





Steven Lyle; Francis Nevels;  
 Caroline Moore; Cheryl Bingham;  
 Mary & Jack Barker; Bill Allen;  
 Dave Fleury; Mai "Mike" Nary;  
 Gail Holcombe; Angelita Sedigo;  
 Shawn Baldwin; Scottie, Jake &  
 Jack Summerlin; Dewayne & Sue  
 Renfro; Lyndsay Wells (Bill  
 Allen's Step-Sister); Rona Gary;  
 Jim & Barbara Northcut; Chuck  
 Martin; Mary Gifford (Mary Davis'  
 sister-in-law); Tyler Rich and  
 Family & Bret Lyness (friends of  
 the Cass and Crosslin families);  
 Paul Shoun; Gary Wilkes; Jill  
 McPhail DeVore (Kate Gilliland's  
 mother); Erick Griggs; Daniel  
 Tomanelli; Gary Goforth; Nick  
 Dobbs; Howard VanZant; Brian  
 Baldrige (cousin of David Cass);  
 Judy Fitzgerald; Edward Everett  
 (Gayle Mingledorff's cousin)  
 John Black (Barbara Voss's  
 brother); Leroy Lewis (Bob Lewis'  
 brother).

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

**Note: FCC Board Meeting  
 will be held Feb. 25  
 KOINONIA CLASS RETREAT  
 Friday, Feb. 23 -- Sunday, Feb. 25,  
 2018 at Fall Creek Falls State Park.  
 Contact David Floyd  
 for further information.**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, February 11

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 2 (Demos)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 2

### Monday, February 12

- 10:30 am CWF Monday Circle; Fellowship Hall  
 Covered-dish lunch. Debby Demos  
 presiding with Judy Duncan as Hostess.
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 2:30 pm PAWS
- 5:30 pm Elders Meeting; Conference Room
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, February 13

- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 pm House Worship; Sanctuary

### Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

- 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service; Sanctuary

### Thursday, February 15

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

### Friday, February 16

- 10:30 am Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 3:00 pm Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 7:00 pm Gen X-Y-Z Wine Tasting Party
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, February 17

No Scheduled Activities

### Sunday, February 18

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 2 (Demos)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 2
- 2:00 pm Hospice Service of Remembrance; Sanctuary



## FROM THE TABLE LENTEN WORSHIP



The Season of Lent, a time for reflection and repentance, is upon us. The 40 days of Lent often provide a time of reflection, a sense of spiritual journey, and serve as a time to focus on repentance and reconciliation as we look toward the harrowing days of Holy Week. In order to help all of us participate in this journey, First Christian Church is offering some unique worship opportunities:

On February 14th at 6 pm, we will have a short Ash Wednesday service including communion and the imposition of ashes.

On February 18th, the award-winning Hernando Middle School Choir from Hernando, MS, will join us for worship, sharing their talents as they join us in song.

On February 25th, we will celebrate "The Reconciling Feast," a different style of worship which will begin with our shared journey to Christ's Open Table during 11 am worship.

On March 4th, we will join together for a service of Healing and Hope at 11 am, which will include a time of communal and individual prayer for the healing of bodies, minds, and relationships.

On March 18th, we will experience a worship service inspired by the music and worship of Taize, a Christian community in France whose songs we occasionally use in worship ("Eat This Bread," for example).

On March 24th, Palm Sunday, we will welcome Singer-Songwriter and United Methodist Minister Sherry Cothran to the pulpit as our guest preacher.

During Holy Week, we will gather for a simple meal and worship service in the Fellowship Hall on Maundy Thursday at 7 pm and a Good Friday service that will include John Rutter's "Requiem."

Our choir, staff, and many other volunteers have been hard at work preparing for this sacred season. It's inspiring to see it come together, and I know it will be an enriching season for you, as well.

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,  
Rev. B*

## Tending Angels Book Release & Concert Event—February 24th, 7 pm hosted by "The House"

Join Sherry Cothran for this unique presentation of songs and stories based on her latest book, *Tending Angels: Stories From the Frontlines of Heaven and Earth*.

Tending Angels is a collection of inspiring essays about finding hope in broken places, healing in heart break and purpose and meaning as the gifts of love. Sherry Cothran shares her experiences from nearly a decade as the senior pastor of one of those kinds of churches Pope Francis has called "a triage hospital on the frontlines of the world's pain." Cothran takes us to the "frontlines of heaven and earth" where she often felt she



might be "tending angels unaware."

Before attending Vanderbilt Divinity and becoming ordained in the United Methodist Church, Sherry was an award-winning recording artist (Mercury Records, NY) and

professional singer/songwriter. Now she combines her gifts in her unique presentations of songs and stories.

Sherry also worked with award winning, indie film maker, Tracy Facelli, on a music video titled, "Tending Angels," that can be viewed on YouTube as a companion to the book.

Sherry will have books and CD's for sale. They are also available at [www.sherrycothran.com](http://www.sherrycothran.com) and Amazon.

Donations will be received for **Family Promise**, a Chattanooga non profit that seeks to help homeless families achieve and sustain independence.

A Very Happy Birthday to...



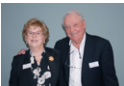
## FEBRUARY

- 11 Emily Auten, Sarah Flynn
- 14 Justin Givens
- 15 Ava Grisham, Kit Hanley
- 18 Sherry Baldwin
- 20 Joni Sharpe
- 22 Dreema Adkins

## PARENTAL LEAVE

Rev. Jonathan began parental leave on Monday, February 5th. He will return to worship on Sunday, March 18th. While he is on leave, please connect with Rev. Brandon concerning any pastoral issues, Bryce Wynn regarding any issues related to covenant groups, and any administrative issues to Victoria Flores, our office manager. If you are unclear about who may need to respond to your issue, touch base with Victoria first—and she will make sure your request is met by the correct person.

February-March 2018						
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Jim and I want to "Thank You" for the honor you bestowed on us of "Elder Emeritus."

How lovely to be recognized for doing services for our church that we totally enjoyed.

We love this Church and everyone in it. Thankful for each of you. - *In Love, Mary Davis*



Welcome to our new organist Sarah Harr and her husband James.

spread joy



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