

# The Church Bell

February 2, 2022

VOL. 78, ISSUE 2



327 East Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101-3003 (573-636-5157)

## On Mission with God

*Dr. Jim Hill*

*Interim Senior Minister*

Sometimes it is hard to imagine that God would invite us to join him in his work. If we take an honest look at our lives, we realize our limitations and weaknesses. Usually, that leads us to one basic question. How could God use me? The incredible thing is that it is often in the midst of joining God in his work in our world that we discover and develop new potential in our lives. We grow and learn. Our priorities begin to more closely align with God's purpose. We are "saved by faith." It is not just a one-time experience. It is a lifelong journey with God. Each day we have faith—we believe God. Each day we learn more about God and more about ourselves. Each day we allow God to be at work in our lives. Paul wrote in Romans 8, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son." God is at work in our lives each day to shape our lives into the image of his Son. Even when bad things happen God is still working. Everyday God is at work making us more like Jesus. Most of us know he still has a lot of work to do in our lives. This "reshaping" of our lives is designed for "his purpose." He is making us into the instruments of his grace that he created and desires us to be. He prepares us for his work in our world. He helps us fulfill our "real purpose." What kind of place would First Christian Church become if we all decided to join God in his work? I believe it would be an exciting, creative, and powerful place where people could meet God. It would be a place where lives were changed every day. It would be a place where people realized their potential and found great joy. It would be the kind of place all of us want to be. One of my favorite Bible stories when I was a child was the story of Zacchaeus—the short tax collector who climbed a tree to see Jesus. When Jesus announced that salvation had come to the house of Zacchaeus, he was not just saying something about Zacchaeus. He was saying something about his mission. Luke records his words in Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." God has been 'on mission' since the beginning. He has been about the task of redeeming his creation. Jesus said to his followers in John 20:21, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Missions is not merely something the church does. It is not just one of our programs. Missions is who are. It is why we exist. We are the "sent ones." We have joined God. We have become co-laborers with God (1 Corinthians 3:9). Everywhere we go we are on mission. Everywhere we go we are sharing the story of Jesus. We have adopted his way of living—the Jesus way. We have done this because we have come to know that his way is the way of life. Missions begins right where we are and extends as far as we can reach through our praying, our giving, and our going. What a privilege to be on mission with God.

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for these

Gene Adkison, Beverly Anderson, Austin Brandt, Jane Burd, Nellie Campbell, Doug Defreece, Ginger Jodean Foster, Marilyn Gross, Cheryl Hanson, Norma Hasselman, Jeanette Hickman, Venita Jackson, Brooks Jarrett, Shirley Jarrett, Jessica Kozlen, John and Barb Kuebler, their daughter Julie, their granddaughters Campbell and Willa, and the Noonan family, Matthew Lang, Michael Lister, Dan Meade, Wendy Miles, Jackie Possinger, Starlin Sims, Doris Yelton, the Brandenburg, Cooley & Miller families, Our Country and our men and women serving our country, the world, for traveling

Individuals will be kept on our prayer list for **four weeks** at a time. At the end of four weeks, please call the office at 573.636.5157 or email [Barbara@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Barbara@firstchristianjcmo.org), if you would like continued prayers for an individual. Thank you!

## Members in Care Centers

### HEISINGER

*Shirley Ferguson*

*Barbara Nikodyn*

*Norma Woodson*

### JC MANOR

*Jackie Possinger*

### OAK TREE VILLA

*Shirley Jarrett*

### PRIMROSE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

*Norma Hasselman*

*Wendell & Myra Hubbs*

*Jessie Schell*

### STONEBRIDGE AT OAK TREE

*Marilyn Gross*

### ST. JOSEPH'S BLUFFS

*Doris Yelton*

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

*Mariam Craddock*

### OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

*Betty Schramm*

*Betty Schulte*

*Our condolences* to the family and friends of Richard Carroll, who passed away January 31, 2022. Arrangements are still pending.

*Our condolences* to Joe Payne on the death of his daughter Debbie Mayes on January 31, 2022. Arrangements are still pending.

## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
	1
	2
David Lichty	
Matt Tollerton	
	3
<i>Jon &amp; Lois Alexander</i>	
	4
Tucker Lane	
Nancy Samp	
	5
Brent Connell	
Trevor McClain	
Adam Walker	
	6
Tim Alexander	
Rick Ramirez	

	7
Ashley Weaver	
	8
	9
Kathy Brown	
Terri Lloyd	
	10
Ashley Crisp	
	11
Jan Alexander	
Michael Jones	
<i>Gary &amp; June Spencer</i>	
	12
Kory King	
	13
Rosie Woodruff	

	14
Ben Gonder	
Tina Wood	
<i>Tom &amp; Mary Ann Weaver</i>	
	15
	16
Stephanie Durbin	
Barbara Gulick	
	17
Jamie Jackson	
	18
John D. Bennett	
	19
Joyous Frye	
Shannon Imler	
Ian Murphy	
Doris Park	
Connie Wade	
Peggy Williamson	

	20
Stephen Smith	
	21
	22
Rich Green	
Harrison Imler	
Eric Obmann	
Skyler Sims	
	23
	24
	25
Kennysha Harrison	
Cyndi Roberts	
	26
	27
Kayla Vegiard	
	28

## CWF Mary Circle meetings resume

Mary Circle meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 1:00 PM in the gathering area. (No meetings in June, July and August). Our members have developed a close bond of friendship and fellowship. Our members participate in the Church's programs, and remember our Circle's homebound for birthdays and special days. We also provide dinners to bereaved families of our Circle. We always welcome new members. **Our next meeting is Monday, February 7, 2022, at 1:00 PM.** If you have questions, please contact Virginia Lister or Rev. Sarah.

## Nursery Workers Needed

First Christian Church has employed Maria Wolfrum as our new Nursery Coordinator. We are also seeking to employ some additional Nursery Workers. Contact Maria ([firstchristiannursery@gmail.com](mailto:firstchristiannursery@gmail.com)) or the church office at (573) 636-5157 if you know of someone who might be interested.

## Children's Sunday School Schedule

The Children's Sunday School class meets at 9:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

## Weekly Prayer Opportunity

In this New Year, I invite you to add a time of intentional prayer for our church community to your weekly schedule. While you may do this on your own, you are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 9:15AM for our weekly prayer call. We gather via conference call for about half an hour, sharing concerns, joys, thanksgivings from our own lives, our congregation, and our world and then lifting up what was shared (and left unshared) in prayer. **You can join the prayer call by calling 716-427-1083 and then entering the access code 444928.** Please consider joining us if your schedule allows.

If you have prayers concerns or thanksgivings you would like lifted up during our prayer call but are unable to join us, email me at [sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org) by 9AM on Wednesday morning for that week's call.

*Rev. Sarah*

## Worship With Us

Please join us in worship on Sunday Mornings at  
8:20 AM in the Sanctuary  
10:40 AM in the Sanctuary  
Or join us on Livestreamed on FaceBook at [facebook.com/fccjcmo](https://facebook.com/fccjcmo)

## From Rev. Alexis

Dear Beloved FCC Community,

Thank you for your cards, gifts, and words of care and support.

I look forward to returning for my Ordination on March 27 at 4 PM. As members of my sponsoring congregation, you are welcome to attend. Thank you for saying "yes" to being part of my vocational journey.

Your prayers for me and my family during this time of transition are appreciated. Know that I hold you in prayer as well. As I said at the Table, while we will not be together physically in the Sundays to come, we will be united at the LORD's Supper each Sunday morning as we break bread and reaffirm our commitment to follow Jesus.

In Christ's Love,  
Alexis

## You Are Invited

### **Marjorie and Robert Blosser Estate Sale**

1123 Leslie Boulevard, Jefferson City

Thursday, February 10, 10 to Noon (Client Session)

Thursday, February 10, 3-5 PM (Bids accepted until 5 PM)

Friday, February 11, 10 to Noon and 3 to 5 PM (Price Reduction)

Saturday, February 12, 10 to Noon (Price Reduction)

## A Message from the FCC Connectors

DID YOU KNOW.....that during these times of pandemics or other issues that may be affecting you, your FCC Connector is always available to talk, listen or help you cope in any way? The Connectors are a group of individuals who remind us that we are all God's Beloved children and part of one body of Christ.

If you reach out to your Connector, they will be receptive. They will share their care and give you support. They will also convey your concerns to a pastor when deemed necessary. Remember that we can only help if we are aware of your situation.

If you have questions or are interested in helping with the Connector Ministry, please contact Wanda King.




**Friendship Sunday School Class**  
 Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:30  
 Room 325

Join us for Friendship, Fellowship,  
 and Bible Study.

Next Study  
 What's Love Got to Do With It?  
 1 Corinthians 12:31-13

Light breakfast snacks served.

Teachers: John Kuebler & David Avery



**First Christian Church**  
 327 East Capital Avenue

## Widow's Support Group

A new widow's support group has been organized. We will be meeting the second Thursday each month at 1:00 PM in the Friendship classroom. Any widow looking for conversation and friendship is invited to join. Our first meeting will

## Facial Tissue Donations Needed For East School

East School staff have requested boxes of facial tissue (Kleenex or other brands) to replenish their classrooms and offices. Pick up a pack on your next shopping trip and drop it off at the church office!

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jennifer Sapp on the birth of Margaret Ann Buddemeyer on September 14, 2021. Margaret will be dedicated at the 10:40AM service on February 13th.

From Jennifer: In February of 2021, Justin and I received the wonderful news that we were to be blessed with our first child. We decided not to find out the gender of the baby because we felt I would be more of a surprise that way! Baby Buddemeyer or "BB" was due in September and we couldn't wait to meet him or her!! As the year went on, I graduated from the accounting program at State Technical College where I had been attending for the last two years. I was almost five months along when "BB" walked with me as I received my diploma. Come September, just a few weeks before the due date, we welcomed our beautiful baby girl into this world! Margaret Ann Buddemeyer was born at 4:54 PM on September 14, 2021. Her sweet little soul came into this world at 6 lbs. 5 oz., 19.5 inches long, and her first actions in this world were touching my cheek and smiling right at me, while her father bounced around the delivery room shouting "that's my daughter, Margaret!!" Our cup runneth over.

# Search Committee Update

Our Congregational Profile was submitted to the Search and Call portal last week so that potential candidates can learn about our church. I am proud of the work of the committee. I believe that the 12-page Profile presents an accurate picture of our church, its demographics, goals, and aspirations at this time. The committee is grateful to the congregation for its response to the survey and for examining its history in the community and in the greater church. We were able to include the work of the Strategic Planning Committee and the end of year report from the Worship Team as well as a description of our participation with Transformational Housing to provide potential candidates with a snapshot of our work. By the end of February, we should be reviewing the materials presented by potential candidates through the Search and Call process.

John Kuebler

## Can You Help?

We are looking for members who would be willing to serve as an usher during one or more services each month. Russ Dunwiddie serves as the chairperson for our ushers. If you are interested in helping or would like to learn more about the responsibilities of the ushers, you may contact Russ at [rkdunwiddie@gmail.com](mailto:rkdunwiddie@gmail.com) or you may contact the church office. We would love to have you join this important ministry of our church.

## Interim Staff in the Church Office

Earlier this week we had a reception for Kathy Speidel who retired January 31st as our Administrative Assistant after serving 17 years with our church. We are grateful for her service, and we wish her well as she enters a new phase of her life. The Personnel Committee will be working during the coming weeks to begin the process of updating the job description for this position and seeking a new Administrative Assistant. The Personnel Committee and Administrative Board approved the hiring of Barbara Heller to serve while we are seeking a new person to fill this position. Barbara served in this role a few months when Kathy was recovering from her surgery. Barbara retired a few years ago after serving many years as a Legal Coordinator with the State of Missouri. Barbara has filled a similar temporary role with another congregation when their long-term secretary retired. She has excellent secretarial skills and experience working in a church office, and obviously she is already familiar with the responsibilities of this role. Barbara will be working part-time Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The office will not be open on Fridays. We realize this means the office will be open fewer hours during this interim period. If you need something or access to the church office at other times, please contact one of our ministers. The staff appreciate your patience as we deal with these temporary changes. You may communicate with Barbara at [barbara@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:barbara@firstchristianjcmo.org). If you have questions or need assistance you may also contact any of the ministers. Thank you for your support and patience as we make these changes.

### New Office Hours

As noted above, the church office will be open from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday. The office will not be open on Fridays. If you should need to contact the church at a time at any other time, please contact one of the pastors. Dr. James Hill can be reached at 573-680-1490; Sarah Kingsbery can be reached at 573-690-2480.

# Weekly Prayer Call

Every **Wednesday at 9:15 AM** we gather via conference call to share our prayer concerns and our celebrations and to lift them up to God together. **Call In Phone Number: (716-427-1083) Access Code: 444928**

## Bible Study

Join Rev. Sarah for Bible Study **Wednesdays at noon** in the Activities Room. We discuss the scripture for the coming Sunday.

The 2022 Flower Chart is available on the table in front of the church 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.

## Serving on Sundays

<b>1ST SUNDAY FEB 6</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY FEB 13</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY FEB 20</b>	<b>4TH SUNDAY Feb 27</b>
<b><u>820AM</u></b>	<b><u>820AM</u></b>	<b><u>820AM</u></b>	<b><u>820AM</u></b>
<b><u>ELDER</u></b> Cecile Landrum Stephen Waters	<b><u>ELDER</u></b> Alan Nelson JT Yarnell	<b><u>ELDER</u></b> Patty Osman Bob Priddy	<b><u>ELDER</u></b> JT Yarnell Cindy Leveron
<b><u>LITURGIST</u></b> TBD	<b><u>LITURGIST</u></b> TBD	<b><u>LITURGIST</u></b> TBD	<b><u>LITURGIST</u></b> TBD
<b><u>DEACONS</u></b> Marsha Posz Allen Posz Venita Jackson Brian Knight	<b><u>DEACONS</u></b> Ken Littlefield Nancy Samp Nancy Hequembourg Linda Ringo	<b><u>DEACONS</u></b> Lauren Eichelberger Chris Lloyd Marsha Graham	<b><u>DEACONS</u></b> Doug Hagenhoff Jenny Hagenhoff Kathy Cavender
<b><u>USHERS</u></b> TBD	<b><u>USHERS</u></b> TBD	<b><u>USHERS</u></b> TBD	<b><u>USHERS</u></b> TBD
<b>COMMUNION PREP</b> Virginia Lister	<b>COMMUNION PREP</b> Meghan Andrews	<b>COMMUNION PREP</b> Karen Shroyer	<b>COMMUNION PREP</b> Jeanne Nelson
<b><u>10:40AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:40AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:40AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:40AM</u></b>
<b><u>ELDER</u></b> Ann Littlefield Ray Miles	<b><u>ELDER</u></b> Laura Avery David Avery	<b><u>ELDER</u></b> Melanie Highland Brenda Johnson	<b><u>ELDER</u></b> Ray Miles Laura Avery
<b><u>LITURGIST</u></b> TBD	<b><u>LITURGIST</u></b> TBD	<b><u>LITURGIST</u></b> TBD	<b><u>LITURGIST</u></b> TBD
<b><u>DEACONS</u></b> Jeff Moore Sally Moore Travis Jackson Judy Nienhueser	<b><u>DEACONS</u></b> Blair Johnson Steven Claycomb Barb Gage Jessica Saylor	<b><u>DEACONS</u></b> Stephen Foutes Brenda Foutes Sherry Anderson Lily Foutes	<b><u>DEACONS</u></b> Jeff Moore Sally Moore Travis Jackson
<b><u>USHERS</u></b> TBD	<b><u>USHERS</u></b> TBD	<b><u>USHERS</u></b> TBD	<b><u>USHERS</u></b> TBD

**INTERIM MINISTER**  
 Rev. Dr. James Hill  
 Jim@firstchristianjcmo.org

**ASSOCIATE MINISTER**  
 Rev. Sarah Kingsbery  
 Sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**  
 Gretchen Huedepohl  
 Gretchen@firstchristianjcmo.org

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
 Barbara Heller  
 Barbara@firstchristianjcmo.org

**FACILITY & GROUNDS COORDINATOR**  
 Scott Campbell  
 Scott@firstchristianjcmo.org

**BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR**  
 Terri Lloyd  
 Terri.schenkel.lloyd@gmail.com

**CONTACT US AT**  
 327 East Capitol Avenue  
 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101  
 Phone: (573) 636-5157  
 Fax: (573) 893-5608  
 firstchristianjcmo.org

**FINANCIAL**  
 Finance@firstchristianjcmo.org

 Login with Facebook

[facebook.com/fccjcmo](https://facebook.com/fccjcmo)

**AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES:**  
 Please contact Rev. Kingsbery at 573-690-2480 **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 February 16, 2022.  
 (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 or one of our leaders. To join in on our free conference calls, dial (716) 427-1083 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](http://www.cgcb.org).



**You may give online at [firstchristianjcmo.org/donate](http://firstchristianjcmo.org/donate)**

**Financial Records and Questions**

Questions related to giving and church finances should be sent to FinanceFCCJC@caldservices.com. 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.*

**THANK YOU**

**First Christian Church highly recommends that all worshiping with us wear a mask.**  
 This is the current recommendation of the CDC and other medical experts for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people when indoors in high infection areas, like Cole County.

**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/>

"The Church Bell" (UPS 110-580) by First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Jefferson City, Missouri, is published bi-weekly and there is no issue the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Periodicals paid at Jefferson City, Missouri. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Editor/Church Secretary, First Christian Church, 327 East Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.