



# First Christian Church

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

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## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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### Servants in Worship



Worship Leader.....	Sherry Baldwin
Red Book Pickup .....	Emily Auten / Peggy Brannen
Deacons Coordinator .....	Darby Standefer
Ushers & Servers.....	Sarah Flynn, Angie Cass, Gail Rich, Katie Wylie
Other Servers.....	David Cass, Susan Haymes
Elders at the Table	
Pulpit Side (Prayer of Consecration).....	Don Reynolds
Pulpit Side (Pastoral Listener) .....	Doug Ford
Lectern Side (Prayer of Thanksgiving).....	Jean Blackburn
Lectern Side (Pastoral Listener) .....	Jan Webster
Scripture.....	Matthew 22:1-14
Proclamation .....	Journey to Generosity.....Rev. Brandon

### In Our Thoughts & Prayers...

Jim & Mary Davis; Joy Bourroughs (friend of Dreema Adkins mother); Rowland W. Faust; Chuck Martin; Phil Summerlin; Tom Henderson; Scottie, Jake & Jack Summerlin; Mary Gifford (Mary Davis' sister-in-law); Jim Henry; Lyndsay Wells (Bill Allen's Step-Sister); Rona Gary; John Todd (friend of Ann Knauff); Tyler Rich and Family & Bret Lyness (friends of the Cass and Crosslin families); Jim & Barbara Northcut; Jill McPhail DeVore (Kate Gilliland's mother); Danny Dyer (Tricia Dyer's brother); Gary Wilkes; Ardian Totten; Shirley Walker (friend of Betty Proctor & Betty Jolly); Gary Goforth; Erick Griggs; Daniel Tomanelli; Don & Vicki Mielcarek (friends of Tricia Dyer); Sue Renfro; Brian Baldrige (cousin of David Cass); Judy Fitzgerald; Leroy Lewis (Bob Lewis' brother); Nick Dobbs; Edward Everett (Gayle Mingledorff's cousin); Maty & Jack Barker; Howard VanZant; John Black (Barbara Voss's brother); Bill Allen; Paul Shoun

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

### October

#### BIRTHDAYS

15	Evelyn Pless
19	Mary Davis
22	Rick Cutsinger
24	Darby Standefer
26	Cheryl Bingham, Joshua Hamilton
31	Alan Voss, Bea Lyons

#### November:

2	Missy McKenna
3	Barbara Voss
4	Scrappy Moore
5	Carol Sharpe
6	Debby Demos
7	Natalie Shipley
9	Angie Cass
10	Sam Edmondson
11	Diane Givens

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Welcome to Worship

### The Week Ahead

#### Sunday, October 15

9:30 am	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
9:30 am	Door Greeters: Covenant Group 5 (Allen/Duncan)
9:30 am	Adult Choir Practice; Sanctuary
10:30 am	Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
11:00 am	Worship; Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Sanctuary Clean Up: Covenant Group 5

#### Monday, October 16

1:00 pm	Staff Meeting; Conference Room
2:30 pm	PAWS
5:00 pm	Town Hall Meeting Crossville CC
7:30 pm	NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday, October 17

7:00 pm	NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall
8:00 pm	House Worship; Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, October 18

6:00 pm	Northminster Book Club (see below)
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#### Thursday, October 19

7:00 am	Men's Group; Bluegrass Grill
2:30 pm	PAWS

#### Friday, October 20

3:00 pm	Community Kitchen Volunteering Sherry Baldwin: sherrybaldwin60@gmail.com
7:00 pm	NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

#### Saturday, October 21

No Scheduled Activities

#### Sunday, October 22

9:30 am	Christian Education Classes for All Ages
9:30 am	Door Greeters: Covenant Group 5 (Allen/Duncan)
9:30 am	Adult Choir Practice; Sanctuary
10:30 am	Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
11:00 am	Worship; Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Sanctuary Clean Up: Covenant Group 5

Join us for a  
baby shower honoring

## Jonathan and Kirsten Hyde

**Sunday, October 22**  
After Worship

#### NORTHMINSTER BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 18, 6:00 pm | Northminster Presbyterian Church | 4791 Hal Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416

FCC members are invited to discuss Carol Howard Merritt's latest book, *Healing Spiritual Wounds: Reconnecting with a Loving God after Experiencing a Hurtful Church*. Author Carol Howard Merritt will be joining the conversation. Meet in the Library. Bring your own dinner if you would like to eat while discussing the book.

## From the Table

We all know that we are called to love one another as Christ's Church.

What we often don't agree on is the shape that love should take—how do we best serve one another, how do we best do outreach that empowers those who have few resources, how do we best communicate the care of Christ that we have experienced together. Is personal change or policy change the best way to change the world? Do I best measure my contribution to God's kingdom with my time or with my treasure?

We do know that we have experienced the generosity of God—life itself is a generous gift, as is community, as are the many talents we enjoy, the families that nurture us, and that we, in turn, nurture.

And we do know, regardless of the exact way that we are called to do so, we all find embedded in God's generosity a call that we, too, be generous with the gifts we have been given.


Over the next several weeks, we will be on a "Journey To Generosity" as we explore stewardship together, what it means to support the ministry of First Christian Church, and what it means to participate in Christ's vision of the Reign of God.

You have already received a collection of meditations and prayers entitled –Community of Prayer—that might help you think about Stewardship differently. In addition, this week you will be receiving a copy of our 2018 Narrative budget, which will be an excellent tool for laying out our ministry priorities for 2018.

As we share this conversation, I hope you will prayerfully consider ways you might turn your resources into ministry and live into your call to participate in God's generosity.

I am glad to be on this journey with you.

Grateful to be in ministry with you,  
Rev. B



## Turning the Pages Together

gatherings for widows raising children

**Beginning Dates:**  
Monday Oct 23, 6:30-8:00pm  
(ongoing monthly, 4th Monday evenings)  
Wednesday Nov 8, 10:00-11:30am  
(ongoing monthly, 2nd Wednesday mornings)

FCC is pleased to begin hosting **Turning the Pages Together** a new support community formed for women widowed during the active parenting stages of life. Twice monthly peer discussion will be guided by reading selections, beginning with the book **Option B**, by Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant. See our online invitation for complete information and avenues for registering and/or sharing with others through email or social media! <https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/8d-750c4726e52dc7601b>

Contact Lisa Hale Gilvin (organizer for FCC; [lrhale200@gmail.com](mailto:lrhale200@gmail.com)) or Scottie Summerlin ([scottiepta@gmail.com](mailto:scottiepta@gmail.com)) with any questions.



### It's Almost That Time!

Sunday, November 5 will be the FCC Spud Luncheon and packing party, right after worship. Everyone is invited to enjoy lunch together and help pack our 200 shoe boxes. Hope all will join us to share God's love with needy children around the world.

### Community Kitchen T-Shirt Drive: November 5 & 12



FCC is partnering with Chattanooga State Nursing students to collect gently used and/or new adult t-shirts—any color or size, for the homeless. The nursing students put on an Annual Wellness Fair at CCK each year. More in the next newsletter!



Save the Date!

## Love & Care Inside/Outside Project

Saturday, October 28  
9 am - Noon

Cleanins, pressure washins, repairins, and more!



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