



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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April 28, 2026



BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

There are baby bottles at the south door at the church. If you would like to participate, you can take as many bottles as you like, **SIGN YOUR NAME AND THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES YOU TAKE** on the sheet next to the bottles (we need to know who has bottles!). You can fill the bottles with change, bills or checks, made to **CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH**. Please return the bottles to the church by **May 24**. Questions? Call the church office.

NOTE: When returning your bottle, please indicate on the sign-up sheet the number of bottles returned. **THANK YOU!**

National Day of Prayer 2026
Thursday, May 7
Prayer Service at FCC
7:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited!



APRIL 26, 2026

Worship & Nursery	100
Sunday School	46
Preschool Class	0
Sunday Morning Celebration	0
King's Kids	2
Blessed Believers	13
The Fellowship Class	25
Chosen Ones	6
OFFERING Total	\$2,979.00
Spendable	2,385.00
Benevolence	594.00



Final Bible Study until fall– Wednesday, April 29
6:30 p.m.
Studying Joshua 24

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Eric Brucker (friend of Brad Smith)- doing fine

Amy Czerwonka Ray (friend of Sarah Cannon)- home, after pulmonary embolism; surgery has been postponed until June

Family of Lester Dowler (Phoenix, AZ)- relative of Bob Dowler

Mary Gen Frick- home, doing better

Sheryl Gaston- Carle Hospital, Room 9106; found a growth behind her forehead, having tests

Sarah Hughes

Mike Lowery (friend of Margaret Black)- at Barnes, still on dialysis, but out of ICU, in Acute Care room

Amy O'Neill- lung cancer

Barb Watson- recovering

Family of Sandy Williams

Lola Wishersham (6-yr. old granddaughter of Deanne Rothermel's friend)- doing better, long road ahead



Thank You

Words cannot express the heartfelt gratitude during Dwight's illness and passing that you have given to us. God will continue to bless you for all you do. He is home with God, Evelyn, Kim and other family members and friends, and no longer suffering physically or mentally, especially after losing Evelyn and Kim. God is good!

*In Christ's love,
NAOMI E. MILLER AND FAMILY
ESTHER M. ODLE AND FAMILY*

← BE STRONG →
and
→ COURAGEOUS →
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God
will be with you wherever
you go

Joshua 1:9

Rainbow After the Storm

4/28/2026

I've witnessed many rainbows in my life. On occasion I've even seen a double rainbow. But this picture showed up on my internet news feed, and it got me to thinking about just how awe-inspiring rainbows are.



According to God's word, the first rainbow appeared following the conclusion of the year-long saga endured by Noah, his family and an ark-load of animals. **Genesis 9:13** reveals that God used the rainbow as a seal of His covenant to never again destroy the earth with water. And then it dawned on me... Noah's storm lasted 40 days and 40 nights plus there were over 10 months of waiting for the water to recede before Noah was able to leave the ark on dry ground. Noah then built an altar and sacrificed animals on it in worship to God. THEN, God placed the

rainbow in the sky to confirm His covenant with Noah. God provided a rainbow in the sky with no rain preceding it. Isn't that just like God to do the impossible in an unconventional manner.

In nature, rainbows require rain. The sun must shine through the water vapor left behind by a rainstorm to produce the prism of colors we see. Even in this picture of the intersecting rainbows, you can see the sun shining on the buildings, with storm clouds still visible in the background.

God doesn't need a rainstorm to place a rainbow in the sky. And we don't need a rainbow immediately following our storms of life to be reminded that our God is faithful and always remembers His covenant with his people. Truth is, we may not even see the visible sign of God's faithfulness for month after the storm has abated. Yet, even if it doesn't happen immediately, God's signs are assured. He is always there for us.

Mike

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