

## 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***

## PASTOR'S PEN



*A word from my heart to yours...*

Have you ever watched a television program that was an absolute must-see? You know the program that was worthy of setting up the timer on the VCR or I guess nowadays programming the DVR. This was a program that had you hooked from the pilot episode and you never wanted to hear there was a series finale. Well, that's my feelings towards this church. The Spirit within me showed me a preview and I knew I had to tune in! I was excited about the joys and challenges because I believed together we would learn, grow, and overcome. Over two and a half years I have seen leadership, connected community, adversity with opportunity, and most importantly faithful hope in what's to come. We navigated through a pandemic and journeyed into technology. We brought compassion to the hearts and stomachs of the community and inspired some youth. It has been a gift to me to be a part of this great congregation and community. I tried convincing myself that I was not supposed to move on and let the story end. Then, I realized that this story isn't coming to an end. For me, the story is starting a new exciting season. FCC is a body of passionate, spiritual, and courageous individuals. I can't wait to see what the future holds for this church. I am thankful for the time I got to be part of this story. I am thankful that you all empowered and entrusted me to be one of your leaders. I also recognize how much I have grown and persevered because of being a part of this congregation. I know that I am loved, and I hope you all know that I love you. Like in a television show, I can't wait to see the exciting new spin-off. I am going to take the love you poured into me and pour it into others. Once again on behalf of Travis, the kids, and I, thank you and God Bless you all!

Blessed to Have Been Your Pastor!

Love, Gina

## **RECONCILIATION MINISTRY SPECIAL OFFERING, 9/25/2022**

**Romans 8:18-23 We are the Beloved God is waiting for.**

**A vision of wholeness. Information and envelopes in the Sanctuary!**

### **Outreach News:**

In December our surrounding community will come together to host The Christmas Store 2022. This will be the 49<sup>th</sup> year we have worked to help provide a Christmas meal for those struggling with food insecurity. While the need has increased, the ability for small churches and individuals to volunteer has diminished. Therefore, we are relying on financial contributions to enable this worthwhile mission to continue. Our plan is to distribute vouchers to those in need to purchase food for a Christmas meal. Last year, we helped 362 families. This year we anticipate over 400 (\$50,000.00). Correspondence and donations should be sent to:

The Christmas Store

P. O. Box 872

Warrensburg, MO 64093

Online at: [foodcenterjoco.com](http://foodcenterjoco.com)

### **Important Note Regarding Yvonne Slifer Celebration of Life:**

We want to encourage those that are able, to attend the visitation and service for Yvonne Slifer at FCC. Visitation is from 11:30 to 1:00. Celebration of Life is at 1:00 in the Sanctuary. 2:00 is a Reception in the CLC. 1<sup>st</sup>Thessalonians 3:9 - How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you.

**PICTURES OF PROGRESS  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
SEPTEMBER 2022**



Noel Dougherty - 2 new restrooms are operational!



Rick Reith, Steve Granger & Lee Younce applied new baseboard.



Doug Woody is installing electrical plates on outlets.



Larry Elliott is checking on the plumbing from the Baptistry.

**October 6-8, 2022**  
Lake Ozark Christian Church



Online registration  
is open now.

You can register for the whole three-day event,  
or just a day or two.

We even have a virtual registration option so  
you can view portions of the event  
from anywhere.

Learn more & register at  
[www.mid-americadisciples.org](http://www.mid-americadisciples.org)

1 Chronicles 16:11

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

### **Prayer Concerns and Praises**

Continued prayers for Gillian.

Prayers for Rick D.

Prayers for Brenda B.

Prayers for Brad D.

Prayers for Al G.

Prayers for the family of Yvonne Slifer.

Prayers for those who are grieving the loss of family  
and friends.

Prayers for the Stewardship and Search & Call  
committees during this important time.

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

Praises for George's recovery and return to FCC.

Praises to lift Gina up in her last week with us.

### **September Birthdays**

3-Kellyn Smith  
5-Olivia Rogers  
7-Taylor Bell  
7-Margaret Klein  
13-Rick Reith  
15-Shannon Cobb  
15-Celeste Long  
18-Shirley Dougherty  
18-Ripley Laws  
19-Landon Holter  
19-Pastor Gina Johnson  
20-Lee Crabtree  
23-Beth Quinn  
22-Bruce Howey  
24-Lynn Alkire  
24-Molly Shumard  
26-Ashley Baldwin  
28-Andrew Gelbach  
28-Beau Piper

### **September Anniversaries**

2-Ray & Shirley Fitterling  
21-Johnathan & Lauren Blevins  
26-David & Jana Hakes



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## Office Email has Changed

[1stchristianchurchwburg@gmail.com](mailto:1stchristianchurchwburg@gmail.com)

If you have newsletter information or Board information, please send it to this address.

## Weekly Calendar

### **Saturday 9/24**

11:30 – 1:00 Visitation for Yvonne Slifer  
1:00 – Memorial Service for Yvonne Slifer,  
light refreshments following in the CLC

### **Sunday 9/25**

10:00 - Reconciliation Ministry Special  
Offering

### **Tuesday 9/27**

**NO COLLABORATION MEETING** (next  
one is 10/25/2022)

### **Thursday**

12:00 - Bell Choir Practice  
5:00 to 6:00 - Happy Harmonayres Practice in CLC  
6:00 to 7:00 – Praise Band Practice

### **Friday**

OFFICE is CLOSED on FRIDAYS