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GREETINGS FROM PASTOR KENYON

Whiter Than Snow, Psalm 51

Hard to believe that in a few short days winter will officially arrive. Now, I'll freely admit that I prefer winter over summer! You see, I absolutely hate being hot! In my mind you can always put more clothes on but you can only take so many off before they arrest you for indecent exposure!!! In addition, as a kid we always looked forward to a white Christmas and all that glorious snow to play in.

This is probably why I love the hymn, "Whiter than Snow" so much. Now, in Psalm 51 we discover an incredible spiritual truth regarding how to actually become whiter than snow. What we discover is that King David has committed an egregious sin by sleeping with his friend's wife, whom he got pregnant, then tried to cover it up, and in the end, he had his friend killed. How long did David hang onto these sins without confessing them? Long enough for a baby to be born. And long enough to no longer feel their weight.

So, the prophet Nathan tells David a story about a poor man who owned only a single lamb, which he loved like one of his children. One day his rich neighbor took the poor man's lamb and cooked it for his guests. David is enraged over this injustice and demands punishment. In fact, David wants the rich man killed. At that moment Nathan unloads four words that utterly crush David. Four words which expose everything David's hiding. As David calls for the execution of the rich lamb thief, Nathan responds by saying: "You are the man!"

Nathan confronting David is a helpful narrative picture of what the Law does to all of us. It calls a thing what it is. It exposes the heart. It accuses us—every single time! Sadly, I clearly understand David's plight because I've been there, I've been named "the man"—and I'm pretty sure you have too. That's the power of God's law as it calls us out, and the hammer God uses to break us down. I'm so very grateful for Nathan and people like him, who help point out our blind spots and in-turn allow us to seek repentance and God's forgiveness.

This truth really stands out when you read Psalm 51:7. Here we find David pleading for forgiveness and he makes an incredible statement. He asks for his sin to be purged—to be made clean. And then the verse states that if God washes him, he will be whiter than snow. Did you catch that? Not "white as snow" but "whiter than snow." It's as if David is unable to find an example to accurately compare the purity that flows from God washing a sinner. The winter snow is the best example David can come up with, but it still falls short.

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## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR KENYON

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You see, when a sinner is forgiven—when they're washed—when they're baptized into the forgiveness and grace of God, they don't come out WHITE as snow, they come out WHITER.

The pure driven snow has nothing on the imputed righteousness of Christ. The radical truth is this: when the Law comes in and rightly names us "the man", Jesus enters the scene and states: "No... I am the man." Jesus became every sin that condemned David, and He has become every sin that condemns you or me. Jesus became "the man" for the whole world of sinners. The cross of Christ is where perfection took away sin and sinners attained perfection. This cross is the gory and grizzly display of pure grace in which the world is declared righteous. For every sinner/saint on the run. For every transgressor in hiding. Jesus has been named "the man" for you. Come stand in the light. You're not white as snow. You wear Christ's righteousness, and that's a whole lot whiter than snow ever will be.

Blessings, Pastor Kenyon





## THE POWER OF PRAYER

If you would like to add or edit a prayer need or praise on the list, please call the church office.

Join us on Wednesdays; at noon or 6:30 p.m., as we come together for prayer.



Frank Fuller, Dave Donovan, Betty Rush, Jerry Chambers, Brenda Smith, Marsha Coffman, Annette, Dorothy McGhee, Janie Henderson, L.C. & Cindy Hill, Jaiden Emmons, Terri Nunnery, Jeremy Johnston, Robert Fulton, & Patty Griffith Also, our Military– Annika H., Alex K., & Meaghan I.

The ministry, outreach and leadership of FCC Local Needs: Our Church Family including the shut-ins, Meals on Wheels, Allen County Ministerial Alliance food pantry ~ Hope Unlimited domestic violence interventions ~ Pregnancy Resource Center finances and curriculum needs ~ Spiritual Awakening in our church and community

**Global Needs** ~ Peace in Jerusalem and Israel that they may turn to their Messiah ~ Global Community and the need for God-fearing leaders ~ Christians persecuted throughout the world, Israel– AT WAR; Pray for Rain for wildfires/ fire control in the US







## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### First Christian Church Board Meeting November 09, 2025

#### In Attendance:

David Donovan  
Edna Donovan  
Bill Hobbs  
Judy McGraw  
Duane McGraw  
Susan Locke

John Scovill  
Cindy Scovill  
Michelle Scovill  
Donna Kaehr  
Skylar Starke

Traci Ridge  
Steven Uitts  
Helen Uitts  
Tom Sayles  
Kenyon Kaehr

John Scovill called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. The minutes of the October 2025 board meeting were reviewed. John asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. There being no corrections or additions, John asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Traci Ridge made the motion, Judy McGraw seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

John called for the treasurer's report. Traci Ridge reported that we had a balance of \$107,708.76 in the general fund. She reported that there is a balance of \$10,420.95 in the youth fund. She also noted that she paid the insurance premium of approximately \$4,000.00 this month. We had an ending balance in the checking account of \$141,609.95 and \$51,851.26 in the CD at Community National Bank & Trust. We had \$56,415.33 in the building maintenance fund and \$37,981.36 in the investment fund at Edward Jones. At the end of October, we had total assets of \$287,857.90. John asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Helen Uitts made the motion. Cindy Scovill seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

John then called for committee reports.

Worship Committee: no report.

Membership Committee, Skylar Starke: nothing new to report.

Memorial Committee: no report.

Christian Education Committee, Donna Kaehr: Donna reminded everyone that the church Christmas program will be presented on December 14.

Church Super, Helen Uitts: We had an average attendance of 29 in Sunday School and 72 in worship services in October.

Mission & Outreach Committee: Traci reported that the committee did meet to decide on the 2026 donations, but she did not have any details.

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Property & Facilities, Bill Hobbs & Dave Donovan: Dave said that he got the handicap door working again. There was a broken wire that has been replaced. Bill said that he is checking on the timers for the outdoor lighting and replacing the exterior light bulbs. Pastor Kenyon said that the organ repairman recommended keeping the sanctuary temperature set at 60° when not in use. Traci reported that she replaced the shredder in the office.

Church Clerk, Judy McGraw: no changes in October.

John called for unfinished business. There being no unfinished business to discuss, John then called for new business.

Traci prepared an annual budget for 2026. Traci reported that she kept the same total as last year and just adjusted the category totals. She did add the youth pastor's salary into the new budget. The highlights are as follows:

### **Administrative & General Operating**

- Added Youth Pastor Salary - \$55,000.00
- Decrease Secretary Salary – (\$4,395.09)
- Decrease FICA and Nursery – (\$605.20)
- Decrease Office Supplies – (\$500.00)
- Decrease Postage & Box Rent – (\$250.00)
- Decrease Annual Report & Other Fees – (\$80.00)

**Total Administrative & General Operating – increase \$49,169.71**

### **Education Department**

No change

### **Membership Department**

- Increase Church Dinners - \$500.00
- Decrease Fellowship Supplies – (\$550.00)

**Total Membership – decrease (\$50.00)**

### **Pastoral Relations**

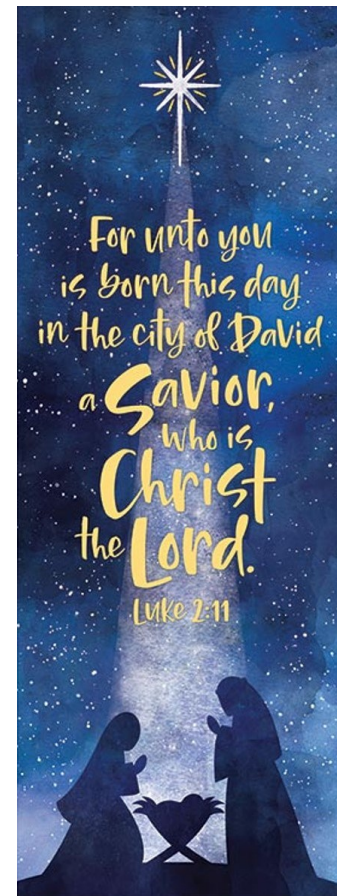
No change

### **Missions**

No change

### **Local Missions Outreach**

No change



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### Property & Equipment Department

- Increase Church Insurance - \$500.00
- Decrease Parsonage Utilities – (\$800.00)
- Decrease Cleaning – (\$600.00)
- Decrease Parsonage Maintenance – (\$1,000.00)

**Total Property & Equipment Department – decrease (\$1,900.00)**

### Worship Department

- Decrease Supplies – (\$500.00)

**Total Worship Department – decrease (\$500.00)**

### Van Rent & Auto Mileage

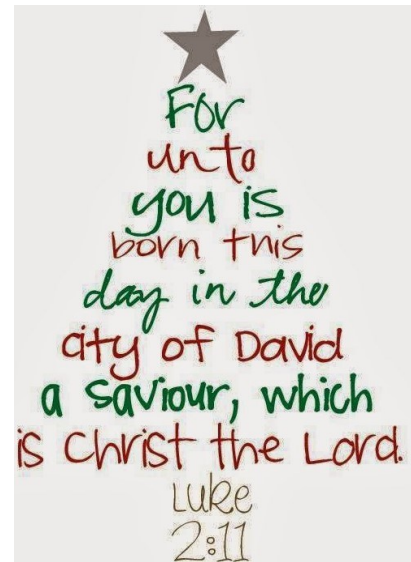
- No change

### Total Budget

- 2025 Budget - \$146,995.20
- 2025 Actual to Date - \$117,682.32
- Est. 2025 Expenses - \$133,284.78
- Proposed 2025 Budget - \$193,714.91
- Increase - \$46,719.71

### Total Budget & Debt Retirement

- Total 2025 - \$203,320.11
- Total Actual - \$168,027.53
- Total Estimated - \$203,320.11
- Total 2026 - \$203,320.11
- Monthly Giving Needed 2025 - \$16,943.34
- Monthly Giving Needed 2026 - \$16,943.34



John called for a motion to approve the proposed 2026 budget and put it before the congregation for a vote. Skylar Starke made a motion to approve the proposed 2026 budget. Helen seconded, and the motion passed. Pastor Kenyon will have a notice placed in the bulletin to schedule the vote by the congregation on the proposed 2026 budget for December 14. Copies of the proposed budget are available upon request.

Pastor Kenyon gave a report for the Youth Ministry Committee. The committee met last Thursday, Nov. 6. The committee set the salary range for the new youth minister between \$45,000.00 and \$55,000.00, based on experience. A help wanted ad was prepared and will be sent this week to Ozark Christian College, Manhattan, and Summitt. All applicants will receive a response.





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John called for the pastor's report. Pastor Kenyon said that he and Donna will be going to visit their son Zane's family November 23 -28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. He also said that the church Christmas program on December 14 will be held in lieu of a sermon.

John mentioned that he is having a conversation with the Your Community Foundation about joining their organization in order to potentially pursue endowment grants for the Food Pantry.

There being no further new business to discuss, John called for a motion to adjourn. Helen made the motion, Traci seconded, and the motion passed.

Pastor Kenyon gave the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Locke  
Board Secretary





## Elder

Matthew Powe

## Diaconates

Susan Locke, Suzan Emmons,  
Evan Powe, Bill Hobbs

## PowerPoint

12/07 - Charmanne Sayles  
12/14 - Chris Sayles  
12/21 - Bill Hobbs  
12/28 - Travis Hermstein

## Nursery Volunteers

Gina Powe  
Charlah Green  
Cindy Hill

## Greeter

Otis Babcock



Chicken Broth  
Canned Chicken  
Canned Chili  
SpaghettiOs  
Peanut Butter

Saltine Crackers  
Boxed Potatoes  
Oatmeal Packets  
Shelf- Milk  
Egg Noodles

## Ladies Lunch

11:30 A.M. @ ROOKIES

3RD MONDAY OF EACH  
MONTH

## Women's Ministry Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m.

**2ND MONDAY OF  
EACH MONTH**

### REMEMBER!!!

Save your UPC labels  
For our Missionary Fund

~Thank you!



## Confirmation Class

Some Bible, a little bit of  
prayer, a dash of faith  
and a WHOLE LOT OF  
JESUS!

Pastor Kenyon will be teaching a Confirmation Class open to  
anyone who would like a review of basic Christian beliefs  
and doctrine.

Hope to see you there!

**Every Wed. Evening**  
\* Wed. 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
\* Where: Church Library



Total Monthly amount needed:  
\$16,943.19

November combined giving: \$17,397.00

**BUDGET MET FOR THE MONTH!!! 102%!!!**



# December

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                   | MONDAY                                                                                                                          | TUESDAY                                                                    | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                | THURSDAY                                                                                              | FRIDAY                                                                                                  | SATURDAY                                                   |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1</b><br><br>Matthew Powe<br><br><i>FH- Reserved</i>                                                                         | <b>2</b>                                                                   | <b>3</b><br><br>       | <b>4</b>                                                                                              | <b>5</b>                                                                                                | <b>6</b><br><br>Heather Mentzer<br><br><i>FH- Reserved</i> |
| <b>7</b><br><br>                                                                                         | <b>8</b><br><br>                               | <b>9</b><br><br>Peggy Luken                                                | <b>10</b><br><br>      | <b>11</b><br><br>   | <b>12</b>                                                                                               | <b>13</b>                                                  |
| <b>14</b><br><br><br> | <b>15</b><br><br><i>FH- Reserved</i><br><br> | <b>16</b><br><br>Karen Trester<br>Brian Donovan<br><br><i>FH- Reserved</i> | <b>17</b><br><br>  | <b>18</b><br><br> | <b>19</b><br><br>Bernadine Snodgrass                                                                    | <b>20</b>                                                  |
| <b>21</b><br><br>Kathryn Herder                                                                                                                                                          | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>23</b>                                                                  | <b>24</b><br><br><br>*NO SPARKS*                                                                      | <b>25</b><br><br> | <b>26</b><br><br>Denise Mentzer                                                                         | <b>27</b>                                                  |
| <b>28</b><br><br>Corbin Manbeck                                                                                                                                                          | <b>29</b><br><br>Phyllis Lueker                                                                                                 | <b>30</b><br><br>Randall & Betsy Bunnell<br><br>Kandra Manbeck             | <b>31</b><br><br>Wade Michael Donovan<br><br>*NO SPARKS*                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                         |                                                            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                            | <b>Wednesdays</b><br><b><u>Prayer 12:00 &amp; 6:30 p.m.</u></b>                                                                                                                          |  = Choir Practice |  = Sparks & Embers | Happy Birthday<br>Happy Anniversary                        |