

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

AUGUST 23, 2026

FRIENDS OF FAITH,

Welcome to FCC. We are 4 weeks away from ONWARD WEEK, our 30th Anniversary Celebration. .

On Wednesday we launched our 30 day ONWARD IN PRAYER chain. Daily texts, reels, and a daily devotion at www.reachingforth.blogspot.com are reminders to seek the LORD in prayer. We are praying that the faithful will be revived, that the drifting will come home to Christ, and that new seekers will be found and won to Christ and brought into our community of faith.



It was great to have nearly 20 at our first G1 (God First) youth gathering on Friday. We will meet again this coming Friday.

Today we have hotdogs and chips and drinks for our Sunday School kids, and Sunday, Aug 30 is ROUND UP SUNDAY and Baby McCoy Dedication day.

This coming Wednesday, we will take a few minutes of Glad Hour for a census of those qualified and willing to serve in church leadership positions. Those who sign the Crusaders Covenant will nominate deacons who may be appointed by the Pastor for the coming year. We are deeply grateful for all who volunteer and support to keep FCC moving forward.

Please pray now, and throughout the day, that God's presence would be felt in every heart today.

ONWARD!

THE PRAYER GOD NEVER ANSWERS

...reaching forth to the things that are before...

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

THERE IS ONE PRAYER that God never answers—The prayer that is not prayed. AND There is one prayer that God always answers—The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous person—and the righteous know sooner or later that God answered, and that His answer was good, acceptable and perfect. (James 5:16, Romans 12:2)

With the Sovereign Creator of the universe prepared to act in behalf of the righteous Satan is determined to keep God's people from praying.

Samuel Chadwick was right, "The one concern of the devil is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, or prayerless Christian activities. The devil laughs at our toil, mocks our wisdom, but trembles when we pray."

I suppose that every Christian agrees. Prayer is vital. Prayer is effective. Prayer changes things. And God's answers to our prayers have been nothing less than amazing. And yet, how often do we set aside time in our day to get alone with God and seek His face?

Jesus told us to shut the door to all the distractions of life and pray in a secret place. He promised that His Father who sees in secret would reward us openly. Here's our challenge. Will you pray?

Will you shut the door to all the distractions of daily living for 10 or 20 or 30 or more minutes a day to seek the Lord? Will you turn off the screens—smart phones, dumb phones, video screens, gaming screens, ipads, computers, televisions—and seek the Lord?

Will you set aside social media—snap chat, Instagram, twitter, and FaceBook—so that you can face the King of Kings in prayer?

Pray fervently, consistently, righteously (with purity of heart), and persistently until God answers. And finally, we must pray pray limply. That is not stiffly making demands, but willingly surrendered to God's answer—whatever that may be. Onward on our knees.

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ONWARD!

— 30 YEARS —



WELCOME
8/23/26
TO FCCST.LOUIS

FORGETTING
the things that
are behind, and
REACHING
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PRESS TOWARD
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PHILIPPIANS 3:13,14

30th
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

September 20, 2026

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

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

PHILIPPIANS 3

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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 JOE EARLE** 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. 8/16
\$8,322	\$106,399	\$226,000	92



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

ONWARD WEEK

SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2026

You're Invited!

Five inspiring days of preaching, singing, fellowship and renewed hope.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 • 7 PM
Remembering—30 Years of God's Faithfulness

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 • 7 PM
Rekindling—Revival Begins in Us

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 • 7 PM
Restoring—A Night of Grace and Homecoming

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 • 6 PM
Reaching—Community Celebration

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 • 11 AM & 6 PM
Celebrating God's Faithfulness
• Dinner • Afternoon Singing

SPECIAL GUESTS

- Nathan Kline
- The Jewetts
- Bishop Jones
- Pastor Rick, Vickie & Tressa

“ Forgetting those things which are behind... I press toward the mark. ”
PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14

PLAN YOUR VISIT

BELIEVE. BELONG. BECOME.

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PRAYER & PRAISE Reports of Answered Prayers and Your Requests

■ THE EARLES and GRISHAMS have battled through covid! PTL they are recovering.
■ BRO BILL BASSETT'S FAMILY
■ RALPH BULLAR will have out patient surgery on Friday.
■ DARLENE BULLAR
■ GILDA LOZANO
■ TRESSA is improving.
■ ART HASSINGER appreciates our prayers at the loss of Debbie.
■ CHARLOTTE COLONNA
■ JOE EARLE
■ KRIS MAUER
■ YVONNE MASON'S MOTHER
■ MARISSA EARLE GRISHAM is the happy mother of McCoy! We will dedicate him next Sunday.
■ REMEMBER THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS in our church family.
■ DIANNE LYTLE BEVERLY
■ JOSIE'S FAMILY
■ ALEC KUSMANOFF
■ 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 KLOPOTOSKI, 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
■ SISTER BETTY OGLESBY
■ DEBBIE FULLER
■ KRIS CAMPBELL
■ CURT & JANE DACUS.

■ **GLAD HOUR MEETS ON WEDNESDAY AT 7PM.**

Singing, prayer, and a Bible Study highlight this special mid-week faith lift. Hope to see you this 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 Crusaders Covenant will receive ballots. It is exciting to see how God is working in and through FCC.

■ **THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE** will meet on Thursday, August 27 at 6:00pm. We are thankful for our Deacons Ron Feger, Gary Oliver, Jon Hurlbut, and Josh Bissey.

■ **G-1 (God First) TEENS WILL MEET UP THIS COMING FRIDAY 6PM** Middle school and High School students are urged to come and bring a friend.

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

■ **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!** You make FCC move.