

May 2025

The Christian Letter



First Christian Church
Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples for Christ



Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 Sunday School

10:00 Worship Service

(Service also streamed live via Facebook)

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Office Hours: M,T,W,TH 9am-2pm

Pastor Mike's Message

The word *holy* means “set apart” for a specific purpose—like the linen and silverware you use only on holidays. As a place where the truth about God and His Word is modeled, your home can be a holy place—set apart for His children to grow. “Our home? Holy?” Yes! But it starts at the top.

Deciding to make your home a holy place begins with you and your spouse's choice to make your relationship with the Lord a part of your everyday lives. Welcome Him into every conversation, decision, and relationship that crosses your threshold. When you pray together, remember the little things. Remember too, spiritual talk is not reserved for Sunday. In fact, many times it happens at the dinner table.

In between “pass the carrots” and “chew with your mouth closed, please” often comes the opportunity to talk about how you and your children's lives are different because you love God. As a parent, why not share something you are learning in your Bible study or through your prayer life? Invite your kids to contribute too. You might be surprised at how God is working in their hearts. But remember it takes a good eye.

It takes discernment to spot significant junctions in your children's spiritual maturity. What are their worries? Their questions and observations about life provide perfect prompts to talk about spiritual issues. These teachable moments come when you least expect them. Sometimes they are cleverly wrapped in traffic jams or waiting rooms, over a mound of dishes in the sink, or at a checkerboard breakfast table. The important moments happen when you model your relationship with God as a natural part of your daily lives. At these pivotal moments it matters what you say.

It matters what you say and how you say it. If your tone of voice changes every time you say spiritual words, your kids will conclude that your relationship with God is fake too. Be real. Let your conversation about God be as natural as talking with them about their friends or family members. Encourage their questions, even if you do not know the answers. They will not mind your not knowing, if you can discover the answer together in God's Word. And while we are talking about talking, it matters how you pray.

When you became a parent, you decided from that moment on to let your heart run around outside your body. At times, the only communications that can reach your children are the conversations you have with God about them. As you pray, think through their day. What challenges do they face? Pray for their strength as you iron their shirts, pray for their health as you fix them nourishing meals. Plead for their protection as you watch them with their friends. Pray for them with your spouse after you tuck them in at night. The result will be growing closer to God as a family.

As parents, decide to be a spiritual influence in your home—setting it apart as a place where your relationship with God is as real as the kitchen sink. Together, serve God as you serve each other—with an honest attentiveness and a willingness to be involved in every family member's growing awareness of God's plan for their lives.

In order to help facilitate some of these thoughts, I will be bringing a series of messages titled “Raising Kids God's Way” between Mother's Day and Father's Day. We will be looking at what God's Word has to say about blessing, disciplining, and releasing the children He has entrusted to us. I pray these messages will encourage and strengthen our families resulting in growing and strengthening the family of God at FCC.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am
the way, the truth, and the
life: no man cometh unto the
Father, but by me"
(John 14:6).

JESUS

WORSHIP HAPPENINGS

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Luke 21:33

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1 is Recognition Sunday. During the Worship Service, we will recognize those who are graduating this spring:

PHARMACY SCHOOL

Debbie Capabianco

COLLEGE

Cody Clark

Emma Drummonds

HIGH SCHOOL

Tyler Walter

Aubrey Alexander

Celine Reyes

Lexi Roberts

If we missed anyone, please notify the office at 540-662-1334.

GREETER SCHEDULE

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| 4 | Pat | Franzi | Rick |
| 11 | Kathy Lee | Beverly | Buck |
| 18 | Joann | Diana | Mark |
| 25 | Betty | Betsy | Matt |



Thank You!

FOR YOUR DONATION

A great big THANK YOU to those who contributed to the Central India Christian Mission building project. A total of \$4027 was collected. May God abundantly bless these gifts and the givers.



Financial Report

2025 General Operating Budget.....\$218,115.00 Amount needed weekly.....\$4,194.52
April 1st-22nd Amount Received.....\$15,264.00 Expenditures.....\$17,699.60



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