



First Christian Church

Location: 650 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37403

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am-2 pm | Phone: 423.267.4506

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education for all ages: 9:30 am | Coffee & Conversation: 10:30 am | Worship: 11 am

A CHURCH OF SERVICE, WORKING FOR WHOLENESS IN A BROKEN WORLD.

SERVANTS IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader.....Fielding Atchley
Red Book PickupBetty Floyd / Jennifer Atchley
Deacons Coordinator.....Missy McKenna
Ushers..... Debra Branson, Kirsten Hyde,
Paul Shoun, Kate Wallace
Servers.....Debby Demos, Darby Standefer
Elders at the Table
Pulpit Side (Prayer of Consecration) Peggy Brannen
Pulpit Side (Pastoral Listener) Doug Ford
Lectern Side (Prayer of Thanksgiving)...Jennifer Atchley
Lectern Side (Pastoral Listener) Scot Crosslin
Scripture.....Acts 27:14-20
ProclamationRev. Jonathan
"What Disciples Do: Improvise"

CONTACT INFORMATION

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MARK MILLER-McLEMORE TO RETIRE

Dear Friend of the Disciples Divinity House-Vanderbilt:

Mark Miller-McLemore, Dean of the Disciples Divinity House, is retiring after 20 years of service to the House. I know you join with me in giving thanks for his years of service. You may share your thanks in three ways.

First, a reception will be held at the Disciples Divinity House, 1917 Adelia Street, on Sunday, June 3, from 5-7 pm. If you wish to attend please come to the House between those hours to greet Mark and have a light snack. I am sure Mark would be glad to greet you.

Secondly, please send a card or a letter to Mark thanking him for his service and a story of how he served you or the House in a special way. These letters will be presented to Mark during the Board meeting which will be held on Monday, June 4, 2018.

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Ardian Totten; Jim & Barbara Northcut; Caroline Moore; Catherine Shutter; Mary & Jack Barker; Dennis Daniel (Uncle of Angie Cass); Missy McKenna; Michael Williams (friend of Betty Proctor); Amanda Mealer-McArtor & Sophie McArtor; Steven Lyle; Francis Nevels; Cheryl Bingham; Bill Allen; Dave Fleury; Mai "Mike" Nary; Angelita Sedigo; Shawn Baldwin; Scottie, Jake & Jack Summerlin; Dewayne & Sue Renfro; Lyndsay Wells (Bill Allen's Step-Sister); Rona Gary; Chuck Martin; Mary Gifford (Mary Davis' sister-in-law); Paul Shoun; Gary Wilkes; Jill McPhail DeVore (Kate Gilliland's mother); Erick Griggs; Daniel Tomanelli; Gary Goforth; Nick Dobbs; Howard VanZant; Judy Fitzgerald; Edward Everett (Gayle Mingleddorff'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.

Registration for 2018 Camps

Scholarships available, see Brandon or Jonathan!



CYF (completed grades) 9-12 June 3-9
Mission (Adults & Grade 8 & up) June 10-16
Eighters (completed grades) 8 July 1-7
Junior (completed grades) 4-5 July 8-12
Discovery (completed grades K-3) May 29-31
Chi Rho (completed grades) 6-7 July 15-20
Adventure (completed grades 9-12) July 16-20

For info, visit: <http://tndisciples.org/bethany-hills/>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 6

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 5 (Fulgham)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am All-Church Sunday School Class (final week) - on the origin of the New Testament - class meets in the Kemp Classroom
- 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 5
- 12:15 pm The second-quarter meeting of the FCC Board of Directors meets today. The meeting will be conducted in the Kemp Classroom.

Monday, May 7

- 10:30 am Ladies Prayer Group; Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 8

- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 9

- 10:30 am Turning the Pages, Grief Support Group; Faith Collective Room

Thursday, May 10

- 7:00 am Men's Group; Bluegrass Grill

Friday, May 11

- 10:30 am Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 3:00 pm Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 12

- 8:30 am Habitat for Humanity Volunteering

Sunday, May 13 - MOTHER'S DAY

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 5 (Fulgham)
- 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 5

THE HYDE OUT

I have enjoyed going through some unusual stories with you these past few weeks. As we wrap up this series on Sunday, we are going to be looking at one of the most important parts of our faith ... the ability to improvise.



When I was an undergrad, I minored in theater and took a few improv classes. The thing I love most about improv is that there are only two rules: First, you have to follow; second, you can never say no. If you break either of these rules, the improv bit will be pretty lousy.

What makes great improv is when everyone involved goes along with the scene. There were times when I was a raptor and then another time when I was told that I was a New Jersey short order cook. Imagine how bad the scene would have been if I had said, "No, I'm not a short order cook, I'm an FBI agent (*for all my 'The Office' fans*)."

Church life in many ways is a very long improv scene. We have to follow the follower, and we often don't get anywhere by saying no.

During this series in Acts, we have seen this sort of improv spirit in each of the stories at which we have looked. We will continue that theme this coming Sunday. The story of the shipwreck is one of the more peculiar stories in the book of Acts. Acts scholar David E. Garland has said he believes the story was added to show the Christian life as a sort of adventure. I invite you to join us this Sunday as we dive into the last sermon of this series and think a little more about what Disciples do.

Blessings,
Rev. Jonathan

THE REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN TENNESSEE IS RELOCATING



Dr. Christal Williams and the staff of the Christian Church in Tennessee are relocating! The current office suite, located on Coley Davis Rd, will be sold at the end of May. The Regional office

will be relocating to space at Alameda Christian Church for a period of time, with hopes of settling at Bethany Hills in late 2019.

Here is our new address:

4006 Ashland City Hwy
Nashville, TN 37218

Telephone number will remain the same:

615.646.3705 Fax 615.646.3707

New office hours are:

Monday- Thursday 8 am-5 pm Friday-8 am-Noon
8 am-5 pm Alameda (Joan) part-time (Andrea)
Dr. Christal Williams (Virtual Office)

THE CAMPING PROGRAM IN TENNESSEE

It is almost time for you and your student to converge upon Bethany Hills Camp and conference center.



Welcome Ryan Wilkerson as Interim Camp Program Director. His time with us will begin now, and end August 1. He will be at Bethany Hills helping to ensure you have a great time this summer. Please feel free to send him a quick email of welcome or ask questions at ryan@tndisciples.org



MAY

- 6 Vicki Hill
- 7 Walter Hershey, Robin Read
- 12 Rick Auten
- 14 Catherine Shutters
- 20 Adrienne Allen, Jim Grant
- 24 Rebekah Haymes
- 25 Kyle Cutsinger
- 26 Zander Morgan
- 27 Ann Knauff-Garido, Bob Sauser,
Joy Wagner
- 28 Jill Rafiee
- 29 Ron Branson
- 31 Stephen Morgan, Anya Wiisanen,
Lisa Wilkes

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Please send your card or letter to The Reverend Mark Miller-McLemore c/o Mike at the Disciples Divinity House, 1917 Adelia St., Nashville, TN 37212. (You may remember that address.)

Third, we are honoring Mark by building a permanent fund in his name. Please make a generous gift to the Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt so that we can build a fund in his name. Every gift is important. Your gift will join with others to create scholarships to support other outstanding students who wish to serve God's Church and who are attending Vanderbilt Divinity School to get an outstanding education to prepare for such service. Your check should be made out to The Disciples Divinity House at the same address found above and sent to Assistant Dean Mike Byrd. He will see that these gifts are handled appropriately. Thank you for your generous gift.

Mark has done an outstanding job serving the Disciples Divinity House, serving us, serving students, and God's Church. Please join us in celebrating Mark, his service to the House, and thanking him for 20 years of service.

Sincerely, Glen J. Stewart
Vanderbilt Divinity School '74, '75



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