

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

AUGUST 9, 2026

FRIENDS OF FAITH,

THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY! At 11:30 we are going to count how many women/girls and how many men/boys. The losers will serve the winners delicious chocolate!

It's all in fun but we really want to let everyone know that they count here at FCC! There's an entire book in the Old Testament called "Numbers." Numbers matter to God, and they should matter to us. We want to do our best to reach as many as we can with the love of Jesus in these last days.



forgetting the things which are behind, reaching forth to the things which are before, we press toward the mark of the High Calling! Philippians 3:13

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, we will begin our PRAYER CHAIN for our 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2026. We are praying for three victories.

1st that our congregation of faithful followers will be revived.

2nd that the "friends of faith" who have drifted would return. And,

3rd that brand new seekers will be found and brought into our community of faith.

We are thrilled that EVANGELIST NATHAN KLINE will be preaching, THE JEWETTS will be singing, and we will have a FANTASTIC 30TH CELEBRATION with Dinner on the Grounds and Community Singing. Mark it on your calendar and join us.

ONWARD!

WE PRESS ON

We press toward the mark of the high calling of God.

PHILIPPIANS 3:16

Notice Paul does not say "I accidentally" head toward the mark..." He does not say "I coast toward the mark..." He does not say "I carelessly go for the mark..." Paul "pressed" with purpose, passion, and effort. That's our determination.

How far would we go for Christ and for those He loves? No one could rightfully accuse our Savior of failing to do all that heaven could do to win the love of the lost.

After a day of successful ministry along the Sea of Galilee, our Lord and His disciples boarded a ship and headed for Gadara. A late-night storm threatened our Lord's mission and frightened His disciples. Rushing to waken the sleeping Savior, the disciples cried, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" Jesus rose to the occasion, calming the storm "Peace be still" and assuring his disciples, "Oh ye of little faith."

As dawn broke their ship glided into Gadara near the cemetery. Stepping onto the shore Jesus immediately walked toward a tormented, uncontrollable, demon-possessed man. Scarred and bleeding from self-inflicted wounds he fell at the Lord's feet as the demons within him cried out. Jesus ordered them into a nearby herd of swine. The demons immediately drove the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea killing everyone of them.

It appears that the only reason our weary Lord faced the midnight storm, and Gadarene cemetery was to win one distressed demon possessed man. How far would we go for one?

On to winning hearts to Christ!

On to teaching minds to think like Christ!

On to living lives of love like Christ!

On to reaching our families, friends, and acquaintances with the wonderful grace of Jesus!

"Forgetting...reaching...press toward the mark of the high calling of God!"

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Bringing God's Word To Life!
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30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
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Welcome to FCC!

*We trust you sense God's presence & that you feel very welcome here.
 Please let us know how we may help you.*

10:15 a.m.
ADULT BIBLE CLASS

5:30 p.m.
PRAYER GATHERING

11:00 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP

6:00 p.m.
PRAISE & PREACHING

— THE CRUSADER'S CREED —

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of Heaven and Earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; descended into the grave, the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church,
 the inspired infallible Word of God
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and
 the life everlasting. AMEN.

Scripture of the Month

Each month we are encouraging God's people to memorize a passage of Scripture

ACTS 2

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

NEWSLINE

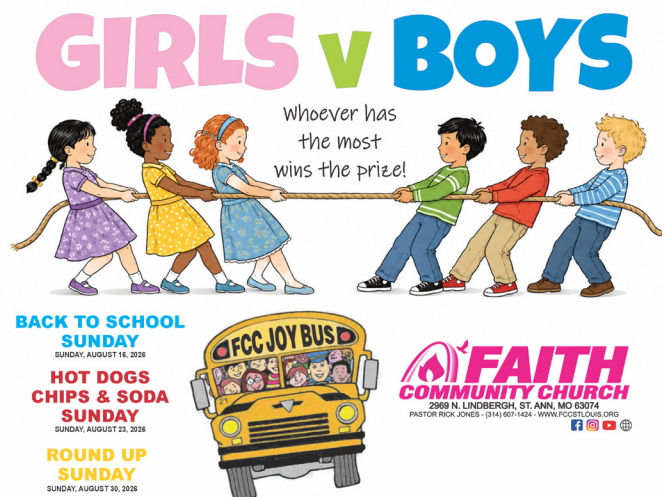
Important Announcements and Updates

■ **THANK YOU FOR COMING!** Thanks for checking in with Christy in the lobby. You may text (314) 607-1424 or e-mail: PastorRick@FCCStLouis.org, or fill out a contact card on our welcome table.

■ **JOIN US THIS THIS MORNING FOR THE ADULT BIBLE CLASS (ABC) WITH RODGER YOUNG** 10:15 a.m

■ **THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO THE LORD** The Lord loves cheerful givers. You can not outgive God!. GIVE ONLINE WWW.FCCSTLOUIS.ORG or at FCCStLouisMO@gmail.com, or 2969 N Lindbergh, St. Ann, MO 63074.

AUGUST	YEAR TO DATE	2026 GOAL	ATT. 8/1
\$2,225	\$102,448	\$226,000	98



■ **BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY WILL BE AUGUST 16**

We would like to be sure every student has supplies. We will have special prayer for those returning to the classroom. If you would like to give a gift for that purpose we will be grateful.

■ **WE ARE NOW LIVE WITH OUR COMPLETELY REDESIGNED WEB PAGE WWW.FCCSTLOUIS.ORG**

Watch for this rollout and then the introduction of our FCC App to go live during our 30th Anniversary Week.

■ **OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26.** At that meeting we will nominate Deacons and Trustees for the coming term. Those who sign the

PRAYER & PRAISE

Reports of Answered Prayers and Your Requests

■ BRO BILL BASSETT'S MOTHER PASSED last weekend.
 ■ RALPH BULLAR will have surgery soon.
 ■ DARLENE BULLAR
 ■ WILL WOODS has apparently passed away.
 ■ KRIS CAMPBELLS FAMILY
 ■ TRESSA is improving.
 ■ ART HASSINGER appreciates our prayers at the loss of Debbie.
 ■ NICOLE CASSELL
 ■ CHARLOTTE COLONNA
 ■ JOE EARLE
 ■ KRIS MAUER is improving.
 ■ YVONNE MASON'S MOTHER
 ■ MARISSA EARLE GRISHAM is the happy mother of McCoy!
 ■ REMEMBER THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS in our church family.
 ■ DIANNE LYTLE BEVERLY
 ■ JOSIE'S FAMILY
 ■ ALEC KUSMANOFF
 ■ RALPH BULLAR
 ■ PRAY FOR TODAY'S SERVICES.
 ■ PRAY for our NATION,
 ■ RICK FEGER

■ SCOTT FEGER
 ■ RON FEGER
 ■ BENJAMIN EARLE
 ■ BROTHER GARY OLIVER'S SISTER NORMA
 ■ CHARLOTTE LOCKHART
 ■ CHRISTY DODSON
 ■ BLANCA ALMANZA
 ■ The recently bereaved families of STEPHEN GIBSON, BARBIE SHREVES, SHARON KLOPOTSKI, MAGGIE SOHN'S SISTER, PEGGY KING, MARY HOWSDEN, TAMMY LEWIS,
 ■ LEA KILLAM .
 ■ ADELINE GREAVES
 ■ JANE FEGER
 ■ YVONNE MASON
 ■ DIANNE's brother MARK LYTLE
 ■ DAISY GOODRICH
 ■ DIANNE BEVERLY.
 ■ JODY OLIVER
 ■ MIKE & BETTY JOBBINS
 ■ NORMA OLIVER
 ■ ED HENDRICKSON
 ■ SHARON NICKELSON
 ■ DONNA HURLBUT

Crusaders Covenant will receive ballots. It is exciting to see how God is working in and through FCC.

■ **30th ANNIV. REVIVAL IS SEPTEMBER 16-20 WITH EVANGELIST NATHAN KLINE AND THE SINGING JEWETTS**



PLAN YOUR VISIT

You're INVITED!

SUNDAYS 11A & 6P

