

The Return!

I am excited to announce that we have decided to return to our church, yes, at 1600 Wabash Avenue, on June 28th! Can I get an Amen!

Worship

Our worship service will begin at **9:30 am** this coming Sunday. We will run one worship service beginning **on June 28th and continuing thru the month of July**. These services will all begin at **9:30 am**. Services will also continue to be streamed live thru our Facebook page as well as on our website: www.mattoonfcc.com.

Christian Education

Thru the month of July, there will be no youth Sunday school, children's church, or nursery available. Children will sit with their families in the sanctuary. Adult Sunday school can meet together at the discretion of the Sunday school teacher. These classes will need to adhere to proper social distancing and hand sanitizing.

PPE and Sanitation

We are so thankful to be able to "get back into church". For those of you that still feel uncomfortable or possibly are in a high risk category with an enclosed church service, it is perfectly okay to worship at home. Those of you who have been exposed to Covid-19 in the last 14 days or are not feeling well, we ask that you stay home. We recommend wearing a mask into the church while being seated, but wearing a mask is not required, it will be at your discretion. If you plan on attending, and feel the need to wear a mask, please consider bringing one from home. If you choose not to wear a mask, please keep in mind social distancing. Prior to opening the doors Sunday, Dolo will disinfect all hand rails and surfaces throughout the building.

We will have hand sanitizing stations throughout the church. We ask that you take advantage of these stations. If you need to use the restrooms, we ask you use the ones in Campbell Hall. These restrooms are partitioned, so we ask you leave the main door open.

Distancing

Social distancing should be practiced at all times. We have set up 6 foot "buffer zones" throughout the sanctuary. Ushers will be assisting with seating of members as they enter the lobby and the sanctuary, practicing safe distancing. Ushers will also dismiss the congregation by pew at the end of the service, practicing safe distancing. Families of size may fill an entire pew, otherwise, we will space ourselves accordingly. It is my prayer that we be absolved of social distancing!

Handouts, Bibles, and Hymnals

There will be no handouts, Bibles, or hymnals available for the next few weeks. We ask you go old school and bring your own Bible and notebook. Also, sorry to say, no coffee, candy, or donuts until deemed safe. That one hurts! LOL!

Offering

Offerings can be made online on our church website, or they can be placed in our "Offering Bucket" at the back of the sanctuary.

Communion

Communion will be prepared by our deaconesses with gloves and masks. If you would like to partake of communion, deaconesses will be at the back of the sanctuary, in gloves and masks to hand out communion cups as you head to your seats.

We are in uncharted waters. Your staff and those serving this Sunday will be doing their best to serve each other out of reverence and love of Jesus. We will all need a little patience as we step back into the sanctuary.

Romans 12:10,18, "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly and sisterly love, in honor giving preference to one another. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all people."

In Christ,

Pastor Morgan



Thank You Notes

There are some people I would like to thank for the extra work done around the church this summer: Jason, Stacey, Kyus and Thayden Root for their help in cleaning out the church attic; Jan Kepley, Tammy Rentschler and Donica Brand for painting and updating the Bride's Room; Laura, Kade and Kamdyn Dunn for painting the nursery; and to Ashley Scott, Teresa Stuttle, Steve Lane, Raelyne Lane, Matt Anderson and Kathy Newlin for helping strip and wax Campbell Hall.

In Christ,
Dolo Wishard

Thank you to those who prayed, sent cards and called us on the passing of my sister, Sharon. We appreciate them all.

Mike and Linda Dilley

I would like to thank the First Christian Church family for the beautiful cards, prayers, and phone calls on the loss of my sister, Ann Walsh.

Love and prayers,
Mary Roberts

Congratulations to Jack and Barbara Browning who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 19th.



Plants Are Planted

The plants have been planted at the church land. If anyone wants to help weed, water, and help with harvest please call the church at 234-2928. Thank you.

New 4 Week Study

Michelle Mathews is starting a new 4 week Bible study entitled, "**Finding Your New Normal.**" It is a very timely study, given the current world situation. It is focused on God's strength in the past, present, and future. Michelle asks those wishing to participate to read 1Kings 19:2-18, the story of a fleeing Elijah, prior to the study. This group will meet this Sunday, June 28th, at Friendship Park at 8:00 am. Bring your own lawn chair and cup of coffee. If it is raining, we will meet in the Youth Group Room on the 3rd floor of the Education Building. Pastor Morgan encourages those who have been attending his Discipleship Small Group on Sunday mornings to consider joining Michelle's 4 week study.



The Men's Church League Softball will start games on July 6th. The teams will be using composite bats this year. If you are interested in playing, please text Dolo at 259-8504 or sign-up on messenger at Men's

Church League Softball.

Bible Journaling

The Bible Journaling Small Group will meet on Tuesday, July 21st at 6 pm. After the 21st the group will resume weekly meetings starting August 4th.



We have cookbooks available for \$8 and pecans for \$12 per bag. Nancy will deliver the goodies if you contact her at 258-6247 or email her at: nhuckaba@consolidated.net