

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:

- 1 - VBS 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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- 6 - Closed to Observe Independence Day
- 11 - Community Men's Breakfast 7:30 am
- 19 - Building in Use 2:00 - 7:00 pm
- 22-31 - Jenni on Vacation

Christmas
in **JULY**

Shoebox Adoption Drive!

- * Adopt your box(es)
- * Fill it with gifts
- * Pray for the child who will receive it
- * Return it to our Packing Party

Visit the table in the foyer to adopt your boxes!
See Jenni Boyd or Megan Reynolds with questions.

Help us bless 350 children this Christmas!



FIRSTCHRISTIAN

— CELEBRATING —

AMERICA'S 250TH

★ INDEPENDENCE DAY ★

★ WE WILL BE ★ CLOSED

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING

Community Men's Breakfast

Saturday, July 11th @ 7:30 am

Northline Community Church
 300 E. Northline Rd.
 Tuscola, IL 61953

** Sign-up deadline will be Tuesday, July 7th

RSVP to Jenni at First Christian Church
 217-253-2394



Serving: pancakes, sausage gravy & biscuits, fruit, milk, juice & coffee.

Speaker will be **Darin Elder** from **Eagle Mountain Assembly of God**




• SENIOR EDUCATION MINISTRIES •

Dine with a Doc®

This month's Dine with a Doc will be on Thursday, July 23rd at 11:30am. (Speaker to be announced.)

There will be a sign-up sheet on the office door or you can call the office at (217) 253-2394.

There is no charge to attend and lunch will be provided.

FREE PEDIATRIC DENTAL DAY!

Christmas IN JULY!

DATE: **JULY 25 2026**
8AM-12PM
 FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS



				
FREE EXAMS	FREE CLEANINGS	FREE X-RAYS	FREE FLUORIDE	SCHOOL EXAM FORMS PROVIDED

⇒ UP TO AGE 15!!! ⇐

FAMILY DENTAL CARE OF CHAMPAIGN
 14 E ANTHONY DRIVE
 CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820

Healthy smiles today for a brighter tomorrow!

Tony's Tidings:

If there is one word that describes our world today, it may be "uncertainty." We live in a time of rapid change, cultural division, economic concerns, global conflicts, and personal struggles. Many people wonder where they belong and what they can depend upon when life becomes difficult.

Into that kind of world, the Apostle Peter speaks with surprising relevance. Peter wrote his first letter to Christians who were scattered throughout the Roman Empire. They were facing opposition, misunderstanding, and pressure because of their faith. Yet Peter's message is not one of fear or defeat. Instead, it is a message filled with hope. *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"* (1 Peter 1:3).

The hope Peter describes is not wishful thinking. It is a living hope rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus conquered death, believers can face every challenge with confidence that God is at work and that their future is secure. Throughout the letter, Peter reminds Christians of three important truths:

Remember Who You Are: Peter describes believers as God's chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God's special possession (1 Peter 2:9). In a culture that constantly tries to define us by our achievements, failures, politics, or possessions, Peter reminds us that our primary identity is found in Christ.

Live Differently: Peter encourages believers to be holy in every area of life. Holiness is not about isolation from the world; it is about reflecting the character of Christ within the world. Christians are called to demonstrate integrity, compassion, humility, and love even when surrounded by hostility or indifference. The greatest witness is often not what we say but how we live.

Keep Your Eyes on Eternity Peter continually points believers toward the future God has prepared for them. Suffering is real, but it is temporary. Trials are difficult, but they are not permanent. God's promises extend beyond the struggles of this present age.

The message of 1 Peter is as timely today as it was nearly two thousand years ago. When the world feels unstable, we can stand firm in Christ. When challenges arise, we can cling to our living hope. When we feel like strangers in a changing culture, we can remember that our true citizenship is in God's kingdom.

I am honored to serve with you here at FCC!

Tony

Announcements

Office Closed for Holiday:

The office will be closed on Monday, July 6th to observe Independence Day.

Men's Breakfast:

There will be a Community Men's Breakfast on Saturday, July 11th at 7:30 am at the Northline Community Church. Darin Elder from Eagle Mountain Assembly of God will be our speaker. All men are welcome! Sign-up on the office door or call Jenni at 217-253-2394.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, July 7th.

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Operation Christmas Child - Christmas in July Shoebox Adoption Drive:

We are doing a **Christmas in July Shoebox Adoption Drive!** During the month of July you are encouraged to "Adopt" a box, fill it with gifts, pray for the child who will receive it & return it to our packing party this Fall! We have **151 boxes** up for adoption! Visit the table in the foyer to adopt your boxes during Christmas in July!



Jenni on Vacation:

Jenni will be on vacation from July 23rd thru August 3rd.

Martha Rhoades will be filling in during that time & will be monitoring the office phone & emails.

****Coming up in August:**

Back to School Haircuts:

Is your budget tight with back-to-school expenses? On Sunday, August 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Flourish Women's Ministry will once again offer **FREE back to school haircuts** for students in the shed behind the church. Please sign up on the form on the office window to indicate interest. ***A parent must accompany the student during the visit.*** Haircuts are done on a first come, first served basis. **Students should arrive with clean hair.**

**** DONATIONS NEEDED!** If you would like to help provide hygiene kits for students for the **back to school haircuts**, pick a donation card from the display in the foyer. Items need to be returned by Sunday, August 2.

Online Services:

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

Please see Brian Patterson with any questions.



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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 Minister