



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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April 14, 2026

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

“God’s Family”

- 4/19 Marriage (Ephesians 5:21-33)**
- 4/26 Parenting (Ephesians 6:1-4)**
- 5/3 Honoring Parents (Matthew 15:3-9)**
- 5/10 Valuing Children (Psalm 127:3-5)**
- 5/17 Dealing with Disappointment (Prov. 6:20)**
- 5/24 Empty Nest & Beyond (II Timothy 1:9)**



Bernadine Andrews– recovering from cataract surgery
 Amy Czerwonka Ray (friend of Sarah Cannon)- extensive vascular surgery on Wednesday
 Family of Dwight Howard
 Sarah Hughes
 Praise! Nicole Kneer is finished with treatments!
 Mike Lowery (friend of Margaret Black)- at Barnes, in critical condition
 Amy O’Neill– lung cancer
 Edna Waldrop– recovering from fall
 Lola Wishersham (6-yr. old granddaughter of Deanne Rothermel’s friend)- needs prayer, not doing well

PRAYER & COFFEE

Tuesday, April 21

9:00 a.m.

Lazy Day Café, Villa Grove

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!



APRIL 12, 2026

Worship & Nursery	88
Sunday School	48
Preschool Class	2
Sunday Morning Celebration	2
King’s Kids	3
Blessed Believers	10
The Fellowship Class	26
Chosen Ones	5
OFFERING Total	\$5,775.00
Spendable	5,775.00



YOUTH GROUP MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

6:00 P.M.



New Sermon Series
4/14/2026

Beginning this coming Sunday, I will be starting a series of sermons around the topic of *Godly Families*. We will touch on marriage, parenting, honoring our parents, valuing children, dealing with disappointment, and handling the empty nest syndrome. Why is it important to revisit what scripture has to say about the family? Simple. Family is often used by God as a parallel object lesson of his people and the church. One of the 10 commandments directly affects family and parenting. Jesus is called the groom, and the church is the bride. Elders and Deacons are urged to manage their biological family well, which is good training for them as they oversee the church. Husbands are to love their wife as Christ loved the church. Jesus called believers His children. And so many more.

When asked, “Who are the most important people in your life?” most people will say, “My family!” The goal of this series is to encourage families to be on the front line of discipleship and disciple-making, to promote spiritual growth and maturity regardless of age, and to urge everyone to seek intergenerational unity in this entity that God invented, designed and ordained— the family!

The *BibleHub.com* topical bible encyclopedia says it this way: **“The vision for a godly family is a holistic approach to family life that seeks to honor God in every aspect. By adhering to biblical principles, families can cultivate an environment of love, faith, and service, fulfilling their divine purpose and contributing to the strength of the Christian community.”** In other words, strong Godly families lead to strong Godly church congregations.

So, join me as we begin with a discussion on Godly marriage from Ephesians 5:21-33. And, let’s seek God’s wisdom as we commit to strong, holy Godly families.

Mike

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