



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

June 2026

The Blessing of Unseen Faithfulness

His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' — Matt. 25:23 (NIV)

This month we pause to celebrate Father's Day. For many, it's a time to shop for new ties and to experience unrelenting electric razor ads. But as your pastor, I want to take a moment to look past the visible celebrations and focus on something deeper—something I believe is close to God's heart. I want to speak directly to and about the good, Christian fathers in our midst and the blessing of the unseen fathers.

When we think of grand depictions of fatherhood in culture, or even sometimes in the Bible, we think of the dramatic moments: Abraham leading his family to a new land, David slaying Goliath to protect his people, or a father running down the road to welcome a prodigal son. These are beautiful, powerful images. But the reality of faithful Christian fatherhood is often found in quieter, unnoticed moments.

Families are complicated. They require constant maintenance and sacrifice to thrive. So much of this work is essential, but it is rarely met with applause. A good, Christian father knows this, and he does it anyway, not for recognition, but out of love for Christ and love for his family. Comedian Chris Rock has a bit where he states that it is impossible to find a Hallmark card with, "Thanks, Dad, for keeping the lights on." I see you, dads. I see the blessing you are when you handle the essential, but unnoticed things:

☐ You are a blessing when you are the first one up to ensure the house is safe or when you are the last one to bed after making sure every door is locked. This unseen ministry of protection mirrors our Heavenly Father, who is our "rock and our fortress" (Psalm 18:2).

☐ You are a blessing when you manage the unglamorous household shepherding: fixing the leaking faucet so the family has running water, maintaining the family car so everyone is safe, or staying up late shepherding the family finances to ensure there is "daily bread" on the table.

☐ You are a blessing in your unseen presence. You are there in the stands at the school event or game, perhaps unseen by many, but deeply felt by your child. You are there at the dinner table, providing a steady anchor of calm in the midst of another's difficult day.

☐ Most importantly, you are a blessing in your unseen spiritual labor. I am talking about the quiet prayers you offer for your family when they don't know you are praying. I am talking about the shepherding you do when you open your Bible late at night to find wisdom on how to walk with your family.

In a world that shouts for attention and demands visible success, the quiet shepherding of a Christian father is a counter-cultural act of worship. It is a direct reflection of God's own character. We love God as the Heavenly Father for the gift of salvation through Jesus. But we also love God because God handles the small stuff. Jesus tells us God knows when a single sparrow falls and God knows the number of the hairs upon our head (Matt. 10:29-30). Our God is a God of small things and unnoticed provisions.

Dads, when you handle the details of your family's life with love and faithfulness, you are showing your children what God is like. You are teaching them that love is beyond emotion; love is shepherding, it is service, and it is sometimes doing thankless job without complaint.

To the families of our church: This Father's Day, as we offer our affection, I encourage you to look deeper. Thank father and father-figures not just for the big things, but for the countless unnoticed things done repeatedly making your life safe, stable, and filled with love because of their being your rock and fortress.

And to our fathers: Do not be discouraged if your shepherding feels invisible. It is seen by the One who matters most. Be encouraged by the promise of Matt. 25:23. Your care over the "little things" is building something in your home that will last for eternity. You are a profound blessing! Happy Father's Day.

-Rev. Colby

FCC KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club Summer Schedule

Kid's Club does not meet every Sunday during the summer months but will get together for an adventure each month.!

Please put these dates on your calendar and watch your email and facebook for details!

June Activity Sunday, June 7th after worship

July Activity Sunday, July 12th after worship

August Activity TBD



So many FUN things are happening this Summer at First Chrisitan.

Don't Miss Out!!

Children's Summer Worship

Starting Memorial Day Sunday, our Children's Worship changes.

Instead of Worship & Wonder for children 4-2nd grade and Children's Church for children 3rd-5th grade, all children age 4-5th grade will worship together during the summer months.

Interested Children can leave with Patti after the Children's Chat to go to Summer Worship.

Children can be picked up in the Book Club room on the second floor at the opposite end of the hall from the Youth Room.



SAVE THE DATEES for VBS!

Monday-Thursday June 22nd-25th

6:00-8:00 pm at FCC

Transportation available

Please help us get the word out about this summer's VBS! Kids will learn that no matter how much of a mess they think they are, God loves them IN SPITE of it all!

Share the dates with your family, friends and neighbors!

Register by June 11th and get a free T-Shirt!

Rising K-6th graders welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers for VBS and for Sunday Morning Children's Programs are still needed.

Contact Patti at (859) 236-4006 or (812)483-9004 for questions or to volunteer!

Our kids are a LOT of fun!

News & Announcements



SUMMERTIME.....And The "GIVING" Is Easy!!!

Unlike Alice Cooper's song, "School's Out For Summer," your Outreach Ministry team shows no sign of sitting in the shade and resting on their laurels. Here's where we ended the spring and what's to come next:

Our Final School Report Card has "given" us high marks:

- ☐ Presented 1 Senior from Danville HS, Boyle Co. HS & DCA each with a \$1000 scholarship
- ☐ Continued supporting the Danville and Boyle Co. FRYSC Food Pantries, helping with food pickups, shelf stocking, pantry shopping days and financial support.
- ☐ Completed another year of BPK packing assembling, distributing 864 family food bags since January.
- ☐ Financially supported Danville Boyle Co. schools' Summer Feeding Program to continue their mission of leaving no child hungry this summer.

Our Ongoing Community Involvement has "given" us new partnership opportunities:

- ☐ Attending monthly Faith Community Leader Conversations (15-20 churches) to support & develop resources for the Homeless Coalition's ongoing efforts regarding basic needs, volunteerism, prevention, networking, communication and housing.

****There will be a Community Homeless Coalition Update on Tuesday 6/9/26, 7pm @ Inter-County.****

- ☐ Picking up leftover food items from the 2, 5Star gas stations every Tuesday and distributing it to organizations throughout town. This is part of 5Star's participation in the national program, Food Donation Connection, which connects businesses with local organizations addressing food insecurity. Some of our recipients have been The Bridge, Recovery Life Centers, Salvation Army, SP&P Homeless Ministry and HKUW's Getting Ahead 101 program.

Our next BIG adventure is VBS, June 22-25, 6-815p:

☐ The title, "What A Mess VBS," will be anything but "out-of-control!" With Patti leading the way, won't you consider "giving" your time, talents or treasures, wherever help is needed. We promise you'll come away energized by spreading God's love and message to our kids.

"Giving" so that others can have the basics - supporting these ongoing services at the Shepherd's house:

*Laundry facility supplies

*Shower facility supplies

*Clothing donations

*Providing a "FREE FOOD FRIDAY"

Finally, keep your eyes open for items we'll be collecting and "giving" new life to:

☐ Have any Walmart, Kroger, etc bags you'd like to get rid of???

☐ Have extra pre-packaged utensils taking up space in your drawers???

☐ Have any "travel size" toiletry bottles left over from past trips???

As always, we could never undertake these initiatives without your love, support and prayers.

Our financial support so far in the 2nd Quarter of 2026

Church Budget Fund

*Disciples Mission Fund (supports DOC General Ministries) - \$1500

*Voices Inside Initiative (run by Robbie Henson; Creative Writing ministry @ Northpoint) - \$500

*SOU - \$2500

*Cane Ridge - \$225

*Salvation Army Summer Camp Enrichment program - \$500

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*Danville/Boyle Co/DCA Scholarships - \$3000

*Danville /Boyle Co schools' Summer Feeding Program (\$500 each) - \$1000

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Highlights Article from Harry Mercer

It's been a terrifically busy month for Music Department staff, volunteers, and participants. Our big (and, I mean BIG) accomplishment was the fabulous Mother's Day Brunch. It was indeed an amazing time to gather following worship on Mother's Day and share great fellowship, fabulous food, and delightful jazz. It was a huge fete to accomplish and only because SO many staff and church members came together to offer expertise, long hours, and generosity of talent and resources.

If I leave a name out, please forgive me.

Tim and I did most of the planning, shopping, cooking, and general oversight of the wonderful success we ALL experienced and enjoyed on Mother's Day. Our final total for those taking part in the celebration was in the neighborhood of 90-93. It was really hard to have definite total number; but, that is pretty close.

The entire church staff got involved. I can only say, had it not been for their total participation and work, our success would not have been nearly as amazing. Jacob, Yvonne, Jessica, Stephen, Trista, Patti and our amazing leader Colby made it happen. In case you don't always realize it, our staff gives willingly and unselfishly WHENEVER and WHATEVER is needed from them.

IN ADDITION TO THEIR NORMAL MINISTRIES! Tim and I could NOT have made it without them— their willingness to do WHATEVER it too to “get it done” and their positive and willing attitude shining through as it always does. Thank you church staff!!! Kudos and thank you goes also to John Funkhouser, Doug McMurry, Greg Anderson, our own Colby and Stephen— ALL who “kept the pilot light glowing brightly.”

May thanks to Evelyn Guerrant, Sueann Rice. John Funkhouser, and Mike Childress(Tim's Father in Law) for their delicious desserts!

AND, I MUST comment, thank, hug, respect all those people whom I would not dare to try and list who spent untold hours on Saturday and Sunday and WHENEVER to set up, spread and platter delicacies, set-up, cleaning up... so many talented and willing folks.

A Word Of Thanks

These past six weeks together have been a real gift.

When we started Praying with Christ in April, my hope was that we might learn to pray the Psalms together honestly and encounter Christ in a deeper way. We did that, and more. Thank you to everyone who came week after week. Your presence, Your honesty, and your prayers for one another are what made this class what it was.

A heart felt thank you also to those who prepared the meals, drinks, and desserts each Monday. The hospitality you offered wasn't just a setting for what we were doing— it was a part of what we were doing. Thank you for serving so faithfully and so well.

My hope is that what we started together continues in your daily prayer life. Keep opening the Psalms. They have shaped the prayers of God's people for thousands of years, and they will keep sharing ours.

It has been a joy to walk this with you.

With gratitude,

Jacob

Connections Book Group will meet on June 7th after church for a light lunch and a discussion with John Powell about his study of the writings of Father Richard Rohr and a visit to the Center for Action and Contemplation.



Office & Walking Track

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 p.m. – 4:00

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FATHER'S DAY IS ON THE WAY!

In June, on the 3rd Sunday, (the 21st) we will have a very special emphasis on those of our church who are fathers, uncles, and any and all of the men of our church who serve in the important roles in so many important capacities. We want to recognize and honor you on this day set aside to call out the many things you all do for us as a congregation, as families, as just great friends in general.

During this service (on June 21), we will have wonderful music, both vocal and instrumental, to honor and please you who serve us year round in so many ways, seen and unseen. And following the Worship Service on that day, we will have refreshments—lemonade and goodies—in the ARCADE and GARDEN for us to share in fellowship together.

So mark your calendars, make your plans, and enjoy the celebrations of FATHER'S DAY, 2026!



Senior Sunday was truly a success, and we are so thankful for all of the love and support shown by our church family. It meant so much to celebrate this special milestone surrounded by such encouraging people who continue to uplift and inspire our seniors.

We deeply appreciate every prayer, kind word, and act of support that has been given throughout their journey. As they continue on through school and into the next chapter of life, we ask that you keep them in your prayers and continue to encourage them along the way. Your support means more than words can express, and we are grateful to walk this journey together as a church family.

Thank you, Stephen Hinkle

2026 Graduates: George McClure, Sadie Pusateri, Ethan Gover, Kendall Williams



Connections Ministry Team will continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month @ 1:30pm in the Parlor with fresh baked goods. If you would like to be a part of Connection Ministry, feel free to join us. We would love to have you.

Join us June 18th on our adventure to Sage Garden Café at Wilson Nurseries. We will meet at the church at 10:45am and departing at 11am.

Please join us for a fun time of Fellowship!

Please Keep the following in your Prayers

Gary Gibson	Barb Webie
John Taylor Ross	Ben Guerrant
Jan Sheffield	Lucille Lemmon
Bill Morgan	Patsy McClure
Darell Rickmers	Ann Pennington
Wanda Huffman	Shelby Pass
Mary Sebring	Barabara C. Rankin Family
Mary Lou Withers	Family of Lauren Newman
Jim Routin	
Janet Henson	
Bonnie Traschel	
Butch Pass	
David & Nancy Robertson	
Mindy Carter	

Remember our Shut-ins

Martha Akin	Lucille Lemmon
Pat & Steve Bruce	Bonnie Wilson
Mindy Carter	Georgianne Smith
Hugh & Mary Jo Coomer	Butch Pass
	Wanda Huffman



June Worship Roster

June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Worship Leader– Margaret Clark	Worship Leader– Lyle McGlothlin	Worship Leader– Jacob Cooper	Worship Leader– Vince Pennington
Elder– Bart Gover	Elder– Jan Bradshaw	Elder– Mary McGlothlin	Elder– John Funkhouser
Elder & Counter– Brent Williams	Elder & Counter– Martha Bryant	Elder & Counter– Evelyn Guerrant	Elder & Counter– Kendra Funkhouser
Children’s Chat–Patti Wright	Children’s Chat– Martha Bryant	Children’s Chat–Rev Colby	Children’s Chat–Jacob Cooper
Children’s Summer Worship–Patricia Calvert	Children’s Summer Worship– Martha Bryant	Children’s Summer Worship–Linda Dachenhaus	Children’s Summer Worship–Jenna Walker
Nursery Volunteer– Mary McKitric/Need Volunteer	Nursery– Mary McKitric/Edna Prall	Nursery–Mary McKitric/Kris Hamlin	Nursery– Mary McKitric/Trista Hinkle
Kid’s Club Summer Outing–after worship	No Kid’s Club– (Summer Break)	No Kid’s Club– (Summer Break)	No Kid’s Club– (Summer Break)
Parkview– Tom Huckleberry	Greeters– Linda & Terry Dachenhaus	Shut In Comm.– Jan & Larry Scott	Cook / Devotion–
Greeters– Edna Prall/ Becky Whited		Greeters– Susan Hensley and Youth	Greeters– Libby and Jeff Joiner

Even MORE Cans for Others

20 cans were donated during **May** bringing our total for 2026 to **403** cans. Keep bringing those cans so we can beat our total for 2025 of **1994** cans.



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June 22nd-25th

6:00-8:15 pm

Rising 1st-6th graders

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