

The Christian Visitor April 2021



We are called to share our Christian Faith and Christ's Love with all people.

Our Life Together in April

Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt April 4th



Our annual Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt will take place on Easter morning, April 4th, beginning at 8:45am. There will be a breakfast of prepackaged foods this year, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids in attendance. Please consider joining us for this morning of fun and fellowship.

Detroit Mission Trip Informational Meeting

We are planning a mission trip this summer to Detroit, MI. This trip will be through Rippling Hope Ministry in Detroit and will be in conjunction with the region. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 18th immediately following worship for anyone who is interested in attending or has further questions.

Worship Leaders

Please consider serving as worship leader for April or May. A sign up sheet is available online or at the church.

Thank You Thank You

We would like to thank our church family for all the prayers, phone calls, messages, cards and food given to us during Noel's cancer treatment. Noel is getting closer to the end of his treatment and we continue to pray for good results. You have blessed us with your love, concern, and prayers.

Noel & Carol Hutchcraft

Small Groups

Bi-Weekly Fellowship Study

This small group meets every other Thursday at 6:00pm at Pastor Mat's house. Meeting dates for this month: April 8th & 22nd

DWM

The Disciple Women's Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. These brief gatherings provide a casual atmosphere for the women in the church to study and encourage each other in faith and family. Next meeting: April 20th at 7:00pm at the church.

Seekers

The Seekers Adult Sunday School class meets the first and third Sunday of each month at 9:15am. Meeting dates for this month: April 4th & 18th

Hustlers

Hustlers Group meets on the fourth Sunday of each month. Meeting date for this month: April 25th

Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, April 13th at 6:30 pm at the church.

If you have any items to add to the agenda, please notify the church office.

Elders Meeting

The Elders will meet on Sunday, April 18th immediately following worship.

More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

Pastor Mat's Musing April 2021

April rain is on the way. April is one of my favorite months because of the way it teases the idea of "summer" to us. Some days in April are PERFECT weather. Mid 60s weather with a slight breeze is the best weather in my humble opinion. "Summer is here," But, there are also days in the 40s with a 30 mph wind slinging water pellets like they are paintballs.

This is very reminiscent of our current relationship with Covid-19. There are days that feel so normal. We are almost there! Then the next day we're slapped with a reminder that moving on from this will be a long process of its own.

Nevertheless, spring showers bring flowers. Hold your faith near to you during this time. The April showers will be frustrating at times, but have faith that your spiritual flowers will bloom after this trying time.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Mat

Welcome Team

We are currently working on setting up a welcome team who would be responsible for greeting visitors to the church and sharing information on what the church has to offer. Contact Pastor Mat if you are interested in being on this team.

Outreach Committee

We are currently looking for people to join the outreach committee. Contact Pastor Mat if you are interested.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE THE WOMEN OF JOY Fall Tour 2021

Women have the opportunity to spend the weekend with thousands of women and to worship together and find how to EMBRACE JOY in the midst of life's turmoil and trials. There is also a live concert night. You are up close and personal with top-performing artists. This is a non denominational conference!!! ALL women are welcome!!! There are several dates available - August 13-14 in Indianapolis, Indiana, September 24-26 in San Antonio, Texas, October 1-3 in Branson, MO, and October 8-10 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity please go to <http://www.womenofjoy.org>. It would be awesome if we could take some women to this conference. Remember you could also invite a friend. Please contact Sharon Higgins if you would be interested in attending.

ATTENDANCE		SUNDAY WEEK					AVG
		1	2	3	4	5	
2020	JULY	46	44	33	-		41
2020	AUG	-	44	47	41	-	44
2020	SEPT	34	44	53	39		43
2020	OCT	45	36	46	31		40
2020	NOV	50	40	-	-	-	45
2020	DEC	-	-	-	22	-	22
2021	JAN	32	32	35	38	37	35
2021	FEB	29	19	28	34		28
2021	MAR	48	27	38	42		39

On Sundays with two services, the combined number of attendees is reported

Office Hours:
 Mon—Fri: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
 Church Phone: 217-784-5460
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April 2021

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Good Friday Office Closed	3
4 Easter Sunday 8:45 AM Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt 10:15 AM Easter Worship	5	6	7 6:00 PM Rise Youth Group	8 6:00 PM Fellowship Study	9		10
11 10:15 AM Worship 5:00 PM High School Ministry	12	13 6:30 PM Church Board	14 6:00 PM Rise Youth Group	15	16		17
18 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Elders Meeting 11:30 AM Mission Trip Meeting 5:00 PM High School Ministry	19	20 7:00 PM DWM	21 6:00 PM Rise Youth Group	22 6:00 PM Fellowship Study	23		24
25 10:15 AM Worship 5:00 PM High School Ministry 7:00 PM Hustlers	26	27	28 6:00 PM Rise Youth Group	29	30		

LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
April 2021

- 4 Carl Cains
9 Josh Johnson
Jennifer Jamison
12 Joan Ricks
13 Brecke Barnard
14 Sue Ann Rickey
Amy Rinehart
Rick and Lori Rinehart '84
17 David DeWall
21 George and Barb Meyer '01
22 Rodney and Brenda Mott '83
Cullen Neal
25 Nick Elder
28 Valerie Mouser



High School Ministry

Our High School Ministry meets each Sunday at 5:00pm in the youth room with prepackaged snacks and social distancing.



Rise Youth Group



Our Rise Middle School Youth Group meets each Wednesday at 6:00pm in the youth room with prepackaged snacks and a short lesson.

Sunday School

Sunday school classes for K-8 and adults are available on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:15am. This month's meeting dates are April 4th & 18th.



Pastor - Mat Bowen
Administrative Assistant - Jennifer Hagan
Choir Director - Tim Ricks
Church Pianist - Joan Ricks
Custodians - Jeff and Cheryl Elder

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship Service
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