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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:

10 - Flourish Women's Ministry 10:00 am.
Seen and Secure

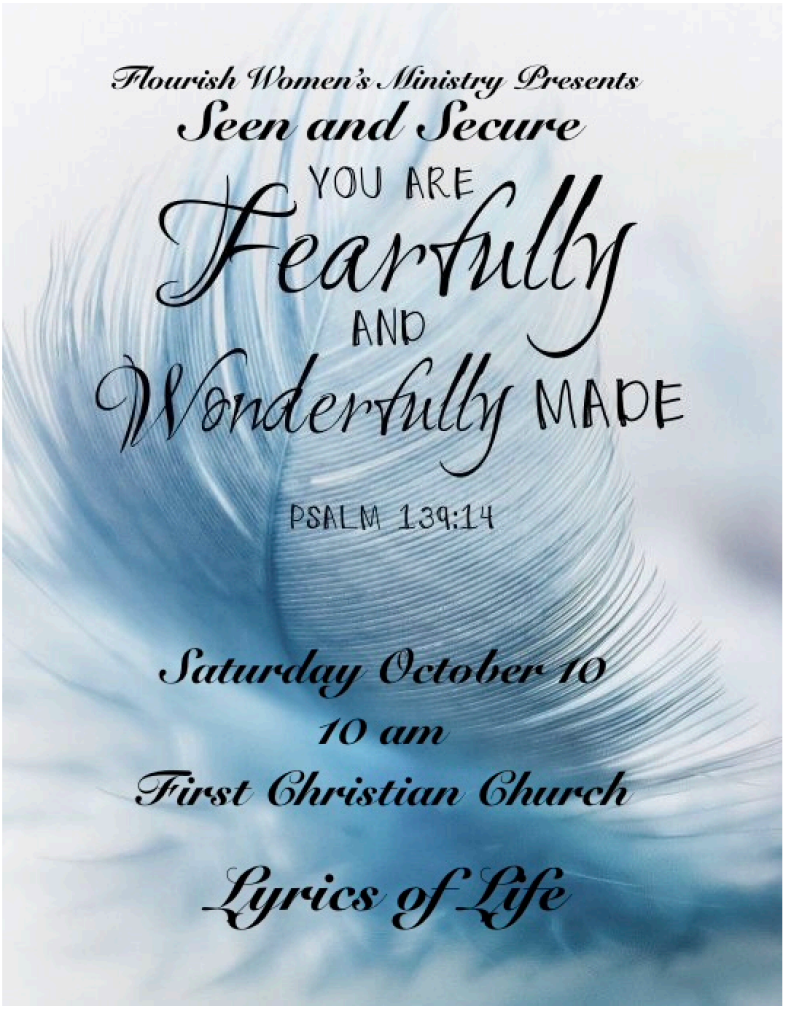
11 - Nursing Home Ministry 4:00 pm

22 - Elder's Meeting 6:30 pm

24 - The Great Give 8:00 - 11:00 am

27 - Downtown Trunk or Treat 5:00 - 7:00 pm







Help personalize our Operation Christmas Child boxes with hand written notes & pictures!

Choose from the printed forms in the foyer or make your own then return to the basket by November 1.

Every child deserves a special personalized message!

It's all about JESUS!!!

Tony's Tidings:

We are underway in our push for Operation Christmas Child. Our goal for this year is **350 boxes & $3,500** to pay the shipping cost for those boxes. It is a faith step that will stretch us from the almost 300 boxes we collected last year. We will be seeing videos for the next few weeks that will inspire us to see how God is using these shoeboxes to help reach children all over the world with the message of hope, encouragement and most importantly the offer of salvation that comes through Christ!

The impact of these boxes goes beyond the socks, toys, hats, art & school supplies to help bring joy to people who are oppressed and poor all over the world. There were a total of **12.2 million boxes** collected worldwide for Operation Christmas Child in 2025. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than **244 million** shoebox gifts to children in more than **175 countries and territories.**

Please help support children all over the world and let them know that Jesus loves them. So, it is important to make sure your gift is… **FUN** - includes a "wow" item and other quality toys – examples are Soccer balls & pumps (6 balls & pumps through Amazon for $46.99 or twelve balls & pumps for $84.99), hats & gloves. **FULL** - packed to the brim with additional school supplies and personal care items. **PERSONALIZED** - prayed over and contains a note and photo, which are often the child's favorite items!

Jenni will be updating the items that are needed. Together we can reach this goal! Special thanks to Jenni Boyd and Megan Reynolds for leading us in this endeavor.

We will be having another Great Give on Saturday 10/24 from 8:00 - 11:00 AM. Please bring gently used items. Also, we will be looking for volunteers to help with set up 10/19 - 10/22 and help on 10/24. Please let the office or Scott Clarkson know if you can help.

I am honored to serve with you here at FCC!

~ Tony ~

Announcements

Flourish Women's Ministry:

Seen and Secure - You are Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!
Join us on Saturday, October 10th at 10:00 am for a time of fellowship and encouragement from Psalm 139:14!

Nursing Home Service:

Sunday, October 11 at 4:00 pm. We will worship with the residents at Haven of Tuscola. Join us & be blessed!

Dine with a Doc: 

This month's Dine with a Doc will be on Thursday, October 22nd 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.

The Great Give:

We will host another Great Give in the shed on Saturday, October 24th from 7:00 - 11:00 am. See flyer on back cover for drop-off times. Contact Scott Clarkson at 217-841-6611 if you are able to help that week.

Downtown Trunk or Treat:

FCC will be participating in the Downtown Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 27th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Join us at the Community Building for games, trick-or-treating & hay rides with Country Learning Center. If anyone wants to donate candy please bring it to the church by October 21st.

Operation Christmas Child: 

During the month of October we will be collecting hand written notes, cards & pictures to go in each box. There are some print-outs to choose from in the foyer or you can do your own. Every box we pack needs a personal touch, so EVERYONE can get involved! Thank you so much!

Van Ministry for Youth Groups:

We have a special giving opportunity towards the purchase of a van for our Youth Ministries. If you would like to contribute, simply indicate "Van Fund" on your offering envelope or check & place it in the offering box. Thank you!

Online Services:
****Both services are live streamed on our Facebook page & then uploaded to YouTube later. Please see Brian Patterson with any questions.**

Serving for Month of October

Communion Meditation:

1st Service & 2nd Service

October 4	Judy Harriss
October 11	Craig Romine
October 18	Roger Surtees
October 25	Brian Patterson

Attendance	In Person	Online
September 6	148	201
September 13	176	161
September 20	135	149
September 27	147	150

Elders:
Chris Brown, Tony Crouch,
Kevin Kauffman & Craig Romine

Trustee:
Jeff Martin

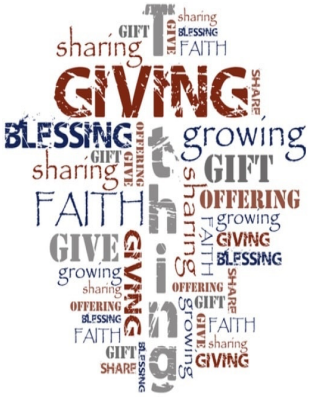
Deacon/Deaconess:
Mike & Lacrecia Otto (Benevolence)
Randy Long (Building & Grounds)
Tony Crouch (Caring)
Timothy Summerville (Youth & Family)
Alta Long (Finance)
Tony Crouch & Chris Brown (Men)
Craig Romine (Missions)
(Small Groups)
Marla Crouch (Women)
Brian Patterson (Worship)

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

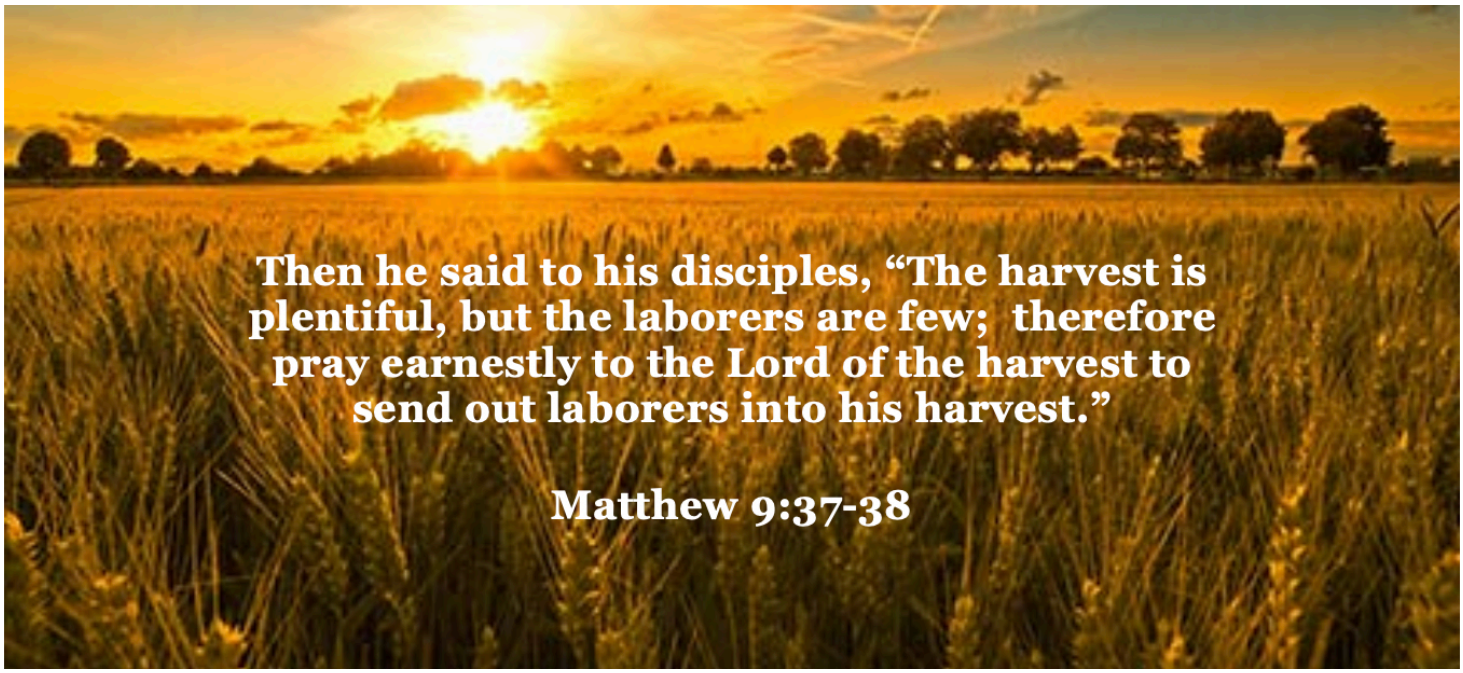
Prayer Requests

Family of Daryl and Debbie Graber
Family of David Otto
Emilya Graber
Marla Chrisagis
John Tilford - Doris Pickett's nephew
Rob and Jenni Boyd
Rena Matthews Cain
Anna Kauffman - Kevin's Mother
Josefina Gallardo Romine
Greg & Brenda Harris
Curtis Ingram
Jim & Debbie Beeson
Kurt Logan - Friend of Chris Brown
Tessa Neuner
Makayela Sexson
Tim Borries - Friend of Brian Dean
Aimee Bradshaw - Friend of Keri Dean
Mark Huff - Keri Dean's father
Terry Bassett
Rachel Romine & children
DJ Domskey - Brenda Bialeschki's son-in-law
Toby Livingston
Brad Hornaday
Michelle Everhart
Chris Brown
Rita Herbert
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 / office@fcctuscola.com



September	9/6	9/13	9/20	9/27
General Fund (Missions is 10%) (Benevolence is 5%) (Local Partners is 5%)	$12,104.00	$7,380.00	$3,506.93	$8,688.00
Other Giving	948.00	707.40	$1,141.00	21.00
Memorial Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	**$13,052.00**	**$8,087.40**	**$4,647.93**	**$8,709.00**



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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
