

Announcements

- Upward Basketball is underway on Saturdays, at 9 am. See Tim Grider to help!
- **Join us Sun., Feb 2 @ 6 pm for our FCC Vision 2025 kick-off gathering!**
- **Text Alert to 22300 to receive FCC's One Call Prayer Alerts.**
- If you or someone you know would like a pastoral visit, please let T. J. know.
- **NCCS Eagle Club Donors: Thank you for making your January donation.**
- **To become an NCCS Eagle Club Donor, visit wfnccs.com/eagle-club.**

FCC Gathered

Service	Last Week	'25 Average	'24 Average
Morning Worship:	134	134	144
Sunday School:	81	81	87
Evening Worship:	n/a	n/a	36
Midweek:	38	38	36

FCC Gave

January 2025 (through Jan. 12)

Regular Giving		Other Giving	
Church Operating:	\$16,782.61	God's Rebuilding:	\$
Missions:	<u>\$792.39</u>	NCCS Missions:	JAN. 26
Total:	\$17,575.00	NCCS Eagle Club:	\$480.63
Monthly Need:	<u>\$24,768.00</u>		
Over (Under):	(\$7,193.00)		

Year to Date 2025

Regular Giving		Other Giving	
Rec'd YTD '25:	\$18,367.39	God's Rebuilding:	\$
Total '25 Budget:	<u>\$321,940.00</u>	NCCS Missions:	\$
Over (Under):	\$(303,572.61)	NCCS Eagle Club:	\$480.63

To give online, text Give to 618-248-4481 or visit fccwf.org/give.

**Plan now to join us for the
FCC 2024 Year-in-Review
and 2025 Vision Kick-Off!
Sun., Feb. 2, 6 pm.**



This Week @ FCC

- Today, Jan. 19
- Worship: 9 am (Nursery and Junction Kids Available)
 - Sunday School: Following Worship
 - Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Junction Kids: 6 pm
- Mon., Jan. 20
- Letter Writers: 9:30 am
 - Ladies' Bible Study: 6 pm, Gambit Coffee
- Wed., Jan. 22
- Adult Bible Study, 4:12 Youth, Junction Kids: 6 pm
- Thu., Jan. 23
- Ladies' Bible Study: 9 am, FCC
- Sat., Jan. 25
- **Upward Basketball Games: 9 am**



Class	Location	Teacher
Nursery	Office hallway	Rotating
PreK/K	Office hallway	Rotating
1st-3rd	Cafeteria hallway	Analisa Woods
4th-6th	Second floor, gym	Susan Hood
7th-12th	Above stage, gym	Tim Woods
Friendship	Across from cafeteria	Cynthia Dutton
Right Track	Off north sanctuary	James Willingham
Kum Join Us	Off south sanctuary	Tim Grider
Defenders	Chapel	T. J. Gentry

stand firm
IN THE FAITH
be strong

- 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13 -

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

January 19, 2025

I would like to... (Check all that apply)

- become a Christian.
- learn about membership.
- find a place to serve.
- learn about Sunday School.
- learn about Junction Kids.
- learn about 4:12 Youth.
- receive counseling.
- speak with the pastor.

Other: _____

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES

Please complete, tear off, and place in the offering plate or giving box.

HELP US GET TO KNOW YOU!

January 19, 2025

I am...

- New to FCC
- Updating My Information

Please print clearly:

First Name

Last Name

Age or Grade in School

Phone Number

Email Address

Street Address

City

State and Zip

Birthday (Day and Month)

Anniversary (Day and Month)

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Message Notes

Off-Ramp: Winning the Battle with Temptation

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. (1 Cor. 10:12-13)

_____ your _____.

_____ your _____.

_____ your _____.



Why Communion Every Week @ FCC?

At Communion, Christians meditate upon the sacrifice of Jesus for their salvation. They examine themselves to ascertain if they have grown in the grace and knowledge of Christ during the past week. They reaffirm their covenant with God: to love Him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Communion is the only way Jesus Himself asked to be remembered. Let us come together on this Lord's Day and every Lord's Day to remember and celebrate His mercy in the Lord's Supper as we commune together.

Do you want to be right with God and have a fresh start?

The solution is as simple as **ABC**:

A: Admit that you have sinned and need a Savior.

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

B: Believe that God loves you and gave His Son for your salvation.

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

C: Confess your faith in Jesus, repenting of your sins and being baptized.

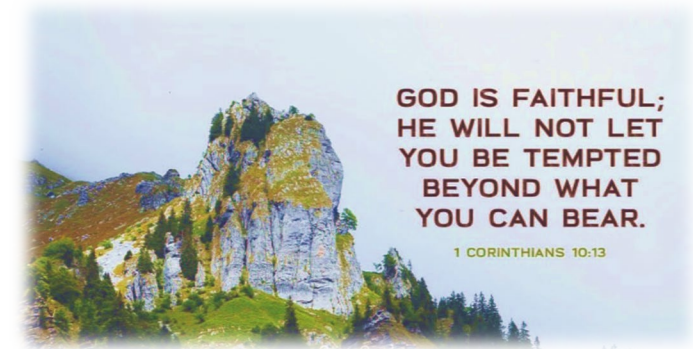
"Repent...be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

First Christian Church

West Frankfort, IL
fccwf.org



THE LORD'S DAY – JANUARY 19, 2025



WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH!

If this is your first time at FCC, here's what to expect.

Most importantly, know that you are loved. **God loves you and so do we!**

As we gather, hear God's call to lift our hearts and voices. **Sing to the Lord!**

God's Word is proclaimed and applied to our lives. **Let God speak to you!**

At God's Table, the baptized share in the Lord's Supper. **Eat and drink in faith!**

We worship God in giving, knowing that all we have is from Him. **Give joyfully!**

We are sent forth on mission for the Gospel. **Grow deeper and reach wider!**

First Christian Church

Address: 1001 S. Cherry St., West Frankfort, IL 62896

Website: fccwf.org **Facebook:** fccwf1903 **Phone:** 618-932-6360

Office Hours: Mon. thru Thu., 9 am to 4 pm

Elders: Sloan Brown, T. J. Gentry, Tim Grider (Vice-Chairman), Larry Martin,

Ryan Martin (Chairman), Danny McClellan, Mike Riva, Laverne Throgmorton

Staff: T. J. Gentry, Sr. Pastor/NCCS Supt.; Analisa Woods, NCCS Principal;

Tim Woods, Director of Student Ministries; Ashton Gentry, Director of Worship

Deacons: Jim Bayless, Stephen Dillard, Greg Smiley, David Summers,

Scott Williams, James Willingham

Mon., Jan. 20: No Cowards Allowed

But the cowardly...they will be consigned to the fiery lake. (Rev. 21:8 NIV)

Heaven has room for everyone. God's love is big. But there's no room in heaven for cowards. Cowards are the first cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. Sounds scary, right? Irony that the thought of eternal judgment for cowardice strikes fear. It should, but it should also sound the call to faith and courage. Overcome cowardice. Look to Christ. (TJG)

Personal Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for the courage of salvation. Amen.

FCC Prayer Focus: Those with unspoken burdens

One-Year Chronological Bible: Gen. 25-26 / Daily Proverbs: Prov. 20

Tue., Jan. 21: Courageous Love

Be brave... Let all that you do be done with love. (1 Cor. 16:13-14)

It takes courage to show love to enemies. Only the courageous will seek the best for the other person—even when the other person is hiding behind the cowardice of selfishness. That's where the call to courageous love comes in and shouts, "Love is the voice of courage! Hate is the voice of cowardice!" Be brave and choose love, courageous love. (TJG)

Personal Prayer: Father, I choose courageous love. Amen.

FCC Prayer Focus: Nursery volunteers

One-Year Chronological Bible: Gen. 27-29 / Daily Proverbs: Prov. 21

Wed., Jan. 22: Courage Over Fear

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. (Ps. 56:3)

When fear tempts us to turn and run, we have another option. We can turn to God and trust Him. Do we really think anyone ever regrets trusting the Lord rather than giving in to fear? Fear always brings regret, but trust in God brings joy and peace. When we choose courage over fear, we choose the only option that makes good sense and has eternal significance. (TJG)

Personal Prayer: God, whenever I fear, help me to trust in You. Amen.

FCC Prayer Focus: For motivation to share the gospel

One-Year Chronological Bible: Gen. 30-31 / Daily Proverbs: Prov. 22

Thu., Jan. 23: The Courage of Holy Fear

The LORD of hosts...you shall hallow; let Him be your fear. (Isa. 8:12-13)

Sometimes fear is the best choice. When? Fear is the best choice when we choose to fear God, reverencing Him in awe and wonder. This is called holy fear, and our hearts should overflow with it. When we are filled with holy fear, there's no room for unholy cowardice. Fear God and find courage, the courage of holy fear. (TJG)

Personal Prayer: King of mercy, help me rightly fear You. Amen.

FCC Prayer Focus: Those struggling with pride

One-Year Chronological Bible: Gen. 32-34 / Daily Proverbs: Prov. 23

Fri., Jan. 24: Commanded to Be Courageous

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. (Josh. 1:9)

Courage is not a feeling. Courage is a choice. It's also a command from God. We are commanded—called by God—to be strong and courageous. God's call to strength and courage is not to only the select few. No. God calls every believer to courage. His command is courage. Our duty is to obey His command, and He enables our obedience. Take courage! (TJG)

Personal Prayer: I bless You, Lord, for strength and courage. Amen.

FCC Prayer Focus: Healthy marriages

One-Year Chronological Bible: Gen. 35-37 / Daily Proverbs: Prov. 24

Sat., Jan. 25: Joyful Courage

Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross. (Heb. 12:2)

When we catch a vision of God's bigger plan it fills us with joy and motivates us to overcome fear. Jesus had the vision of God's plan of redemption by the cross and resurrection. This vision gave Him joy. That joy was expressed in the courage to face torture and death. Let's be like Jesus, keeping God's plan in sight and walking in joyful courage. (TJG)

Personal Prayer: O God, fill me with joyful courage. Amen.

FCC Prayer Focus: Ashton and the worship team

One-Year Chronological Bible: Gen. 38-40 / Daily Proverbs: Prov. 25

Prayer List

Health: Pete Zimmer, Eli Reed, Debbie Wells, Carol Davis, Danny McClellan, Jim Wangler, Joe Crawford, Korey Williams, Angela Brown, Katherine Rice, JoAnn Mondino, Mario and Rita Allois, Cindy Lingle, Tom Burton, Judy and Terry Campbell, Jack Hogg, Charles and Amber Reed, Shirley Gayer, Ed and Lisa Smothers, Bobby Blondi, Winnie Kinnison, Isaiah Williams, Scott Williams, Dottie and Charlie Bartoni, Kay Levanti, Jodi Jeralds, Jean Smiley, Cindy Carner, Lori Watts, Samantha Tretter, Landon Adkins, Ryan Buckingham, Patricia Uhls, Virgil Zachary, Leah Hughes, Sheldon Smith, Jerry Wicker, Laura Siedel, Pam Ford, Tom Smith, Yula Gunn, Jack Woolard, Carolyn Place, Jason Coleman, Lois Golio, Rodney Johnson, Rachel Pollack, Jetta Barton, Tammy Wiggins, Mark Carpenter, Jill Lindhorst, Ashton Gentry, Billy Bradley, Patty Roland, Ryan Mondino, Kyle Britton, Lisa Uhls Bishop, Sharron West, Drake Short, Shirley Ward, Piper Castellano, Brenda Flowers, Sandy Ellis, Carolyn Jones, LaDonna Bryce, Misty Painter, Danny Rodgers, Linda Upton, Wanda Finn, Pam Jeralds, Jim Carter, Tim Williams, Jim Parker, Gene Williams, Avery Potter, Terri Stewart, Missy Story, Barbara Wilmore, Denny Bush, Barbara Winnet, Amanda Brewer, Nancy Denton, Wendy Russell

Other: the Shum family as they mourn Peggy's passing; peace in Israel and Ukraine; New Covenant Christian School; FCC's evangelistic efforts; prisoners; the hungry; the homeless; those struggling with addiction; the grieving and afflicted; FCC elders, staff, and deacons; FCC widows and widowers; US Armed Forces; Southern Illinois Christian Service Camp; missionaries; local, state, and federal government representatives



January 19-25, 2025

Weekly Discipleship Focus: Courage

Weekly Scripture Memory: Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. (1 Cor. 16:13-14)

Daily Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for Your Spirit within me. Help me to be watchful and stand fast. Fill me with courage that I might do all things in love. Amen.

Sun., Jan. 19: Divine Courage

God has not given us a spirit of fear. (2 Tim. 1:7)

God is generous, very generous, but there's one thing He will never give us. God will never give us a spirit of fear. Cowardice does not come from the Lord. Nope. What God does give us is His power, His love, and the mind of Christ. If we find ourselves holding on to fear, God is not the one who put it in our hands. He gives divine courage. (TJG)

Personal Prayer: O Lord, fill me with courage to overcome fear. Amen.

FCC Prayer Focus: Those with wayward children

One-Year Chronological Bible: Gen. 22-24 / Daily Proverbs: Prov. 19

Scan the QR code to the right for these additional discipleship resources:

- Together We Grow Audio Version (Su-Sa)
- Daily 180: 3 Minutes in God's Word (M-F)
- Today's Living Word (M-F)



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