

### Our Vision

To be a faithful, growing church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice. (Micah 6:8)



*I send you greetings in the name of Jesus!*

*It is my hope as summertime approaches that you are all set for your vacations and those special getaways. I often pray for our travelers, asking God's provision of protection over all who are on the roads. I also hope that as you vacation you are able to reconnect with those who you are closest to. I hope as you stick your toes in the sand, or eat a fine meal that you are overwhelmed with the One that has made provision for you.*

*Your response to Father's provision is that you all have proven to be the most giving group of disciples that I have ever met. I have witnessed it firsthand and you are honoring our Father with your good works. If it is true (and it is true), that faith without works is dead; you my friends are some of the most faith-filled people on the planet, and you are alive and well in Christ! Praise be to the Father!*

*In my last Pastor's Note, I listed most if not all of the ministries that our fellowship has been called to and are active in. Several of you responded with your appreciation and some of you have responded with your hands and feet. You just have to know that makes me smile and so I praise the Lord for the good work that He's doing in you. What a profound blessing it is to be co-laborers for the Lord.*

# ~Pastor's Note~

## Summer Fun

*As the summer months go forward, so do the ministries that the Lord has and is calling us to. I again want to reach out to you and ask you to pray and consider where you might be used of God. We have immediate needs in our Celebrate Recovery Ministry. We need youth helpers and we are going to be needing small group leaders. Today, I just ask you to pray and seek the Lord. If you already have been and He's given you direction, then, come on down!*

*Can we agree that last Sunday's combined service was priceless? I'm so thankful for you all coming out at 10AM. I know that poses a challenge sometimes when we change service times, but you came out in a profound way and I'm still praising the Lord for that!! So, remember for the months of June and July we are combined for 10AM Worship. Our Study Groups are going on at 9AM for all ages, so, let us keep coming together to see what the Lord has in store for us. One thing is for sure, it will be good, because that's who our God is!*

*Lastly, a word of thanks from the McDaniel's. Many of you know that I was asked by a certain person about my thoughts on the church assisting us on our family's vacation expenses. I responded by telling that Saint that I thought that was the worst idea I had ever heard. That certain person identifying with my gift of discernment and leadership, went out and asked you all who were*

### Our Mission

To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)



*able, to assist in our trip expense, anyway. God bless that Saint! Jess and I are extremely humbled and quite blown away by your generosity. It has been many years since our family has been able to come together and get away and to say thank you, just doesn't seem to do it justice. So, I'll say it this way and I know I speak for Jess when I tell you, we love you dearly and are so incredibly thankful for you in our lives. We are overwhelmed by you and by the Father who brought us together.*

*Church, we are blessed! We are loved and we are cared for by the Creator and Sustainer of all things.*

*Thank you, Jesus!*

*P-Doug*





## Prayer Requests



### SHUT INS

June Turner  
Margaret Goodwin  
Steve Aichel

Shirley Weaver  
Lois White  
Maggie Hancock  
Beth Hays

### HEALTH CONCERNS

Pat Hartley  
Eddie Williams  
Betty Williams  
Nancy Tabor  
Toni Russell  
Glen Kersey  
Betty Lou Gibberson  
Nick Whited  
Florence Neal  
Grat Shawver  
Alan Neal  
Dr. Randy Stevens  
Henry (Jeep) Grim  
Henry Boerboom

Zack Carter  
Patty Baker  
Wayne Collins  
Carol Stafford  
Patty Camacho  
Jo Hartley  
Breanna Nicodemus  
Roger Stacy  
Tom Farmer  
Melissa Smith  
Vicki  
Carl Walker  
Mary Baker  
Kenny Adams  
Daken Bishop  
Kenny Ramos  
Matt Anderson & Family  
The mother of George Smith  
Joann Shrader  
Rev. George Aichel  
Sharon Harmon  
Sarah Haller  
Charlotte Woolwine  
Pam Wolford  
Paul Anderson  
Joyce Farmer  
Fonda Morgan  
Marianne White  
Paul Maggard  
Patti Viar  
Noah Shoemaker  
Shirley Weaver  
Lois White  
Greg Coe

### BEREAVEMENT

The Family of Donnie Hypes

### PRAYER REQUEST

Randy & Jan Bailey  
Retha Smith & Family  
Our Pastor  
Our Country  
Our Church Family  
David Epperly  
Robert Searle  
Jon Gendron  
Our First Responders  
General Church  
Regional Church  
Regional Minister & Staff  
Fred Haller  
The Malin Family  
Candice Humphrey  
Patricia Daniels  
Upcoming Youth Camps  
Celebrate Recovery  
Mary Anne & Bucky  
Amber Ross & Family



### Need a Ride To Church?

Contact the church office at 304-327-5633 or  
Darrin Coe at 276-245-8374



### Summer Schedule:

June 19, 2019 – 5:30PM

July 17, 2019 – 5:30PM

August 21, 2019 – 5:30PM



It is that time again,

Time to start planning for Bethlehem.

If you would like to help in anyway please contact

Lois Gibson at 304-325-9787 or

George Smith at

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# FESTIVAL of LOVE

Throughout the Old Testament, the people of God met together in Feasts or Festivals to celebrate the Blessings that God had placed on them. There was the Passover Feast, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, The Feast of First Fruits, The Feast of Trumpets, The Feast of Tabernacles to name a few. When the Ark of the Covenant was returned to the City of David, David celebrated. 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 6 vs 14: Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, 15) while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sounds of trumpets.” In Psalm 66, verses 1-12: 1) Shout for joy to God, all the Earth! 2) Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. 3) Say to God: “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. 4) All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.” 8) Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.” From my daily devotion this morning: “The church should be a place of “celebrations, exuberant and joyful” (Act 2, vs 46). We should be the most positive people in the world – constantly celebrating Jesus and the victory of God.”

On the fifth Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a traditional “pot luck” dinner after worship for the sole purpose of enjoying each other’s company and praising God for what He has done for us. Take the opportunity to love on each other in Christian love and share your testimony of your witness of God’s work within your personal life, the life of your family, and/or the life of our Church. Let us make a joyful noise and proclaim that God as sovereign Lord and we recognize His abundant provision, protection, and love that He pours out upon us. Bring your favorite pot luck dish – main dish, side dish, salad, dessert – we will eat what we share and we will have abundant food for all. This will be held immediately following worship. Come join your family and be Blessed!

- Susan Smith





“ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” **Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”** Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” **Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”** The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” **Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.”**

John: 21: 15-17.

“ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**” Acts 1:8.

“ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For **one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.**” Acts 1: 21-22.

“ **How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News.**”

Ro. 10:15.

“ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. **“Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”**

Acts 5: 18-20.

“ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so **in Christ we**, though many, **form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.** We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is **prophesying, then prophesy** in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is **servng, then serve**; if it is **teaching, then teach**; 8 if it is to **encourage, then give encouragement**; if it is **giving, then give generously**; if it is to lead, **do it diligently**; if it is to **show mercy, do it cheerfully.**

Romans 12: 4-8.

Although Paul mentions several gifts, there are many additional gifts from the Holy Spirit given so that **we can proclaim Jesus Christ every day and to everyone!**

Please plan to join us to study the Gospel on Sundays at 9:00 am (June & July) and Tuesdays at 7:00 pm or Wednesdays at 9:00 am. We hope and pray that we will see you for our studies in the continuous walk to maturity of our faith.

May God Be Glorified by our proclamation of Jesus Christ!

In Christ,

Roger Mullins (c) 06/11/19 rwmullins

Greetings all,

We are just fresh back from Junior & Chi Rho Camp, and boy was it a blast. We had six youth go in all, four campers and two junior counselors, as well as myself and Darrin. Although it rained some of the time we were there, that did not dampen the mood of anyone at camp. I personally love the experience and the closeness that camp brings you to God. It sort of puts your life into perspective, or at least it does for me. I want to thank all those who made camp possible for these young people, you do not know the impact you have truly made in their lives.

Next up is VBS which is June 23-26 from 5:30-8:00PM. If you want to help just let Darrin or myself know and we will make arrangements for you to help in some way.

Be on the look out for upcoming Wowzza Wednesday events during the Summer as we are doing things a little different.

As always thank you for the chance to serve such an awesome congregation.

Sarah Neal

**Bible Study – The Call to be Witnesses**

In an effort to increase our cultural calling to become witnesses, I thought it might be helpful to quote scripture directly:

“ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matt: 28:18-20.

“ He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Mk: 16:15.

“ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **You are witnesses of these things.** **I am going to send you what my Father has promised**; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Lk: 24:46-48

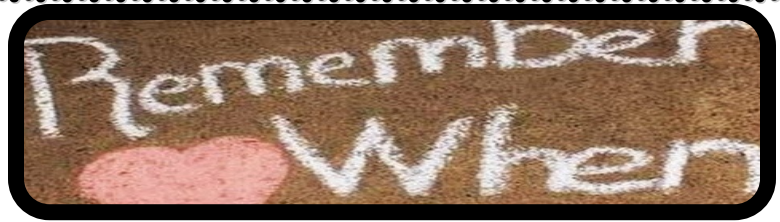
“ When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And **you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.**

John 15:26-27

Make a Joyful noise Unto The Lord!



If anyone is interested in joining the First Christian Chancel Choir, just show up to practice. Practices are every Wednesday at 7:00PM unless otherwise noted. We would like to have you!



I remember years ago when the familiar faces in the church kitchen were those of Virginia Hudson, Irene Nichols, Mary Mash, Dolly Martin, Clarice Peters, Virginia Akers, Jimmy Sargent, Mary Agnes Crickmer, Evelyn Wickham, Hazel Warren, (and others..I’m sure I have left someone out...) I was a stay-at-home mom, and could often work in the kitchen with all these dear ladies, and I have wonderful memories of the Christian fellowship shared in that kitchen! I learned a lot about cooking, a lot about serving the church, and had a lot of fun at the same time!

- Betsy Cardwell



May 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer's Report



Below is the financial report for May 2019. God is good, all the time!! Please remember to keep up your gifts to God and His church. Praise God for His faithfulness to His church! Praise God for each of you and your faithfulness to the ministries at FCC. I am grateful for your faithfulness to financially support God's work in this place.

As a reminder, please continue to check for LIGHTS, RUNNING TOILETS, A/C OR HEAT, etc. following all meetings at the church. Don't assume someone else will lock up or turn off. This really helps to hold down utility costs. Also, if you become aware of maintenance issues with the property, please bring it to the attention of the Property Ministry Team (Co-chairmen, George Birkelbach and Scott Collier) or the church office. Delayed repairs can be more expensive than when they are caught early.

Our Church is truly blessed!

Ronnie Hypes, Treasurer



I want to thank everyone for your help with the yard sale. Whether you donated items, worked (really hard) shopped or prayed for us, you are a blessing.

Our final total was \$4,069.97. This would not have been possible without all the donations and hard work.

The money will be used to send three youth to camp, buy a refrigerator (the ones we have were made in 1991) and the rest will go into the property account.

Items that were left went to Wise Women, The Catholic Church, Union Mission and the Mercer County Animal Shelter.

Again Thank you & God Bless, Carolyn Bassett

First Christian Church		
Financial Information for May 2019		
	Month-to-date	Year-to-date
Total offerings and other sources	\$ 10,482.20	\$ 65,445.39
Total expenses	13,814.83	69,249.54
Excess (deficit) of offerings to expenses	(3,332.63)	(3,804.15)
Transfers from (to) savings	0.00	0.00
Increase (decrease)	(3,332.63)	(3,804.15)
Balances on hand		
May 31, 2019:		
General Fund		\$ 1,533.06
Memorial and Special Gifts		11,973.29
Property Repairs and Replacement		2,236.06
Scholarship		7,191.32
Bequested Funds and other savings		94,238.73
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$117,172.46</b>

Praise and give thanks to the Lord

GOT A HURT, HABIT OR HANG-UP?

**Celebrate Recovery**  
Every Thursday at 6:00PM  
Contact Chuck Louthan at 276-322-4071  
for more information.



Due to popular demand, we will take some summer van day trips this year. If they go well, we may extend them into fall and winter as well. The first of these is scheduled for Monday, June 17. We are going to Blacksburg, VA for a movie, lunch, dinner and shopping. We will be leaving Bluefield around 7:45 am. We will return when everyone is ready to come home. Our second venture is to Pigeon Forge, TN on Monday July 1. We will be leaving at 7:00 am, eat breakfast in Bristol at the IHOP, continue to Pigeon Forge where at least one shop will be the Russell Stover store. We may take in a show if one is available in our time frame. Or, we may go to the Ripley's Aquarium. I am open to suggestions. We are trying to schedule these trips on Mondays so that they do not compete with our Bible Studies or prayer time. If there is a better day for folks, please let me know. If you have any questions - please feel free to call me, 304-320-4434. Seating is limited as we are taking the Church Van. I believe we can seat 8 plus a driver. If there is somewhere interesting that you would like to go, let me know and we will see if we can schedule it. I hope you can make some of these outings.

Love in Christ, Susan Smith



# July 2019

## ☆ Birthdays

## ♡ Anniversaries



For birthday/anniversary additions/changes please notify Sarah

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<p>1</p> <p>*Violin Practice 2:45PM</p> <p>*Boy Scouts 7:00PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>*Prayer Meeting 6:15PM</p> <p>*Bible Study 7:00PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>*Praise Band Practice 6:00PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>☆ *Shirley Ferguson</p> <p>*Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM</p> <p>*Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Kairos Cookies Due 12 NOON</p>	<p>6</p> <p>☆ *Caroline Stacy</p>
<p>7</p> <p>*Combined Service 10:00AM</p> <p>*Teen Believers 6:00PM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>♡ *Mike &amp; Karen Copolo</p> <p>♡ *Kyle &amp; Christie Croye</p> <p>*Violin Practice 2:45PM</p> <p>*Boy Scouts 7:00PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>♡ *Doug &amp; Jessica McDaniel</p> <p>*Prayer Meeting 6:15PM</p> <p>*Bible Study 7:00PM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>*Praise Band Practice 6:00PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>☆ *Kiara Bailey</p> <p>*Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM</p> <p>*Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>☆ *Jerry Cumby</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>☆ *Gary Musser</p> <p>*Combined Service 10:00AM</p> <p>*Teen Believers 6:00PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>☆ *Darrin Coe</p> <p>*Violin Practice 2:45PM</p> <p>*Boy Scouts 7:00PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>*Prayer Meeting 6:15PM</p> <p>*Bible Study 7:00PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>*Wowzza Wednesday 5:30PM</p> <p>*Praise Band Practice 6:00PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>*Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM</p> <p>*Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>☆ *Susan Johnson</p>	<p>20</p> <p>☆ *Teri Arrington</p> <p>*Men's Breakfast</p> <p>*Women's Breakfast</p>
<p>21</p> <p>*Combined Service 10:00AM</p> <p>*Teen Believers 6:00PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>☆ *Henry "Burger" Boerboom</p> <p>*Violin Practice 2:45PM</p> <p>*Boy Scouts 7:00PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>*Prayer Meeting 6:15PM</p> <p>*Bible Study 7:00PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>*Praise Band Practice 6:00PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>*Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30AM</p> <p>*Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>♡ *Lesla &amp; Gery Piluso</p> <p>☆ *Nancy Mulkey</p>	<p>27</p> <p>*Youth Committee Meeting 9AM</p>
<p>28</p> <p>♡ *Mr. &amp; Mrs. Phil Mahood</p> <p>*Combined Service 10:00AM</p> <p>*Teen Believers 6:00PM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>*Violin Practice 2:45PM</p> <p>*Boy Scouts 7:00PM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>*Prayer Meeting 6:15PM</p> <p>*Bible Study 7:00PM</p>	<p>31</p> <p>*Praise Band Practice 6:00PM</p>			

We heartily welcome all  
May you be blessed today.

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## Welcome To Our Church

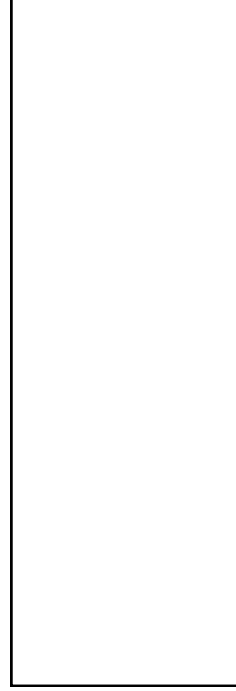


9:00 am Worship Service  
Contemporary Church Service  
Sunday School: 10:00 am  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Traditional Church Service  
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## Youth Events

Sunday Teen Believers  
6:00PM

WOWZA Wednesday once a month  
during the Summer

\*Youth Outreach Ministry

If you have any questions concerning youth events please contact Darrin Coe, Youth Minister at 276-245-8374 or Sarah Neal, Administrative Minister at 304-910-9933

HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
Day  
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*Bible in the Schools Offering*

*In Memory*

*Le Roy Croye. By Robert Croye*

*Guy Harrison. By Tonia Russell*

*Jack Martin. By Donna & Michael Cole*

*George R. Martin Jr. By Dan, George & Tammy*

*Thomas J. Fabor. By Judith E. Fabor*

*Von Musser. By Gary Musser*

SUMMER  
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We will have COMBINED 10AM worship  
For the months of JUNE & JULY

Sunday School will be held at 9AM