



# FIRST Church Of Christ

September 2025 NEWSLETTER

From Bob Russell's Blog,

A politician was once accused of misusing his position to secure a job for his girlfriend. When the evidence piled up, he finally addressed the press: *"It's possible that I sent a wrong signal. If I did and I made a mistake then I'm sorry."*

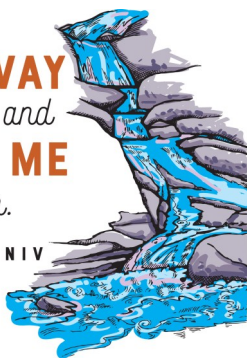
The public wasn't impressed. He soon lost his position. Why? Because the little word *if* robbed the apology of any meaning. A confession that begins with *if* or *maybe* is no confession at all. It communicates: *"I don't know that I've done anything wrong—but since you're upset, I'll toss out a token apology."*

Real apologies don't hide behind conditions. They admit wrong, take responsibility, and seek forgiveness.

Psalm 51 records David's prayer after Nathan confronted him about adultery and murder. David didn't rationalize, blame Bathsheba, or criticize Nathan's tone. He admitted: *"I have sinned against the Lord"* (2 Samuel 12:13).

**WASH AWAY**  
*all my iniquity and*  
**CLEANSE ME**  
*from my sin.*

PSALM 51:2, NIV



He prayed: *"Blot out my transgressions, wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin"* (Psalm 51:1–2).

Swiss psychiatrist Paul Tournier once distinguished between *false guilt*—the shame imposed by human opinion—and *true guilt*—the conviction of having disobeyed God. David knew the difference. He confessed: *"For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned"* (Psalm 51:3–4).

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Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday  
8:00 AM–5:00 PM

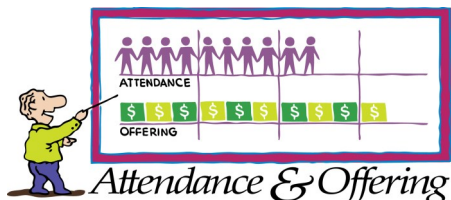
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### August 3

Attendance 42/82  
Offering \$4,487.16

### August 10

Attendance 48/97  
Offering \$5,236.86

### August 17

Attendance 45/81  
Offering \$8,557.76

### August 24

Attendance 43/91  
Offering \$5,659.43

### Needed for Budget:

\$5,099.21

## September Servers

### Deaconesses:

Brienne Hetrick & Teresa Gambler

### Elder Schedule:

7—Larry Snively  
14—Dave Beerbower  
21—Doug Haase  
28—Seth Ramey

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

### Nursery:

7—1st—; SS—Kim Snively; 2nd—Kim Snively  
14—1st—; SS—Ashley Grimm; 2nd—Janet McCarthy & Deb Rhodes  
21—1st—; SS—Kim Snively; 2nd—Kim Snively  
28—1st—; SS—**Need Volunteer**; 2nd—Sharon Blinzler

### Greeters

1st—Janet McCarthy; 2nd—Mick & Sue McElfresh



Dear Church Family, I am extremely excited and thankful for the wonderful new bike. It was such a thoughtful and generous gesture. I want to especially thank you for buying it brand new, which is expensive. Now I can explore Bryan from end to end. I am so thankful for the love and support

that we've experienced through this church. With heartfelt thanks, Jessica (Boselli)

Dear Church Family, I wanted to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the incredible gift of a new bike. It's such a blessing and I am so grateful for your generosity and kindness. This bike will bring so much joy and provide a wonderful way for me to enjoy the outdoors and get around. I truly feel the love and support of our church community, and now I'm blessed to be part of it. With deep appreciation and gratitude, Jennaya Boselli

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the bike you bought me. It's beautiful, and I love it. I thank you with all my heart. Love, Janeesa Boselli

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the bike! I love the bike. I love the unicorn colors on the bike. I like its flowing ribbons. I like that it has training wheels. Love, Jordana (Boselli)







**2 Gene Johns, Matt Nixon**  
**3 Sharon Beerbower, Mick McElfresh**  
**4 Terence Clingaman**  
**5 Alec Blinzler**  
**7 Carter Dominique, Emily Hetrick**  
**9 Drew Grimm**  
**11 Gil Cramer**  
**12 Sabrina Ramey**  
**13 Char Brandt, Nathan Knepper**  
**14 Charlie Clingaman**  
**16 Sandy Partee**  
**18 Jordana Boselli**  
**20 Evelynn Murphy**  
**22 Claire Clingaman, Margie Olds**  
**23 Pat McPeak**  
**28 Raegan Wonderly**  
**30 Evelyn Deetz, Brigitte Kuszmaul**



**7 Gil & Carole Cramer (57)**  
**11 Dan & Margie Olds (38)**  
**15 Todd & Teresa Gambler (35)**  
**Mick & Sue McElfresh (13)**  
**24 Eric & Angie Murphy (31)**  
**Drew & Ashley Grimm (3)**

#### SYMPATHY

The church family extends her sympathy to Nancie Zielke and Mark & Nicole Fisher & family on the passing of their son and brother, Norm Crist.

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*Dear Church Family, We would like to express our thanks to each of you for all the prayers for Mom & Bud (Norm Crist). God Bless You, Mark, Nikki & Nathan (Fisher)"*

## Love All

**Our Service Personnel:** Austin Brandeberry (HI), Zachary Perkins (IN), Jordan Thornburg (NE), Katie Sparks (PA). **Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Mark & Carrie Campo, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Tim McKown, Rexann McCrary, Lora Manon, Chloe Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Annette Snavely, Holly Sprow, Kortney Subasic, Amy Tobin, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman; **Other Concerns:** Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Arlene Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Gene Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Nehemiah Haase, Randy Fisher, Jason Gregg, Khloe Hartman, Martha Hardy, Ellen Walker, Ronnie Pinckley, Tommy Morr, Garry Oberlin, Tootie Bowman, Henry Kidd, Maverick Fields, Chuck Salisbury, Pat Northcut, Nikki Taylor, Tim Gordon. Sharon Brewer, Shawn Gambler, Terry Hallett, Gail Wiyrick, Nikki Fisher, Joanne Allison; **Shut Ins:** **Hillside:** Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Charlene Dean, Linda Lewis, Norma Lorentz, Leona Puff, Vince & Nola Girardot.





## Upcoming EVENTS

**Craft Group**  
**9/2, 10:00 AM**

**20°—9/9/2025**  
**6:30 PM**

**Wednesday Night**  
**Activities Begin**  
**9/17/2025**  
**Supper—5:45–6:15**  
**Club 226—6:15–7:15**  
**Momco—6:15–7:15**  
**(1st & 3rd)**  
**Ladies Bible—6:15–**  
**7:15**  
**Adult Bible Study—**  
**6:15–7:15**

**Lunch Bunch**  
**9/23/2025**  
**11:45 @ Blueberry**  
**Hill, Bryan**



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## SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 9/23 at 11:45 PM at Blueberry Hill, Bryan. Please meet there.

David couldn't undo the damage. Uriah was dead. Bathsheba was pregnant. His reputation was tarnished. But he turned his life around. He prayed: *"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me"* (Psalm 51:10). He stopped making excuses and started walking in obedience.

That's the difference between regret and repentance. Regret says, *"I'm sorry I got caught."* Repentance says, *"I was wrong, Lord—change me."*

God forgave David. Though his child with Bathsheba died, David didn't lash out at God or withdraw from worship. Instead, he sought comfort in God's presence. Later, he and Bathsheba had another son—Solomon—through whom the Messiah would eventually come (2 Samuel 12:24).

The New Testament mentions David nearly sixty times, yet never once does it bring up his sin. That's the power of God's grace: forgiven sins are buried in the depths of the sea, remembered no more (Micah 7:19).

Psalm 51 remains a model of genuine repentance. And David's life reminds us that the one who truly confesses and turns back to God can be forgiven, restored, and used again in God's kingdom.

**Destined to Win, Larry**

*Create in me a*  
**clean heart,**



*and renew a*  
**right spirit**  
*within me.*

*Psalm 51:10, ESV*





# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 10:00 Craft Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship 	<b>8</b> 9:30 Senior Seekers	<b>9</b> 6:30 20°	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>15</b> 9:30 Senior Seekers	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:45 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Momco 6:15 Adult Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>22</b> 9:30 Senior Seekers 	<b>23</b>  8:30 @ Wesley 11:45 Lunch Bunch	<b>24</b> 5:45 Supper 6:15 Club 225 6:15 Ladies Bible Study 6:15 Adult Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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