





Scot Croslin's mother; Catherine DeMoss, Chuck Martin; Abi Atkins; Bert Blackburn (sister of Bea Lyons); Bryce Wynn; Judy Duncan; Dick Sharpe; Jim Henry; Dave Fleury; Journey Manis (Barbara Kirby's daughter-in-law's niece); Bill Dowell; Doug Ford; Jack Barker; Janice Hayes (friend of Beth Harris); Jim & Barbara Northcut; Catherine Shuttters; Dennis Daniel (Uncle of Angie Cass); Missy McKenna; Amanda Mealer-McArtor & Sophie McArtor; Steven Lyle; Cheryl Bingham; Bill Allen; Mai "Mike" Nary; Angelita Sedigo; Shawn Baldwin; Dewayne & Sue Renfro; Lyndsay Wells (Bill Allen's Step-Sister); Rona Gary; 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.

## Advent Celebration Dates

The season of Advent is close at hand and FCC has scheduled its calendar of events:

- Nov. 25 Help decorate the Sanctuary after worship
- Dec. 2 Moravian Love Feast at 6 pm, preceded by the UTK Trombone Choir at 5:30 pm
- Dec. 9 Annual Children's Nativity Play during worship
- Dec. 16 Christmas Cantata; Lessons & Carols during worship
- Dec. 24 2 Christmas Eve Services, time TBA

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, November 4

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Cov. Group 5 (Standefer)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary: All Saints Day
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 5
- 6:00 pm Taizé Worship; Faith Collective Room

### Monday, November 5

- 10:30 am Ladies Prayer Group; Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 2:30 pm PAWS; Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, November 6 - VOTING DAY!

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



### Wednesday, November 7

- 9:00 am Food Bank Volunteering

### Thursday, November 8

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

### Friday, November 9

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

### Saturday, November 10

- 8:30 am Habitat for Humanity Volunteering

### Sunday, November 11

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Cov. Group 5 (Standefer)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 5

We can only know love by loving.

-Iris Murdoch

## THE HYDE OUT

Sunday, I spoke about faith experiments. I believe that this practice is very important for our faith. Faith experiments can create a more vibrant faith expression for both us as individuals and also as a church community. Here is a small sample list of things you can experiment with this week.



### PERSONAL/INWARD EXPERIMENTS

A social media fast. No Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram for seven days.

A luxury fast. No eating out, going to the movies, etc. If it doesn't fit inside necessity, don't spend money on it.

A practice of silence. Sit in silence for upwards of an hour. You may need to work up to a full hour. Start with 10 minutes.

Praying the hours. Wherever you are, whenever you are awake, stop and say a small prayer on the hour, every hour.

### DISRUPTIVE EXPERIMENTS

When you find yourself alone at a coffee shop or when eating, find someone else who is also alone and ask to sit with them. Ask them about their family, hobbies, etc.

Show up at someone's house uninvited. Bring them something to eat. Say a small prayer for them (if they allow it).

Pay for someone's meal, coffee, or drink and don't let them know it was you.

### JUSTICE EXPERIMENTS

Go and eat as a guest at the community kitchen.

Fast from 2 pm to 7 am to see what hunger feels like for many kids (donate the money you would have spent on a meal to an organization that fights child hunger).

Go do laundry (even if you have a washer and dryer) at a public laundromat. Offer to pay for someone's load of laundry.

Obviously, there are infinite experiments we can/could do. I am interested in putting some of these ideas into practice soon and having a monthly meal where people can come and share their experience. Be on the lookout for that information going forward.

*Blessings,  
Jonathan Hyde*

## Fellow Congregants...

It's my happy duty to report to you that the slate of 2019 nominees for officers, at-large board members, Elders and Deacons has been completed and is ready for your consideration. ***You'll be asked to vote on these nominees, who have volunteered to serve you, on Sunday, Nov. 11.***

**The full slate is as follows:**

### OFFICERS

President: Jan Webster

Vice President: Katie Wylie

Treasurer: Alan Voss

Secretary: Angie Cass

Assistant Treasurer: Marcus Raifee

Assistant Secretary: Kyle Cutsinger

### AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS

*(serving through 2021)*

Betty Floyd and Tom Henderson

### ELDERS

*(Phil Summerlin to chair in 2019)*

Hank Bramblet      Bea Lyons

Alan Cates          Connie Smithson

Betty Floyd        Lonna Williams

### DEACONS

*(2019 chair TBD)*

Zack Atchley        Patti Obert

Sherry Baldwin     Jill Raifee

Tina Chadwick      Bill Spurgeon

Judy Duncan        Susan Spurgeon

Vicki Hill

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of these nominees, and your participation in this process that is so central to who and what we are ...

*At Your Service ...*

*Bob Gary, President of the Congregation*



## NOVEMBER

- 2 Missy McKenna
- 3 Barbara Voss
- 4 Scrappy Moore
- 5 Jennifer Grisham, Jonathan Hyde, Carol Sharpe
- 6 Debby Demos
- 7 Natalie Shipley
- 8 Joss Rafiee
- 9 Angie Cass
- 10 Sam Edmondson, Bill Spurgeon
- 11 Diane Givens
- 13 Hillary Allen, Lorraine Hipp
- 16 Hoke Petree
- 17 Erick Griggs
- 18 Gigi Bluford
- 19 Monica DeFriese, Jim Fletcher
- 24 Renée King



When Terry and Cassandra leave, we would like to show them appreciation for their service at First Christian by taking up a love offering for them. You can mail in these gifts or place them in the offering plate on Sunday (*please make a notation on the gift*). Thank you.



**Welcome new members Mack & Judy Fitzgerald!**



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