

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)




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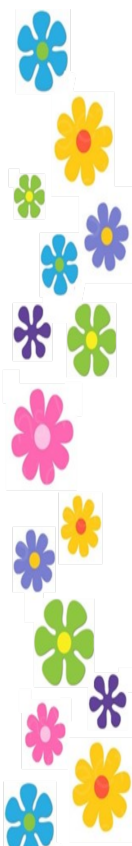
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I know that it is hard to have a family and raise kids, work a full-time job, get kids to sports, scouts, or whatever activities, hopefully have some time with your spouse, and then be asked to serve here at church. It's a lot and sadly, I'm extremely familiar with "working mom guilt." But when that was me, after talking with Jesus and talking with my husband Tim, I realized that my service to the church was as important to me as all of the other responsibilities. I had to find ways to make it work. My point is, that I know how hard it is, as do many other members of SFCC. But even with all that we had going on, we found a way; we found the time to serve God and the church.

If you were in church last Sunday (8/27), you heard about the congregation & evaluation support questionnaire we handed out and also emailed. The PCRC and I have been looking at and evaluating the four goals that came out of the "listening sessions" prior to your pastor search. Those four goals are:

- *Concentrate on creating a strong children's program in order to develop a strong youth program.
 - *Enhance and strongly continue our Community Outreach Missions.
 - *Increase opportunities for spiritual growth of members.
 - *Strengthen membership and membership involvement.
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It is our goal to try and achieve these goals, but we need your help and your willingness to serve or to, perhaps, participate more actively by attending worship, attending Bible study, teaching a Bible study, helping with Children's Church, or any of the other activities listed on the survey.

If you have input on any of the activities listed on the survey, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. Do we need to change times or subject matter of studies or Sunday Schools? Do you have ideas for activities that will attract our children or young people? Send an email, text, whatever with your suggestions. Thank you for helping Savannah Christian Church grow and thrive.

Kate



- *Pastor Doug Gilpin
- *Terry Ringot
- *Terri Gromowski
- *Sharon Patton
- *Scott Patton
- *Una Humphreys
- *Rodney Christmas
- *Sue Frick
- *Connie Graham
- *Marge Coulter
- *Marsha Williams
- *Roger & Alice Latham
- *Bob Sparks
- *Family of Tyler Wilmes
- *Family of Susan Arnold
- *Amanda Bratcher
- *All Caregivers
- *Lee Wandfluh
- *Barbara Moss
- *Richard Dick
- *Maggie
- *Lily
- *Jody Embrey
- *John Davis
- *Mike Gromowski
- *Betty Walton
- *Bill Dick
- *Jimmy & Cindy



We welcome Faith Crowder as a new member, through transfer of membership, on August 13, 2023.



Sept 3: We will have Children’s Moments and Children’s church. We will find out about Joshua and his battle (singing will be involved).

Sept 10: We will have Children’s Moments and Children’s Church. We will be finding out about Noah and his ark. There is a good likelihood of water being involved, so dress accordingly and bring a towel.

Sept 17 is Gospel Sunday. There will be several groups singing and the kids will sing some of the songs they have learned the previous Sundays. We will see if the congregation can keep up with us.

Later that day, the **annual Hayride and hot dog roast** will be at Schweizer Orchards (actually wagon rides, there are too many people allergic to hay) at 5:30. The address is 5455 State Route FF, St Joseph, MO. Please sign up in the foyer to bring some food items or let the church office know what you can provide.



SHS Homecoming is **September 22**. We will once again provide bottled water & soft drinks at the parade. Please bring your drink donations to the church kitchen by Sept 20.

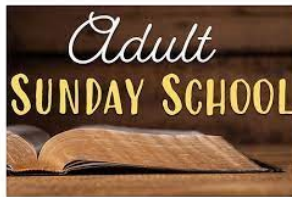
Thank you!



The 175th Anniversary bricks have been placed on the south side of Duncan Hall. Thank you to Dave Miller, Jace Baumann, and Cole Schweizer for installing them.



Sew Time will resume on Thursday, Sept 21, from 1:00-3:00. Please plan to join us in this special ministry.



Adult Sunday School will start on September 10th at 9:00 a.m. We have purchased the *1st Corinthians* study books. Please contact the office or let Kathleen Clough know you will be able to attend (in case we need to order more books).

2023 OFFICER INSTALLATION



The Adult Choir will sing on Gospel Sunday (September 17). Please join us to practice for the next 3 Wednesdays (Aug 30, Sept 6 & 13) at 7:30 p.m.



WOMEN REJOYCE

Women ReJoyce will meet on Wednesday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m. for coffee, donuts and conversation. Please plan to join us!



THANK YOU to Steve Goben for the solar-lit lighthouse on the south side of Duncan Hall.