

# Christian Courier



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**Connecting people to Christ  
through worship, study, and relationships,  
magnifying God's love and grace for all.**

May 28, 2026

## Graduation Celebration This Sunday

We will celebrate our graduates this Sunday, May 31. Graduates in attendance will be recognized during the announcements as well as a special reception during fellowship time. Graduates we have been made aware of include Mitchell Miller (Kaskaskia College) and Kaylee McCormick (Sandoval Jr. High). If there are additional graduates that plan to be in worship Sunday, please contact Randy Fark or Pastor Adam ASAP. There will be a basket in fellowship hall should you desire to bring cards.

## Disciples Ladies Lunch June 2

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 2. We plan to meet at 11:30 at Jades in Central City for lunch. All ladies are welcome! Good food and wonderful fellowship! Contact Dottie for more information.

## Father's Day June 21 - Sundaes Sunday

Join us Sunday, June 21, as we celebrate all men with special recognition during the announcements and an *ice cream sundaes bar* during fellowship time!

## Celebrating Pastor Adam June 28

On Sunday, June 28, we will celebrate Pastor Adam's one year anniversary with First Christian Church. Please plan to attend worship and stay for a reception in the fellowship hall.

## Congratulations!

Congratulation to grandparents, Clay & Kyla Beaver, on the birth of Ella Paige, born April 4. Ella was welcomed home by Charli, and parents Brandon & Lauren Beaver.

## FYI

~ Elders will continue to meet the second Sunday of the month but the time of the meeting has been changed to **8:30 am**.

~ The board will meet on the **third Monday** of the month at **6 pm**.

## In Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with:

- ✠ The family of Mary Jane Wyatt, (Malinda Claybourn's sister)
- ✠ The family of Tom Tyndall (Sandy Rolf's brother-in-law)

## Prayer Requests

### Joys & Thanksgiving

Being in church  
All the blessings from God  
All mothers & mother figures  
Enjoying family home for Mother's Day  
Our sons, Our family & friends  
My family, This faith family, My faith family  
Home, family  
Jesus  
Mitchell's graduation  
Graduation parties  
All the blessings God sends, daily blessings  
Bells in worship today  
Remember Jesus love you  
Sunshine

### Guidance & Vision

The family of Tom Tyndall  
The family of Mary Jane Wyatt  
Caregivers—all those caring for others  
Homeless individuals  
Our country, division in our country, conflict  
All veterans as well as those currently serving  
Our troops  
War and conflicts around the world

### Health & Healing Concerns

Virgilia Detering  
Micki Kennedy  
Terri Rogers  
Jim Beasley  
Lora Timmons  
Steve & Ellen Stein  
Sandy Rolf  
John Metcalf & Sharon Smith  
Gayla Gibson  
Judy Tyndall  
Donnie Wyatt  
Rhonda, Susie, Ron Marshall  
Kenny, Erwin  
Lisa Franz, Leslie Beasley, Greg Beasley  
Grimes family, Valencia family, Fox family  
Kathleen, Kelsey, Brenda  
Jim & Martha  
Theresa Ullman  
Barb Rinderer  
My students, My boss, My job  
Those in chronic pain, cancer and declining abilities  
Those who are lonely, grieving, and afraid  
All who are sick or in a hospital, nursing home, etc.

### Members & Friends at Home or Long Term Care Facilities:

Micki Kennedy      Joyce Beasley  
John Metcalf      Glen Burkett  
Steve & Ellen Stein      Sam Wilkinson

## Pastor's Note - June 2026

Hello Disciples!

For those of us whose lives revolve around school calendars, we have entered in an annual time of transition. The school year comes to an end - some of us graduate and prepare for what's next, others finish out another year knowing there are more still ahead. Some see summer as a time of rest and relaxation, and others get ready for a busy season and the different challenges that it may bring.

With Pentecost Sunday behind us, we've entered a similarly transitional time. Some call it "Ordinary Time" for the way the weeks are counted ("ordinal" numbers: first, second, third, etc.) and because it stands outside of other holy seasons. It is often described as a time for growth. Coincidentally (or maybe not), after Pentecost, the early church saw a whole lot of growth. Their time of face-to-face instruction was over, school was out, Jesus was ascended, and then the Holy Spirit arrived on the scene to get stuff done. The Spirit pushed and pulled Disciples further and further from Jerusalem, ever overturning and dismissing the human-established boundaries that previously boxed people in and inhibited the unity and flourishing of God's Children: cultural and religious identities (Jew/gentile), political positions and affiliations (Roman citizen/noncitizen), and social hierarchies (rich/poor, slave/free, male/female). More and more people found themselves drawn into the powerful and loving presence of God, welcomed to the growing table of the Lord. In word and deed, Disciples witnessed to the Good News: Jesus is alive and humanity has seen the first glimpses of the Realm of God.

Whether the beginning of summer marks a change for your day-to-day or not, the same Spirit that overturned boundaries and tore down walls in the early Church is still on the move today. It may not mean that we travel further and further to share the good news of Jesus, but it definitely does mean that God still calls Disciples to witness to the Gospel in word and deed. Nearly 2000 years removed from those early days, there is no "proof" of Jesus's death and resurrection we can offer - just our testimony of how God has moved in our lives, directed our paths, and called us to love beyond our carefully-constructed boxes. The evidence of God's transformation in us should be a clear and powerful witness to the Gospel. And if you don't feel like your words and deeds bear the mark of good news, well you're in luck: we've entered the season of growth. God's arms are open wide, the Spirit is ready and willing to get to work, and the Church is here to meet you where you're at and walk alongside you. A bigger table means you're welcome, too.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  4:30-Bells of Praise	2  11:30-Disciples Ladies lunch at Jade in Central City	3  CCBA Food Pantry 9a-12p/1p-4p  6-Bible Study	4  5:30 Prayer Time in Chapel	5	6
7 <i>Worship with Flavor</i>  9:15 Breakfast 9:30 Worship in FH 10:45 Sunday School	8  4:30-Bells of Praise	19	10  CCBA Food Pantry 9a-12p/1p-4p  6-Bible Study	11	12	13
14 8:30 Elders Meeting 9:30 Worship Sanctuary 10:45 Sunday School  1:30 Coin Club in FH	15  4:30-Bells of Praise  6-Board Meeting	16	17  CCBA Food Pantry 9a-12p/1p-4p  6 Bible Study  <b>12-Courier Articles Due</b>	18	19	20
21 <i>Father's Day Sundaes Sunday!</i>  8:30 Outreach Meeting 9:30 Worship Sanctuary 10:45 Sunday School	22  4:30-Bells of Praise	23	24  CCBA Food Pantry 9a-12p/1p-4p  6-Bible Study	25  6:30-Thyme to Garden Fellowship Hall	26	27
28 <i>Celebrate Pastor Adam</i>  9:30 Worship Sanctuary 10:45 Reception for Pastor Adam 10:45 Sunday School	29  4:30-Bells of Praise	30				

## *June Birthdays*

- 1 Cathy Parrish
- 3 Rebekah Brooks  
Lisa Meyer
- 5 Tobi Pennington
- 14 Doug Kell
- 19 Michelle Haake
- 20 Richard Wilkinson  
Charlie Albert  
John Randolph  
Brandon Beaver
- 23 Craig Alcorn  
Terri Rogers  
Angie Wilkinson
- 25 Jesse Shelton



### **June Anniversaries**

- 1 Jim & Joyce Beasley
- 2 David & Debbie Mitchell
- 13 Paul & Kathy Branch
- 29 Brian & Misty Huff

### **Youth Birthdays:**

### **June Elders**

- Communion Calling: Nina Scattergood
- 7 Margie Burgess
  - 14 Heather Rinderer
  - 21 Peggy Amason
  - 28 Malinda Claybourn

### **June Liturgists**

- 7 Dottie McCormick
- 14 Clint Burgess
- 21 Sandy Rolf
- 28 Malinda Claybourn

### **June Deacons**

- 7 Mitchell Miller & Jaiden Detering
- 14 Paul & Kathy Branch
- 21 Sherry Brooks & Debi Herrell
- 28 David Detering & Oscar Rinderer

### **June Greeters**

- 7 Gayla Gibson & Evia Stephenson
- 14 Mitchell Miller & Jaiden Detering
- 21 Paul & Kathy Branch
- 28 Sherry Brooks & Debi Herrell

### **June Coffee Fellowship Host**

- 7 Worship with Flavor—Graduation Celebration
- 14
- 21 Sundae Sunday for Father's Day
- 28

### **June Sound Engineers**

- 7 Fellowship Hall
- 14 Beau McCormick
- 21 David Detering
- 28 Beau McCormick