

Can you imagine a world without death? None of the guys attending the Bible Study made an attempt to answer this mostly rhetorical question. It is a difficult reality to conceptualize, a world without death. Yet this is exactly how the Bible begins. A world teeming with abundance, the direct presence and blessing of God upon it, and man and woman tasked with caring for and stewarding this world toward flourishing. And with God's help, that is exactly what they did. Well, until they didn't. And Genesis 3 happens, humanity sins against God, reduced to rebels choosing their own way, hastily taking for themselves, and finding themselves naked and exposed in the shadow of the serpent's lie. That lie, poisonous as it was, still sneaks its way into our hearts. The lie that God does not love us, that he does not have our best interests at heart, and that we know, specifically, "I" know better than God. Death enters the world as man and woman find themselves cut off from God's direct presence. Now cursed by hard work, hard child bearing, the effort to live is constantly at odds with the work of death all around us. But the story of the Bible is that God brings life and desires to restore Creation to a world without death. The end of the Bible is much like the beginning. Those loyal to Jesus find themselves victorious over sin, death, Satan, and in the very presence of God where death no longer remains. Death defeated once and for all, which began with Jesus' own death and subsequent resurrection life. It is this life that Christians are invited to enter. A life that defies death in a world where it still holds much sway. A life that seeks to steward this earth, our neighbor, our communities so that they can flourish. In short, we deny death the power that it seems to have. We don't ignore it. Death is real. It will come for each of us. It is for this time on earth, a natural part of our human journey. Thus we can still meet God even as we face aging and death. But do not forget that death is the enemy that Jesus came to defeat. You may not be able to imagine a world without death...yet. But one day you will experience it if you are with Jesus. And, the challenge is to begin to imagine it now, so we, like Jesus, can pray, "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

MAY 2021 Church Calendar

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 <i>Church in the Park, 10am</i>	3	4 <i>Men's Bible Study 9 am</i>	5 <i>Midweek Bible Study, 6PM - adults - no youth</i>	6 <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day Evening Svc 6:00 pm</i>	10	11 <i>Men's Bible Study 9 am</i>	12 <i>Midweek Bible Study, 6PM - adults - no youth</i>	13	14	15
16 <i>Bd Mtg Young Family Meal 5:30pm @ Parsonage Evening Svc 6p</i>	17	18 <i>Men's Bible Study 9 am</i>	19 <i>Midweek Bible Study, 6PM - adults - no youth</i>	20	21	22
23 <i>Evening Svc 6:00pm</i>	24	25 <i>Men's Bible Study 9 am</i>	26 <i>Midweek Bible Study, 6PM - adults - no youth</i>	27	28	29
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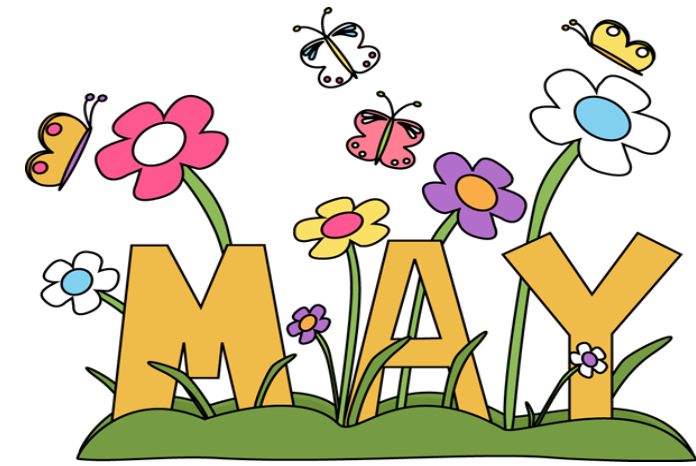
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Service Information

* Sunday School - 9:30am *

* Sunday Worship - 10:30am *

* Sunday Evening Service - 6:00pm *

* Young Family Group Dinner - 3rd Sunday of each month at 5:30 *

* Wednesday Bible Study & Youth - 6:00pm *

* Email Church: fccrichland@gmail.com *

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* Website: www.fccrichland.com *

MAY Responsibilities

Serving the Congregation:

Steve Belshe, Adam Duncan, Michael Keith, Ken Peterson, Jeff Sheeley

Greeters: Susan Alexander and Elizabeth Duncan

MAY 2 - Church in the Park

Communion Prep.....Pre-Pkg Cups
 Communion Meditation.....Jeff Sheeley
 Scripture Reading.....Landon Justice
 Nursery Worker.....NONE
 Benediction.....Rich Homan
 Church Security.....All of Security Team

MAY 9

Communion Prep.....Juanita Dippert
 Communion Meditation.....Ron Leonard
 Scripture Reading.....Amanda Pemberton
 Nursery Worker.....Iva Nell Workman
 Benediction.....Wayne Anderson
 Church Security.....Steve Belshe

MAY 16

Communion Prep.....Elizabeth Duncan
 Communion Meditation.....Bill Kincaid
 Scripture Reading.....Brenda Mathes
 Nursery Worker.....Debbie Carnes
 Benediction.....Jerry Pemberton
 Church Security.....Adam Duncan

MAY 23

Communion Prep.....Sondra Ellis
 Communion Meditation.....John Smith
 Scripture Reading.....Tim Belshe
 Nursery Worker.....Elizabeth Duncan
 Benediction.....Michael Keith
 Church Security.....Bill Kincaid

MAY 30

Communion Prep.....Jeanie Kincaid
 Communion Meditation.....Jerry Pemberton
 Scripture Reading.....Ken Peterson
 Nursery Worker.....Lori Belshe
 Benediction.....Ken Peterson
 Church Security.....Jerry Mathes

Children's Church for MAY: Jill Sheeley

Reminder: If you cannot serve on a given date, please find a

MAY HAPPENINGS

CAMP GRADES	DATES	COST: EARLY/LATE
K/1ST	JUNE 26TH (DAY)	\$25/\$35
2ND/3RD	JULY 9TH - 10TH	\$30/\$40
4TH/5TH	JUNE 27TH - JULY 1ST	\$80/\$100
6TH/7TH	JULY 11TH - 16TH	\$100/\$120
8TH/9TH	JULY 25TH - 30TH	\$100/\$120
10TH-12TH	JULY 18TH - 24TH	\$125/\$145

REGISTER ONLINE: GasconadeCamp.org
 EARLY REGISTRATION PRICE ENDS MAY 30TH.

It's almost time for Church Camp. Here are the dates. Please contact the church office with questions.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS PROGRAM IF YOU HAVEN'T YET. THERE ARE SO MANY GREAT VIDEOS AND READINGS AVAILABLE. CHECK YOUR SPAM MAIL FOR THE INVITE MESSAGE. ALSO, HERE IS THE WEB SITE YOU CAN ACCESS FOR JOINING:
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/FCCrichland>

We are starting to accept online giving. You may set up your account at www.get.tithe.ly or download the app through Google play store or Apple store. After you create your account, it will allow you to search for FCC. Type in First Christian Church and you will see our church's name and address. Click on it, and you will be directed to set up your payment option. Please contact Landon or Jeff with questions.

VBS is scheduled for June 12 for one day, 9am—3pm. This year's theme is The Law (The Ten Commandments). Supplies needed: colored popsicle sticks, glue, hula hoops, swimming noodles, sacks or strong pillow cases for a sack race, ace bandages for a 3-legged race, and square bales of hay. Food: apples, bananas, grapes, juice, milk, taco shells, cheese, salsa, ice cream.

Welcome new members:

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 4TH – REX WALL
- 5TH – TIM BELSHE,
JAN WINTERROWD
- 6TH – DICKIE ALEXANDER
- 8TH – CORNELIUS KINCAID
- 9TH – ANDY BRYANT
- 10TH – KEEGAN HENSON
- 13TH – DENNIS HELMS, BERNADETTE KINCAID
- 15TH – PATRICK BOWLING, KELLY SASSEEN
- 16TH – SALLY WALL
- 17TH – JOE KOVALCIK
- 22ND – AMANDA SCARINGELLO
- 25TH – DAMEON FULLINGTON
- 26TH – ZION BORGE
- 28TH – ANGEL BORGE



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1ST – BOB AND CONNIE EVANS
- 9TH – JERRY AND SHIRLEY PAYNE
- 14TH – DON AND DORIS GAUB
- 15TH – JERRY AND AMANDA PEMBERTON
- 16TH – MICHAEL AND NORMA KEITH
- 29TH – RICH AND DEE ANN HOMAN

TRIVIA QUESTION:

May's Question: “The _____ of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of fools.” Are the blanks the true sayings, quiet words, harsh rebukes or silent prayers? Where is this found?

April's Question/Answer: What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus: Malchus, John 18:10

Those who answered April's question correctly:
 Paul Borchelt, Juanita Dippert, Don Gaub

*****Sign-up to receive church prayer requests via text message! Please text @2kbgg8 to the number 81010 and follow the prompts. For church announcements/events text @kdda7a2 to 81010 and follow prompts.**

Other announcements:
Updated website: fccchristian.com by tithe.ly. You can access bulletins, newsletters, sermons, events, etc. You will also be able to check your tithe giving if you have signed up for it (will need your tithe.ly userid and password). You can also sign up to receive the newsletter by email at the bottom of the home page.