

WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

You're Invited: Back to Church Weekend

This weekend is a special one! It's Back to Church Weekend, part of a nationwide movement to invite people to return to church. Many of us know someone who got out of the habit, especially after the pandemic. What better time than now to reignite our faith? Your invitation could be the very thing that leads someone back to an active faith in Jesus Christ.

There are countless ways to share Christ. We can share God's love through our daily lives, on social media, in a smile, or with an unexpected act of kindness. Often, it takes intentional words to make sure someone knows the invitation is for them. As we walk through the *You're Invited* sermon series, exploring all the ways God calls us into a life of abundance, let's be intentional about saying, "This invitation is for you. I'd love for you to come to church with me."

Remember, inviting someone to church doesn't mean you have it all together. It may be your honesty that makes the difference: "I'm not perfect, but Jesus has given me hope, peace, and joy." That transparency is powerful.

A few weeks ago, a member told me he was going to pray for God to open a door for him to share Christ. Just last week, someone approached him and said, "I think I'd like to go to church with you." God is at work!! Ephesians 3:20-21 reminds us that God can do more than we can ask or imagine!

Who will you pray for today? Who can you invite? Let's pack the house this weekend.

Inviting you Back to Church!

Pastor Candace



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Bonfire Night

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HOTDOGS | S'MORES | SISTER TALK

The Women's Ministry will have a bonfire at 7 P.M. on Tuesday, October 7 at the Celebration Center. Invite a friend, and bring your own lawn chair, please!

WHAT: FIRST CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES

WHEN: SATURDAY 5:30PM
SUNDAY 8:30AM, 9:45AM SUNDAY 11AM

WHERE: CELEBRATION CENTER 1701 W 32ND STREET THOMPSON SITE 916 THOMPSON BLVD

WHY: GOD'S THROWING THE CELEBRATION, AND YOU'RE INVITED TO A LIFE THAT OVERFLOWS WITH JOY!

Sermon Series September 7-28 "You're Invited"

God's throwing the celebration, and your name is on the guest list! In this series, we'll discover how Jesus invites us into grace, forgiveness, belonging, and a new life that overflows with joy.

Join us for weekend worship!

Leading People to an Active Faith in Jesus Christ

THANK YOU RECEIVED

—from Whittier High School for first day of school snack bags
(Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board behind the fountain at the Celebration Center.)

ADVENTURES WITH GOD

MEN'S GROUP

Camping | Floating | Exploring

THE GROUP WILL LEAVE AT 9 A.M. ON OCTOBER 15TH, AND WILL RETURN THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 17TH.

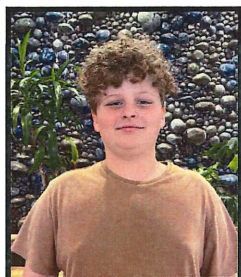
JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATION MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE L.O.T CLASS AT THE CELEBRATION CENTER.

**OCTOBER
15-17**

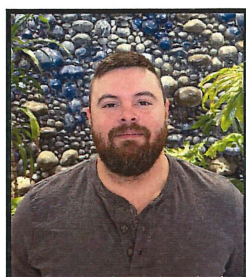
MAIN CAMP: CURRENT RIVER

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 24 TO: JERRY COERVER
JCOERVER69@AOL.COM (314)800-5613

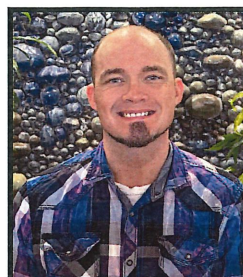
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Cassius Sutton
joined 9/7/25



Jon Cantu
joined 9/14/25



Corey Simpson
joined 9/14/25

TRUNK-OR-TREAT CANDY DONATIONS

We are taking donations of individually packaged candy for our annual Trunk-or-Treat. Please leave all donations in the bins located in the lobby area.

Thank You!!

WE CELEBRATE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN

If your birthday is not listed, please let us know so it can be added!

Birthdays (September 21—October 4)

Tiffany Zullig, Santasha Zullig, Cartha Stevens, Brynley Harvey, Steven Homan, Ginger Buchanan, Ayla Huff, Mike Baker, Matt Irwin, Emmett Johnson, Carolyn Jett, Carolyn Miller, Donald Waldrep, Devon Balke, Neil Yeater, Casey Mankin, Brenda Ward, Jennifer Pratt, Jana Birdsong, Teresa Luyet, Kelly Davis, Peggy Schwalie, Aaron Frazee, Marlo Renick, Cassandra Craighead, Jason Stone, Sheila Leiss, Gracie Mahalovich, Rod Walters, John Ball, Brendon Homan, Kevin Grose, C.J. Wisener, Kristy Bullock, Patsy Harrison, Gavin Caldwell, Anna Logan, Grayson Privitt, Molly Roe, Bette Hayden, Amelia McCullough, Gene Page, Holly Frazee, Abbi Haslag, Susie Goldsmith, KJay Mahalovich, Rayma Joy Wenig

FIRST STEPS

Attendance

September 6/7
Worship 475

September 13/14
Worship 447

September 2025 Giving Totals

Budget \$56,174.07
Building \$ 5,797.50
Specials \$ 2,068.00

Our Family:

Prayers:

Our hearts go out in Christian love and sympathy to:

~the family of Garry Brashear, due to his death on September 8, 2025

~the family of Tony Monroe, due to the death of his mother, Bettie Lou Monroe, on September 14, 2025

Congratulations:

~ to Cassius Sutton, the son of James Sutton III, who was baptized on September 7, 2025

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Join the nationwide movement "Back to Church Sunday" the weekend of September 20-21. This 16-year-old movement is the third Sunday in September, set aside for churches to rally together, welcome their communities, and remind people that hope is found in Jesus and in a church family that cares. Invite your friends and neighbors!

HEARTBEATS

♥ You may drop off your donations for **Operation Christmas Child** in the marked OCC collection receptacle at the Celebration Center (near the Children's Check-In Station in the lobby.) **Items must fit in a shoebox!** Items needed for September are:



♥ Each week through mid-November, a different **First Church ministry** will be featured in the lobbies at both sites—during WoW and before and after each service. Come celebrate what God is doing and discover how you can get involved! Featured ministries include Tech Team, TigerEyes, Whittier Meals, Warming Shelter, Green Team, UWF, Night to Shine, and ERT.

♥ **Carpenter's Kids Preschool** is hiring substitute teachers! They are looking for reliable and loving individuals to assist with children ages 3-5. This would be on an on-call/as needed basis. You must be available between 8:15 A.M. - 3:15 P.M. MWF, and 8:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M. Thursdays. Applications are available in the church office.

♥ The **deadline for submitting Newsletter articles** is 12 noon on the Thursday before the newsletter mailing.

Next Newsletter:
Wednesday, October 1, 2025

♥ **Office Hours:**
9 A.M. —4 P.M. (M-F)
Closed for lunch 12—1 P.M.

Stay in the race with updates, prayer, and challenges!

TEXT AMAZING RACE TO 833.923.5097

THE AMAZING RACE

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus!

AMAZING RACE GROUPS *Good luck, travel safe, GO!*

PUTTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER

4 WEEKS
(9/3-9/24)

No matter what age or stage of life you're in, it's a good time for Putting Your House in Order! This class will include the spiritual, emotional, and practical pieces of putting your house in order as well as discuss how to leave a lasting legacy. Each participant will also receive a Putting Your House in Order binder filled with information, checklists, and easy-to-use forms for gathering all the key information and recording—not just the facts—but participants' intentions, hopes, and values.

BIBLE ROOM

TEACHER: REV. LAURA MURPHY
LMURPHY@MUMF.ORG

SPEED BUMPS: TURNING SETBACKS INTO STRENGTH

4 WEEKS
(10/1-10/22)

Life doesn't always move in a straight line—sometimes it throws us bumps, detours, and unexpected turns. This group is about slowing down, learning to trust God in the obstacles, and discovering how challenges can actually grow our faith. Come ready for honest conversations, encouragement, and a fresh perspective on life's twists and turns.

EYEESEE THEATER

TEACHER: ANDREA CURTIS
CHURCH OFFICE, 660.827.2993

FINISH LINE LEADERSHIP

4 WEEKS
(9/3-9/24)

Salvation launches us into more than a finish line—it's the starting line of a whole new journey. In this group, we'll run the course of faith, exploring how Scripture equips leaders, how grace shapes character, and how serving others becomes the true win. Along the way expect challenges, teamwork, and plenty of fun as we discover what it means to lead with purpose in God's amazing race!

FIDELIS ROOM

TEACHER: CHRISTOPHER WISNER
CHRISTOPHER@FIRSTSAYYES.COM

PROMISELAND (K-5TH)

ALL 12 WEEKS
(9/3-11/19)

Adventure starts here! Promiseland (K-5th) is diving into God's Amazing Race with exciting activities, creative lessons, and plenty of surprises along the way. Kids will have fun, make new friends, and discover how amazing life with God can be!

CASTLE ROOM

TEACHER: MADISON WESTERMIER -
MADISON.WESTERMIER@FIRSTSAYYES.COM

MPACT (6TH-12TH)

ALL 12 WEEKS
(9/3-11/19)

Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime! MPACT (6th-12th grade) is jumping into God's Amazing Race—a journey filled with fun activities, real conversations, and a few surprises along the way. Don't miss the chance to grow in faith, build friendships, and discover the race God has set before you!

MPACT ROOM

TEACHER: AARON DOUGLAS -
AARON.DOUGLAS@FIRSTSAYYES.COM

MOM'S GROUP

ALL 12 WEEKS
(9/3-11/19)

A weekly gathering where young moms encourage one another, grow in faith, parenting, and find community as they follow Jesus together—open to moms of all ages.

GATHERING PLACE

TEACHER: AMY WOOLERY / SKYLAR BOREMAN
WOOLERYA@SEDALIA200.ORG

CREATE & CONNECT

ALL 12 WEEKS
(9/3-11/19)

Love to make things? From painting and planting to bracelets, decorating, and more, Create & Connect is the perfect pit stop to spark your creativity. Each class is stand-alone—so jump in anytime, pick the projects you like, and enjoy laughter, hands-on fun, and moments to grow in faith and friendship. Come create something beautiful and connect with community along the way!

BELIEVER'S ROOM

TEACHER: KAREN ZULLIG
KAREN@FIRSTSAYYES.COM

WEDNESDAYS 6-7:30

AMAZING RACE GROUPS *Good luck, travel safe, GO!*

HOPE IN THE MOURNING

8 WEEKS
(9/8-10/27)

Are you navigating the pain of loss? You don't have to walk this journey alone. Join us for a supportive class where we'll explore healing, hope, and God's presence in the midst of grief. Together, we'll find comfort through shared experiences, biblical encouragement, and practical steps toward restoration.

GATHERING PLACE

TEACHER: SUSIE HOWE
SUSIE.HOWE@FIRSTSAYYES.COM

MONDAYS 5:30

JOB: A STORY OF UNLIKELY JOY

8 WEEKS
(9/8-10/27)

Our Women's Group is diving into the story of Job, a journey that shows how joy can rise even in life's hardest seasons. Together we'll discover how faith deepens through trials, how hope is never lost, and how God brings joy in the most unlikely places. Come be encouraged, share laughter, and grow in community with other women of faith.

BIBLE ROOM

TEACHER: MARY MEEHAN
CHURCH OFFICE, 660.827.2993

MONDAYS 4PM

MONDAY GROUPS

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*Promiseland and MPACT Family
Bonfire Bash*

JOIN US FOR YARD GAMES,
HOTDOGS, S'MORES, AND
FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Friday • 10th October • 6:00pm
Celebration Center

RSVP at firstsayyes.com