

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
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### Our Temporary, Modified Newsletter for May 2020

#### GREETINGS AND BEST HEALTH WISHES FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP FOLKS!

We are in the business of encouraging sharing God's blessings to all. In these challenging days of isolation and concern about others, it's great to see the people of FCC blossoming in that regard. Sunny and Amanda lead the way in words, music, and creative presentations to reconnect us even from afar. Such positive comments on line and in person reflect the joy and smiles we fondly recall from the pews to Fellowship Hall and to the community FCC serves so cheerfully well.

In these slower times, we hear warm and appreciative tales of family and friends enjoying games, cooking, and Bible Study. These times remind us of similar historical times. During times like this, songs, music, calls and offers to help, and prayers shared with each other help us all feel connected. Please keep it up—to uplift them and yourself! What a Win-Win! We can come through these times stronger, happier, in better health, and more appreciative of our FCC family.

And we are very grateful for your continuing financial support as our expenses help keep us running. Thank you for the help you are able to share as, to me, it is one of the best investments in our future. No offering plates are likely in your neighborhood anytime soon. But checks to FCC are still very welcome at P.O. Box 45 in Rockwood. And for our hip techie folks, it is very easy to schedule current and future contributions electronically by using our online giving platform, Givelify. Please visit: <https://giv.li/vdhw2o>

Thank You. Be Well. Interact (remotely!) We look forward to seeing you back in church soon.

Sincerely, Dick Whiteman, Stewardship and Finance Chairman

#### Ways to connect at FCC right now:

Worship: Sunday at 11:00 on Facebook. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the service.

Go to: [www.facebook.com/fccrockwood](http://www.facebook.com/fccrockwood) (click on the link highlighted in blue on inside page)

There is also a call-in option if you want to listen to the worship service over the phone. This is an audio-only option through Zoom.

Call: 312-626-6799 and enter the meeting ID: 910 775 6944

Mail: If you would like paper copies of the Sunday sermons mailed to you, please let the church office know. We are happy to send!

Wednesday Night Live: Zoom Call or Video Chat! We have three separate calls going for our children and youth! PreK-2nd grade chats at 6pm, 3rd-5th grade chats at 6:30 and middle and high schoolers chat at 7pm. For the privacy of our children I will not

publish the meeting ID and password so please contact me for the information. Thank you! *Pastor Sunny*

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MAY 2020

### ***Sunday School 10:00am***

Canceled until further notice

### **Worship: 11:00am**

On Facebook Live

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fccrockwood](http://www.facebook.com/fccrockwood)



### May Birthdays

Eddie Billbrey - May 3  
Nell Billbrey - May 4  
Kemper Begley - May 6  
Trent Bullington - May 6  
Marshall King - May 6  
Zane Begley - May 7  
Michael Pemberton - May 8  
Isaiah Snipes - May 12  
Jack Johnson, Jr. - May 19  
Tommy Scarbrough - May 19  
Sara Tagliere - May 19  
Sandy Zaryrch - May 20  
Ray Hickey - May 21  
Greg Biddle - May 24  
Velma Beckner - May 29  
Tim Woodall - May 31



### Attendance for April 2020

April 5 - no service (COVID-19)  
April 12 - no service (COVID-19)  
April 19 - no service (COVID-19)  
April 26 - no service (COVID-19)



My Dear Church Family,

When are we coming back to church? I know that is the question on all of our minds. The desire of our hearts is to be together as a church community. We would love to be back in the pews, seeing one another's faces and worshipping together.

On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> the Elders and Executive Committee met (over the phone). We discussed our desire to be together, but also our concern for those most at risk of contracting COVID19. At this time, we are not ready to announce a specific date for re-opening the church doors for worship. We simply don't know enough to make what we feel like is a wise decision. We will meet again on May 17<sup>th</sup> and see if we can assign a target date for in-person worship at that time.

For many of us, this is discouraging news. We are eager for a more regular routine, and worshipping together is part of that. We are a community of God's children, and it is hard to be apart from one another.

As your pastor, I am extremely proud of and thankful to, our church leaders. I'm thankful that they are taking seriously the Biblical mandate to protect the most vulnerable among us (the Bible names those as the widows and orphans, but right now I would say those are our elderly and medically fragile community members). I'm thankful for the way we love each other during this time by worshipping online and connecting with one another over the phone. Keep at it. Do not be discouraged. We are the church; God's Beloved Community and we need one another.

When we do open the doors of First Christian Church, it will be for worship only for a period of time. There will be safety procedures that we will follow together and you will be hearing more about those soon.

Thank you again, for your patience. Thank you for being such an amazing people of God. Thank you for loving one another well. Please reach out to me, or to our church leaders if we can help you in any way.

With Gratitude,  
Rev. Sunny B. Ridings

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To receive text messages from our One Call Now service, please text the word "Alert" to 22300.

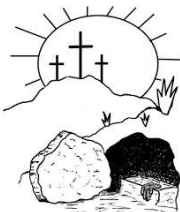
### First Christian Church - Vacation Bible School 2020

Hello all. I hope you all are doing well. After doing a lot of talking it has been decided that we will not do a VBS this summer. But do not fear, that means we have a year to prepare and have the best VBS of 2021. The theme will still be Knights of the North...think knights, castles, winter.etc. I thank everyone that signed up to be leaders and hope you all will still be on board for 2021. Also knowing the theme if you have anything to donate or see or want to buy I would gladly accept it! Decorations, costumes, crafts, etc! Thank you all and stay well! Thank you, Sara Tagliere

### The RMA Needs YOU!

The Rockwood Ministerial Association is looking for men or women who can help unload the trucks from 2nd Harvest every Monday and Wednesday. For More Information please contact Richard Montgomery or Pastor Sunny

### Uplifting Scriptures of Affirmation and Faith



- Job 5:11** The lowly he sets on high, and those who mourn are lifted to safety.
- Psalms 27:13-14** I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.
- Isaiah 41:10** Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.
- John 16:33** I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
- 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.
- Romans 8:37-38** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Romans 15:13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 2 Corinthians 1:3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.
- Philippians 4:6** Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.
- Hebrews 13:5** I will never leave you or forsake you.

### Proposed Summer Camp 2020 schedule:

- Chi-Rho (Grades 6, 7 & 8) Director: Ashley Buchanan**  
Friday July 24 at 11am- Monday July 27 at 11am Cost -\$220.00

For Summer Camp 2020, 8ers "Created to Be Me" will not have leaders to send us for this season due to the COVID-19 virus. Eight grade campers will attend Chi Rho camp.

- CYF (Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12) Directors: Chris Cox and Chuk Lamberth**  
Monday July 27 at 7pm -Friday July 31 at 11am Cost -\$260.00
- Discovery (Grades K, 1 & 2) Directors: Nance England & Tallu Quinn**  
Junior (Grades 3, 4 & 5) Director: Morgan Stanford Friday July 31 at 3pm – Sunday August 2 at 3pm Cost-\$150
- Adventure Camp/Post High Camp (ages 18-35) Director: Dr. Ron Buck**  
Friday August 7 at 3pm – Sunday August 9 at 3 pm Cost -\$210  
T-shirts are included in the cost.

### Words to Ponder

"Being positive won't guarantee you'll succeed. But being negative will guarantee you won't."

~Joe Gordon, Author and Motivational Speaker



### To Our "Class of 2020"

#### Graduates

As soon as we possibly can, we want to celebrate your hard work! You did it!! This is a moment in time that most have looked forward to since kindergarten! We want to acknowledge your amazing accomplishments with a special luncheon honoring each of you!  
Until then... Hang in There!!

### First Christian Church has entered a new era:

the age of any time, anywhere giving. We are now signed up with Givelify, the mobile giving app for places of worship and charities.

To make your first and future mobile donations with the best experience possible, we recommend that you download the Givelify app for [Android](#) or [iPhone](#) ahead of service time @ 11:00am.

Givelify gives you a beautiful, easy giving experience using your smartphone. There are no frustrating web forms or text-to-give codes to memorize. Even better, it's free to download and use. It's totally safe and secure, and for tax time you have one-tap access to your complete donation records.

Make your offerings, tithes, and gifts to special envelopes right from the palm of your hand. You can give to First Christian Church wherever you are. Make us your home place of worship for quick one-tap access.

Want to see how it works? [Watch the demonstration video \(https://youtu.be/\\_VCbR3ZOBs0\)](https://youtu.be/_VCbR3ZOBs0) that shows you all about how to make and track donations.

### Memorials & Honors

In Memory of <i>Luther B True</i>	In Memory of Polk Cooley
by	by
Bob & Georgia Raiford	Philip & Leigh Ann Min
Philip & Leigh Ann Min	In Memory of Jr. Clem
FCC Membership/Nurture Committee	By
Fran Long	Sam Doughty
Col. Donald & Nancy Marks	

### Elders and Deacons May 2020:

**Elders:** Bread: Sheila Lemons  
Wine: Michael Ann Begley  
**Deacons:**  
Table: Tibby & Kathy Snipes  
Narthex: Isaiah Snipes,  
Thressa Anderson

### CHURCH FINANCES

### NEEDED WEEKLY 3,624.98

April 1, 2020 – April 30, 2020

#### GENERAL FUND INCOME

April 3 Deposit	2,525.00
April 8 Deposit	2,250.00
April 10 Deposit	700.00
April 15 Deposit	300.00
April 20 Deposit	840.00
April 21 Deposit	810.00
April 27 Deposit	1,600.00
April 30 Deposit	1,260.00

#### Special Funds G/F \*\*In/Out

ELC**	
CCF 3% Dist	2,789.21(Annual)
ELC Utilities	600.00
ELC Insurance	250.00

Total 3,639.21

Total Office	10,285.00
Electronic Dep	629.35
Total G/F	10,914.35

**Needed Monthly \$15,708.25**

#### DEPOSTIED INTO FAIR ACCOUNT

TBD

(DESIGNATED)

PERMANENT FUND SUSTAINABILITY 1,000.00

(UN-DESIGNATED)

MUSIC MINISTRY 210.00  
MEMORIALS

TOTAL

1,210.00

#### TOTAL ALL MONEY RECEIVED

15,763.56