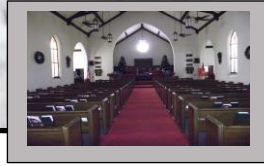


# FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

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## *First Things First ...*

With a new election period coming up in our country, we are hearing all kinds of campaign promises – some good, some bad. The important thing to remember when deciding is how do their promises align with the Word of God because He is the one who has the final say so in elections.

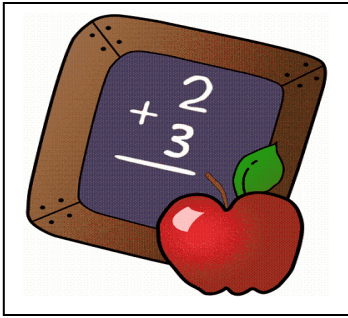
In Daniel 2:21 we read – HE CONTROLS THE COURSE OF WORLD EVENTS; HE REMOVES KINGS AND SETS UP OTHER KINGS. In Psalm 103:19 it says, THE LORD HAS ESTABLISHED HIS THRONE IN THE HEAVENS, AND HIS KINGDOM RULES OVER ALL. We just think we are in control. Sorry, but no.

So with that being said, let's look at one of the hot topics and see where it fits in with the Word of God – abortion – when does life begin and at what stage can it be terminated. You will hear ideas from conception all the way to after birth but the important thing is, "What does God say?"

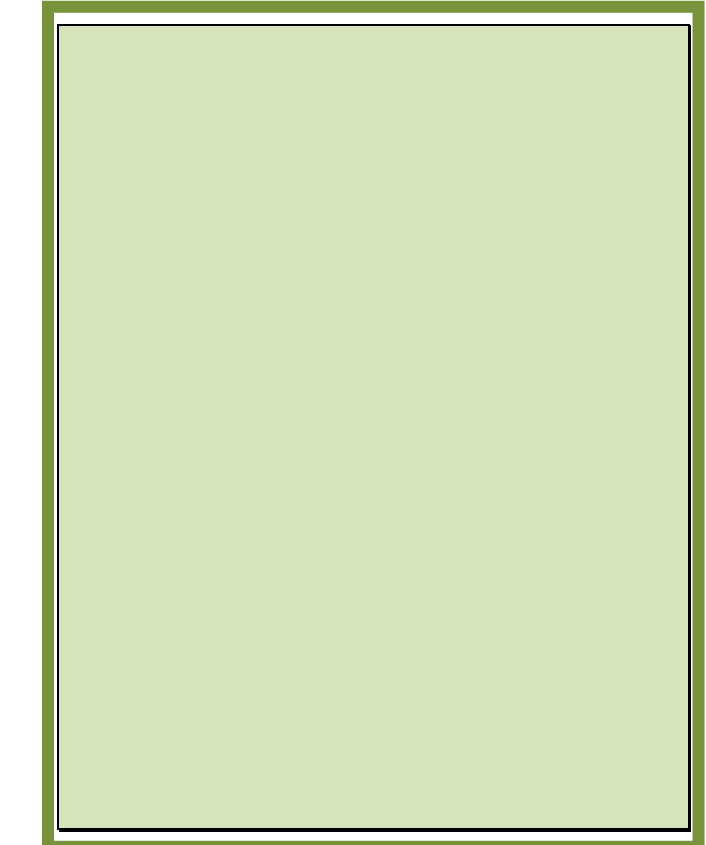
Turning to scripture, it is pretty obvious. In Jeremiah 1:4-5 we read – THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO ME SAYING, 'BEFORE I FORMED YOU IN THE WOMB I KNEW YOU, BEFORE YOU WERE BORN I SET YOU APART; I APPOINTED YOU AS A PROPHET TO THE NATIONS.' In Psalm 39:13-14 we read – FOR YOU CREATED MY INMOST BEING, YOU KNIT ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB. I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE I AM FEARFULLY MADE; YOUR WORKS ARE WONDERFUL, I KNOW THAT FULL WELL. The word "KNIT" here expresses a personal, hand's on involvement from the very beginning by God. Picture a DNA molecule being "knit" together. Point made. [For additional reading go to Luke 1:41-44; Exodus 21:22-25; Isaiah 49:1-5; Galatians 1:15-16; Psalm 51:5; Ecclesiastes 11:5; Job 10:8-12; Matthew 1:20; John 9:1-2]

Someone once asked God if he is so great, why hasn't he sent someone who can cure cancer. Answer – I did and you killed him in the womb before he had a chance.

Blessings,  
David Kight



# First School And Day Care



The First School's VBS for the school children and our church was such a success! Lava Lava Luau taught the children about self-control and how God can help us manage our emotions. We had a total of 36 children attend our VBS last week.

Thank you for all your prayers and support as we end the summer at First School. Please send special prayers for our children as they head back to school.

Many Blessings,

Bree Joines

First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –  
Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

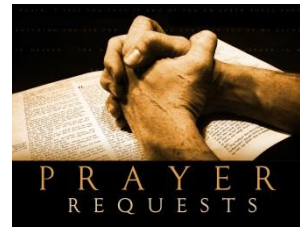
## AUGUST READINGS

08/06 Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17:1-7,15 Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

08/13 Genesis 37:1-4,12-28, Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

08/20 Exodus 22:25-31. Psalm 70:1-5, 1 Corinthians 15:12-25, Luke 4:38-44

08/27 Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20



- 08/03 Gaynard Wigginton
- 08/05 Alvin Yackel
- 08/06 Haley Orsak
- 08/11 Clyde Grier
- 08/12 Milton Johnson
- 08/18 Axel Koudela
- 08/21 Lionel Chatel
- 08/23 Liam Joines
- 08/28 Ronald Chambles
- 08/31 Ryan Hanna
- 08/31 Heather Langston

**Our FLC Family**

- Dorothy Atchetee
- Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
- Ron Chambles
- Shirley Chatel
- Marilyn Kight
- Kim & Larry Ledwig
- Lloyd Nelson
- Jimmy Nielsen
- Ashley Schoeneberg
- Bentley

**Friends of FLC**

- Juana
- Candace J
- Phillip U
- Sherrie Z
- Gerald R



*List will be cleared on the 1<sup>st</sup> in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.*

- 08/01 Dorothy Atchetee
- 08/01 Jan Nelson
- 08/01 Diane Stewart
- 08/03 David Kight
- 08/06 Dagny Thane
- 08/13 Helen Kight
- 08/13 Ruth Speckels
- 08/25 Lionel Chatel
- 08/25 Matthew Stewart
- 08/29 Landon Thane
- 08/31 Ryan Hanna



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ALL WHO  
SERVE IN  
THE US MILITARY**

**WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US**



OR



- 08/14 Jimmy & Sharon Nielsen

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**COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

**Pastor Clyde Grier:**  
Phone: 979-541-6173

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities that they may be lively places for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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## FLCEC Manna Meals Team

Our FLCEC Manna Meals Team will be serving on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please let Cathy Schoenfield know if you will be able to help. This is an important outreach effort helping those in our community who are in need of a meal. Thank you to all who are able to help prepare food, serve, and clean up!

### First School Board

Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m.

### Church Council

Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
6:00 p.m.  
(Note the change to Monday!)

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



### LCMC 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gathering

October 1-4, 2023

### St. Charles Convention Center

St. Charles, Missouri

**Theme: All Hands on Deck**

**Speakers – Focus Groups – Breakout Sessions**

**Fellowship Dinner – District Meetings**

**Recognitions – Exhibitors**

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# August 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <b>Sunday School</b> 9:30 AM <b>Worship Service</b> 10:45 AM w/Communion WOW Food Drive	7	8	9	10 <b>First School Board Meeting</b> 5PM	11	12
13 <b>Sunday School</b> 9:30 AM <b>Worship Service</b> 10:45 AM	14	15 <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>	16	17 <b>Manna Meals 5-6:30PM</b> FLCEC Team serves	18	19
20 <b>Sunday School</b> 9:30 AM <b>Worship Service</b> 10:45 AM w/Communion	21 <b>Church Council Meeting 6PM</b>	22	23	24	25	26
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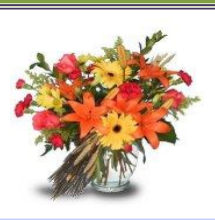
## August Responsibilities

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Calvin Borak  
**SEXTON:** Jimmy Nielsen  
**USHERS:** Kirk Marek, Ted Schoenfield  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen & David Kight

### READER

6<sup>th</sup> Calvin Borak  
 13<sup>th</sup> Cathy Schoenfield  
 20<sup>th</sup> Diane Stewart  
 27<sup>th</sup> Helen Johnson

If you are unable to serve on your date, please find someone to take your place.



## AUGUST FLOWER CALENDAR

6<sup>th</sup> Open  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jimmy & Sharon Nielsen  
 20<sup>th</sup> Open  
 27<sup>th</sup> Open

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**Join us on Sunday mornings!**

**Sunday School – 9:30 a.m**  
**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**