



FIRST
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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FCC children (age 4 years - 5th grade) are going to “Share Christmas” by singing carols to our friends who cannot worship with us in person and at our Senior Adult Dinner. Sign-ups and information are available at the Station.

Schedule/Times:

December 7th 5:00-7:00pm Rehearsal
December 14th 2:00-7:00pm Caroling and Dinner

Volunteers are greatly appreciated.
We need parents to meet the 2-adult rule requirements and assistants to help guide children.

**Mustard Seed Network
Kyoto, Japan**

Brandon, Kinsey, Rachel and Logan had a great time visiting Jared & Stephanie Henke. They walked nearly 8 miles a day, ate several Japanese meals and spent time with the Mustard Seed Kyoto church and the Henke family. They were encouraged to hear what God is doing in their church, while humbled to think that only 1% of Japan is Christian.

Brandon, Kinsey, Rachel and Logan look forward to sharing their Kyoto, Japan experience with us sometime in the near future.



The Reporter can also be viewed online at www.fccsaalem.net

January Newsletter deadline: December 15th (This includes all newsletter, calendar and scheduling items.)

FCC LEADERS

MINISTRY TEAM:

Phil Martin
Lead Minister

Dave Jarrett
Creative Arts Minister

Jesse Brinkley
Children's Minister

Logan West
Student Minister

Trisha Mosbarger
Secretary

ELDERS:

Wyett Coldasure
Cory Crane
Brandon Howe
Phil Martin
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For more information including sermon downloads and more please go to: www.fcssalem.net



FCC would like to donate to "Restore Network of Illinois" for our Christmas Service Project. You can learn more about "Restore Network" @ restorenetwork.org or by scanning the QR code.



16,657 children are in foster care in the state of Illinois

485 more will enter the system this month due to abuse or neglect

36% will change homes two or more times while in care

The mission of Restore Network is to help the church respond. They link arms with those on the front lines of foster care through long-standing partnerships with child welfare agencies and court staff. But, as a privately run organization, they can remain agile in their response to the foster-care crisis, allowing them to respond in real time, as Christ would.

If you would like to donate to "Restore Network of Illinois", you can specify on your check in the memo line and place it in the FCC offering box. There are also a variety of ways that FCC can donate their time. Please scan the QR code above to see the different ways that you can volunteer your time with just a few hours a month.

FCC Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual FCC Thanksgiving Dinner was held on Sunday, November 23rd with approximately 160 people present. Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen, who made the food, ate the food and who stayed and helped put things away. We hope you all had a great time fellowshiping and eating good food with your FCC friends and family.



December Birthdays

1	Randy Schultz	17	Aaron Middleton
1	Denice Phillips	17	E J Wolfe
1	Tammy Kell	17	Andrew Bryan
1	Brandon Howe	18	Max Dye
1	Darci Holsapple	18	Alicia Maciejowski
3	Dena Jones	18	Gregory Gabbard
4	Danette Wolfe	18	Gavin Zimmemann
4	Ashley Vick	18	Silas Trinkle
6	Sonia Hertel	19	Cecilia Baumann
7	Barbara Williams	20	Audrey Lybarger
7	Lynnie Cain	20	Kayce Krutsinger
7	Allison Cain	21	Jacob McIntosh
8	Jim Martin	22	Daisy Williams
10	Shelli McIntosh	23	Rebekah Howe
11	Cooper Schaubert	26	Lisa Mills
13	Abby Clark	26	Mays Mosbarger
14	Zella Trinkle	26	Colson Quick
15	Mike Squibb	26	Silas Vick
15	Stephen Johnson	27	Sue Prosis
16	Katharine Black	27	Waylon Vick
16	Logan Bandy	29	Cormick Schaubert
17	Chris Tanner	30	Brooke Frederick

December Anniversaries

8	Jason & Lori Arnold
12	Tim & Belinda Alvis
12	Jim & Sue Courson
12	James & Eileen Martin
19	Micah & Kacey Puricelli
27	Craig & Cheryl Vieira
29	Phil & Sara Williams
30	Kyle & Shelley Rose
31	Brandon & Siretha Howe



FCC Basketball

Registration will be held Monday, January 5th through Friday, January 9th from 9:00am - 4:30pm, and on Saturday, January 10th from 10:00am - 1:00pm.

Practices begin on Wednesday, January 21st. Games begin Saturday, February 7th.

FCC's Kid's Basketball League is designed for girls and boys 4 years old through 2nd grade. The cost is \$25.

Contact Jesse Brinkley with any questions or for more information.



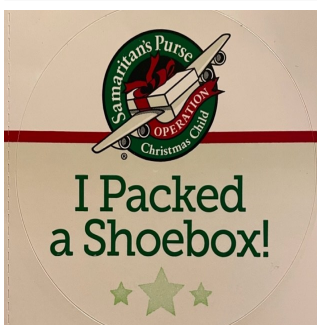
thank you

Salem Presbyterian Church would like to thank all of those that have donated items to their giveaway for individuals and families "in need" in our community. The next hygiene giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th.

Food Pantry Donations



- *Rice
- *Beans (canned or dry)
- *Instant Mashed Potatoes
- *Stuffing



Thank you to our caring, compassionate, sharing, FCC church family. We were able to deliver **82 boxes** to the area collection location because of your generosity. Operation Christmas Child gifts are distributed to over 170 countries world wide. Thank you for being a part of this ministry to bring Christmas joy to a child. Next year may we surpass **82 boxes**!!

FCC Christmas Card Exchange



We are offering a FCC Christmas Card Exchange this year. Fill out your FCC Christmas cards and BE SURE to put the FCC Family's LAST NAME that you are sending the card to on the front of the envelope. Drop off your completed FCC Christmas cards in the basket labeled, "Christmas Cards" in the FCC library. The cards will be sorted and put into bags labeled with your last name. You can stop by the library anytime to see if you have Christmas cards in your assigned bag. (When you pick up your cards, be sure to leave your bag just in case you get more cards delivered.)

**Last day to drop your cards off in the library will be
Sunday, December 14th.**






Salem Ministerial Alliance "Ring the Bell" Sign Up

Each year, area churches in Salem sign up to "Ring the Bell" at various locations in town. The donations that are received from "Ringing the Bell" are used to help those in need in our area throughout the following year. Please consider signing up to "Ring the Bell" this Christmas Season. FCC is participating on Saturday, December 6 at WalMart from 10am-6pm and Friday, December 19th at Farm Fresh Market from 9am-7pm and WalMart from 10am-6pm. Sign up sheets are hanging up in the hallway by the FCC Office.



DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays (unless otherwise noted)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. ◆ Adult Bible Study: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. ◆ Kid Min: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. ◆ Student Min: 9:00 						
	1 10:00am S.A.M. 10:45am Staff Meeting	2 8:15am Sonshine School 5:30pm Leadership Team Meeting	3 10:00am Cardio Drumming 5:30pm Rehearsal	4 9:30am -Ladies' Bible Study -Men's Bible Study 3pm Embrace Grace	5	6 12pm Hertel B'day Party 1pm Baby Shower Bell Ringing @ Wal-Mart
7 "Share Christmas" Rehearsal 5-7pm 5:30pm FCC Students	8 10:00am S.A.M. 10:45am Staff Meeting Auxillary Christmas Party 1-10pm	9 8:15 am Sonshine School 5:30pm PEO Meeting 6:30pm -Finance Team Meeting -Prayer and Praise	10 10:00am Cardio Drumming 5:30pm Rehearsal	11 7:15am-12:15pm FCC in charge of Food Pantry 9:30am -Ladies' Bible Study -Men's Bible Study 3pm Embrace Grace 5:30pm MomCo.	12	13 9:00am Quilt Guild
14 Christmas Sweater Sunday!! Last day to turn in Christmas cards 4:30pm "Senior Adult Share Christmas" Dinner FCC Student Christmas party after "Share Christmas"	15 10:00am S.A.M. 10:45am Staff Meeting	16 8:15 am Sonshine School	17 10:00am Cardio Drumming 5:30pm Rehearsal	18 9:30am -Ladies' Bible Study -Men's Bible Study 5:30pm MomCo Christmas	19 Bell Ringing @ Farm Fresh Market & Wal-Mart	20 
21 No FCC Students  1st Day of Winter	22 No S.A.M. 10:45am Staff Meeting	23	24 Office Closed Christmas Eve Service @ 5:30pm	25 Office Closed  Merry Christmas!!	26 Office Closed	27
28 No FCC Students	29 No S.A.M. 10:45am Staff Meeting	30	31 Office Closed New Year's Eve	<p>Christmas Sweater Sunday will be held on Dec 14th!!</p> <p>Get out your Christmas wear and let it shine!!</p> 		

	Weekend Service	Weekend Service	Weekend Service	Weekend Service	Weekend Service
	November 30, 2025	December 7, 2025	December 14, 2025	December 21, 2025	December 28, 2025
Arts - Vocals People					
Lead	David Jarrett	Andy Smith	Brandon Howe	David Jarrett	Evan King
Worship Team	Finley Puricelli Kinsey Jarrett	Andrea Stinde David Jarrett Patty Wilkins	Finley Puricelli Susan Jones Wayne Puricelli	Connie Tierney Ed Phillips Kinsey Jarrett	Debbie Cartwright Jackie Malan Rachel Williams
Arts - Band People					
Acoustic Guitar	David Jarrett	Tia Dunaway	David Jarrett	Zella Trinkle	Evan King
Bass Guitar	Justin Harrison	Kayleigh Jarrett	Justin Harrison	Andrew Trinkle	Logan West
Drums	Caleb Smith Silas Trinkle	Brandon Howe	Ryder Goff	Caleb Smith	Ryder Goff
Electric Guitar	Zella Trinkle	David Jarrett	Evan King	Evan King	David Jarrett
Piano	Kim Martin	Finley Puricelli	DeAnna Clark	Kim Martin	
Training	Silas Trinkle				
Arts - Technical People					
Announcements	Quinn Wolfe	Abigail Patrick	Kayleigh Jarrett	Finley Puricelli	Madilyn Harrison
House Audio	Curtis Black II	Bryan McIntosh	Richard Crouse	Andy Smith	Curtis Black II
LiveStream Audio	Hannah Smith	Evan King	Hannah Smith		David Gaston
Propresenter	Katie Wilson	Denice Phillips	Hannah Smith	Katie Wilson	Noah Gaston
Video Producer	Elizabeth Smith	Evan King	Elizabeth Smith	Beth Hays	David Gaston
F. I. M. - 9:00a People					
Auditorium Greeter		Sandra Banning	Ivan Mosbarger Trisha Mosbarger	Connie Dunahee	
Front Door Greeter	Linda Malan Mike Malan Shelly Westman	Curt Black Glenda Black	Frances Ruth Linda Malan Mike Malan	Eileen Chitwood Paul Chitwood	Donald Decker Joe Pemberton Mary Johnson
Team Leader	Karen Charlton	Terry (Liddle) Ford	Karen Charlton	Karen Charlton	Cheryl Pemberton
F. I. M. - 10:30a People					
Auditorium Greeter	Glynis Barnfield	Sandra Banning	Ivan Mosbarger Trisha Mosbarger	Gayle Erxleben Michelle Luse	
Front Door Greeter	Linda Malan Mike Malan	Ashley Bolton Curt Black Glenda Black	Edy Crouch Linda Malan Mike Malan	Eileen Chitwood Justin Harrison Paul Chitwood	Denice Phillips Joe Pemberton
Team Leader	Karen Charlton	Terry (Liddle) Ford	Karen Charlton	Karen Charlton	Cheryl Pemberton
Ministry - 9:00a People					
Prayer Team	Sandra Banning		Connie Williams	Marilyn Wiggins	Sharon Sullens
Serving Elder	Andy Smith	Stephen Phillips	Louis Williams Jr.		Brandon Howe
Ministry - 10:30a People					
Prayer Team		Rachel Burkett	Danna Patrick	Laura Crain	Stacey Lux
Children's Ministry - 9:00a People					
Nursery	Tara Gaston	Glynis Barnfield Janet Padberg Patty Squibb	Sheri Molenhour	Tara Gaston	Gayla Ferguson
Pre-K	Lauryn Brinkley	Lauryn Brinkley Talon Anderson	Allison Cain Emma Lee	Lauryn Brinkley Talon Anderson	Lilian Dunaway
Toddlers		Shelley Rose Susan Murfin			Emily Lane Shelly Westman
Children's Ministry - 10:30a People					
Nursery	Sandra Banning	LeAnn Pemberton	Alexa Thornton Christin Hays	Sandra Banning	LeAnn Pemberton Melinda Stroud
Pre-K	Lori Arnold Olivia Matlock	Gabriella Gaston Nancy Gaston	Jaime Ferguson Quinn Wolfe	Lori Arnold Olivia Matlock	Alicia Maciejowski Brianna Barham
The Station	Leia Harrison	Sandy Martin	Amie Ratts	Leia Harrison	Kristin Jarrett
Toddlers	Trisha Green	Nicole Morrison Rachel Richardson	Alicia Maciejowski Brianna Barham	Trisha Green	Ivan Mosbarger Trisha Mosbarger
Life Safety Team People					
On Duty	Bryan McIntosh Randy Rose	Tyler Lux	Aaron Middleton John Williams	Chris Lane Craig Vieira	Jeff Molenhour Jim Martin