

## Elder Biography

Hello, my name is Mike Brand. My wife Donica and I have four children; Kara (24), MJ (22), Genna Day (20), Marlee (13) and one grandchild Heylo Day. I have attended FCC for over 30 years. Donica was raised here and invited me to come to church with her while we were dating a “few” years back. And Donica’s grandmother Thelma (McKenzie) Whetsell was christened here about 95 years ago. I learned later in life, that my mother was baptized here by Dr. A. Mont Masse when she was young. My family faithfully attended Immaculate Conception Church while I was growing up.

One of the most impactful characteristics of FCC that led me to transfer my church membership is the people at FCC. Of course, “The Preacher”, Rev. Bob Clark influenced me, but the lay people here invited me in, encouraged me, and disciplined me. In high school Jeff Maninfior invited me to play basketball here. Bud Morgan invited me to play softball. Al Krietemeyer was encouraging and genuinely engaging. Carol Armstrong had been instrumental in my discipleship through Sunday School (which she is still teaching today!) and home Bible Study. Numerous Elders over the years have also had an impact on my spiritual formation. I could go on, but I am bound to leave someone out.

One of the most significant decisions I have made here over the years was to accept an invitation to be a youth sponsor. Todd Henry, Youth Minister, invited us to help out. Though this was a fairly simple commitment, it eventually led to other service work and teaching in the church and our faith grew as a result; and is still growing today.

It all started with an invitation from someone in the church. Think of the impact we can have building God’s kingdom if we extend an invitation or accept one!

“There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.” 1 Corinthians 12:5,6

## Little Theater Play

### Church Basement Ladies Play

All ladies are invited to attend the *Church Basement Ladies* play at the Little Theater in Sullivan on Friday, August 23rd at 2 pm. The group rate is \$34.88 per person. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center for those wanting to attend. The deadline to sign up and pay is July 17th.

There are 2 options for that day. You are free to choose either one, but please let Jan Little know ahead of time.

\*Meet at Downtown Diner for lunch at 11:30 am, and we will carpool to Sullivan, arriving about 1:30 pm. **OR** \*You may choose to go on your own and meet the rest of us at The Little Theatre about 1:30 pm. Please email Jan at [jlittle7949@gmail.com](mailto:jlittle7949@gmail.com) or text her at 254-1038, and let her know which option you plan to do by Wednesday, July 17th, so she has a lunch number for the diner.

## Church Closed July 18th

The Church will be closed on Thursday, July 18th. Industrial Services will have the electric shut-off all day due to the new a/c and heating work. If you need anything, please call Robin at 273-5005.



A combined Vacation Bible School with the First United Methodist Church and Truth and Grace Fellowship will be July 14th-18th from 6–8:15 pm for children preschool age through entering the 6th grade and JHH students. VBS will be held at the FUMC.

## Board Splinters July 8th

**Elders:** met on June 24th, 15 minutes of prayer time in the sanctuary before the services, and elders are encouraged to pray at 7:07 am each day for the mission of the church.



BOARD MEETING

**Deaconesses:** served one funeral dinner for the Mattox family. 100 ladies attended the Mystery Dinner, thank you to all who attended and helped out.

**Senior Minister:** reported he made 6 hospital visits and 6 home visits. Moved into his newly decorated office thanks to: Robin, Dolo, Shawnc, Mabelle and the Gergen. Helped Pastor Hayes with the funeral for JoAnn Mattox. Officiated Dorothy Stuttle’s funeral. Officiated a wedding for Todd and Julie Allen. Baptized Lily Maninfior. Paul Icenogle joined the church. Attendance overall grew by 5%. First service up by 11% and second service down by 2%.

**Elementary Minister:** VBS is going well and thank you for to the volunteers.

**Evangelism:** reported they had a short meeting on June 24th and reviewed the budget.

**Christian Ed:** reported they need new members on the committee and met on June 10th.

**Stewardship:** reviewed the income and expense statement and received 2 large donations.

**Personnel:** reported that Laurie Olson is playing the organ, Kenny Jones’ last Sunday as the Worship Leader will be December 29th and they are looking for a worship leader/youth leader.

**Trustees:** In Dolo’s absence Delmar Lucky and Mabelle Morgan will cover. Discussed possibly replacing the carpet in the sanctuary at an estimated cost of \$17,000-\$20,000. Education doors will be installed - waiting for 2 days of dry weather.

**World Outreach:** had a phone conversation with Troy Lane on June 11th then will continue with Gary Woods next.

## Church Life

### Sunday, July 14th

8:30 am Traditional Worship  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
 6 pm VBS at FUMC

### Monday, June 15th

10 am Staff Meeting  
 6 pm VBS at FUMC

### Tuesday, July 16th

7 am Prayer Group  
 6 pm VBS at FUMC

### Wednesday, July 17th

9 am Crafts R Us Group  
 6 pm VBS at FUMC

### Thursday, July 18th

Church Closed—Industrial Services Working, Electricity Off  
 6 pm VBS at FUMC

### Sunday, July 21st

8:30 am Traditional Worship  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

### Monday, July 22nd

10 am Staff Meeting  
 6 pm Evangelism Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, July 23rd

7 am Prayer Group

### Wednesday, July 24th

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group

### Sunday, July 28th

8:30 am Traditional Worship  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
 2 pm Pre-Pack at Food Center



## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Bill Landrus and his family on the passing of Katie (86) on July 7th.

	Building Fund balance: \$357,716.16
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<u>Church Attendance</u>	
June 23rd — Traditional: 120, Contemporary: 82 = 202	
June 30th — One Service: = 180	
July 7th — Traditional: 139, Contemporary: 78 = 217	

## Thank You Notes

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and get well wishes. It means a lot knowing you have a strong church family behind you cheering you on.



Thank you,  
 Shirley Davis

To each and everyone who loved and prayed for our family, we felt the power in those prayers. Mother loved her church and everyone in the church. For those who sent cards, it brought smiles to her face and warmed her heart at being remembered, continue to do that for others. She is now with her Father in Heaven and couldn't be happier.

Pat Stuttle and Jane Kline

### Giving and Expense Totals

June 23rd General Giving:	\$54,031.00
June 30th General Giving:	\$4,240.00
July 7th General Giving:	\$7,490.00
Income Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$6,234.23
Year to Date Income verses Budget Expenses:	\$89,651.26

## Grandbabies



Congratulations to grandparents Gary and Jan Kepley on the adoption of their grandson, Krew, to parents Kirk and Brooke Kepley.

Congratulations to Tim and Debi Buford on the birth of their granddaughter, Hensley, to parents Trevor and Emma Buford.

## Serving Communion

### Sunday, July 14

**8:30 am:** John Armstrong, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Colin VanDeventer  
**10:30 am:** Max Betty, Donica Brand, Dennis Goings, Jeff Maninfior

### Sunday, July 21

**8:30 am:** John Armstrong, Don Inman, Dan Cunningham, Tom Dickerson, Carroll Gibbons, Steve Lane  
**10:30 am:** Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Dolo Wishard