



First Christian Church

A Church of Service, working for wholeness in a broken world

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Servants in Worship



Worship Leader.....	Emily Auten
Red Book Pickup	Sally D. Hunt / Dreema Adkins
Deacons Coordinator.....	Emily Auten
Ushers & Servers.....	Debby Demos, Susan Haymes, Kirsten Hyde, Katie Wylie
Other Servers.....	Dreema Adkins, Tony Adkins
Elders at the Table	
Pulpit Side (Prayer of Consecration).....	Doug Ford
Pulpit Side (Pastoral Listener)	Bob Gary
Lectern Side (Prayer of Thanksgiving).....	Wanda Jones
Lectern Side (Pastoral Listener)	Greg Givens
Scripture.....	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Proclamation	Unread Letter(s) - Page 4.....Rev. Brandon

The Week Ahead

Saturday, May 27 - Church grounds clean up at 9 am; contact Skip Brannen if you can help!

Sunday, May 28

9:30 am	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am	Door Greeters: Covenant Group 9 (Adkins/Street)
10:30 am	Coffee & Conversation - Crane Lounge
10:30 am	Children's Choir Practice
11:00 am	Worship; Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Sanctuary Clean Up: Covenant Group 9
12:30 pm	Pastor's Class for Middle School age or older
3:00-6:00 pm	Open House at Alan & Barbara Voss' home 44023 Chestnut Lane, Signal Mtn - Come see the Treehouse!!!

Monday, May 29

	Church Closed for Memorial Day
7:30 pm	NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 30

7:00 pm	NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday, May 31

No Scheduled Activities

Thursday, June 1

7:00 am	Men's Group; Bluegrass Grill
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Friday, June 2

9:00 am	Community Kitchen Volunteering
3:00 pm	Community Kitchen Volunteering <i>Sherry Baldwin: sherrybaldwin60@gmail.com</i>
7:00 pm	NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 3

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, June 4 - Pentecost

9:30 am	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am	Door Greeters: Covenant Group 1 (Fulgham/Flynn)
10:30 am	Coffee & Conversation - Crane Lounge
10:30 am	Children's Choir Practice
11:00 am	Worship; Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Sanctuary Clean Up: Covenant Group 1
12:15 pm	Communications Committee Meeting; Conference Room

In Our Thoughts & Prayers...

Vivian Smithson (Kent Smithson's mother);
Beth Mears & Linda Hall (daughter and friend of Ann Knauff);
Tyler Rich and Family & Bret Lyness (friends of the Cass and Crosslin families); Aline Summerlin; Jim & Barbara Northcut; Tom Henderson; Skip Brannen; Tim McGhee (friend of Betty Proctor); Jill McPhail DeVore (Kate Gilliland's mother); Kyle Cutsinger; Danny Dyer (Tricia Dyer's brother); James Drake (Father of Beth Harris); Ardian Totten; B.C. Bradley and Shirley Walker (friends of Betty Proctor & Betty Jolly); Gary Goforth; Erick Griggs; Daniel Tomanelli; Don & Vicki Mielcarek (friends of Tricia Dyer); Bryce Wynn; Sue Renfro; Brian Baldrige (cousin of David Cass); Judy Fitzgerald; Dan Summerlin & Family; Leroy Lewis (Bob Lewis' brother); Nick Dobbs; Roger Rahor (Gayle Mingledorff's husband); Mary & Jack Barker; Catherine Gifford (Jim Davis' sister); Howard VanZant; Liz Love; John Black (Barbara Voss's brother); Bill Allen; Leona BonDurant (Carl's Grandmother); Paul Shoun

Contact the church office to add or remove someone on the prayer list, 267-4506.

May Birthdays

29	Lee Ann DeFriese	6	Ann Derthick
31	Lisa Wilkes, Stephen Morgan	9	Fielding Atchley
		10	Tanya Fleury, Fran Petree
		13	Nathan Fletcher

June Birthdays

2	Sarah Close, Scottie Summerlin	14	Bill Allen
5	Byron Cole, Lonna Williams	19	John Holcombe, Konnie Smithers
		20	Scot Crosslin, Judy Duncan
		20	Bitse Griggs

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BRIDGE Deadline.....	Monday, NOON
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Next FCC Board Meeting will be Sunday, June 11, please mark your calendars!

Summer Youth Camps 2017 - Register Now!

CYF June 4-10 (completed grades 9, 10, 11, or 12)
DISCOVERY & FIRSTERS June 11-14 (completed grades 2 or 3 & completed grades K or 1)
EIGHTERS July 2-8 (completed grade 8)
CHI RHO July 9-14 (completed grades 6 or 7)
JUNIOR July 16-20 (completed grades 4 or 5)

<http://www.ccdctn.org/eventregistration/>

Children's Church will not meet during June or July. Children birth through age 5, will continue to meet in their regular classroom. Children and youth, age six and older, will stay with their parents during Worship. Sunday School will still meet at 9:30. We hope you all have a fun, safe summer!
Blessings, Kyle



From the Table

This week's Pastor's Column comes from our Regional Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Christal Williams

Dear First Christian Church:

Today I am thanking God for nine months of positive ministry. As I continue praying, believing and operating as your Regional Minister and President, I believe God is igniting a fire of love, hope and vision for the Christian Church in Tennessee. Since last August, the staff and I have implemented several new and effective programs, invited many groups to the regional office and held our first leadership development initiative, "Innovate." There were 15 congregations represented at this initiative. After driving 30,000 miles and holding 52 congregational visits, I'm pleased to say that we are an emerging region. Frankly, I am excited about the direction in which we are moving and those who are traveling with us.

However, the workload is great. I have positioned myself to move in it with grace, deep prayer and spiritual disciplines, teamwork and intentional effort. Realizing that I could not do this work alone, I began seeking partners early. The regional board agreed. It is important that I make you aware of all efforts. It is my desire that our best foot is always moving forward as we try to thoroughly serve the regional church.

In a quest to make sure that you are served by the regional staff in a more wonderful way, on June 1, CCTN will launch our new Regional Elders Program. This program is being put into place to assist the Regional Minister in her quest to increase congregational support, pastoral contact and overall regional encouragement. Let's be clear, this will not replace the Regional Minister; nor, will it remove her duties as Pastor to the Pastors, administration giving oversight to the entire region and Bethany Hills. This is a wonderful time for our extraordinary regional leaders to assist me, your Regional Minister, with carrying out the vision of love, inclusion, and having administrative oversight abilities that God is giving us daily.

WHAT IS A REGIONAL ELDER?

A Regional Elder is a person who will serve as a volunteer to provide contact and care on behalf of the Regional Church for an assigned group of ministers and congregations in a specific area.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

The purpose is to function as a resource for ministers and congregations, adding another layer of Regional support and presence.

WHO ARE OUR REGIONAL ELDERS AND WHICH CONGREGATIONS WILL THEY BE SERVING?

1. Rev. Jan Harris- (Middle/West) Eastwood, Open Table, Central Murfreesboro, New Covenant, Bellevue, FCC Paris
2. Rev. Richard Gross- (Middle) COAC, Dover, Alameda, Central-Springfield, FCC Clarksville, Community Christian-Nashville
3. Rev. Dr. Connie Green- (West-Middle) Tullahoma, Shelbyville, Waynesboro, Humboldt, Bells, Halls

4. Rev. Dr. Joanne Flowers- (Upper Far East Area) Bethel, Airport, Bentley St, The Table, Hasson Street Christian Church, Northside
5. Elder Mara Grisham- (East Area) Oakridge, Rockwood, Sparta, Cumberland, Livingston, Chattanooga (FCC, East Ridge, Ashland Terrace)
6. Rev. Dr. Christal L. Williams (West Area) Until the position is filled.

HOW ARE REGIONAL ELDERS COMPENSATED?

Regional Elders are not paid for their ministry. It is a volunteer position. However, they can be reimbursed for their expenses if they so choose.

Please be mindful; if they preach at your congregation, they should be given an honorarium and/or mileage to help offset the cost of the program. They can also turn the honorarium in to the regional office, and receive mileage reimbursement.

WHAT MINISTRY WILL REGIONAL ELDERS PERFORM?

1. Representation for the Region
2. Preaching
3. Installation
4. Meeting with Pastors

TO WHOM DO THE REGIONAL ELDERS REPORT?

1. They will meet quarterly at a Regional Elders Meeting, at the Regional Center for Ministry.
2. They report directly to the Regional Minister and President.

After June 1, your Regional Elder will be reaching out to you to make contact.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. If you have names of folks who you believe would make qualified regional elders in the future, please let me know.

YES, we're better together,

Rev. Dr. Christal L. Williams
Regional Minister and President
Christian Church in Tennessee



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