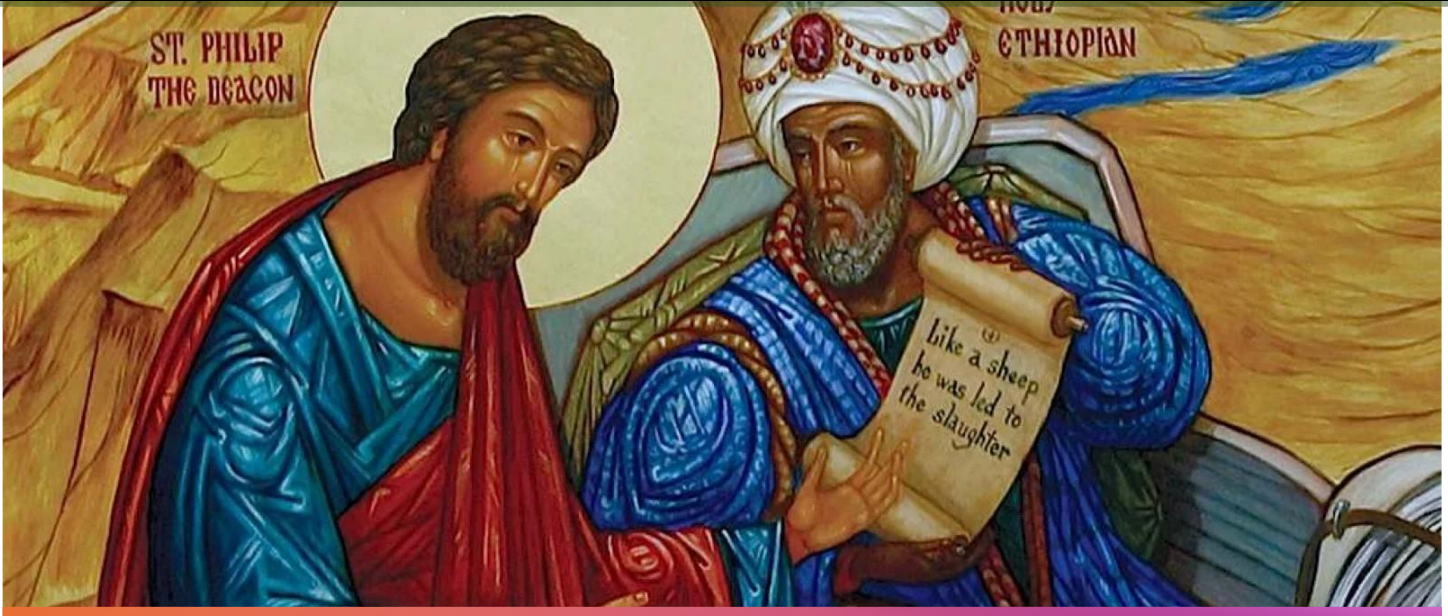


Our Mission

We are an open and welcoming community that God calls and the Holy Spirit empowers us to:

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the kingdom of God*



Experiencing the Living God: What's Real? Acts 8:26-40

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Easter B5, April 28, 2024

Theme: Conversion

Recorded in the Gospel of John 14:8-11 we find the Apostle Philip asking Jesus to show the Apostles "the Father." Here, he was searching for simple, straightforward evidence of God. It's not that he doubted it particularly, he just felt the need for verification.

He was searching for reality – in simple terms.

He asked all this before he witnessed Jesus' trial and execution. It was also before he experienced Jesus' resurrection.

We live in times where substantive proof seems to be required of everything. If it is business – it's the bottom line. In science – it's verification by at least two other reputable labs. In medicine – it's a cure. In success – it's favorable results.

If it is someone significant, we want to see at least a photograph – even better we want to meet in person and shake hands. We think the only thing real has some sort of substance.

In this way, we are no different than Philip.

But then...

After the resurrection of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit had descended on Jesus followers, Phillip was asked to join an Ethiopian official traveling back to his country. He finds the man in his carriage, studying an Isaiah scroll. The man was struggling to grasp the meaning of a specific passage.

Philip was compelled by God to witness his faith to a foreigner, perhaps a Jew returning home from a pilgrimage or from a State Visit. If this man seemed strange to Philip, the text doesn't mention it except that the individual was a eunuch, and a state official from a foreign land.

Was Philip still seeking verification of a real God? The situation he found himself in was not in any way simplistic.

However, Philip simply did as God required of him. A few things to point out:

1. Philip did what God asked without question.
2. He was prepared. He had diligently studied the scripture texts and knew what he was reading.
3. He was able to add his own experiences from his faith journey. He had resolved the questions he had just a few months before asked Jesus to verify.

The result was the Ethiopian official's conversion to embrace the Good News of Jesus. According to the traditions and teachings of the Ethiopian Coptic Church, this man with the help of God went on to convert an entire nation.

Philip's witness transformed a nation.

Join us in our services this Sunday at First Christian Church in Warrensburg, Missouri as we contemplate our own experience of the living God.

[The Preaching Festival continues April 28th, 2024!](#)

April 28th, Pastor Lem is speaking about, "Experiencing the Living God: What's Real?"

- **Sunday, April 28th** is Reverend Lem Whitmer
- **Sunday, May 5th** is Mark Goodwin
- **Sunday, May 12th** is Pastor Jerry Basye (this Sunday is Mother's Day!)

Mark your calendars, we hope you can be here to enjoy these amazing speakers!

Coffee Connection

We need Hosts for Coffee Connection for **May!**
Please stop by the bulletin board in the CLC lobby
and sign up or call the Office! If you have the time, please
know that you need not pay for items out of pocket.
A Walmart card will be provided. Thank you!



FCC Guest WiFi Password:

WarrensburgFCC (new!)

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Prayers for the family of Erin Rogers.

Prayers for Jim Metcalf, friend of the Simons'.

Prayers for Paulette Whitmer's Cousin and Aunt.
Paulette's Aunt is back in the hospital.

Prayers for Sydney Hochsprung (Janice Wolff's
granddaughter) and Finn Helms.

Prayers for Jeff Kramer, Nancy Rogers' work partner.
He has had extra health issues come up.

Prayers for Kathy's nephews, Eric Mueller and Trevor
Browning. Trevor is home but is still recovering.

Prayers for Rick Dooley.

Prayers for the Basye family.

Prayers for Ed and Bubbles Goodwin, Bill's parents.

Prayers for the Search & Call Committee.

Prayers for our members who are homebound, in an
assisted living community and nursing homes.

Praises for Taevin Dunn! At 3 years old he had an
appendectomy on Tuesday, April 9th and is doing
wonderfully!

April Birthdays

- 1 – Casey Laws
- 5 - Greg Cobb
- 7 – Roger Coleman
- 8 – Pat Sterling
- 9 – Chuck Owings
- 9 – Nancy Eaton
- 10 – Sharon Cochran
- 10 – David Elliott
- 11 – Vicki Granger
- 12 – Nicholas Etter
- 13 – Ginny Bruch
- 13 – Hanna Stillwell
- 17 – Elizabeth Bell
- 18 – Connie Baldwin
- 19 – Charlie Dennis
- 21 – Janice Wolff
- 21 – Kaitlyn Seigfreid
- 22 - Deke Alkire
- 23 – Martha Smarr
- 25 – Jon Frandsen
- 25 – Brayden Godfrey

April Anniversaries

- 1 – Casey & Carrie Laws
- 10 – Greg & Shannon Cobb



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Sunday Worship Services Attendance:
Sunday, April 14th = 72
Sunday, April 21st = 58 Thank you,
Dr. Coleman for guest preaching for us!

(There is Kids Sunday School info
on page 6, read on please!)

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday April 24

11:00 to 12:00 – Grab ‘N Go Lunch
No - FCC Young Adults today
6:00 - Discussion on Jesus' Parables in the Parlor

Thursday April 25

11:00 to 12:00 – Devotion & Singing at
Warrensburg Manor
5:00 – Harmonayres

Friday April 26

9:00 – Bell Choir Practice

Saturday April 27

8:00 – “Thank You” breakfast for the
Property Committee
8 to 12:00 - CROP WALK

Sunday April 28

9:15 – Children's Sunday School
9:15 – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 – Coffee Connection, CLC Lobby
10:45 – Celebration Service in the CLC

**Sunday, May 5 – Congregational Meeting at
10:15 in the Sanctuary to affirm the calling of a
settled pastor. Mark your calendar!**

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

It is the time of year when Graduates will be walking for their diplomas! Congrats to them all! The following are the FCC graduates that we know of. Please, please inform the Office if we need to add someone! They will be announced at a Worship Service in May. Thank you!

Myla Laws from Warrensburg High School

Jacelynn Laws from William Jewell College

Kari Wiss (Grigsby) from University of Central Missouri with her Master's Degree

The Advisory Council discussed the need to create an updated PICTORIAL DIRECTORY of members! One part of the discussion included whether we should consider doing it "in house" using member volunteers with readily available software. If you would be interested in helping on this project, talk to Debbie Haller (Board Chair). Thank you!

**PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE:
Sunday, May 5th
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary!
We are voting to affirm the
calling of a settled Pastor.**

Do you have a child turning 5 years old by July 31st? Kindergarten Enrollment is open now! www.warrensburgr6.org

CWF Notes from Toni Frandsen & Vicki Granger,

Co-Presidents

CWF ladies have begun working in the Fellowship Hall preparing for the Rummage Sale on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:00. We will be ready for donations to the Rummage Sale by Wednesday, May 1st! We continue to collect adult undergarments, toiletries, and desserts for Grab 'N Go. The ladies will be providing a 'Thank You' breakfast for the Property Committee on Saturday, April 27 at 8:00 AM. Our next CWF meeting will be Thursday, May 2 at 9:00 AM in the parlor where we will be visiting our homebound and assisted living members with May Day flowers and then lunch at El Monterey afterwards! All ladies are welcome to attend!

Kids & Families,

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL - MAY 19th

FIRST DAY BACK - SEPTEMBER 8th



Thanks for a great year! Your teachers