

First Christian Church – Disciples of Christ
803 N. Market Street
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863



SUNDAY SERVICE
September 13, 2026

Sermon:
“Christ Connects Us To God
and To One Another”

Scripture: I John 1:1-5

Worship: 9:30 AM

Watching Our Figures
8/30 - 51 ; 9/6 - 37

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“Growing God’s Family to Share God’s Word”
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IT’S TIME FOR CCF...

Our Christian Children’s
Fellowship (CCF) for local school
children will begin on



Wednesday, September 23rd. CCF runs from 3:05
PM until 5:30 PM. We will pick up children from the
local schools if pre-arrangements have been made.
If you have a child up to the 5th grade, and you
would like to register them for this after school
program, please see Stacey Swift or Lizzie Irelan for
a registration form. Children must be registered to
attend. The forms can be turned in to the church
office or returned directly to Stacey or Lizzie. CCF is
a time of fun and learning for those in attendance.
There are games, food, and a Bible lesson each
Wednesday. Parents/Guardians should pick up their
children from the church at 5:30 PM. For more
information, contact Stacey at (618) 263-7643.

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER 2026

Custodial Deacon: Kim More

Elder on Call: Paula Street

Communion Preparers: Sharon Mobley & Lynette Wiles

Sanctuary Straightener: Eudine Tyler

Acolytes: Nicole & Madison Escobedo

Counters: Ruth Bowles & Gayle Conrady



UPCOMING EVENTS

Christian Action Cmte. Mtg. (1:00 PM)	Sept. 8
Choir Practice (9:00 AM)	Sept. 13
Choir will sing for the first time this fall	Sept. 13
Stewardship Cmte. Mtg. (5:00 PM)	Sept. 15
Church Board Mtg. (7:00 PM)	Sept. 16
Cookie Day (10:00 AM)	Sept. 17
CCF (3:05 – 5:30 PM) FIRST DAY BACK	Sept. 23

August 31, 2026

General Offering	\$412.17
Jr/Sr High Youth	<u>675.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,087.17



Emily Ewald, Kyler West, Levi West, Bev Coker, Betty Foshee, Don Marx, Esther Calverley, Ben & Shari Ross, Georgia Dalrymple, Don Swift, Valerie Murbarger, Gordy Limp, Cathy Wietfeldt, Mike Brown, Melody Ramsey, Tony LaRue, Callie Mitchell, Linda Kimble, Tim Woodsmall, Laura Bisch, Nancy Wright, A. J. Stambaugh, Marcia Poland, Kelly McCarty, Brandy Rains, Peyton McDougal, Gary Bellessa, Tom Ostanik, Alan Kidd, Sabrina McEntire Williams, Clint Anderson, Sharon Mobley, **Jill Gerwin**, J.P. Ewald, Sarah West, Paula Street, Mary & Ken Burkitt, Nile Gay, Pamela Case, Jim Edgington, Myriam Posso, Craig Leeper, Dawn Riley, Mark Tennes, Roger Jackman, Talon Rafferty, Howard Hoke, George Beckerman, Georgia Dalrymple, Brylin Yarbor, Rev. Todd Frenier, Melissa Felling, Rev. Dr. Fred White, and our country, leaders, service members, disaster victims, service workers, medical personnel, and Israel.

The Prayer List is periodically updated. Let us know if someone needs to be removed or put back on. Please note that due to current privacy laws, you must have the permission of whomever you wish to include on the prayer list.

First Christian Church extends its sincere condolences to the Foshee and Walker families on the passing of **Sandy Walker**.

Sandy passed away on Friday, August 28th. She always had a kind word and a smile for everyone. Sandy was a beloved member of the church and will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her.



Thank you to Tony Bowles for repairing the hole left in our entrance way ceiling after a leaky pipe repair. It looks as good as new!

Please take a moment to stop by the little window nook located by the steps leading up to the sanctuary. Tony also takes care of changing the themes in the nook. Currently, there is a beautiful fall “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” display accented by Tony’s handmade stained-glass fall leaves. Thank you, Tony, for all you do to beautify the House of God. We appreciate your devotion and your commitment to FCC.



God’s Word for troubled times....

For Strength and Comfort

- **Psalm 46:1:** “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”
- **Psalm 73:26:** “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”
- **Isaiah 41:10:** “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

For Peace and Rest

- **John 14:27:** “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”
- **Matthew 11:28:** “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
- **1 Peter 5:7:** “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”

For Hope and Perseverance

- **Psalm 23:4:** “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me.”
- **Romans 8:28:** “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”
- **2 Corinthians 4:17:** “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”

These are excellent verses to commit to heart.



Brown Bag Buddies...

It's time to start bagging for our very important ministry to Wabash County youth to make sure our school children don't go to school hungry. We want them to be able to concentrate on learning, not on a growling stomach. The first day of bagging food will be Thursday, September 10th at 4:15 PM. If you would like to be a volunteer with this ministry, please meet at the church at that time. We would love to have your help.





The next Church Board Meeting will be next week on Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)



OH, How He Loves You and Me

Oh, how He loves you and me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give;
Oh, how He loves you,
Oh, how He loves me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv'ry did go,
His love for mankind to show.
What He did there, brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you,
Oh, how He loves me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.

Oh, how He loves you and me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He give;
Oh, how He loves you,
Oh, how He loves me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.

(Kurt Kaiser)