leveron	
16	
Bailey Barnett	
Marilyn Gross	
Seth Huedepohl	

17	
Vivian Murphy	
Nancy Priddy	
Tom Rackers	
18	
John Bennett	
Amanda Prouty	
<i>Steve and Pat Amick</i>	
20	
Nicholas Faddell	
21	
Sandy Coffin	
22	
Gene Enslen	
Greg Wood	
<i>Doug & Jenny Hagenhoff</i>	
23	
Darlene Charles	
Amy Jones	
Ed Powers	

25	
Sarah Kingsbery	
26	
Nermina Harris	
Charles Highland	
<i>Mike & Cathy Crocker</i>	
28	
Judy Naught	
29	
30	
Eva Pratt	
Betty Schramm	
31	

An Update from Alexis, Our Youth Director

Open Invitation for an Intergenerational Reading and Writing Prayer Lab from our Youth Director

Members from 6th grade and beyond are invited to participate in the last intergenerational series we will host before summer break. The grandchildren, grandparents, and grand people in your life are welcome to join us as well - contact me to learn more about how such an invitation can be arranged.

The four week series on prayer will be offered via Zoom from April 25 - May 30. We'll introduce the theology of prayer and learn about different types of prayer through various activities. 6th-12th grade participants will use a copy of *The Teenage Prayer Experiment Notebook* by Miranda and Noah Threlfall-Holmes. I'm in the process of organizing groups and materials, but you can still RSVP using this form:

<https://forms.gle/HV2ZYKp2kh16vgF88>.

This can be a very busy time of year for families. There is an option to receive the materials without committing to the Zoom sessions, so you can engage with the material in a way that supports your family life. I'm happy to schedule a time to talk with you about how that might work, and to learn how I can support you in your efforts. If you have questions, please email me at: alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org

With You On the Journey,
Alexis
Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org

FCC FAMILIES WITH KIDS - We want your feedback!

The Faith Formation ministry team and Sunday School teachers are looking for your feedback! We would like to set up a time for families to tell us what is valuable to parents and kids to make kids faith formation time work for everyone. We'll use the opportunity to also throw some ideas out there and see what you think. We're looking for times that work to meet virtually and discuss. Please fill out the doodle poll found at <https://bit.ly/3wSWWKy> with the days and times that work for your schedule. Looking forward to talking to you all soon. *-Erin Lepper*

10:00AM Worship and Goodbye Lunch, Sunday, April 25 at Riverside Park

Sunday, April 25th, we will have ONE Worship Service at 10:00AM at Riverside Park, 1425 Riverside Dr., followed by a "Goodbye" lunch to say our farewells' to Rev. Beau, Casey and Jesse.

To ensure we have an accurate count for lunch, please let us know if you plan to attend by RSVP'ing [here](#). You may also call the church office (573-636-5157), and Kathy will be happy to sign you up, or you can email her at Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org Thank you!

We encourage you to bring personal cards or notes to let the Underwoods' know how much they have meant to you and this congregation."

Register for Summer Camp 2021

Dear Camper and Camp families,

We are excited to see you this summer! We have missed you and we have been praying for you and planning ways to make sure this summer is safe, fun, and full of experiences to reconnect with friends, but more importantly to find ways to connect with God and creation! There are some things you need to know. Most of our campsites have put a cap on the people we can have at camp. So, if you are considering coming, do not wait! [Sign up now!](#) There will be some safety procedures we will ask of campers and families (you will get a more detailed list in your info packet once registered).

We will ask that campers bring a mask (preferably masks) that fit properly and that campers will actually wear (you will get a list of what masks we prefer once you have signed up). We will also ask that you be wise about the mixed groups of 10 or more that you are in prior to coming to camp. We would prefer during that approximately 2 week time, that you keep safe space around people and wear mask when you cannot. We know there are mixed views in our varied communities, schools, and families, but we are asking for your help in providing the safest environment we can before even getting to camp.

Please do up-to-date monitoring for symptoms at home before coming to camp. Also, we would prefer that parents or guardians drop each camper off at camp, in case there is an issue at medical check-in.

Finally and most importantly - Pray for our campers, staff, camp sites, churches, and families that this year is a great, life-giving, wonderful, impactful camp year! We feel with the guidelines we have in place, we will have a great summer of Outdoor Ministries!

If you have any questions, please email Zane Whorton at zane78@gmail.com.

Blessings!

*Zane Whorton, Outdoor Ministries Coordinator
for Mid-America*

<http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer>

Please see camp dates and locations for this year in the box to your right. We do not want cost to be a factor for any family - FCC Jeff City will pay at least 50% of camp registration costs for camps, and we have scholarships available up to 100%. When you register, do not pay online - contact Rev. Sarah to make payment arrangements.

SUMMER CAMP 2021

Register at <https://bit.ly/3d9TV0S>

(Filter for NEOLA Camps)

Camp Jo-Ota, Clarence Mo

Try-It (PreK-1st, must be accompanied by adult family member) August 6-8.

Elem/Junior Camp (completed 2nd -5th) July 12-16

Chi Rho (completed 6th-7th) August 1-6

CYF (completed 9th-12th) June 6-11

Shannondale, Salem MO

Our Bodies, Our Faith (completed 8th & 9th) July 11-16

Canoe Camp (completed 7th-12th) July 11-15

<http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer>
for more information and covid precautions

FCC Jeff City will pay at least 50% of camp registration costs with scholarships available up to 100%. When you register, do not pay online. Contact Rev. Sarah to make payment arrangements.

This Sunday, April 18 at 3 PM: Afternoon with a Biblical Scholar

New Testament scholar, Dr. Warren Carter, will be Alexis' guest for a special Zoom session on Sunday, April 18 at 3 PM. Dr. Warren Carter has kindly agreed to answer questions regarding what we have discussed in our intergenerational groups. While the timing of his session with us is to mark the end of our LORD's Prayer series in April, participation in the LORD's Prayer Lab series is not required to attend - all First Christian Church members and friends are welcome. Please email Alexis to let her know you plan to attend: Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org

The link for Zoom is: <https://zoom.us/j/2202286773>

East School Cards of Appreciation—Please return your cards this Sunday

Thank you to everyone who picked up blank cards to write notes of appreciation for East School Staff! Please return completed cards by Sunday, April 18th. You can place them outside Rev. Sarah's office door or in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you for helping us share love and encouragement with the hardworking staff at East School as they finish out this challenging school year.

The 2021 Flower Chart

is available on the bulletin board across from the office for you to choose a Sunday for flowers on the chancel. For our new members not familiar with this process, you may choose a Sunday "In Honor of" or "In Loving Memory of" a family member or loved one. We ask that each Sunday have only one basket of flowers, so all Sundays are chosen. The cost for a basket of flowers is \$29.95. If you would like to give Kathy a call in the office at 573-636-5157, she will secure a Sunday for you.

1ST SUNDAY APRIL 4

8:20AM

ELDER

Ann Littlefield

LITURGIST

Sally Robuck

USHERS

Doug Hagenhoff

Milinda Dawson

10:40AM-RIVERSIDE

ELDER

Cecile Landrum

LITURGIST

Laura Avery/
Karla Denny

USHERS

Jim & Russ
Dunwiddie

2ND SUNDAY APRIL 11

8:20AM

ELDER

Steve Waters

LITURGIST

AVAILABLE

USHERS

Joe Payne

Nike Thompson

10:40AM-FCC PL

ELDER

Wanda King

LITURGIST

AVAILABLE

USHERS

Debi Wells
Georgia Griffith

3RD SUNDAY APRIL 18

8:20AM

ELDER

David Avery

LITURGIST

Bobbi Enslin

USHERS

Greg & Sherry

Fitzpatrick

10:40AM-FCC PL

ELDER

Laura Avery

LITURGIST

Barb Gage

USHERS

Morris Woodruff
Stephen Foutes

4TH SUNDAY APRIL 25

ONE SERVICE

AT RIVERSIDE PARK

10:00AM

ELDER

J.T. Yarnell

LITURGIST

Bobbi Enslin

USHERS

Marsha & Alan Posz



Cole County

COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE

Register Online or Call

877-435-8411

covidvaccine.mo.gov

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3600 Country Club Dr.
South Side between the
two mall entrances

Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES:
 Please contact Rev. Underwood at 815-303-1990. **Non-emergency** church-related items after working hours, Monday thru Friday 8AM to 5PM, we have voice mail. Please feel free to call the church (573-636-5157) at any time and leave a message. **NOTE: IF YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE ON FRIDAY (AFTER 5PM), SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, IT WILL NOT BE CHECKED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING. THANK YOU.**

The next  **Church Bell** will be sent April 28, 2021.
 (Articles are due by noon the Monday before)



MOBILE GIVING
 -TEXT 4842368 TO 715-803-4772
 AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS ON YOUR PHONE

-DOWNLOAD THE "GIVERS APP"
 (FROM CONTINUE TO GIVE)



Zoom Meeting Room meeting ID is **2202286773**. If you need the password, please contact the church office at 573-636-5157, Rev. Beau at 815-303-1990, or one of our leaders. To join in on our free conference calls, dial (712) 775-7270 and enter access code 444928.

Please email or call Tina Mollenkamp tinamollenkamp@cgcb.org/573-522-4314), if you would like to be on Common Grounds email newsletter list, regular mailing list, or both. As an alternative, you can also sign up for the email newsletters on our website at www.cgcb.org.



You may also give online at firstchristianjcmo.org/donate

Financial Records and Questions

Questions related to giving and church finances should be sent to Carol Kaylor at finance@firstchristianjcmo.org. We have contracted with CALD services, a local accounting firm specializing in religious non-profits, to provide these critical functions.

Who Are We? We call ourselves Disciples, a community of believers who follow Jesus by *worshiping* God, *growing* in faith, and *serving* all in need. Bound to each other in Christ's love, we discover our life together through *sharing* life with the world.

WEBSITES YOU NEED TO STAY CONNECTED

Mid-America Updates: <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/newsletter-signup/>
 Disciples News Service Updates: <http://disciples.org/dns/subscribe-to-dns/>

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