

Tuscola Christian

Publication of First Christian Church, Tuscola, Illinois



Weekly Services:

Sunday Worship - 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Wednesday Prayer Circle - 5:00 pm

What's happening this month:

2 - Elder's Meeting 6:30 pm

3 - TAMA Lunch 11:45 am

11 - Building in Use 6:00 - 9:00 pm

13 - Flourish Women's Ministry

~ Symbols of Christmas ~

Building in Use 2:00 - 4:00 pm

21 - Christmas Sweater Sunday

24 - Christmas Eve Service 6:00 pm

25 - Closed for Christmas Holiday

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Invites You To:

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December
24th at 6:00 pm

100 E. Church St., Tuscola



MEET OUR MEMBERS ROB & JENNI BOYD



Hello, friends!

My husband Rob & I live in Tuscola with our 2 pups, Max & Daisy. I am the Administrative Assistant here at FCC & Rob teaches math at Arcola High School. We have been married 21 years & are so grateful for the life we have together! We enjoy walking our dogs, hiking & exploring, riding our motorcycle & finding new places to eat. Our daughter Felicia is 30 years old, lives in Urbana & works for the catering company that serves the U of I fraternities.

I prayed to receive the Lord with my Dad at 7 years old & was baptized at 16 in Lake Shelbyville. Rob & I started attending FCC after moving to Tuscola in 2006, officially became members in 2011 & we've been here ever since. I have been blessed to serve on the worship team for many years, lead the singing at our nursing home services & more recently began helping with benevolence. Rob has served on several building projects & also helps with grounds keeping.

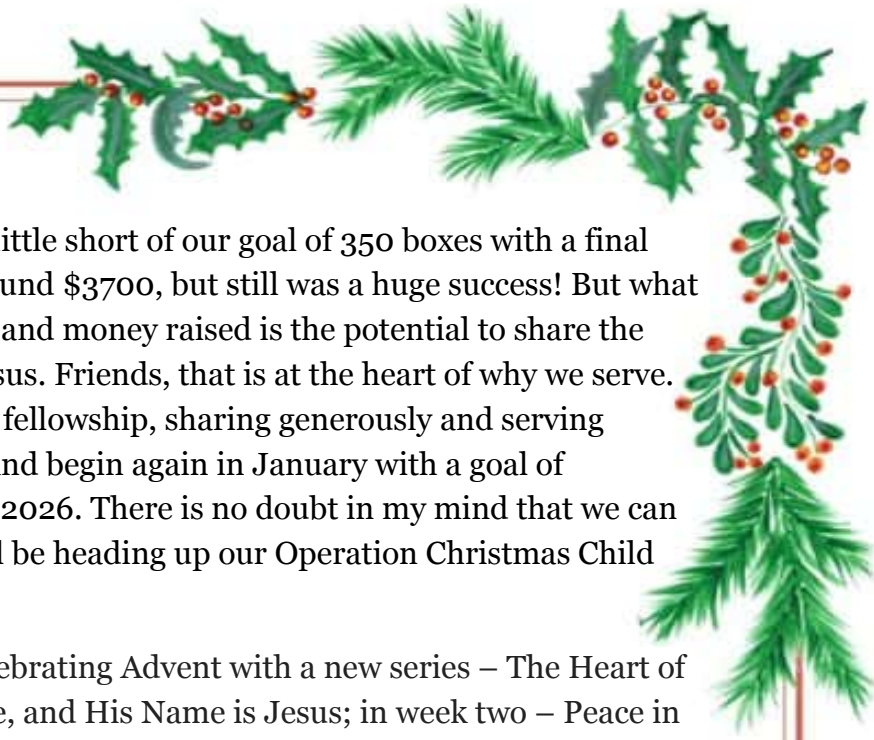
During the summer, Rob enjoys helping his brother & nephew during racing season, spending quality time with his siblings, nieces & nephews. We also enjoy camping together with the pups when we need a little getaway.

A few fun facts about me: I was named after a song in a Gerber baby food commercial, "Jenni Rebecca, 4 days old." I have lived in 22 residences in my lifetime. I drove 5 ton cargo trucks in the Army National Guard & also drove a school bus. And, of course...I LOVE HUGS!!!

That's all for now...Blessing to all & MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

- Rob & Jenni Boyd -





Tony's Tidings:

The Operation Christmas Child event fell a little short of our goal of 350 boxes with a final total of 295 total boxes and we collected around \$3700, but still was a huge success! But what excites me more than just the total of boxes and money raised is the potential to share the gospel with children, who may not know Jesus. Friends, that is at the heart of why we serve. Along the way we reaped other benefits like fellowship, sharing generously and serving together. We will be taking a 4 week break and begin again in January with a goal of collecting 350 boxes and raising \$3,500 for 2026. There is no doubt in my mind that we can do it! I am excited that Megan Reynolds will be heading up our Operation Christmas Child Ministry along with Jenni Boyd.

For the next few weeks we will be celebrating Advent with a new series – The Heart of Christmas. In week one – Hope Has a Name, and His Name is Jesus; in week two – Peace in a World that is Anything but Peaceful; In week three – A Joy Worth Searching For; in week four – The Heart of Christmas is Love and on Christmas Eve we will have a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm where will experience – Jesus is the Heart of Christmas!

As we celebrate the gift of Jesus this Christmas, may we be filled with hope, love, joy, and peace so we can live life to the fullest. Someone said, *“Everything beautiful about Christmas begins and ends with Jesus.”*

John 1:14, *“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

The heart of Christmas is Jesus—Love coming near, Hope breaking through, Joy overflowing, and Peace restoring the world.

I hope you will plan to join us as we experience the heart of Christmas this Advent season.

I am honored to serve with you here at FCC!

Tony

Announcements

AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekly Youth Groups:

High School - Sun. 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the shed.

College Age - Tues. 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Elementary "Equip" - Wed. 6:00 - 7:00 pm in the kid's wing.

Junior High - Fri. 3:30 - 5:00 pm in the shed.

**** Please Note: Youth Groups will NOT be meeting
December 19th thru January 4th.**

T-Shirt Pre-Order:

Deadline for t-shirt orders is extended thru Wednesday, December 10th.

Please return all orders & payments to Jenni in the office.

Flourish Women's Ministry:

Ladies, you are invited to join us on Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m. for a Christmas celebration, God's Tapestry. Your presence will be a sweet note as we pause and reflect on the tapestry of God's plan, sing along with special musical guests, and craft something special. Christmas Sweater Sunday:

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Shake the dust off your fun Christmas sweaters & get them ready to wear on Sunday, the 21st!

Christmas Eve Service:

Wednesday, November 24th at 6:00 pm. Come enjoy a special Christmas Eve service as we celebrate Jesus' birth! Be sure to invite your family, friends & neighbors!

Celebration Sunday:

We will have one service on Sunday, January 4, 2026. This is when we review & celebrate all the amazing things God has done this past year! Come early to fellowship over coffee & goodies!

Heads of Ministry:

Please be preparing for your end of the year report for Celebration Sunday, January 4th.

Online Services:

****Live streaming of both services is available on Facebook & then uploaded to YouTube later. Please see Brian Patterson with any questions you may have.**

Serving for Month of December

Communion Meditation:

1st Service & 2nd Service

December 7	Craig Romine
December 14	Russel Surtees
December 21	Sharri Kerkhoff
December 28	Mary Knight

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
November 2	133	332
November 9	142	439
November 16	121	609
November 23	131	357
November 30	n/a	n/a

Elders:

Chris Brown, Tony Crouch,
Kevin Kauffman & Craig Romine

Trustee:

Jeff Martin

Deacon/Deaconess:

Mike & Lacreia Otto (Benevolence)
Randy Long (Building & Grounds)
Tony Crouch (Caring)
Timothy Summerville (Youth & Family)
Alta Long (Finance)
Tony Crouch & Chris Brown (Men)
Craig Romine (Missions)
(Small Groups)
Marla Crouch (Women)
Brian Patterson (Worship)

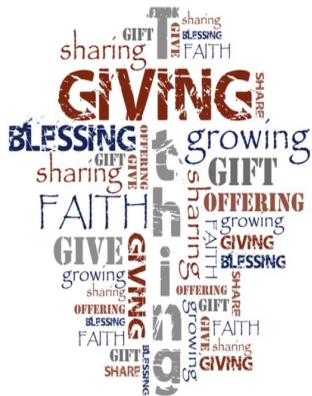
Missions we support:

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

Prayer Requests

Family of Nikki Guthridge & her sons, Teil & Grant
Sandy Noerenberg - Friend of Mary Knight
Kevin Bushur - Doris Pickett's nephew
Santiago SantaMaria - Shannon Murphy's grandson
Dustin Gray
Kevin Alig - Shawn Johnson's father-in-law
Lynn Albin
Baby Henry
Dale Reeder
Alexis Koester
Lilly Smith
Steve Clarkson
Sandy Weltman
Judy Martin
Toby Livingston
Melissa Lawless
Ronnie & Linda Schultz
Brad Hornaday
Amy McDonald - Bob Utterback's daughter
Michelle Everhart
Chris Brown
Rita Herbert
Jim & Deb Beeson
Rob Smock - Friend of Brian & Keri Dean
Wayne Livingston Jr. - Jodi Livingston's Nephew
Rachel Romine (Gallardo)

*****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***



November	11/2	11/9	11/16	11/23	11/30
General Fund (Missions is 10%) (Benevolence is 5%) (Local Partners is 5%)	\$13,620.00	\$4,473.00	\$10,086.26	\$4,650.00	n/a
Other Giving	1,055.00	0.00	40.75	6.01	n/a
Memorial Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$14,675.00	\$4,473.00	\$10,267.01	\$4,656.01	n/a



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Sunday Worship Services

8:00 am and 10:30 am

Sunday School Classes

9:15 am Adults

Children's Church

10:30 am

Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ministers:

Tony Crouch - Senior Minister

Brian Patterson - Worship Minister

Timothy Summerville - Youth & Family