

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



SUNDAY SERVICE
September 27, 2026

Sermon:
"Christ Delivers Us From Evil"

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Worship: 9:30 AM

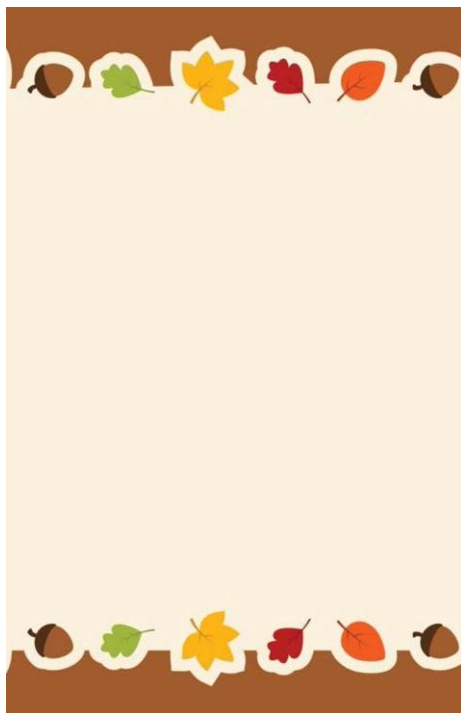
Watching Our Figures
9/13 - 51; 9/20 - 46
Holly Brook 20

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"Growing God's Family to Share God's Word"
First Christian Church



Visitor

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Our Christian Children's Fellowship kicks off tomorrow, Wednesday, September 23, and we are excited to see the kids return to First Christian Church for this school year. At CCF, we do mission projects to help others, make crafts, eat snacks, study the Bible, play games and learn about our faith. For more information, please contact our CCF Director, Stacey Swift, at (618) 263-7643.

Our Webmaster, Tyler Parkhurst, has been very hard at work updating our church website and making improvements. Please visit our website at: www.mountcarmeldisciples.com to see the new and improved FCC site.



We deeply appreciate Tyler's efforts and expertise in updating and improving our website for us.

SERVING IN OCTOBER 2026

Custodial Deacon: Kim More

Elder on Call: Stacey Swift

Communion Preparers: Barry & Janis Roberts

Sanctuary Straightener: Gayle Conrady

Acolytes: Nicole & Madison Escobedo

Counters: Sharon Mobley & Lynette Wiles

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CCF (3:05 – 5:30 PM) FIRST DAY BACK	Sept. 23
Reconciliation Offering	Sept. 27
Brown Bag Buddies bagging (4:15 PM)	Oct. 1
Reconciliation Offering	Oct. 4
MCHS Football Aces Breakfast (7:15 AM)	Oct. 9
Pastor Appreciation Day/Reception	Oct. 11
Holly Brook Service (3:00 M)	Oct. 11
Columbus Day	Oct. 12
Cookie Day (10:00 AM)	Oct. 15
Stewardship Sunday	Oct. 18

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September 6, 2026	September 13, 2026
General Offering <u>\$1,007.00</u>	General Offering \$2,703.00
TOTAL: \$1,007.00	Memorial Fund 250.00
	Senior Group 50.00
	Reconciliation offering <u>50.00</u>
	TOTAL: \$2,953.00

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We want to invite you to our Bible Study with Pastor Jim. The Bible Study is every Tuesday from 10:30 – 11:30 AM in the I Can classroom. Bring your Bible and your questions. Everyone is welcome to attend.

World Outreach – Gary Hargett:

Committee met on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

- We voted to donate the following:

	Regular Budget
Ronald McDonald House (Evansville, IN).	\$833.00
Evansville Rescue Mission	<u>\$833.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,666.00

Gary Hargett made a motion to accept the above Bequest Requests as submitted by the World Outreach Committed and Shari Ross seconded it. Motion carried.

Christian Action – Doris Beckerman (given by Barry Roberts):

- We voted to donate the following:

	Regular Budget
Pastor Counseling Center	\$300.00
Safe Haven	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$600.00
 The Lunch Wagon.	 <u>\$387.47</u>
TOTAL:	\$987.47

- Nile Gay moved to approve the above Bequest Requests as submitted by the Christian Action Committee. Tony Bowles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrative – Janis Roberts:

Did not meet.

Elders –Janis Roberts :

- The Hollybrook service had 15 people in attendance.

Ministers Report: Rev. James Bisch:

Rev. Jim will be out of town on July 26 service. Kim Moore will be preaching in his place.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Next meeting is May 21 at 7 pm.



SpLiNTeRS from the BOARD July 2026

Property – Barry Roberts/Devan Swift (given by Devan Swift):

The property Committee met on Sunday, July 5 after Church.

- Thanks to Tony Bowles for working on the leak from the internal drain pipe above the 8th street entrance.
- Pipe has been fixed by Sharp and Williams at a cost of \$540.00. We are waiting for a good rain to test it before we close it back up.
- We did inspection of our air conditioning units on the roof with Sharp and Williams. There is one on the Education building roof that is 39 years old (1987) with a replacement cost of \$7,000. Discussion was had during the board meeting. Devan Swift made a motion to approve replacing air conditioning unit in the amount of \$7,000. Wilbur Brown seconded motion, motion carried. Funds to be taken out of the memorial fund.
- Discussion of other 2 air conditioning units was had. One is 29 years old and the other is 21 years old. The 2 big units on the sanctuary roof will be an additional \$18,000 each to replace. Both are running but are aging and will keep an eye on them.
- Flat Rock Telephone has come and looked at our security cameras. We would like to add at least one more on the outside of the building on the 8th street facing west. They will give us an estimate. If we want to add more cameras, we will need a new control unit that handles 16 cameras. Total cost would be around \$3500.00.
- Huck sign came and repaired our sign which was out of working order for a week. Cost was \$450.00.
- Just a reminder that one of our boilers, which is working fine is 70 years old and if we have to replace it will be \$25,000 cost. We renewed the line of credit effective today (July 15, 2026) to use for these larger expenses. At this time, we have no debt to the First National Bank.

Stewardship – Barry Roberts:

Stewardship committee met on July 14.

- Lynette Wiles went over the Balance Sheet.
- Good returns on portfolio. 2.5% change. \$122,119.48
- A/C units-3 (2 big on top of Sanctuary and 1 in Education building) were discussed. Recommend replacing.
- Kemper's is working on audit
- Budget due in September.

Membership – Barry Roberts:

Barry appreciated the help with June Xander's lunch after Celebration of Life service.

Worship – Gayle Conrady:

Committee met on July 7 at 1 p.m. in the Church Library.

- A discussion on Acolytes was the first topic of the meeting. We would like to have more young people serving as Acolytes for Sunday morning worship. The worship committee members feel as if it is not easy to find Acolytes in the summer months. We will try to deal with this and hopefully we can be successful in finding more Acolytes.
- Paraments will be green until November 28 we are in "Ordinary Time"
- Pastor Jim Bisch would like for Gary and Marilyn Bellessa to have a reception after Sunday worship to show our appreciation for the good work that they shared with FCC for many years. We should hold the reception when they visit FCC. They will be coming to Mt. Carmel in mid-August.

Christian Education – Lizzie Irelan:

- We switched from having one Saturday for VBS to Wednesday-Thursday evening. We had a turnout of about 35 kids, including the helper kids both nights. We were able to get Water Ice the first night. We had a "Glow" theme which stands for "Go Light Our World". We also had a wonderful kitchen crew. As a thanks for their hard work, we took six of your older youth to Urban Air, which they voted on. It was nice to see the shining their light as they played with kids who weren't from our Church.
- We are meeting this Sunday to talk over the reading day at WVC the following Tuesday. The kids are going to lead attendants in different crafts that go along with the story we will read that goes along with our VSB GLOW theme. We can use leftover crafts for that.



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,
Debbie Lewis, Alan Kidd, Sabrina McEntire Williams,
Clint Anderson, **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.**

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THURSDAY - 1 OCT 6:30 PM/7:30 PM

ONLINE BUSINESS MEETING

FRIDAY - 2 OCT 10 AM-5 PM UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH & DIVINE WORD MINISTRIES

CLERGY ETHICS WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY - 2 OCT 5:30-7:45 PM UNITED CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Y'ALL COME! GATHERING

BARBECUE, LIVE MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP AND CONNECTION

SATURDAY - 3 OCT 11 AM DIVINE WORD MINISTRIES

INSTALLATION OF

REV. DR. WILLIAM E. CROWDER, JR.
REGIONAL MINISTER & PRESIDENT



REV. DR. ALVIN O. JACKSON
SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER



MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION AT CCIWdisciples.org/ra-2026

Anyone who wants to attend in person can go with Doris Beckerman to Bethany Christian in Evansville which is much closer than Bloomington, IL.