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## May 2025 Issue

# Christian Echoes

### First Christian Church



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MAY HIGHLIGHTS	
5/11	Mother's Day
5/17	Ladies Tea, 11 am—1pm
5/18	Missourians in Concert
5/25	Ozark Christian College, Drew Ashwell, Presenter
5/26	Memorial Day

**Sunday Worship Services:**  
 Sunday School, 9:15 am, Miki's class, Rm. 204, L.L. & Rudy's class, Prayer Rm., upstairs  
 Worship Service, 10:30 am  
 Evening Service, 6:00 pm

**Every Monday:** Art Club, 9:30 am, F.H.

**Every Tuesday:** Work Day at church, 10pm—2 pm  
 Co-ed Bible Study, 2pm, F.H. & 6 pm, zoom & F.H.

**Every Wednesday:**  
 Bible Study, 6 pm, F.H.  
 Prayer, 7 pm, F.H.

Elder's Meeting, Thursday, 5/1 & 5/15, 10:00 am  
 Outreach and Fundraising Mtg., 5/4, after Worship Service  
 Deacons Meeting, Wednesday, 5/7, 4 pm, Prayer Rm.  
 May 11, Mother's Day— Happy Mother's Day Moms!  
 Missions Meeting, Wednesday, 5/14, 4 pm, Library  
 Ladies Tea, Lower Level, 5/17, 11 am—1 pm  
 All Church Potluck, 5/25, following the morning service  
 May 26, Memorial Day (Office Closed)

## MARK'S MUSINGS

First Christian Church has been involved in the Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Ministry) of Samaritan's Purse for many, many years. We look forward each summer and fall to preparing a blessing for children around the world. Missouri Reece has done a great job coordinating our congregation's efforts, and is excited to get the party started again soon.

A couple of years ago, I was contacted by the regional director of the Shoebox Ministry who informed me the church who had served as the Carroll County collection point was no longer going to be able to serve in that role. He asked if we would like to serve in that capacity. We were excited to assume that responsibility, and I asked Mark Mills to head it up. He has done a tremendous job, and we applaud him.

However, a month or so ago, Mark resigned from that leadership position. We Elders would very much like to see our church continue serving as the Carroll County collection point, but we need a new leader for this ministry.

There is an application process with Samaritan's Purse as well as some training, some of which is online. There are several stages to the process, including interviews and a background check, and it takes some time, so we

would like to get a new volunteer identified soon so we are ready for the fall collection.

This position has some preoperational logistic responsibilities ordering the supplies, and then a full week of operating the collection station at the church, culminating with transporting the collected boxes over to the Pea Ridge area. You would also have a need to coordinate the volunteers to help in the collection week as we have done in the past. This year's pick up week will be November 17 -24, 2025.

Please be in prayer that we would find the right person to volunteer and assume this responsibility so that First Christian can continue serving the larger church in this way, and pray to ask God if you might be that one the He desires to serve in such a time as this. If God burdens your heart to possibly serve as the coordinator, please reach out to me. I have a document that outlines the job description and responsibilities and will be happy to email or print off a copy for anyone who is interested.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mark



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ Joe Smith, Blossoms in Berryville, Rm..407
- ◆ Doris McPherson, carpal tunnel surgery recovery
- ◆ Bobbie Waggoner's friend Barbara, back surgery recovery
- ◆ Jane Williams health issues
- ◆ Karen Martin, broken ankle
- ◆ Lee Golaway, fall recovery
- ◆ Ed Jacobson, heart by-pass surgery recovery
- ◆ Jan Toms, stroke recovery
- ◆ Sally McVey's son Eric, salvation & health
- ◆ Miki's father, Sal, surgery recovery, shrinking tumor, dementia
- ◆ Tom Ledbetter, health issues
- ◆ Layla Amussen, health
- ◆ Larry Brookbank's, Son-in-Law, James, blood pressure, heart issues; granddaughter Crystal, health,
- ◆ Kathie Loring, nerve pain
- ◆ Beverly Wilson's husband Darrell, heart issues
- ◆ Aries friend, Isaac, battling leukemia
- ◆ Miki's sister Trish, continued recovery
- ◆ Paul & Kathy Warren, health issues
- ◆ Ramon Laval, health, recovery
- ◆ Lemia Laval, health issues
- ◆ Sharon Jacobson, back pain
- ◆ Paul Bibb, health issues

## MEDIATION CORNER

Lyman Squires

### .JONAH

A clue that Jonah was resisting God's call was when he made a mad dash in the opposite direction. God had asked Jonah to take a message to the Ninevites, (Israel's enemies).

When Jonah declined God increased the pressure. After three days in the belly of a fish Jonah reluctantly agreed. After the fish spit Jonah back onto the shore he makes his way to Ninevah and delivers the message, "You guys have had it". Then he camps outside the city to see what happens. The message is short but it does the job and the Ninevites repent so God spares them. Jonah is really angry. Not only did his enemies not get destroyed he is made to look like a false prophet. Jonah tells God, "The reason I ran away because I knew You were merciful and You might spare them".

The rest of the story appears in chapter 4. It's time for an object lesson. While Jonah camps nearby to see what will happen he's about to get sunstroke so God grows him a shade tree. He really loves that little tree so when it dies Jonah is angry again. God says, "Look at your priorities. You had so much compassion for your little shade tree that you were broken hearted when it died but you didn't even have enough compassion to rejoice when 120,000 PEOPLE plus their cattle DIDN'T DIE! Something's wrong here".

**Our lesson: Don't let your precious preconceptions blind you to the truth.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2025

### APRIL 2025

Income \$18,627

Expenses \$17,318

+ \$ 1,309

### YEAR TO DATE

Income \$73,915

Expenses \$70,607

+ \$ 3,308

In His  
Presence  
there is  
Peace

## The Shekinah Glory of God

The Shekinah Glory of God is mentioned over 600 times in Old and New Testament Scriptures. We understand this Glory to be the presence or dwelling of God, the manifestation, character, and attributes of God. Some have defined this Glory to be God's unchanging essence. Truthfully, it is difficult to describe God's Glory, yet we feel it...see it...experience it...seek it...and spiritually discern that this Glory of God is the source of our existence as a Christian.

We see God's Glory displayed in every aspect of creation from the seas, earth, space, creatures, and in all seen and unseen formats. We praise His character for His love and compassion. We praise Him for His forgiveness, patience, and long-suffering as He calls us from our sin. We stand in awe of His faithfulness and goodness towards us. We bow before His majesty and power for He is the light of the world.

Christopher Morgan's essay entitled *The Glory of God* defines God's Glory as "the magnificence, worth, loveliness, and grandeur of His many perfections, which He displays in His creative and redemptive acts in order to make His glory known to those in His presence" (The Gospel Coalition).

We have seen many expressions of God's creative Glory. What of His redemptive Glory? The Shekinah Glory is embodied in Jesus Christ the Anointed Savior, Lamb of God. Jesus says that if we have seen Him then we have seen God. What clearer and more perfect description of God's Glory than His son? Everything about Jesus speaks of God's character, beauty, and unchanging essence. God displayed who He is through Jesus. And then gave us the opportunity to intimately know His presence through the sacrificial crucifixion and glorious resurrection of Christ. And finally, we have been given the Holy Spirit who teaches and guides us towards the Holy God who loves us so. As we lean into a deeper walk with God, He reveals Himself in ways that hold us captive to His nature.

Colossians 1:19-20 "For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in him (Jesus), and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood shed on the cross."

What is the Shekinah Glory of God? Let us make it our mission to seek God in all things. Serve Him in all things. Trust Him in all things and love Him as we grow in His wisdom so that others will thirst and hunger for the Glory of God.

We shall behold Him in all His Glory...face to face  
and bow before Him as King of Kings and Lord of Lord. Hallelujah!

Sheridan

## **DEACON'S DOINGS**

**MAY 2025**

First Christian Church has a motto "a place to come home". What does that mean to you?

In my experience when I was a child, home was a place to be safe and comfortable. Home was the place where all my needs were met. As I grew, I came to realize that having a safe, comfortable, efficient place to be, involved being part of making it that way. I picked up the house myself and sometimes my brother helped as well. I washed dishes, swept floors, and did laundry.

When I was older and would go home to visit, I looked for things to help my mother maintain that safe comfortable place because she wasn't as young as she used to be.

So, First Christian may not be the home where we sleep, but it is the home where we worship, live and grow. There are things that need to be done to make it a safe and comfortable place to be. How can you help?

Evelyn



***CUP OF LOVE had another successful bingo evening. They give prizes plus have a spaghetti dinner all for \$10.00. If you want a fun evening with food and fellowship you need to check this out. Cup also needs egg cartons. They had two different farmers give them eggs and they have no way to give them out without egg cartons. As always plastic bags are needed. These are used for the food they give out 5 days a week. The average family gets 5 bags and they have about 25 families daily. They go thru 100's of bags a week so any help is appreciated.***

### **Flint Street**

**FLINT STREET is busy as ever. They still need volunteers on Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 am till 2:00 pm. If you're interested call Kathy Barns at 479-225-0791. They have put their summer clothing out and are always looking for more donations. Just one thing for the month of May is: toothpaste, any size. Put in plastic tub by WFC table. Thank you. If you would like to know more about Flint Street and/or would like a tour, call Kathy Barns.**

**YARDS AND YARDS Our "almost" annual yard sale is coming up on August 1st and 2nd. We are collecting merchandise now for the sale. If you have something to donate you can leave it downstairs. We are usually working every Tuesday from 10-2 downstairs. Big or small we will take it all. We don't do clothes, but if you want to bring them we will gladly donate them to Flint Street's clothes closet. This is a good time to clean out your house, garage, storage units and any where else you are storing stuff. We use all of the money for community outreach. (If you missed last months newsletter, we have closed the booth at Busy Bee. We moved all of the stuff back to the church and it will be in the yard sale in August.)**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## The "Angel Warriors" Corner Ages 4-9 yrs.

What fun we had in April as we learned about God's seven (7) feasts that were established by God to take time to worship Him and rest. We started off with Passover and Feast of the Unleavened Bread re-studying the ten (10) plagues of God upon Pharaoh. God kept the first-born son safe by placing the blood of the lamb on the outside of the door as "Passover" occurred as we did in our classroom. Moses then led the Israelites to freedom. God told Moses, and Moses told God's people to remember God's blessings every year by telling the story again and by eating flat bread and lamb. We know and celebrate this today as Passover and a Seder meal every year.

The following week we touch on the feasts of the First Fruits where we were farmers and picked fruit. Once picked, we then had to figure out what was 10 percent of the fruit we picked to give it back to the Lord. Followed by the Feast weeks of Pentecost, Feast of the Trumpets, Day of Atonement in which we will study more this fall.

We finish the last weeks of April with Palm Sunday, then Easter Sunday with a resurrection Easter egg hunt. Finally, the last Sunday

of April we studied the importance of Jesus 40 days ascension as found in Luke 24. We were blessed and we send blessing to all of you.

Peace and Blessings from the Angel Warriors,  
Sandy Mills and Sheryl Baker



### ***MISSION'S REPORT—MAY 2025***

We have been blessed in the last couple of months to hear directly from individuals involved in ministries that we support. I marvel at the fact that First Christian has been supporting Christ on Campus in Fayetteville, AR since its inception 43 years ago. Imagine again the number of lives touched by that ministry. And welcoming Phil Wilson and his son Jonathan, the Cuba Bible Institute and all the work that is being accomplished for the Lord behind what is still an iron curtain country has lit a fire among some members to do more. Praise the Lord!

Mission trips are again on the agenda for First Christian Church members. Are you interested as well? Contact Rudy Behrens and see what is happening.

Evelyn



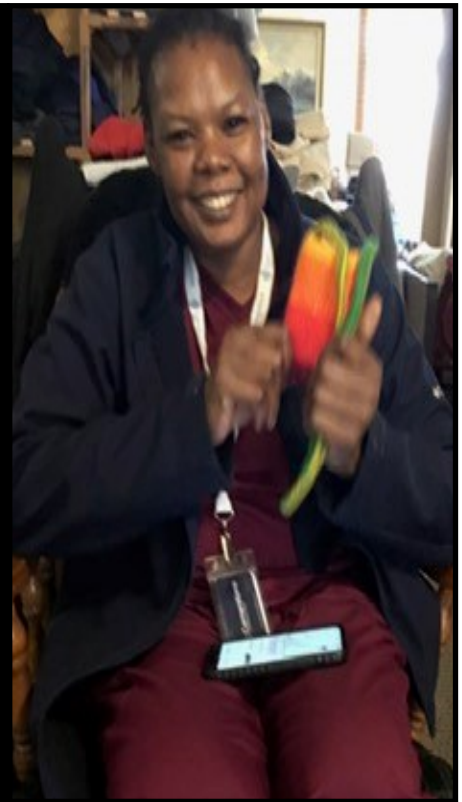
## A MOTHER'S LOVE

A Mother's love is something  
that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion  
and sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away . . .  
It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters  
even though the heart is breaking . . .  
It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty  
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .  
It is far beyond defining,  
it defies all explanation,  
and it still remains a secret  
like the mysteries of creation . . .  
A many-splendored miracle  
man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence  
of God's tender guiding hand.



Adaw received  
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She wants to  
thank you all so  
much.

Kathy Warren



# THE WORD

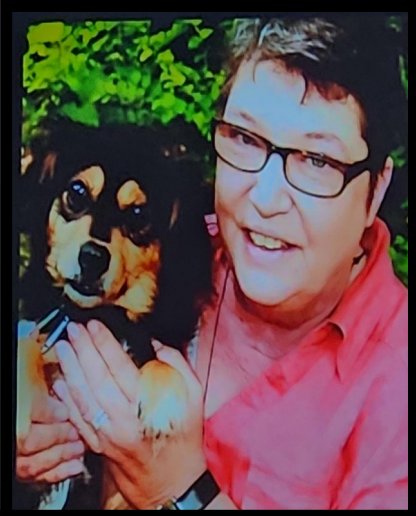


**Paint the Magic of the Ozarks  
Eureka Springs Plein Air Festival  
May 4-8, 2025**

**paintouts-quick draw competition-workshops  
\$5,000 in Cash and Purchase Prizes**

**Featured Painter—Phil Sandusky  
info@ESPAFest.org  
eurekaspringspleinairfestival.com**

# IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE



*Jennifer Lawyer*  
11/11/1956—11/11/2024



*David Grosshans*  
12/24/1956—3/6/2025



*Terry Wilson*  
3/13/1956—3/11/2025



*Laura Nichols*  
6/8/1938—12/12/2024

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we  
lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow  
In Flanders fields.



*Ed Jordan*  
Passed 11/24/2024



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**MAY 2025**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 am, National Day of Prayer, Passion Play Banquet Hall 10 am Elders Meetings	2	3
4 9:15 am, Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service Outreach & Fundraising after service 6 pm Service	5 9:30 am, Art Club, F.H.	6 10 am-2pm Work Day Co-Ed Bible Study, F.H., 2 pm; 6 pm, F.H. & Zoom	7 5 pm Deacons, Prayer Rm.  6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Prayer	8	9	10 8:30 am, Men & WFC's, Breakfast, F.H, meetings at 9:30 am
11 Happy Mother's Day! 9:15 am, Sunday School. 10:30 am Worship Service 6 pm Service	12 9:30 am Art Club, F.H.	13 10 am-2pm Work Day  Co-Ed Bible Study, F.H., 2 pm; 6 pm, F.H. & Zoom	14 5 pm Missions meeting, Library  6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Prayer	15 10 am Elders Meeting	16	17 Ladies Tea, 11 am—1pm
18 9:15 am, Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6 pm Service	19 9:30 am Art Club, F.H.	20 10 am-2pm Work Day Co-Ed Bible Study, F.H., 2 pm; 6 pm, F.H. & Zoom	21  6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Prayer	22	23	24
25 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service Potluck 6 pm Service	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27 10 am-2 pm Work Day Co-Ed Bible Study, F.H., 2 pm; 6pm, F.H.& Zoom	28  6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Prayer	29	30	31

Linda Todd  
Ramon Laval  
Carol Cash

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Sandy Widger  
Mark Howerton  
Jackson Fenix

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