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THE MESSENGER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School

9:00 am

Service Times

10:00 am

10:00 am (Online)



Sermon Series - Restored from the Inside Out

Our world pushes change through pressure and performance. Scripture invites us into something better. In this four-part series, we'll explore how God restores the soul, renews the mind, and forms us through the peace of Christ—leading to true, lasting health from the inside out. Join us as we learn to slow down, be still, and trust the transforming work of God.

Budget and Elder Vote

2026 Budget Approved with Strong Support

We are grateful to share that the 2026 Church Budget was approved with overwhelming support from the congregation. This vote reflects our shared vision and commitment to the ministries and mission of our church. The approved budget will support worship, outreach, discipleship, and the ongoing work of serving our church family and community.

Thank you for your faithful generosity and stewardship. Your giving allows the church to remain strong, responsive, and focused on God's calling. As we look ahead to the coming year, we encourage continued prayerful giving in support of the ministry we share together.

Please note that a congregational vote to renew Steve Owens as Elder for an additional three-year term will take place on Sunday, January 18. We invite all members to be present and participate in this important decision.

PLUGGED IN

January 18th & 25th

9:00 am

Come learn what it means to be a part of this church family.

See the bulletin for more information

Sister 2 Sister Women's Brunch

A time of fellowship, laughter,
prayer, and good food

JANUARY 10TH | 10:00 AM
GOLDEN CORRAL

For more information,
please see Cindy Rush.

Practicing The Way: Sabbath

Sabbath is a 24-hour time period set aside to stop, rest, delight, and worship. In our era of chronic exhaustion, emotional unhealth, and spiritual stagnation, few things are more necessary than the recovery of this ancient practice.

Join us Wednesday evenings in January at 6pm in the Worship Center for this study on Sabbath.

Weekly Topics:

January 7th - Stop January 21st - Delight
January 14th - Rest January 28th - Worship



Rightnow Media: Resource Highlight

Essentials of Faith 3: Why Do We Need the Bible?

The Bible is a wonderful book with poetry, historical events, exciting narratives, and stories from the life of Jesus. But because it is an ancient text, it can also be intimidating and confusing. Its complexity makes many people wonder if we even need the Bible—can't we experience God without it? In this six-session series, author and Bible teacher Lisa Harper unpacks the value and importance of the Bible for everyday believers. In this series, we will learn about what the Bible is, how God communicates with us through it, and why we should read it

Children and Youth Saltshaker Youth Ministry (Grades 5-12)

Youth Group Hangout:

Starting January 11th the youth group (grades 5-12) will meet every second and fourth Sunday of the month from 6pm-8pm. This month we will meet in the Teen Room (Family Life Center- Gym). Invite your friends to join us.

January 11th - Games and snacks

January 25th - Movie Night: Wild Robot - Popcorn and drinks provided.

Little Lights Sunday School (Newborn - 6th Grade)

Sunday School: 9am

This January our Children's Ministry Sunday School lessons will focus on the Book of Ezekiel and Daniel. Ezekiel will teach us the God is holy, and He wants us to turn from our sin. The Book of Daniel will teach us that we should always obey God, that God is worthy of worship, and how God rescues those who trust in Him.

Children's Church: 10am

Hope At Home: After 70 years, the exile was over, and God brought His people home to Judah. Through the prophet Zachariah, God spoke a message of hope to His people about what would happen in the future. The people began to rebuild the temple so that they would have a place to worship God. Years later in Persia, God used Esther to save His people through her bravery and sacrifice.

Big Picture Question: How did God plan to fix what sin broke?

Answer: Before HE created the world, God planned to send the Messiah.