



First Christian Church

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

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Servants in Worship



Worship LeaderKirsten Hyde
 Greeters.....Koinonia Class
 Acolyte(s)Jake Summerlin
 Red Book PickupBetty Floyd / Jennifer Atchley
 Deacons CoordinatorDiane Givens
 Ushers & ServersDebby Demos, Judy Duncan,
 Delores Kenyon
 Other ServersGayle Mingledorff, Connie Smithson,
 Kent Smithson, Ardian Totten

Elders at the Table
 Pulpit Side (Prayer of Consecration).....Byron Cole
 Pulpit Side (Pastoral Listener).....Rick Cutsinger
 Lectern Side (Prayer of Thanksgiving).....Sally D. Hunt
 Lectern Side ((Pastoral Listener)Bob Sauser
 Gospel for the Day.....(Mark 3:20-35)Kirsten Hyde
 Proclamation....."The Nonsense of Jesus " Rev. Jonathan Hyde

In Our Thoughts & Prayers...

Louise Russell & family; Mary Barker; Liz Moore; Mike Knauff; Catherine Gifford (Jim Davis' sister); Nephew of Marcia Fletcher; Howard VanZant; Marty Dunagan (Friend of Bea Lyons & Betty Proctor); Ansel Rogers (Ardian Totten's son); Sandra Riddle (friend of Chuck Martin); Jo Bevilaqua; Doug Beuoy (Brannens' son-in-law); Liz Love; Luther Whitaker; David Blackburn; Doris Aldrich; Jim Northcut; Harrison Gill; John Black (Barbara Voss's Brother); Melvin Smith; Bob Lewis; Bettye Gerow; Joel Westbrook; Bill Allen; Erick Griggs; Leona BonDurant (Carl's Grandmother); Don Baldwin; Paul Shoun; Oscar Hurley; Lauren Niemeyer (Barbara Voss's sister)

The Week Ahead

Sunday, June 7

9:30 am Coffee/Snacks in the Lobby
 9:45 am Sunday School Classes
 10:35 am Elders' Prayer Circle; Meditation Chapel
 10:45 am Morning Worship; Sanctuary
 12:00 pm Fellowship; Parlor
 12:15 pm FCC Cabinet Meeting; Conference Room
 6:30 pm Faith Collective: Group for Young Adults

Monday, June 8

10:00 am Staff & Officers Meeting; Conference Room
 10:30 am CWF Monday Circle Meets; Fellowship Hall
 Bring a sack lunch. Carolyn Hickerson will lead the meeting. There will be a memorial service for ladies who have died in the past year.
 5:30 pm Elders Meeting; Conference Room
 7:30 pm NA Monday Group; Fellowship Hall



Tuesday, June 9

7:00 pm NA Tuesday Group; Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 10

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 11

7:00 am Men's Group; Bluegrass Grill

Friday, June 12

7:30 pm NA Friday Group; Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 13

8:30 am Habitat for Humanity

Sunday, June 14

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"How we walk with the broken speaks louder than how we sit with the great." —Zig Ziglar

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Ashland Terrace Christian Church will be holding 'Camp Wilderness Adventure' June 15-19 from 6-8 pm each evening. Children from First Christian are invited to participate, and volunteers are welcome! Call (423) 875-2861 for more information.

Happy Birthday!



June:
 9 Fielding Atchley
 10 Tanya Fleury, Fran Petree
 13 Nathan Fletcher
 14 Bill Allen
 19 John Holcombe, Konnie Smithers
 20 Scot Crosslin, Judy Duncan, Bitse Griggs
 22 Betty Zander
 27 Alisha Fiske, Tony Adkins, Lesley Morgan
 28 Don Baldwin, Moggie Henry, Barbara Northcut
 29 Peggy Brannen, Alice Pearce

July:

3 Michael Reynolds
 6 Alan Derthick, Gail Rich
 8 Hillary Hamilton
 10 Connie Smithson





Mark's Musings

Growing up on a farm can be a unique experience. One for me was learning to hunt a variety of game (pheasant, quail, rabbit). By the way, we ate what we harvested. My dad taught us how to safely handle a rifle and shotgun. Years later I certified with the NRA to be a rifle instructor for summer camps. One of my responsibilities as staff at a 4-H camp was to teach rifle and archery safety.

Obviously the world has changed since 1970, and with it, the place of firearms in our society. I recently attended a gathering where a couple of gentlemen carried holstered handguns (in full view). I've also been in stores where "carrying" was permitted, and others where company policy barred such.

I'm not going to stake out a Constitutional position in this article. I'm not a Constitutional attorney. But I am a person of faith that lives in a nation where the common good deserves my consideration. And my faith in a good, compassionate, loving, and just God informs my decisions and actions regarding firearms.

Tomorrow I plan to wear an orange shirt. No, I'm not sporting my UT spirit. The purpose for wearing orange is to bring awareness to the above: the role and place of arms in our society, and how we balance the common good with individual rights. People of faith have a responsibility to be informed about guns, the NRA and other organizations, and their Constitution. Too, we bear responsibility to advocate for those who run the risk of becoming victims of our silence. Consider with me, "What is the place of common sense gun laws, and how ought we respond as Christians?"

Shalom, Pastor Mark

The **Outreach Department** held a Fellowship Dinner and armchair tour of **Gayle Mingledorff's** Mission Trip to India this past winter.

Gayle brought back lots of photos and shared her memories with members and guests. When people asked why she went, her reply was, "Why not?"



The House (a UTC campus ministry) has **two** needs we can help out with right now. The first is their need for two more families to host an intern for the next school year. The second is in the area of small group leaders. Hundreds of college students in our city need small group leaders from our local churches each year. **Interest and inquiries can be directed to Jason Leonard - (423) 280-9095 or jason@thehouseutc.org.**



Habitat for Humanity

2nd Saturday, monthly; 8:30am
Larry Kirby: kirbychat@epbfi.com

June 13



Community Kitchen: 727 E. 11th St.

1st & 3rd Friday, monthly;
9:00 to 11:45am

Rona Gary: ronagary@gmail.com

June 19



Chattanooga Area Food Bank

1st Wednesday, monthly
Betty Woomer:

bjwoomer@hotmail.com

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