

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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The First Christian Church Caller
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Dear Church,
Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” Did you read that as a lament about how few Christians there are to carry out God’s work? It’s easy to close in a little bit and worry about not having enough. We often focus on and fret about what we don’t have rather than what we do. Instead of being stuck on the workers, consider the plentiful harvest. Consider seeing the corn and soybean fields as you drive through them during harvest season. Consider that our problem is, strangely, one of abundance. Jesus is saying that there is plenty all around us; we just need to figure out how to get it all into the barn.

The story of Matthew’s call and sending in Matthew 9 & 10 exemplifies the nature of a Christian. We are always brought in and healed and then sent right out again to work. The doors of a church are always revolving. It is not in the nature of God to bring you into FCC Louisburg and then have you sit here unchanged. It is in the nature of God to have you transformed into a new creature, washed by baptism, fed by communion, instructed by the scriptures, matured by worship, and sent out to be God’s worker in the field.

The harvest IS plentiful. The number of people who are out in the world feeling isolated and in need of God and of community is as great as it ever was. Maybe there are opportunities for welcome and hospitality that we haven’t thought of yet.

Maybe there are people in our lives and our work who would like to be invited to church but we just haven’t had the nerve to do it.

VBS SCHEDULE



**Louisburg
United Methodist Church**
July 17-20
6-9pm.

Faith Chapel
July 23-27
6-8:30pm.



Journey Church of the Nazarene



July 8, 22
August 5, 12
Time: 9am-noon
Ages: K-6 grade

Maybe there’s a ministry in church that we have had our eye on but have been too bashful to try. There is so much bounty in God’s harvest, and all we need are the hands to bring it into the barn.

Prayer is an important part of our congregational life.

If you have an update for prayers and praises, please contact the church office 837-4760 or email: Churchoffice@fcclouisburgks.org

Remember our shut-in friends:

Winona Hornbuckle

Myrtle Lee Reed

Bill Shaffer

Bob King

Peg Irwin



PRAYERS - Kevin, Kathy & Matthew Brant traveled to Colorado to see Jordan; Janet Whitmer had surgery on foot; Julia having back pain; nursing home residents; Christa's sister, Missy to have surgery July 21; Justin's friend, Ethan States and family at his mother's passing; Justin's parents to move to new home; Dave & Genni Rogers and their family as they traveled; Asher's friend Mark Shuler's family at Mound City as he passed away; Bernie Hadsall's brother Bob; Jean's cousin's husband, Wayne had two stints in heart; Morgan's granddaughter, Abby in North Africa on mission trip; Sandy's friend, Christine's baby in hospital; Karen Lien recovery from Covid; Kaitlyn Leikam hit deer with her car but she is ok; Roy's daughter, Emily and Dave are moving; Dave's friend, Al Davis' dog Smoky passed; Joannie's son, Lynn Johnson managing a new store in Louisiana; Joe Shaffer's friend, Paula Taylor has cancer; Deb's twin granddaughters diagnosed with Crohn's disease; Bernie had heart surgery; Western Kansas farmers in a drought; Sandy's friend, Joyce passed; Lien family as Karen's father passed away June 17; Bristol's Aunt Melissa has stage 2 breast cancer; those traveling for summer vacations; Patrick & Sarah Armstrong family as she passed away; Bernie to have strength in his health recovery; Cook's sister-in-law has cancer; Jack Hanna and family dealing with Alzheimer's; McClanahan's nephew, Phillip & family were victims of tornado damage in Oklahoma; Justin and family as they travel on vacation; Verna entering hospice; Matthew's upcoming surgery and treatments; healing for Janet's foot; Bob King to have a speedy recovery following his surgery on his back June 30;

PRAISES - Justin and his family back from vacation; Kristoffer Aye received his teaching assignment in Japan; Kline's happy to have grandsons visit; thankful for the recent rain; Andrew working with a deaf camp, Kristoffer's friend from Japan visited; Alan had a good trip to Washington D.C.; Maddax's granddaughter to graduate in July and will work in pediatrics at Children's Mercy; Maddax's dog, Gracie is better; Justin spending time with his nieces in June; Ashers sold their store in Horton; Jean Mowen's granddaughter, Cheyenne turned 16; Jennifer thankful that Kaitlyn wasn't hurt in accident; Abigail thankful for summer running; Jill's dad had knee replacement surgery; Georgia back home from California; Cook's going to have a new granddaughter in December; Sue Raines celebrated another birthday; Jill & Chris's grandson, Seth visiting from Florida; Maddax's little dog, Gracie is making progress and taking meds;

CONTINUING PRAYERS - Bob King; Tom & Linda Cole; Bill Shaffer; Frank's sister, Debbie; Jill Niebrugge's mother, Priscilla White; prayers for church board; Betty Reed; our Nation; our church family; Ruthie Boles; all of our missionaries, Allan Contreras; the Pronins, Barkers & McKnights; Joe Shaffer's daughter, Lesley; Pastor Justin; Residents at Vintage Park and Louisburg Health & Rehab; also all those who give care!



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be due in November. Rather than waiting until October to fill your boxes, we can break this up into segments and do a little each month.

The cost to ship our shoeboxes is \$10.00 for each box. Would you and your family consider to sponsor at least one box or maybe two. You can put your donation in an envelope and mark it for **Operation Christmas Child**.

We have boxes located in the narthex for you to pick up. If you have any questions, contact Mary Asher at (620) 215-4848.



If your birthday does not appear on our list and you would like it to, please send your birth date, **only day and month**, to Jean at the church office, or call 837-4760. Also, please let us know if we have made an error in recording your birthday.

Birthdays

July

- 1—Kiersten Allen
- 2—Ruthie Boles
- 2—Conor Kline
- 3—Kevin Allen
- 5—Wanda Copeland
- 12—John Mowen
- 18—Abigail Schwartz
- 20—Pauline Hintz Leia Ward
- 25—James Ward Sr.
- 27—Heather Eslinger
- 29— Art Beasley



Agape Food Pantry

We are collecting individually wrapped toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste. There is a tote in the narthex to place your items.



We are collecting:

- Best Choice UPC Labels, Auburn
- Pharmacy caps, pop tabs, educational box tops for the Senior Center.

Tall Oaks Camp Dates

Day Camp: July 8th.

Age: 5 - 8 years

Primary Camp: July 10th - 12th.

Age: 2nd - 3rd grade

Chi-Rho Camp: July 16th - 20th.

Age: Grade 6th - 7th

8ers Camp: July 7th - 13th.

Age: just graduated 8th grade

Grandparents Camp: July 14-16,

Age: Grade K-3

For registration:

www.kcdisciplescamps.org/registration
or phone (913) 301-3004



Worship Attendance			
	8:30am	10:30a.m.	online
May 21	5	62	19
May 28	10	28	5
June 4	7	31	38
June 11	9	25	14
June 18	9	41	
June 25	13	32	

<u>Financials</u>		
Beginning balance	May 18	\$58,013.99
Total Offering Expenses		\$9,984.16
Total Offering Income		\$9,010.74
Ending Balance	June 15	\$57,040.57
Needed weekly		\$2,758.38

Join us for Bingo at
the Louisburg
Healthcare &
Rehab Center
1st & 3rd
Mondays at 2:30pm.



Prepare for the coming Sunday's scriptures and sermon by following our daily Bible reading plan.

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Outreach ministry for
Vintage Park at 1:30pm
and Louisburg
Healthcare & Rehab
Center at 2:15pm will be
Sunday, July 23.

Church office
will be closed
July 3 & 4th

WORSHIP LEADERS

Lay Leaders for 10:30am

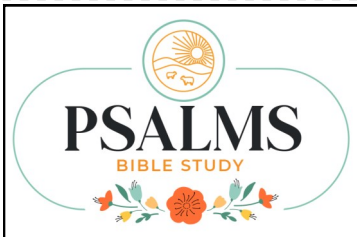
- July 2—Ashers
- July 9—Maurine McLellan
- July 16—Ashers
- July 23—John Mowen
- July 30—Sue Raines

Greeters for 10:30am

- July 2—Greg & Kathy Armstrong
- July 9—Maurine McLellan
- July 16—Dellingers
- July 23—John & Jean Mowen
- July 30—Sue Raines

Elders

- 8:30am—Nancy Kline
- 10:30am—Ken & Mary Asher



Join us in person as we study the
Book of Psalms
on
Thursday mornings
Fellowship - 9:30am
Study & Prayer - 10:00am

Happy Anniversary

- Ken & Mary Asher—July 8
Del & Tricia (Hadsall) Howard
—July 15
Frank & Sandy Morgan— July 15



Coffee and Prayer Time

Pastor Justin will be available
in the narthex Tuesday mornings
from 9:00 to 10:00am.



Live streaming on
Sundays @ 9:30 &
10:30am. Watch record-
ings of 10:30 am
worship.



Subscribe and click on the bell for notifications.

[youtube.com/@fclouisburg8221](https://www.youtube.com/@fclouisburg8221)
Search for "FCC Louisburg"

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Our next
newsletter will be
published the week
of **July 23**

please have items into the
church office no later than
Friday, July 21

The **Church Board** meets on the
3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

The next Board Meeting will be
Thursday, July 20 — 7 pm.



Louisburg Freedom Festival
Tuesday, July 4
5 to 10pm.

Lewis-Young Park
26600 Jingo Road
Louisburg, KS.



Gates open at 6:00 PM,
activities begin at 7:00 PM,
music begins at 7:30 PM,
fireworks will begin at 9:30 PM.

The RED CAN
Collection for July
Will be going to



**The Barker
Family**

Jabe & Elena Barker
are serving with
Philippine Evangelical
Enterprises, Inc.
(PEEI) in Southern

Mindanao, Philippines. Their children are
Marlena Joy (married to Josh Lewis), Jed
& Jeriah (married to Bettina),

Personal Contact

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Distribution for the Food Pantry
July 19

@ 8:30am.

**Volunteers are needed
for distribution**

The Food Pantry is located at
Louisburg United Methodist Church.
Contact (913) 724-5311



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First Christian Church Louisburg, KS. MONTHLY PLANNER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 8:30am 10:30am Sunday School 9:30am	3 Bingo at Nursing Home 2:30-3:30pm	4  Freedom Fest at Lewis- Young Park 6 to 10pm	5	6 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Bible Study	7	8 VBS at Journey Church of Nazarene 9-noon K-6th grade
OFFICE CLOSED						
9 Worship 8:30am 10:30am Sunday School 9:30am	10	11	12	13 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Bible Study	14	15
16 Worship 8:30am 10:30am Sunday School 9:30am	17 Bingo at Nursing Home 2:30-3:30pm	18	19 Food pantry distribution 8:30am	20 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Bible Study Board Meeting <u>7pm</u>	21 NEWS LETTER ITEMS DUE IN OFFICE	22 VBS at Journey Church of Nazarene 9-noon K-6th grade
VBS United Methodist Church—6 to 9pm.						
23 1:30pm—Shut- in communion, Louisburg Care Center & Vin- tage Park	24	25	26	27 9:30am fellowship 10:00am Bible Study	28	29
VBS at Faith Chapel in Louisburg 6 to 8:30pm						
30 Worship 8:30am & 10:30am Sunday School 9:30am	31					