



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..... Sherry Baldwin
- Red Book PickupSally D. Hunt / Dreema Adkins
- Deacons Coordinator.....Kimberly Wynn
- Ushers..... Hank Bramblet, Shawn Fulgham,
Kirsten Hyde, Tricia Dyer
- Servers.....Debra Branson, Debby Demos
- Elders at the Table
 - Pulpit Side (Prayer of Consecration)Jennifer Atchley
 - Pulpit Side (Pastoral Listener)Rona Gary
 - Lectern Side (Prayer of Thanksgiving)..... Don Reynolds
 - Lectern Side (Pastoral Listener) Barbara Voss
- Scripture.....1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
- Proclamation Rev. Brandon
"We've Never Done It That Way"

CONTACT INFORMATION

- Church..... church@firstchristian-chat.com
- Rev. Brandonbrandon@firstchristian-chat.com
- Rev. Jonathanjonathan.h.hyde@gmail.com
- Victoria Flores..... victoria@firstchristian-chat.com
- Beth Harrisbeth@firstchristian-chat.com
- Gary Wilkesgwilkes428@gmail.com
- Sarah Harr sarahharr@ymail.com
- Bridge Deadline.....Monday, NOON
- Website.....www.firstchristian-chat.com
- Facebook www.facebook.com/FCC.Chattanooga
- Twitter www.twitter.com/fcc_chattanooga

Supporting the Homeless - Locally

Contributed by Kyle Cutsinger

Recently, it was decided to discontinue supporting Operation Christmas Child in favor of spending our time and talents locally. We are starting with the homeless children who are supported by the Community Kitchen at the McClellan Home. The first event will be a *"Christmas in July"* party for homeless children at McClellan. We will be packing shoe boxes with hygiene items and a few toys for 40 children ages toddler through 18.

The second activity will involve packing Backpacks with school supplies for school age children.

Both of these activities take place really close together and they will be the only projects we will support until late spring 2019. I hope that you will join us in caring for some of the "least of these."

If you can help, I have a list of items from which to choose. Some items already have been "spoken for," but if shopping isn't for you, cash and checks, made out to Kyle Cutsinger, are great! Contact Kyle for info.



Bob Sauser & family; Skip Brannen; Janice Hayes (friend of Beth Harris); Jim & Barbara Northcut; Caroline Moore; Catherine Shutters; Mary & Jack Barker; Dennis Daniel (Uncle of Angie Cass); Missy McKenna; 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 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, June 24

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 6
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary
Last Choir Practice for the Summer
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 6

Monday, June 25

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Turning the Pages Grief Support Group; Faith Collective Room
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 26

- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 27

No Scheduled Activities

Thursday, June 28

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

Friday, June 29

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

Saturday, June 30

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, July 1

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 1 (Cass)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 1

REMINDERS:

NO Printed Bridge on July 1 or 8

July 2: Ladies Prayer Group meets @ 10:30 am

July 4: FCC Office Closed for July 4th Holiday

July 9: CWF Monday Circle meets @ 10:30 am

July 11: Turning the Pages meets @ 10:00 am

July 15: Communications Committee meets @ 12:15 pm



FROM THE TABLE

An Achievement! Now...let us lead.

On June 10th, First Christian Church adopted a new governance structure. This was an important day for the ongoing health of our church. Your decision as a congregation has resulted in a board that is much more nimble, is "right-sized," and has the authority to develop policy and build teams that will address the needs of our community. Our board will shrink significantly, but the new governance structure will balance the efficiency that comes from a smaller board with the democratic, representative values that are part of who the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) works to be. But this can't happen without your participation.



We are currently in need of 5 "At Large" board members to help lead the inaugural board under this new configuration. If you are currently a member of the board, I'd like to invite you to consider serving in one of these positions. There is important work ahead—and we'd love to have your voice help us make some of the decisions ahead of us.

If this sounds like a good fit for your skills and interests, I encourage you to chat with Bob Gary or Jan Webster, our president and vice-president for 2018. Give it some thought. Pray about it. Who knows—you might discover that you find administration to be one of the most rewarding ministries in which you've ever participated.

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,
Brandon*

Religion and Science: A Special ALL CHURCH Sunday School Class on July 22

Matthew D. Groves brings an unusual background to his work: He is a devout Baptist from southern Appalachia and trained as a scientist. When he decided not to pursue a Physics PhD, he realized that he has a unique call to a task the Church desperately needs: bridging the gap between the scientific and Christian communities. Matthew has ability to speak both the language of faith and explain science in a non-jargony way, giving his audiences the opportunity to discover harmony in a conversation better known for conflict. Following graduation from the College of William & Mary with a double-major in Physics and Religious Studies, Matthew began pursuing his Master of Divinity at Vanderbilt University's School of Divinity. He also serves as the Intern for Science Education at

First Baptist Nashville, where he leads Sunday school series on topics relating to science and faith, including the Big Bang Theory, climate change, and Genesis and evolution.

Matthew's work has been featured on NPR's All Things Considered and is a frequent contributor on Science and Faith to a number of publications.

<https://www.matthewdgroves.com/>

During Sunday School on July 22nd, Matthew will lead us in a conversation on the nature of science and how it relates to Christianity, as well as some common areas of conflict and potential areas of partnership between the two. Using examples from the past and present He'll help us to break down the "either/or" thinking that often dominates the topic.

We will meet in the Kemp Classroom



JUNE

- 24 Peggy Brannen, Lesley Morgan
- 28 Moggie Henry, Barbara Northcut
- 29 Bell King, John Hewitt King, Alice Pearce

JULY

- 2 Alan King
- 3 Michael Reynolds
- 6 Alan Derthick, Gail Rich
- 8 Hillary Hamilton
- 10 Connie Smithson
- 11 Mike Poe, Shannon West
- 15 Blain Williams
- 16 Jennifer Atchley, Sandy Reynolds,
David Street
- 17 Elizabeth Moore
- 19 Donald McKenna, Kristi Kelley



SUMMER CHURCH CAMP @ BETHANY HILLS

July 8-12: Junior (completed grades) 4-5

Directors: Megan Stanford & Elizabeth Brown

July 15-20: Chi Rho (completed grades) 6-7

Directors: Nicole Martin & Virginia Beasley

July 16-20: Adventure (completed grades 9-12)

Rev. Dee Wells & Rev. Jonathan Hyde

Scholarships available, see Brandon or Jonathan!



650 McCallie Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37403