



### **Welcome to our worship service!**

Thank you for joining us today. We are so glad you are here! If this is your first time with us, please fill out a connection card from the chair in front of you and place in the offering box in the back of the room. We would love to talk with you and we also have a special gift for you!

### **Today's Services**

**8:00 am** Traditional Worship Service

**9:30 am** Adult Sunday School

**10:30 am** Contemporary Worship Service

**10:30 am** Children's Church (Nursery-4th grade)

### **Today's Sermon**

***Growing in Christ***

***~ Walking in the Spirit ~***

***Galatians 5:16-25***

***Tony Crouch***

### **Communion:**

If you are a Christ-follower, you are invited to share with us in remembering the Lord's Supper. You do not need to be a member of First Christian Church to participate. Both the bread and juice are ready for you in all 4 corners of the auditorium.

Please help yourself and take your time.

**{Meditation Today: Sharri Kerkhoff}**

### **Preaching Schedule**

#### **September:**

7 - Growing in Christ ~ Prayer & the Presence of God (Tony Crouch)

14 - Life in Community ~ The Body of Christ (Matt Reed)

21 - Life in Community ~ Biblical Fellowship (Timothy Summerville)

28 - Life in Community ~ Serving One Another

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Jr. High Youth Group:**

Starting Friday, September 5th & every Friday from 3:30 - 5:00 pm in the shed. (Pick-up available) See Tim Summerville with questions.

### **High School Youth Group:**

Starting Sunday, September 7th & every Sunday from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the shed. See Tim Summerville with questions.

### **Truth Rising Documentary:**

We will be live streaming this at the church on Friday, September 5th at 6:00pm. The World Changes. But Truth Remains. In a time of confusion and cultural drift, Truth Rising offers a powerful reminder: only God's truth can anchor our faith and heal our world. Join John Stonestreet and Os Guinness as they explore the decline of Western civilization and the hope we have in Christ. This compelling documentary will inspire you to love truth, live boldly, and stand firm in your calling.

### **FCC Men's Breakfast:**

All men are invited to join us for breakfast at the church this Saturday, September 6th at 8:00 am. We will be serving casseroles & bacon. Sign-up sheet is on the office door.

### **Flourish Women's Ministry:**

The world is upside down, but the gospel of Jesus is still on the move. What does that mean for those who have put their faith in Christ? Ladies, join us on Saturday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m. to explore Unstoppable: The Gospel Unchained.

### **Kingdom Builders Class:**

**Where to Turn When Life Lets You Down.** We're convinced things like wealth, power, fame, and control will give us meaning and lead us to a flourishing life - but, every time, they let us down. So, where do we go when the bottom falls out? Where do we turn when things are going great but we still feel empty? In this study we will discover how God himself, not the things of this world, satisfies our deepest desires for meaning. Come join us on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am; we meet in the church library. A study of the book of Ecclesiastes lead by pastor JP Pokluda (Rightnow Media).

Invites you to:

**PICNIC** in the **PARK**

Join us for Food, Fun, Fellowship & Games!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**  
**4:30 pm at Ervin Park in Tuscola**  
**(South Pavilion)**

**Hot Dogs & Burgers Provided**  
**Please bring a dish to share!**

**Basketball!**  
**Corn Hole!**  
**Pickle Ball!**

**Join Us for a Watch Party!**  
**First Christian Church**  
**Friday, September 5th at 6:00 pm**

**A GROUND BREAKING DOCUMENTARY**

*by Focus on the Family and the Colson Center*

**FREE GLOBAL STREAMING PREMIERE SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

*Truth Rising* isn't just a documentary—it's a call to action at a critical time in our culture. As faith, identity, and morality are being redefined, this documentary exposes the civilizational moment we are living in. Through powerful stories and expert insights, it reveals how ordinary people can make an extraordinary impact—by boldly choosing courage over fear. As the world redefines truth, *Truth Rising* offers clarity, courage, and a Christ-centered path forward.

**Truth Rising: A Call to Clarity and Courage**

We are living in a defining moment—one where truth is under attack and confusion reigns. *Truth Rising*, a new documentary from Focus on the Family and the Colson Center, exposes the cultural forces shaking the foundations of faith, identity, and morality. Through powerful stories and expert insight, this film shows how ordinary believers are making an extraordinary impact by standing firm in truth. Join us for a watch party as we seek clarity, courage, and a Christ-centered path forward.

[Visit TruthRising.com to learn more.](http://TruthRising.com)

**Church Hours:**  
 Mon - Thurs 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
 Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
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August 24, 2025  
 In-person Attendance: 139  
 Online: 181  
 General Fund: \$4,516.00



**August 31, 2025**  
*Growing in Christ*  
 ~ Walking in the Spirit ~

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***Growing in Christ  
Let the Spirit Lead  
Galatians 5:16-25***



**Key thought:**

*“To walk in the Spirit is to let every step be guided by His voice, every choice shaped by His will, and every breath bear the fruit of Christ in us.” Anonymous*

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit, Not Our \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 16-18)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ the Red \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 19-21)
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Fruit, do not \_\_\_\_\_ it (vs. 22-25)

**Notes:**

Paul & Sue Wisovaty  
Sandy Weltman  
Robert Van Cleave  
Mary Knight  
Judy Martin  
Toby Livingston  
Terry Luttrell  
Melissa Lawless  
Ronnie & Linda Schultz  
Brad Hornaday  
Amy McDonald - Bob Utterback's daughter  
Michelle Everhart  
Moenck family  
Linda Carner  
Chris Brown  
Rita Herbert  
David Kennedy - Friend of Ronnie Schultz  
Jeremy Byrne  
Jim & Deb Beeson  
Dottie Riddle  
Gary - Friend of Brian & Karen Patterson  
Rob Smock - Friend of Brian & Keri Dean  
Evan Huff - Nephew of Keri Dean  
Samuel - Abel & Ruth Sairattanyu's brother-in-law  
Wayne Livingston Jr. - Jodi Livingston's Nephew  
Amanda, Dawn & Nichole - Friends of Tony Crouch battling cancer  
Flo Zelenka - Chris Brown's Aunt  
Rachel Romine (Gallardo) - Beth & Craig Romine's daughter

***\*\*If you have an update or a request to add, please fill out a Connection Card or contact the church office: (217) 253-2394 or [office@fctuscola.com](mailto:office@fctuscola.com)***

**Missions we support:**

Abel Sairattanyu family (Thailand)  
Jack Swanson family (Chile)  
Little Galilee Christian Camp  
Roseland Good News Daycare (Ms. Pearl)  
Operation Christmas Child