



December 30, 2022

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for expressing interest in First Christian Church of Jefferson City, Missouri.

We are searching for an associate minister to support the work of our senior minister in leading the congregation and fulfilling our stated vision of “Growing closer to God to serve as we are called.” This person will be charged with creating and directing a Discipleship (Christian Formation) program from children through adults and implementing a Connection Ministry from first time visit to involvement in an intentional journey of spiritual growth.

Located four blocks from Missouri’s Capitol, First Christian Church of Jefferson City has a significant footprint in the community. We serve hundreds of families per month through our Food Pantry and participate with other congregations in a Transformational Housing program that helps provide affordable housing for residents.

We are especially proud of our work with East School – a nearby public school – where our members serve as mentors to students, provide support to teachers, and coordinate a yearly Block Party that brings our congregation together with East’s families, faculty, and staff.

Sundays at First Christian offer opportunities for members to enjoy both traditional and contemporary services, and music plays a vital role in the life of the church, thanks to our talented musicians, singers, and directors.

A financially stable church with diverse membership, First Christian Church is in the heart of Jefferson City, where residents and visitors have convenient access to a variety of amenities, including popular restaurants, historic sites, locally owned shops, and areas for outdoor recreation.

We encourage you to learn more about our congregation and life at First Christian Church of Jefferson City online at www.firstchristianjcmo.org. For more on our community, visit the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce website at www.jcchamber.org and the Jefferson City Convention and Visitors Bureau website at www.visitjeffersoncity.com.

For more information about this position, please contact John Blosser at blosserjd@gmail.com or 573-619-0803.

God’s blessings,

Associate Minister Search Committee



First Christian Church – Jefferson City, MO

Ministries and Service Groups

- FCC Connectors** – Each of our 25 Connectors is given a list of names of church families. They are then responsible for contacting those members on a regular basis, at least once a month. They are also asked to share any care or concerns with the pastoral staff when needed.
- Visiting Angels** – A group of church members who check the hospital admissions each day to see if any FCC church members have been hospitalized, and if so, visit with them offering prayers.
- Widow's Group** – This group meets monthly and is open to all widows of FCC. A mixture of both long-time and recently widowed individuals meet and share concerns, tackle problems and provide support to one another.
- Prayer Warriors** – This group gathers weekly to pray about the church, its members and friends who are struggling.
- Prayer Shawls Group** – Anytime a FCC member goes into the hospital or faces serious illness, they receive a prayer shawl that is crocheted and prayed over by this group.
- FCC Food Pantry** – Open in our Family Life Center every Tuesday from Noon to 4 pm, our Food Pantry is staffed by volunteers from our church and the community. We have been serving as many as 108 families per week and many of those families include 8-12 members.
- East Elementary School Partnership** -- A year-round ministry that includes supporting various activities including Game Night, a Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Promotion Assembly and Field Day. We also hold a very successful East School Community Block Party on an annual basis with almost 500 people in attendance.
- Transformational Housing** – An effort to establish low-income housing in our community. Working with several other community churches we have remodeled an older residence into apartments and a program has been formulated to screen/place needy individuals and several of our members are working with these families on a weekly basis. Plans are progressing to obtain a second building to further expand this program.
- Habitat for Humanity** – Members have served on teams for Habitat "builds" helping 32 people find safe, affordable housing.
- Common Ground** – This organization works for the cause of affordable housing in our community and offers financial assistance referrals, and housing programs. Our members volunteer to serve on their board and staff their office one day a week.
- Missionaries** – We support a family of Missionaries currently in Russia who are teaching at an English-speaking school.
- Friendship Class** – An adult Sunday School class with a mix of older and younger members who have been very active in the life of the church. Most recently, they conceived and raised money to start the FCC Kids after-school program.
- Searchers Class** – This Sunday School is comprised of people mostly in the 70-80 age group. They hear about and discuss current issues in religion including both the important and frivolous. They often learn about other religions and trends and enjoy strong social connections through dinners, picnics, occasional field trips, and other activities.
- Music Ministry** – FCC has a very active Adult Choir and Jubilant Sound Handbell Choir that perform several times each month. In addition, they are joined by instrumentalists and other soloists for an Advent Cantata and Easter Cantata each year. The Cantata is the "sermon in music" in both services for this special Sunday.
- Card Making Group** – A monthly opportunity for members who are interested in making homemade cards to gather and learn from the members with vast experience.
- Young Adult Group** – Offers social opportunities for young adults, couples, and young families to gather throughout the year.
- Bible Study Groups**
- *Wednesday Noon Bible Study – Gathers on Wednesday for a discussion of the scripture text for the coming Sunday. Members bring their favorite Bible translations to discuss.
 - *Monday Noon Bible Study – The subject matter of this Bible Study varies from various Books of the Bible to selected books of interest.
 - *Faith Seekers Study Group – A group of women of differing ages who have been studying together for several decades. Their focus varies from studying scripture, in-depth study of people in the Bible and Inspirational books.
- FCC Kids Thursday Program** – A program where we bring elementary school students to FCC weekly for fellowship and activities during the school year. They are provided with a safe and fun place and learn stories of the Bible and build faith. The programming includes music activities, movement activities, stories, games, and other related activities. The last 30 minutes is group activities in the gym.
- FCC Kids Sunday** – An opportunity for elementary aged children to meet between the two church services at 9:30-10:30. Both our Sunday and Thursday programs follow the same Biblical themes as outlined by our Christian Education Team.
- Combined Junior and Senior High Youth Group** – Meets between the two church services at 9:30-10:30.
- Mary Circle** – A ladies circle that meets monthly with members developing a close bond of friendship and fellowship. This group remembers its homebound for their birthdays and special days and provides dinners to bereaved families of our Circle.
- Boy Scout Troop** – FCC hosts Boy Scout Troop 333.