

Bi-Weekly No. 22, October 30, 2024

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## WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

**\*\*Say Yes to God!\*\***

What a great series it has been to hear from Pastor Christopher, Pastor Becky, and Aaron Douglas, our MPACT pastor to students! Each message has encouraged us in hope, drawing us deeper into our commitment to follow Christ and to reflect His love in how we treat others. Their insights have inspired us to live with purpose and compassion.

As we wrap up our \*Do Unto Others\* series and approach the election season, we want to invite you to a special weekend of worship at First Church. Here, we aim to keep our hearts, minds, and actions centered on Christ, who calls us to live by the greatest commandments: to love God wholeheartedly and to love others as we love ourselves.

This weekend is about saying \*Yes to God\* – choosing to follow Jesus in our daily lives, even when times are challenging or divided. It's a time to reflect on how we can bring peace, understanding, and compassion into our community by following Christ's example.

We encourage all members to plan on being present for worship this Sunday, where we'll gather around the communion table, uniting as one body in Christ. Communion is a sacred means of grace, a moment where we meet Christ and each other at the table Christ set for all.

Through this holy sacrament, we're reminded of God's love and mercy, which transforms and unites us. This Say Yes to God weekend is an opportunity to recommit to living out our faith with hope and love. We also encourage you to invite and bring friends, family, or neighbors along as we celebrate together.

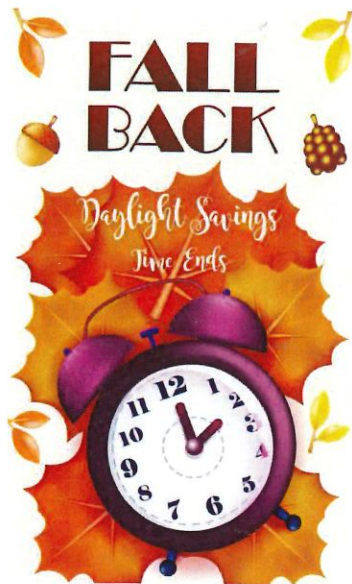
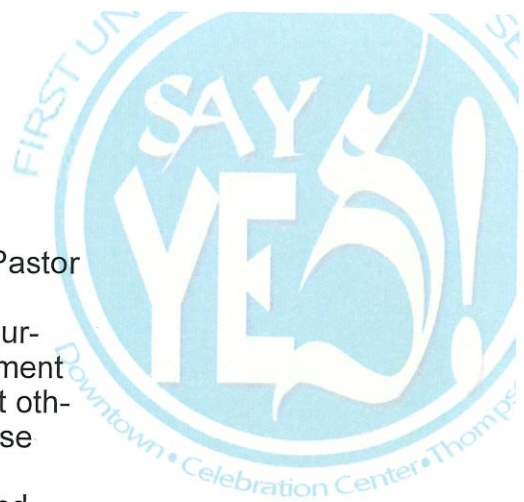
Come, let's seek the heart of Christ as one community, inspired to live for His glory in all that we do!

Pastor Candace

*Jesus said:*

**"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you."**

*Matthew 7:12*



Be Sure to set your clocks back one hour before retiring to bed on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, Nov. 3rd.



**Sermon Series**

**"Do Unto Others"**

**Join us for weekend worship!**

**Leading People to an Active Faith in Jesus Christ**



## HEARTBEATS

♥ **C3 (Christian Campus Connection)** is a ministry for college age students. It meets every week at State Fair Community College. **Donations of snacks are needed.** If you would like to donate chips, granola bars, candy, raisins, etc., please label them "For C3" and bring them to the church office, or contact: [morgan@firstsayyes.com](mailto:morgan@firstsayyes.com).

♥ **Thanksgiving Offering**—For your convenience, Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes are available at the Welcome Centers.

♥ Our **preschool is in need of old magazines** to cut up. If you have some to donate, please bring them to the church office, or preschool. Please label them "For Preschool." Thank you!

♥ The next **UWF (United Women in Faith) meeting** is Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 1 p.m. at the Thompson Site. The meeting includes the *World Thank Offering*. All Women are invited!

♥ We need to update our list of people who are willing to **provide food for funeral dinners**. If you would like to do this, please call Pat Kelley (660-826-8218) or let the church office know. Please give your name and a phone number where you can be reached.

♥ If you **received today's newsletter by regular mail and prefer to receive it by e-mail** (let us know your e-mail address) or on-line ([www.firstsayyes.com](http://www.firstsayyes.com) under "resources"), or you do not want to receive it at all, please call the church office at 660-827-2993.

♥ The **deadline for submitting Newsletter articles** is 12 noon on the Friday before the newsletter mailing.

**Next Newsletter:**  
Wed. Nov. 13th  
**Deadline:**  
12 noon - Fri. Nov. 8th

## Sweet Sensations Craft & Bake Sale

Home Baked Goods, Sweet Packaged Treats, Singing Rooster Coffee, Crafts, & Beautiful Handmade Wreaths

NOV 2ND, 2024 • 9AM TO 5PM  
CELEBRATION CENTER LOBBY

Come & Support Our Care Ministry Fundraiser

Contact Karen Zullig or the church office (660-827-2993) if you can **bring Baked Goods** for the *Saturday, Nov. 2nd, Care Ministry Sweet Sensations Craft & Bake Sale Fundraiser*.

## YOUTH:

**MPACT Student Ministry (Grades 6-12)** meets weekly on Sundays in the MPACT room at the Celebration Center. Junior High meets from 5-6:30 and High School meets from 6-7:30. All students meet at 6:00 for a shared meal. We hope to see you there and join the fun!

## SEMESTER FINALS PACKAGES

Time to plan for the packages for semester finals. The L.O.T. class will again, on behalf of 1<sup>st</sup> Church, put together **Care Packages for our full-time college students**. We need the names and addresses of students by noon Wednesday, November 20th. We would also like the phone number of the parent or contact person who is giving the information so we can call them to see if their student (if they are going to college out of town) will be home on the 20<sup>th</sup> so we can deliver the package instead of needing to mail it. As always, contributions of items for the packages are encouraged or folks can give to help cover the postage for mailing packages. Donation Deadline—Nov. 20th.



## BABY GRACE

**Baby Grace** is an ongoing project to collect diapers and baby wipes for anyone who needs them. Items are always distributed through Wesley United Methodist Church on designated days. We, along with other churches in Pettis County, are collecting for this program. There is a labeled box (drawer) in the vestibule (front lobby entrance) at the Celebration Center to accept your contributions. **Wipes are especially needed now!!!** Thank you for your contribution.

Let's join together for this special weekend of worship.

**NOV 2/3**

**SAY YES TO GOD WEEKEND**

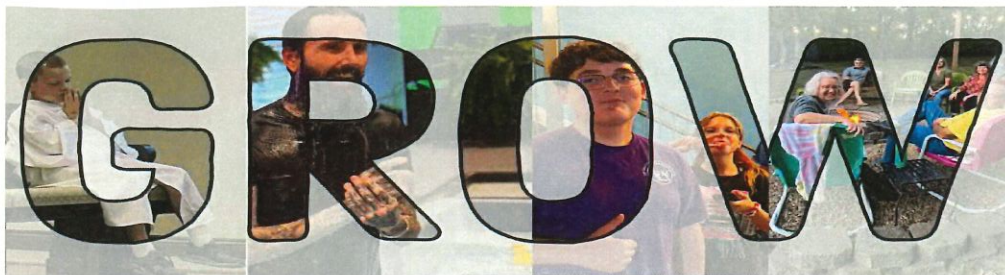
Sat 5:30pm,  
Sun 8:30am, 9:45am  
@ CC | 1701 W 32nd St

Sunday 11am  
@ TS | 916 Thompson Blvd



# WONDERFUL ON WEDNESDAYS (Wow)

**(8 WEEKS) - THRU 11-6-24**



**Wow, Wednesdays, 6PM**  
**LET'S GROW TOGETHER!**

**Classes for Adults and Kids!**

## Shoebox Packing Party

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC)

Come join the Packing Party for OCC Shoeboxes on November 13th at 6 p.m. in the Celebration Center, Friendship Hall. Your help is needed and appreciated!

For more information, please contact Angie Martin or the Church Office (660-827-2993).

## QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATION

**July 21, 2024**



*Jim Gum, Danny Simpson, Al Sturges, Jerry Coerver, Clark Fobian*

The next Quilt of Valor Presentation is **Sunday, November 10th, 2024** at 10:30 a.m. at First UMC Thompson Site. Come and show your support for our veterans!

## WE CELEBRATE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN

*If your birthday is not listed, please let us know so it can be added!*

### Birthdays (Nov. 3-16)

Shanna Taylor, Sawyer Rupe, Ellie Westermier, Robert Zink, Ashley Wooster, Jerrica Smith, Carol Smith, Margaret Ward, Kathy Kempton, Blake Grupe, John Malone, Dr. Michael Perusich, Duana Williams, John Poppinga, Keelee Price, Jennifer White, Madeline Davidson, Warren Trivett, Taryn Pe-tree, Brylee Brewster, Laura Cavin, Mikayla Doogs, Erin Whittier, Mary Spalding, Kiran Lewellyn, Angela Richardson, Wyatt Pierce, Cassandra Mankin, Tammy Coffey, Crystal Hurlburt, Becky Arbisi, Brady Martin, Ruthie Dugan, Mary Gorrell, Trevor Brown, Wesley Waldrep, Marra Bowen, Sarah Grupe, Mary Lou Griffin, Eric Mothersbaugh, Melissa Stone, Bonnie Swisher, Viola May, Donald Walker, Sr., Connie Kiburz, Mike Harrison, Heaven Ferolito, Jeanette Bert, Rodney Iuchs, Crystal Wood, Diane Mosier, Ruth Dale, Eric Mateja, Carla Staley, Grant Lockard, Joyce Willis

## FIRST STEPS

### Attendance

<b>October 19/20</b>	
Worship	397
<b>October 26/27</b>	
Worship	472

We report Finances monthly.

## Our Family

*Our hearts go out in Christian love and sympathy to:*

**~Terry Potts and family** in the recent death of Terry's brother,  
**~the family and friends of Becky (McGinnis) Pummill** due to her death on Oct. 11th in Springfield, MO,  
**~Beverly Rice and family** in the death of her sister, Cheryl McLaine, on Oct. 19th, 2024 in Trenton, MO,  
**~ Russ Zimmerman and family** due to the death of Russ' mother, Mary Zimmerman, on Sunday, Oct. 20th, and  
**~Mindy Ramseyer Aulenbach** due to the recent death of her father, Charlie Ramseyer.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Henry Clay Lemasters** was born to Sarah & Greg Lemasters on 10/21/24. The maternal grandparents are Troy & Debbie Ives, and the great grandparents are Pat & Burl Ives & Peggy & Jim Schwalie.



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Thompson Site, 916 Thompson Blvd Phone // 660.851.2815




Online Facebook Live & posted  
Radio 1490 KDRO 10:05 am  
Celebration Center  
Saturdays 5:30 pm Sundays 8:30, 9:45 am  
Thompson Sundays 11 am

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HOSTED BY FIRST CHURCH  
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OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 5-7PM  
FREE EVENT - DRESS UP & BRING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY!