

Tuscola Christian

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Weekly Services:

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

Wednesday Prayer Circle - 5:00 pm

What's happening this month:

- 1 - Closed for New Year's Day
- 4 - Breakfast 8:00 am.
Celebration Sunday 9:30 am
Building in Use 11:30 - 3:30 pm
Nursing Home Service 4:00 pm
- 11 - Flourish Women's Ministry -
SOAR 3:00 pm
- 18 - Flourish Women's Ministry -
Family Bingo 3:00 pm
- 19 - Closed for MLK Jr. Day



Celebration Sunday! 2026

~ January 4th ~
One Service
@ 9:30 am.

Join us as we hear reports
from the Heads of Ministry &
celebrate how God has
blessed us this past year!

Breakfast will be served in
the foyer starting at 8:30 am.

MEMBER BIO ~ BRIAN & KAREN PATTERSON



Hello, everyone!

My name is Brian Patterson and I am the music minister here at First Christian Church. I live here in Tuscola with my wife Karen, daughters Carlina and Lia, and dogs Hurley and Libby.

Karen works at Judah Christian School as the Assistant to the Leadership Team, where she has been for several years now. Carlina is a student at Parkland and beginning as a nanny for a family in Champaign. Lia is a student at Ball State University where she runs on the track team. Libby is full of energy and Hurley is old and grumpy.

We have lived in Tuscola for 6 years, and before that we were just down the road in Saint Joseph for 6 years as well. I received my PhD in theological studies in 2024, and plan to someday transition into teaching.

We all enjoy a good TV show and a chance to spend time with the dogs.

**Have a wonderful new year!
Patterson.**





Tony's Tidings:

The final days of 2025 are quickly passing by. I don't know about you, but there have been times when I have caught myself saying the year has flown by. We have had a very busy last few months. I am not sure we could have added one more event!

Thanks for the wonderful comments and encouragement for our Heart of Christmas – Advent series. It was also a very special Christmas Eve Service with 181 people in attendance.

Here is our schedule as we begin 2026:

1/4: Celebration Sunday

1/11: Jesus - The Eternal Word - John 1

1/18: Jesus The Joy Giver - John 2

1/25: Jesus - The Giver of New Birth - John 3

We will again have one service at 9:30 on 1/4/24 for Celebration Sunday. We will begin with a breakfast at 8:00 with Pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit tray, milk, juice and coffee. I hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate our accomplishments for 2025, hear updates from our heads of ministry and share our plans for 2026.

Thanks for your prayers and support as I ended up with a few unexpected health challenges this past year. I am declaring health for 2026 (Lord willing 😊) I want to thank Brian, Tim, Jenni and our Elders for their support.

Christine Caine said, *"God is already in the days ahead. Step forward in faith."* We don't know what the future holds, but praise God we know who holds the future!

I am very honored to serve with you here at FCC!

~ Tony ~

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 resume the week of January 4th.**

Celebration Sunday & Breakfast:

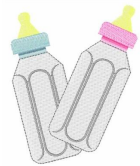
We will have one service on Sunday, January 4th at 9:30 to celebrate together & reflect on all that God has done in 2025.

Breakfast will be served in the foyer starting at 8:00. There are cards on the office window for what we will need as well as a sign-up sheet if you're available to help cook.

Change for Hope:

January is "Sanctity of Life Month, so let's "Change" it up to support Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center! Starting on Sunday, January 11th, you can grab a baby bottle or two from the table outside the office & fill it with change.

Please return all bottles to the office by Sunday, January 25th.



Flourish Women's Ministry:

* Ladies, Do you want to start the new year right?

It isn't about making resolutions. It is about learning to SOAR.

Join next Sunday, January 11 at 3:00 and get prepared to SOAR in the new year.

* Flourish Women's Ministry will be hosting bingo on January 18, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Men, women, the young and the old and everyone in between are invited! Join us for an afternoon of family fun.

Refreshments and prizes will be provided.

Operation Christmas Child:

As we kickoff the new year of collecting for our boxes, we are asking for your help! Watch for a special video on Celebration Sunday! You can also check out the bulletin board in the foyer & give what you can each month as we work towards our goal of 350 boxes in 2026! This month we are collecting hats, gloves & socks. Scan the QR code below to shop our Amazon wish list. See Jenni Boyd or Megan Reynolds with questions.



Online Services:

****Both services are live streamed on Facebook & then uploaded to YouTube later.**

Please see Brian Patterson with any questions.

Serving for Month of January

Communion Meditation:

1st Service & 2nd Service

January 4	Russel Surtees
January 11	Judy Harriss
January 18	Brian Patterson
January 25	Tony Crouch

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online</u>
December 7	112	450
December 14	69	686
December 21	136	517
December 28	132	325

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)

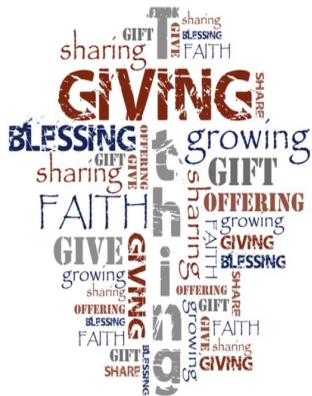
Missions we support:

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

Prayer Requests

Rachel Romine
DJ Domskey
Sandy Simpson
Eszter Szabo - Jenni Boyd's ex sister-in-law
Greg & Brenda Harris & Family
Sandy Noerenberg - Friend of Mary Knight
Kevin Bushur - Doris Pickett's nephew
Santiago SantaMaria - Shannon Murphy's grandson
Dustin Gray
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

*****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@fcctuscola.com***



December	12/7	12/14	12/21	12/28	
General Fund (Missions is 10%) (Benevolence is 5%) (Local Partners is 5%)					
	\$16,237.75	\$1,624.00	\$7,966.00	\$7,483.00	
Other Giving	132.00	0.00	515.00	0.00	
Memorial Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL	\$16,369.75	\$1,624.00	\$7,981.00	\$7,483.00	



Flourish Women's Ministry
Presents



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Family BINGO

Sunday, January 18th

Join us at 3:00 pm In the foyer

Prizes!
Popcorn!
Hot Chocolate!



**Everyone
Welcome!**



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Flourish Women's Ministry



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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