

WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

Say Yes to God

"For in Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes.' For this reason it is through Christ that we say the 'Amen,' to the glory of God."
— 2 Corinthians 1:20

This month, let's take that verse to heart—and even to memory. It's a powerful reminder that God's promises are not uncertain. They are fulfilled and affirmed in Jesus. Our response, then, is to echo that divine "yes" with our own.

One of the ways we say yes to God is through generosity. Generosity isn't just about giving money; it's about reflecting the heart of God in all we do. It's a gift God gives to us before it ever becomes something we give to others. When we live generously—with our time, our compassion, our forgiveness, and our resources—we participate in God's own nature.

As followers of Jesus, we're called to care for one another, to notice needs, and to respond with kindness. That might look like offering help at work, showing patience at home, volunteering at church, or extending grace when someone disappoints us. It might even mean being generous with ourselves—allowing rest, forgiveness, and love to grow where self-criticism used to live.

This week, ask yourself: where is God inviting me to say yes? Where can I live out generosity so that others glimpse the goodness of Christ through me?

Let's memorize 2 Corinthians 1:20 together, and let it shape the rhythm of our days. May every "yes" we offer bring glory to God and open new doors for His promises to shine through us.

Pastor Candace

Did you know?

Our church collects toys and other items all year for **Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child (OCC)**. The items are packed in shoeboxes, and Samaritan's Purse delivers them to the regions selected for that particular year. Each child receives only one box during his or her lifetime. For some, it's the first gift they've ever received.

Along with the shoebox, children are presented the Gospel in a way they can understand. The gifts become a tangible expression of God's love.

How can you help?

Stop by the OCC table in the lobby at church and pick up a shoebox to pack. You'll choose to pack for a boy or girl, and then an age range (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14). Then, you'll purchase some of the items suggested to fill your box. In addition, a donation of \$10 per box is essential, to cover the shipping. You will drop your shoebox and \$10 back at church before the deadline date.

OR—you can join the OCC packing party on November 12th at 6 P.M. in the Celebration Center Friendship Hall & help us pack what we've collected as a church!

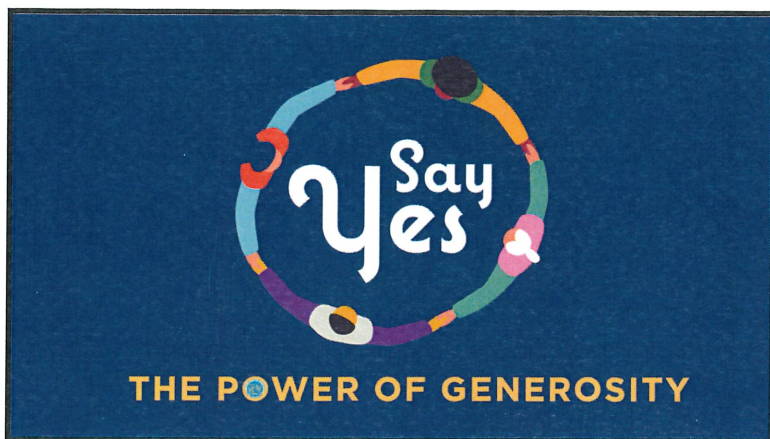


October Sermon Series

"Say Yes— The Power of Generosity"

We often perceive generosity as something someone wants from us, yet scripture frames it as something God desires for us. In this series, we will discuss the transformative power of generosity in our lives and why it's a practice aligned with God's intentions for humankind.

Join us for weekend worship!



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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!** Shipping funds are needed for October!



HELP US PACK MORE THAN EVER!
We accept all donations all year long!

OCTOBER DONATIONS SHIPPING!
First Church has to pay shipping for every box we pack! Help us cover the cost by donating any amount!

♥ 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.

♥ Have a **prayer request**? You may complete the connection card at any service you attend and drop it in a joy basket, or scan this QR code. Prayer requests are seen by our pastors and prayer team only.



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

Next Newsletter:
Wednesday, October 29, 2025

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

Thanksgiving Meal & Dessert Auction



📅 Sunday, November 23rd
🕒 10:45am–1pm
📍 Thompson Site
916 Thompson Blvd

All donations go toward youth mission trips & events.



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A NEW WAY TO GIVE!



Your giving supports our mission to lead people to an active faith in Jesus Christ.



YOU'RE INVITED TO

TRUNK or treat

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31
5:00–7:00PM

@CELEBRATION CENTER, 1701 W 32ND ST, SEDALIA

FREE EVENT



Candy donations are being accepted in marked bins in both lobby locations. To sign up to pass out candy, contact madison.westermier@firstsayyes.com!

Attention Crafters:

Care Ministry Bazaar

The Care Ministry is hosting its annual bazaar on Saturday, November 8th in the Celebration Center Lobby. If you are a **craft**, donated items are needed for the sale! If you : knit, crochet, cross stitch, sew, paint, draw, make jewelry, do woodworking, OR make any other type of **craft**, we would love for you to donate items to support this ministry that cares for our members who need care!

Donations are needed by: **October 31st**

Sign up on the Connect Card at Church!

If you have questions about what types of items are suitable, or need more details, please contact Karen Zullig, karen@firstsayyes.com, or call the church office (660)827-2993.



AN INVITATION:

Taylor Chapel UMC, 400 N. Lamine, Sedalia, is hosting a **fish dinner** on Saturday, October 18, from 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. On the menu are fish, spaghetti, coleslaw, bread, and dessert. A donation of \$10 per person is suggested. For more information, call (660)281-6012.

WOW
CREATE & CONNECT
October

MESSY BRACELETS
Make & Take a Messy Bracelet as a reminder that God is always with us **10/1**

10/8 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **EASY T-SHIRT JUMP ROPES**

PUMPKINS PUMPKINS PUMPKINS **10/15**

10/22 WRITING 101
Expressing your thoughts with blogging, journaling & inspiration

DECORATING FOR FALL HARVEST & TRUNK OR TREAT **10/29**

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NOVEMBER

GRATITUDE JARS
Giving Thanks **11/5**

11/12 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD **PACKING PEG TO**

CHRISTMAS GNOME ORNAMENT **11/19**

BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR MORE CREATE & CONNECT ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH!
7:00 PM - BIBLE ROOM CELEBRATION CENTER

FIRST STEPS

Attendance

October 4/5	
Worship	471
October 11/12	457
Worship	

September 2025 Giving Totals

Budget	\$56,099.18
Building	\$ 3,210.50
Specials	\$ 2,496.00

Our Family:

Prayers:

Our hearts go out in Christian love and sympathy to:

~Autumn Whitehead and family, due to the death of her mother, Kathy Bowling, on October 6, 2025.

~Pam May and family, due to the death of her mother, Viola May, on October 13, 2025.

Masterpiece Trip

Who: Masterpiece Older Adult Ministry

What: Octoberfest

Where: Hermann, Missouri

When: Tuesday, October 28th, 10:27 A.M.

Details: We will depart on Amtrak at the Sedalia station, & arrive in Hermann at 12:36 P.M. We will spend 4 hours exploring the town, & plan to meet the Branson crew from the "On the Road Again" trip. We will depart on the 4:45 P.M. Amtrak & arrive back in Sedalia at 6:43 P.M.

Cost: \$26 each way. You will need to purchase your own tickets.

RSVP: Please call or text Karen Cairer if you plan to attend-- (660)553-0396. Should be a fun trip!

WE CELEBRATE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN

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

Birthdays (October 19—November 1)

Hallee Clancy, Gary Eck, Kate Harrison, Andrew Frazee, Abby Ahern, Ron Cunningham, Laura Pool, Kami Hruska, Jerry Rothganger, Carol McDonald, Helen Lefevers, Troy Ives, Jami Swope, Scott Benbrook, Henry Lemasters, Ellie Zullig, Jason Thompson, Brian Oster, Cendy Carson, Ashleigh Pool, Lincoln Kelley, John Penrod, Ann-Marie Dawson, Trenton Walters, Lois Gagne, Jeanna Caldwell, Donna Bell, Braiden Dillon, Madison Hendricks, Chad Peck, John Plumb, Jaxon Twenter, Brynnley Wells, Jay Caldwell, Shirley Thompson, Jackie Peck, Kevin Gregory, Lauren Sizer, Douglas Rundlett, Brice Bell, Gracyn Sawford, Chase Pollitt, Sandy Fracchia, Jana Kennedy, Brendan Borman, Ashley Sleeper, John Melton, Ameniah Reynolds

The Embassy is a place of restoration for Sedalia's men in recovery. They have 27 beds, and a waiting list of men who apply for assistance. **They have placed barrels in both of our locations, and are in need of clothing and personal hygiene items.** The most-needed items at the present time are blankets, bed pillows, pillow cases, paper towels, toilet paper, kitchen trash bags, Q-tips, shampoo, conditioner, and body lotion. If you are willing to donate, please place your items in the marked barrels in the lobbies. Thank you!

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