



THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

First Christian Church, Maryville, MO

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March 13, 2025

Standing On His Promises ~ 50 yrs and counting

It was a time of celebration and feelings akin to a family reunion Sunday, March 2, as FCC honored 13 legacy members whose membership and participation spanned upward of 50 years, the longest being 75 years. The gifts of flowers and certificates during the main service, attended by 88 people, was followed by a fellowship dinner where around 75 people were served.



Welcome Home



Sunday Mornings

Last Supper Leftovers
Sunday School Class
9 a.m. Room 106

Children's Sunday School
(K-4th Grade)
Youth Sunday School
(5th - 12th)
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Downstairs

10:30 a.m.
Service in the Sanctuary

Monthly Worship Attendance

Feb. 16.....30	Mar. 288
Feb. 23.....38	Mar. 935

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Keeping in touch with our church families

Our Community Prayer List...

JoAnn Nanninga	Karla Parman
Maddie Kauffman	Linda Davison
Phil Poynter	Anita Dew
Emily McLain	Kathy Jackson
Sue & John Schenkel	

2025

Dates and Hostesses



Circle of Joy, our Women's Fellowship group,
Meets on the first Monday of the month
At 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
unless otherwise noted
Please contact hostesses to RSVP

Apr. 7	Linda Baker	Jun. 2	Betty Praiswater
May 5	Donna Rickman	Jul. 7	Lenda Kling

Seeing Our Stewardship

February 2025

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$	23,835.23
Income	\$	10,861.23
Expenses	\$	18,098.31
Ending Balance	\$	16,598.15

Missions

Beginning Balance	\$	6,261.25
Income	\$	290.00
Expenses	\$	125.00
Ending Balance	\$	6,426.25

Our Staff

Gina Johnson
Senior Pastor

Anita Dew
Organist

Virginia Ripple
Office Administrator

Pat Immel
Technical Director

Deena Poynter
Music Director

Peggy Dowis
Custodian

Pastor's Pen

A message from my heart to yours



Life doesn't exactly invite stillness. From the moment we wake up it begins, the world starts making noise. You don't even have to get out of bed before emails, schedules, notifications, and other tasks start to crowd your mind and your day. We live in a culture that glorifies busyness, convincing us that if we're not going full speed ahead, we're falling behind. And that's just the everyday noise, let's not forget about the broken record illusionary stories that are going on in our mind that we have bought into throughout our life. These can be some of the hardest to turn off.

On Sunday we invited you to press pause. Step away from the noise and step into the stillness. For some this is a foreign concept. People will even use expressions such as, "I'm too busy to take time to pause" or the gross phrase, "I will rest when I'm dead". That sounds ridiculous and is the exact reason why people are going through their days confused, overwhelmed, feeling run down, short tempered, easily getting ill...need I go on?

You see we need to pause. It's like the explanation of the Sabbath; it was made for us! Time to embrace the stillness, find clarity and get to know ourselves a little more. Can we create space for that stillness in our daily lives? It doesn't have to be complicated.

Maybe try...

- ✿ Waking up five minutes earlier to sit in silence before the day begins.
- ✿ Taking a slow, intentional breath before responding to a text or email.
- ✿ Going for a walk without distractions. No music, no phone, just awareness and presence.
- ✿ Turning off the car radio and letting God's presence fill the space.

These simple things can make a difference when practiced regularly. God is communicating with us all the time through many different ways. We just have to learn how to pause and listen. On Sunday, we take the next step of the journey. This is not about striving or trying to search harder. This is about tuning in to recognize the voice that is always present.

Receiving in the Pause,

Gina ❤️



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 Return Service Requested



Graduates' Sunday

March 30, 10:30 a.m.

Whether you're graduating high school or college,
 let us celebrate you Sunday, March 30,
 in a special service followed by
 a delicious lunch and photo booth opportunity.

We will recognize graduates during the service, then have a reception afterward to continue the celebration. Graduates will have an opportunity to tell a little about their plans for after graduation during the reception. If you have a favorite appetizer/finger food you would like to prepare, we invite you to do so. Some Indian snacks will also be provided as a special treat.

Find out more at:
<https://www.fccmaryvillemo.com/event-details/graduates-sunday>

Looking Ahead...

- Mar. 12-Apr. 9:** Small Group study, 12-1 pm
- Mar. 25:** Scholarship applications due
- Mar. 29:** Prayer Walk Club, 9:30 a.m., Maryville Living Center
- Mar. 30:** Graduate Celebration Luncheon

Church Growth

Month	Points
<u>February Highlights</u>	
• Social Media reactions/shares/etc.	802
• Worship Attendance	204
Total Month's Points	1520

