

# The Christian Caller



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## **SEPTEMBER 2020**

Hello, First Christian Church!

I'm excited to tell you about **Phase 3** in our re-opening plan. Phase 3 will take effect on **Sunday, September 13**. And here is what it will entail:

On September 13 all environments for children and students will officially be open. This includes nursery, preschool classes, and elementary classes, as well as, Middle and High School classes.

Additionally, all adult classes will officially be meeting.

Let me walk you through what the overall schedule for Sunday mornings will look like.

On September 13, our worship service times of 9:15 am and 11:00 am will remain intact.

**NURSERY** for children 0-24 months will be available at both service times.

**PRESCHOOL** activities for children ages 2 through Kindergarten will be available at both service times. At 9:15 am, there will be preschool Sunday School classes and at 11:15 am, we will offer Preschool Children's Church.

**ELEMENTARY** activities for children in grades 1-6 will be available at both service times as well. At 9:15 am, there will be Elementary Sunday School classes and at 11:15 am, we will offer Elementary Children's Church.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL** students will have the opportunity to attend the main worship service at 9:15 am and then go to their classes at 11:00 am.

There will also be **ADULT** classes offered at 9:15 am and 11:00 am. The list of adult classes is available on the church website. Two adult classes will meet at 9:15 am and three adult classes will meet at 11:00 am. One of the 11:00 am classes is a brand new one specifically for young adults and college students. We are thrilled to see that class get up and running.

So that's an overview of what the Sunday morning schedule will look like beginning September 13. Our Children's Ministry Leaders and Student Ministry Leaders will be communicating with parents and families with more information in the next several days regarding safety protocols and health precautions. They are happy to answer whatever questions you might have. You will also be able to find more information in the days ahead on the church website in the Children's and Students' sections.

The Children's and Student Leaders will also communicate with you about our midweek programs: FCC Kids and Revolution. These midweek programs will resume on Wednesday, September 30. More information about all that is yet to come.

The steps to re-open each of the Sunday morning environments in our Phase 3 plan is the result of much prayer and Spirit-led guidance. Our task force, staff, and elders have been very diligent about thinking through details, processes, and safety guidelines. Thank you to each of you. I also want to thank each and every one of our volunteers who will be serving in children's ministry, student ministry, and adult classes. I'm grateful for your flexibility, your faith, and your commitment. None of these opportunities to gather and grow would be possible without you. So, thank you volunteers. Thank you very, very much. You are awesome and we appreciate you.

Well, once again, Phase 3 of re-opening at First Christian Church officially begins on Sunday, September 13, with all of our Sunday morning environments and activities back up and running. Please pray with us for God to raise up more disciple-making disciples of Jesus in and through all of this.

Much love, Matthew Rogers

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### **Children's Ministry**

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### **Office Coordinator**

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### **Prayer Chain**

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### **Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 9 am-1 pm

Friday 8 am-12 pm

## —PRAYER CONCERNS—

Coronavirus victims, families, & vaccine  
 Nancy Barrett's Family, her passing  
 Eddie Marsillett's Family, his passing  
 Bud Wood's Family, his passing  
 Beverly Wedler, health  
 Autumn Rogers, mouth surg. 9/3  
 Mary Ellen Long, health  
 Vaughn Walter  
 Nicole Marsillett & Family  
 Don Corriera, health  
 Peggy Barton, health  
 Alex Jankovich, health  
 Beth, accident recovery  
 Nate Lafountain, health  
 Laura Kasper, health  
 Sonya Miller, health  
 Brandi Kelly, health  
 Brandon Lursen, accident recovery  
 Roger Middleton, health  
 Amelia (newborn preemie), health  
 Unnamed Person, health & strength  
 Danielle Murphy, nurse of Covid-19 patients  
 Beverly Hillery, health  
 Rosemary Spurlock, health

Ruth Baxter, comfort  
 Joel Zehner & His Family  
 Kate Wood, health

### SURGERY RECOVERY:

Calvin Bolt Jerry Parker  
 Jennie Earl Larry Hankins  
 Anna Marie Helmuth Jenelle Best

### LONG TERM:

Claudia Turner  
 Nancy Derry  
 Cole, child with rare cancer  
 Dave Mann  
 Payton Slaymaker - 9 y.o., cancer  
 Victoria Montel  
 Christopher Griffin  
 Christopher Bornes & Family  
 Delia Navarro  
 Kenneth Moore  
 Martha Hancock  
 Chandler Paul  
 Our Military Here & Overseas  
 Those who need the Lord  
 Healing for America & the World

### OUR HOME MISSIONARIES:

**Johnson University**, Knoxville, TN  
**Great Lakes Christian College**, Lansing, MI  
**Lincoln Christian University**, Lincoln, IL  
**Ball State University Campus Ministry**, Muncie, IN  
**Purdue University Campus Ministry**, Lafayette, IN  
**Woodburn Christian Children's Home**, Woodburn, IN  
**Michiana Christian Service Camp**, Niles, MI  
**Military Chaplains of Chaplaincy Endorsement Comm.**  
**Destiny Rescue**, Fort Wayne, IN  
**Our Father's House**, Warsaw, IN  
**Heartline Pregnancy Center**, Warsaw, IN  
**Fellowship Missions**, Warsaw, IN  
**Kosciusko County Jail Ministry**, Warsaw, IN  
**World Compassion Network**, Warsaw, IN

### OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES:

**David & Philomina Morris**, India  
**T. Lunkim**, India  
**Mark & Helen Begarly**, Africa  
**Kevin & Susan Fry**, Africa  
**C.Y. & Patricia Kim**, Asia  
**Ian & Heidi Fry**, Africa

#### ELDER ON CALL

**8/2-9/5**  
**Duke Fox**  
**574-527-4837**

#### ELDER ON CALL

**9/6-10/3**  
**Mike Parker**  
**574-253-1124**

#### DEACON ON CALL FOR SETUP

**AUGUST**  
**Travis McCoy**  
**574-529-3164**

#### DEACON ON CALL FOR SETUP

**SEPTEMBER**  
**Fred Miller**  
**574-551-2828**

## REVOLUTION NEWS-YOUTH

Revolution is FCC's student ministry & is open to grades 7-12.

**Our tentative date to resume Revolution on Wednesday nights is September 30th. We are planning on keeping a normal schedule as much as possible, with worship, games, teaching, small groups, and snack time. We will be following the same safety protocols that Warsaw schools have put into place, including mask wearing and social distancing whenever possible.**

**On Sunday, September 13th, classes for middle and high school will resume at the 11:00 am worship hour. Brandon Fear will be one of the teachers for the middle school class and Duke Fox will be one of the teachers for the high school class. These classes are designed for the students to grow deeper in their faith. The middle school class will meet in room 120 and the high school class will meet in room 123.**

The best way to stay up-to-date and informed:  
**www.fccwarsaw.com or follow us on Facebook or Instagram FCC\_Revolution.**  
**Jeremy Welch: jeremy@fccwarsaw.com**

**Stay safe everyone!**

## FCC KIDS



Hello FCC! Exciting things are happening as we are in planning stages to reopen our preschool rooms in Children's Ministry. Sherry Pressler has been so kind to volunteer her time as our new preschool director over the children's church hour. We are so excited about this as she has

some amazing ideas for our pre-K classrooms during the 11 am service. Take a minute to read this letter from her and get to know her a little better! "Hello Friends and Family. My name is Sherrie Pressler. I'm a Baptized Believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, a wife to Derrick and a mother of two daughters, Evora and Lydia.

When I was eight, I decided I wanted to be a teacher. I believe it was more of a calling God placed on my life than a career choice. In 2009, I earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne. Over the past ten years, I've had the opportunity to teach Grades Preschool through Grade 6.

Since committing my life to the Lord at age twelve, I've served God through Children's Ministry and Missions. I've had the opportunity to serve on three missions trips: Costa Rica (2005), Indonesia (2007), and Indonesia (2010-2011). While teaching in Indonesia, I was met with overwhelming challenges that brought so much growth. I learned that my identity is in Christ Alone; God is faithful beyond measure; God will NEVER leave you nor forsake you! Amen!

My desire is to bring honor and glory to the name of Christ by using the gifts God has given me. I am so excited to have this opportunity, to serve God as I come along side parents and our ministry team, to help build strong foundations of Truth in the hearts of our children. I look forward to building relationships and serving with you and your children. Sincerely, Sherrie Pressler" ?s, [bob@fccwarsaw.com](mailto:bob@fccwarsaw.com) / [lindsey@fccwarsaw.com](mailto:lindsey@fccwarsaw.com)

## ATTENDANCE

### July—August 2020 Weekly Averages

Sunday Morning Worship (Online Views).....282+/-  
 Sunday Morning Worship (In-person 7/5-8/23).....140  
 Revolution—Youth Group (In-person).....8

## WELCOME BABY

**Baby Girl:** JAELYNN ROSE MAE HIMES, born 8/14/2020.  
 Parents: Michael & Kaelynn Himes

## THANK YOU

"Family and friends at First Christian, THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... Please know I am so thankful to all of you for the prayers and thoughts, cards and words of encouragement, meals brought in for Bill and then for us once I got home. I feel like I lost a month of my life while I was at Mason's, but I know the Lord was right beside me and I knew you were praying. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to you all, no matter what you did, I know the Lord is working everything out. I am getting therapy at home now and am getting stronger every day. It will be a while before you see me, but please know you can call and chat if you want to. God Bless You all and know I am praying for you too. Much love in the name of Jesus, Rosemary (and Bill too of course!) Spurlock"

Thank you to Mark Lafountain for all your phone calls and prayers. Our heartfelt love goes to you and your family. We appreciated the laughter and conversations that we shared through our phone calls together. Al and Chris Meck

Dear Danny Pitzer Memorial Scholarship Team, Thank you so much for your generous gift to my education! I am so grateful for the continuing support that your team and the FCC community have given me throughout each of my endeavors. Thank you again for your generosity and support! Thank you so much, Miriam Hagg

Our heartfelt thank you to our church family for the cards & prayers. Al and Chris Meck



## CURB APPEAL

Back in early June, we were able to get some of the landscaping finished to the front of the church. This was something that was in the original plans when the new building was built. A special thanks to Mark Bingamon-Steadfast Outdoors for doing such a great job with the landscape design. I would also like to thank all the individuals that gave up a Saturday to come play in the dirt to make it such a success! If you are worshipping online and haven't been in the building for awhile. I invite you to drive by and see how beautiful it looks! Thank you ALL! Shane Swihart, Elder

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH**—Thursday, 9/10 at 12:30 pm. Bring your own lunch and lawn chair (some picnic tables available) and join in the fellowship. Meet at the pavilion at Warsaw Church of God, 1059 Rozella Rd., Warsaw. ?s, contact Sharon Parry 574-267-2215. (No need to RSVP.)

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**—Wednesday, 9/16, 9:30 am, Rm. 126. Studying: "Twelve Women of the Bible". ?s or if need a book, contact Susan Brumley 260-901-9337.

### MORE OPPORTUNITIES:

-Right To Life of North Central IN Prolife Banquet, Monday, 9/21, Register: [www.prolifebanquet.com](http://www.prolifebanquet.com) or call 574-306-7406.

-Life Chain, 10/4, 2 pm, Buffalo St. & Winona Ave. Info: [www.nci4life.org](http://www.nci4life.org)



**QUILTING & QUILT TYING** resume Thursday, 9/3 at 1 pm here at FCC. September's dates are 9/3, 9/17, and 9/24. ?s, contact Annita Murfin 765-265-3096.

**FCC's CARDS & BOARDGAMES NIGHT** will start back up on Tuesday, September 8 at 7 pm—9 pm here at FCC. (Ages 14-Adults) ?s, contact Bob Jones at [bob@fccwarsaw.com](mailto:bob@fccwarsaw.com) or 574-267-8952, ext. 231. (Childcare not provided for this event.)



### CONNECTION CLASS

**FIRST STEP** is Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm. FIRST STEP is the ideal place to begin your journey at First Christian Church. Over lunch you'll hear our Lead Minister, Matthew Rogers, share how you can connect and grow by being at the center of the church's vision. Childcare will be provided, if needed. **TO REGISTER**, sign up at the Welcome Desk or email: [jo@fccwarsaw.com](mailto:jo@fccwarsaw.com) or call: 574-267-8952.



**YARN WARRIORS**—Wednesday, 9/2 at 1 pm. This ministry provides handmade crocheted & knitted items to those in need in the community & to FCC missionaries and is meeting at FCC on the first Wednesday of each month @ 1:00 pm, Rm. 126.

1. Please feel free to join at anytime.
2. Yarn donations accepted.
3. Stop by meeting to pray over items.
4. Members are teaching crocheting and knitting at meetings.
5. Can't attend meetings—you can still can be involved.

Contact Jociel Bowling at 517-320-3172.



If interested in serving as a FCC Sunday worship service greeter for 1st and/or 2nd service, please contact Church Office 574-267-8952.

### Starting September 13 Children's/Youth's Sunday Activities

	9:15 am	11:00 am
<b>Nursery</b> (0-24 mos.)	Yes	Yes
<b>Preschool</b> (2 yrs.-K)	Sunday School Classes	Preschool Children's Church
<b>Elementary</b> (Gr. 1-6)	Sunday School Classes	Elementary Children's Church
<b>Middle School</b> (Gr. 7-8)	Attend Main Worship Services	Sunday School Classes
<b>High School</b> (Gr. 9-12)	Attend Main Worship Services	Sunday School Classes



# SEPTEMBER 2020





**SMALL GROUPS** meet throughout the week!



COMING IN **OCTOBER 2020**

4th - 12:15 pm NEXT STEPS TOGETHER  
13th - 7 pm, FCC Game Night (Ages 14—Adult)  
21st - Noon, 'The Christian Caller' info due to Jo  
FOR MORE INFORMATION - check out our website at:  
[www.fccwarsaw.com](http://www.fccwarsaw.com)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  7 pm Missions Mtg.	2 1 pm Yarn Warriors	3 1 pm Quilting & Quilt Tying  7 pm Praise Team.	4	5 
6 9:15 & 11:00 am Worship In-person & Online No Sunday School	7 <b>LABOR DAY</b> (Church Office Closed)	8  7 pm Game Night	9	10 12:30 Ladies' Lunch Bunch at Warsaw Church of God 7 pm Praise Tm.	11	12
13 <b>Grandparents Day</b> 9:15 & 11:00 am Worship In-person & Online / S.S.	14  6:30 Elders' Mtg.	15	16 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	17 1 pm Quilting & Quilt Tying  7 pm Praise Tm.	18	19 8:30 Deacon's Mtg.
20 9:15 & 11:00 am Worship In-person & Online / S.S. 12 pm Women's Min. 12:15 pm First Step	21	22 	23 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 12:00 "The Caller" info due to Jo 	24 1 pm Quilting & Quilt Tying  7 pm Praise Tm.	25	26
27 9:15 & 11:00 am Worship In-person & Online / S.S.	28	29	30 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 7 pm FCC Kids & Revolution START	Due to the Coronavirus, the September calendar's in-person events may be canceled or rescheduled. Check your emails, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/fccwarsaw">www.facebook.com/fccwarsaw</a> & <a href="http://www.fccwarsaw.com">www.fccwarsaw.com</a> for more info.		

## BIRTHDAYS—SEPTEMBER



1—Virginia Bockman  
1—Max Lancaster  
3—Autum Kelly  
4—Sirena McDonald  
7—Scott McDonald  
7—Glen Crouse  
8—April Swihart  
8—J.C. Paxton  
11—Mesta Baker  
11—Aurelia Fox  
11—Ronald Hunter  
13—Simon Hankins  
13—Autumn Rogers  
15—Lorenzo DeGaetano  
16—Deb Tharp  
16—Thania Colgrove

18—Dee Woods  
18—Issac Stemen  
20—Kevin Baney  
20—Denise Hankins  
20—Mindy Tharp  
21—Linux Wilhite  
22—Josh Schmucker  
24—Aidan Findley  
26—Christopher Zehner  
28—Dave Turner  
29—Travis McCoy  
29—Jim Rush  
30—Aimee Hagg

## ANNIVERSARIES-SEPTEMBER



2—Terry & Elaine Bussard  
3—Dave & Claudia Turner  
7—Chris & Sheila Hopkins  
14—Jim & Jane Rush  
14—Nick & Beth Parker  
21—Fred & Lori Miller  
24—Chris & Jeannie Sanburn  
28—Mark & Hannah Bingamon  
29—Jeremy & Brandi Kelly

If incorrect info or omission in the Birthdays and/or Anniversaries sections, please write a note of correction and place on the Church Office desk or email the office at: [info@fccwarsaw.com](mailto:info@fccwarsaw.com). Thank you!