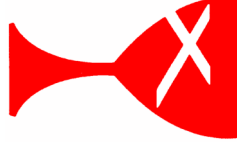


**FAITH NEWS
AUGUST 2026
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



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2026

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2 Worship 10am Coffee Fellowship	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship 10am Wedding Luncheon	10	11 Roundtable 6-8pm	12	13 Members Breakfast 9am at Red Pride Cafe	14	15
16 Josh Patty Visit Worship 10am Coffee Fellowship	17	18 Worship Mtg 6pm Connect Mtg 6:30pm Board Meeting 7pm	19	20 NO CWF	21	22
23 Worship 10am Coffee Fellowship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Ecumenical Service	31 Elders Meeting 6pm					



Please join us in Congratulating Jacey Thomas on her upcoming wedding at a luncheon after church on August 9th. If you would like to bring a gift, the couple would prefer gift cards or cash, as they both have established households to combine. Hope to see you there.

Landscaping Volunteers. August is Bev & Bruce! Thank you to Bobbie for being the July Volunteer. We also want to thank Tom for tending to the flowers and lawn. Thank you to the landscaping crews for keeping our grounds looking beautiful. **September is still open, we need a volunteer or two!**

The **Connect Committee** will meet on August 18th at 6:30pm prior to the Board Meeting at 7pm. We will be planning our next events.



Members Breakfast

August 13th at 9:00 am at the Red Pride Café.

Thank you to all who stepped up on July 16th and 17th after my accident to make sure everything came together. An extra big thank you to my rescuers, Connie, Vicki, and Randy. I appreciate you all. Thank you for all the well wishes by phone, texts, etc.

God Bless, Joyce Guthrie.

The CWF will not meet in August.

Looms of Love will not meet in August. They will restart on September 14th.

Mission Coalition Members will pick up packets for the Jasper County CROP Hunger Walk on Tuesday, August 25th at 7pm at St. Luke United Methodist Church.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Summer Project

Summer 2026 NHN is again focusing on the vulnerable children in our community. We are collecting school supplies to give to the teachers, who find themselves providing those school supplies which many parents cannot afford to purchase. Teachers, and nurses, at all schools were contacted for suggestions of what they need most. We will divide donations among the schools and deliver the week of August 18, before students return.

We can also accept cash donations and will do the shopping for you!

For the teachers *=most needed

pencils*, Kleenex*, poster board, index cards, post-its, expo markers*- black please, thick (not thin) these run out by spring break, the more the better, binders*, glue sticks*, scissors, composition notebooks- these are the ones with the sewn in binding (requested by 6th grade science), mints (for coughs, cough drops cannot be dispensed) ear buds, pencil eraser tops, loose leaf paper, expo erasers, crayons, 2 pocket folders- in solid colors, disinfecting wipes*, Sheet protectors , Highlighters , Binders, Sticky-notes.

For the nurses *=most needed

granola bars*, peppermints, life savers (sore throats), bandages, ace bandages, bandaids- all sizes, kitchen sponges, ziploc bags (these make reusable ice packs), and refillable water bottles.

There is a box in the Narthex to collect the donations.
Lists are available as well.



AUGUST

It is August already; can you believe it? I was told (while in my youth) that as we get Older, time seems to pass faster and as I am blessed to get more years on my life I find it to be true. It seems to me that as a youngster time moved so slowly, school took forever to get over from day to day, much less waiting for summer break. That is until I achieved some freedom in having my driver's license and eventually my own car, then it seemed that summer break got shorter. With new discoveries each year it seems that my days are filled with adventure after adventure until that day when I realized that another year had been accomplished and I don't really know what happened to it.

Are we the same way in our faith walk? At first there is the learning of the bible and what it means to be saved – but after that do we fill our time with things of the world or do we remain faithful in our study and personal development of our relationship with Christ?

There are, of course, things we can do within the prevue of church that take up our time as well, service projects, club meetings, camp and the like – but what about our spiritual growth, are we growing in our spiritual life, are we making new discoveries about God, and his Son, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

Take time to review your life, to think about your faith walk, and to pray that God's will be done in your life. Time is the only thing that cannot be replaced – once it is gone, it is gone – then in the time we have left, honor God with a life of spiritual growth and renewed passion for the Gospel of Christ Jesus.



**Blessings,
Pastor Alan**

