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6, 13, 20, 27 - Worship Services @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Prayer Circle, 5:00 pm

What's happening this month:

- 5 Elders' Meeting 6:30 pm College Age Group 6:00 pm
- 6 TAMA 11:45 am Prayer Circle 5:00 pm
- 7 Building in Use 9:00 am 3:00 pm
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- 10 Back to School Prayer Walk 6:00 pm
- 12 College Age Group 6:00 pm
- 13 Prayer Circle 5:00 pm
- 17 Nursing Home Service 4:00 pm
- 19 College Age Group 6:00 pm
- 20 Prayer Circle 5:00 pm
- 23 Building in Use 12:00 5:00 pm
- 27 Prayer Circle 5:00 pm
- 28 Dine with a Doc 11:30 am



VBS Recap from Tim:

God really showed up for this year's VBS! The attendance ran from the low 30s to the high 40s. We raised money for a mission called New Hope for the World. This mission works in the nation of Pakistan to build a christian school, free people from modern day slavery, and to create online resources that spread the gospel news of Jesus. For this mission the children raised over \$600 to support this mission. Overall we had a really fun week of VBS! We are very thankful to the volunteers who came and helped each night. We're thankful to all the parents who brought their kids. But most importantly we are thankful for God and his grace in allowing us to partner with Him and do the kingdom work!

Timothy Summerville

Tony's Tidings:

It is hard to believe that it is almost time for school to begin again. The summer has flown by. I hear the collective sighs from all the students and my teacher friends: Robert Boyd, Lori Reed, Megan Peters, Andy Romine and Denise Brown along with support staff Barb Alexander and Karen Patterson.

Please join with me in praying for our teachers and staff at our schools. They don't have an easy job, as we all know. I hope you will join with us as we have a special prayer for the students and staff at our schools on 8/10 at 6 pm. We will meet at the church and then go out in groups. Prayer changes more than things, it changes you.

In Psalm 34:4-5 (NIV), "I sought the Lord and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame."

I am honored to be serving with you at FCC!

Tony

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elders's Meeting:

The Elders will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30 pm.

College Age Community Group:

Open to ages 18-25. We meet at 6 pm on Tuesday nights at Lori Reed's house.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining please contact Timothy Summerville for more details.

Prayer Circle:

Join us at 5:00 pm every Wednesday at the church.

Kingdom Builder Class:

Starting Aug. 3rd - **Expect the Unexpected**, the book of Ruth.

In this study of the Book of Ruth, Beth DeFazio (Biblical Communication and Speech professor at Ozark Christian College) walks through the familiar story found in the book of Ruth. This study challenges the traditional romantic tale and shows how God shows up in many unexpected ways to provide for Naomi and rewrite her story of grief into one of redemption. All are welcome to join us in our study of God's word.

Back to School PACT Prayer Walk:

Sunday, August 10th. We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm then go out from there to pray for all our students & teachers throughout all our schools.

Nursing Home Service:

We will lead a worship service for the residents at Haven of Tuscola on Sunday, August 17th at 4:00 pm. Please come & help us encourage our friends!

Dine with a Doc:

The next Dine with a Doc will be on Thursday, August 28th at 11:30am. Speaker will be Dr. David Fletcher. Please sign up on the office door or call the office (217) 253-2394 to get signed up. There is no charge to attend and lunch will be provided.



Online Services:

**Live streaming of both services is available on Facebook & then uploaded to YouTube later. Thank you for your patience as we've been working through several technical issues. Please see Brian with any questions you may have.



Dear Lord,

I thank you for the many blessing that you give me daily.

I ask you to bless my family and friends also.

Lord, I ask you to prepare my heart, my mind, my body, and my my spirit for this coming school year. Help me to be a light on my campus. Show me where I am needed and where I can share you with my friends. Please send me good friends that also believe in you. Prepare my teacher's hearts now for the students that will enter their classrooms. Cover my school and all those that enter it.

Heavenly Father, use me and guide me this year and be with me with all of my new endeavors and experiences.

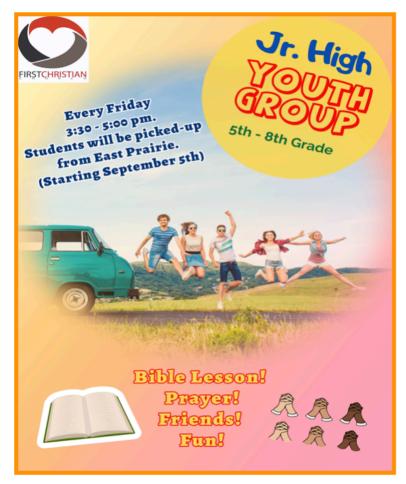
In Jesus' Name I Pray, Amen





Operation Christmas Child:
We are continuing our
collection for OCC. For the
month of August, we will be
collecting school supplies.
There is a collection container
outside of the office.

Thank you for your support!



Serving for Month of August

Communion Meditation

1st Service & 2nd Service

August 3	Scott Clarkson
August 10	Matt Reed
August 17	Mary Knight
August 24	Russel Surtees
August 31	Sharri Kerkhoff

Attendance	In Person	Online	
July 6	120	564	
July 13	129	247	
July 20	158	201	
July 27	138	204	

Elders:

Chris Brown, Tony Crouch, Kevin Kauffman, Matt Reed & Craig Romine

Trustee:

Jeff Martin

Deacon/Deaconess:

Mike & Lacrecia Otto (Benevolence)
Randy Long (Building & Grounds)
Clayton & Judy Harriss (Caring)
Timothy Summerville (Youth & Family Life)
Alta Long (Finance)
Tony Crouch & Chris Brown (Men)
Craig Romine (Missions)
(Small Groups)
Marla Crouch (Women)

Brian Patterson (Worship)

Prayer Requests

Family of Norman Lytle - Julie Randolph's Father Family of Betty Hippler - Rob Boyd's Mother

Toby Livingston
Terry Luttrell
Melissa Lawless
Ronnie Schultz
Brad Hornaday

Amy McDonald - Bob Utterback's daughter

Michelle Everhart Moenck family Linda Carner Chris Brown

Hershel Massey - Friend of Craig Miller

Rita Herbert

David Kennedy - Friend of Ronnie Schultz

Jeremy Byrne Jim & Deb Beeson Dottie Riddle

Gary - Friend of Brian & Karen Patterson

Rob Smock - Friend of Brian & Keri Dean

Evan Huff - Nephew of Keri Dean

Samuel - Abel & Ruth Sairattanyu's brother-in -law Wayne Livingston Jr. - Jodi Livingston's Nephew

Linda Schultz

Amanda, Dawn & Nichole - Friends of Tony Crouch battling cancer

Flo Zelenka - Chris Brown's Aunt

Rachel Romine (Gallardo) - Beth & Craig Romine's daughter

**If you have an update or a request to add, please fill out a Connection Card or contact the church office: (217) 253-2394 or office@fcctuscola.com

Missions we support:

Abel Sairattanyu family (Thailand) Jack Swanson family (Chile) Little Galilee Christian Camp Roseland Good News Daycare (Ms. Pearl) Operation Christmas Child



July	7/6	7/13	7/20	7/27
General Fund (Missions is 10%) (Benevolence is 5%) (Local Partners is 5%)	\$8,642.00	\$7,699.00	\$7,927.00	\$4,632.00
Other giving & Reimbursements	0.00	43.10	1800	14.00
Memorial Fund	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$12,642.00	\$7.742.00	\$7,945.00	\$4,646.00



100 E. Church Street Tuscola, IL 69153 Phone: 217-253-2394 Email: office@fcctuscola.com

Sunday Worship Service 8:00 am and 10:30 am Sunday School Classes 9:15 am Adults Children's Church 10:30 am

Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ministers: Tony Crouch Brian Patterson Timothy Summerville

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