



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..... Hank Bramblet
 Red Book Pickup Debby Demos / Gail Dobbs
 Deacons Coordinator Kirsten Hyde
 Ushers..... Angie Cass, David Cass,
 Missy McKenna, Darby Standefer
 Servers Kate Wallace, Kimberly Wynn
 Elders at the Table
 Pulpit Side (Prayer of Consecration) Lonna Williams
 Pulpit Side (Pastoral Listener) Alan Voss
 Lectern Side (Prayer of Thanksgiving)..... Bob Sauser
 Lectern Side (Pastoral Listener) Doug Ford
 Scripture..... Micah 1:35;5:2-5a;6:1-6
 Proclamation Rev. Brandon
 Stewardship

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Saturday, September 29 @ 7 pm

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Selections from:

- Phantom of the Opera
- Les Miserables
- Fiddler On the Roof
- Beauty and the Beast, and more!



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includes food and beverage

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Congregational Questions:

A SERMON SERIES FOR OCTOBER 7, 14, AND 21

In preparation for our October Sermon series, you are invited to ask the questions you've always wanted to ask about the Bible, our faith tradition, or things that have always puzzled you.



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Family of Caroline Moore; Bert Blackburn (sister of Bea Lyons); Bryce Wynn; Debby Demos; Judy Duncan; Dick Sharpe; Jim Henry; Dave Fleury; Journey Manis (Barbara Kirby's daughter-in-law's niece); Carolyn Hickerson; 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; 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, September 30

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 3 (Hyde)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice
- 9:30 am **Every Face Tells a Story:** Fine Arts Show & Sale, through Sept. 30; Crane Lounge
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 3
- 12:30 pm CRITI Meal Delivery after Worship
- 6:00 pm Taize Evening Service

Monday, October 1

- 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, October 2

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

Wednesday, October 3

- 9:00 am Chattanooga Food Bank Volunteering

Thursday, October 4

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

Friday, October 5

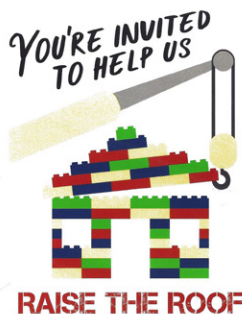
- 10:30 am Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 3:00 pm Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 6

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, October 7

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 4 (Dyer)
- 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 4



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FROM THE TABLE

Generosity.

It was a study in contrasts.

Last Sunday, Jonathan preached a remarkable sermon—one of his best, in my opinion. He reminded us of our call to generosity and justice: how this congregation's long commitment to hospitality has served families for generations; how our commitment to making Chattanooga a place that welcomes all led us to be a place that hosted racially-integrated conversations during the Civil Rights movement; how we, as founding partners for the Community Kitchen and longtime supporters of Habitat for Humanity, have served those often on the margins. We have striven to live with the least of these. To be in ministry with them. To know them. To make sure that all who need are taken care of.

And then, another sermon, just as remarkable and more weighty, played out in the lobby. A man who was a stranger to many of us appeared in the hallway, asking for food or for money. He's not unfamiliar to those of us here in the office during the week, and this wasn't his first Sunday to make his way into the sanctuary. Some of you have given him rides, others have perhaps fed him or given him cash.

As a congregation, in addition to supporting the feeding ministry of Community Kitchen, we keep a small supply of Publix gift cards and local gasoline gift cards. In order to serve as many people as possible and be responsible with our resources, we offer them as "once-a-year" gifts to folks who request them, with a reminder and explanation that anyone is welcome at Community Kitchen—any time. Our gift cards are only available when the office is open—10-2, Monday-Thursday. We've tweaked how we've managed this limited resource, so both the fact that this was a once-a-year gift and the fact that I didn't have access to the cabinet where they're kept irritated our guest. Trying to



manage a dozen or so things following worship, I probably wasn't as attentive to him as I might have been on a different day, and I sent him on his way with a recommendation that he check back on Monday, when the office would be open.

In Stewardship season, we spend a significant amount of time talking about God's generosity, and the abundance of resources that we are called to share with the world. It is a difficult thing to come face-to-face with the limitations

we, ourselves, design. These limitations are not always negative things; we've developed farming techniques that limit or rotate the use of land in order to keep it fertile. When I worked in sustainable development, we evaluated projects to make sure they had long-term, sustainable impact on the lives of the people they were meant to serve, and we chose not to fund projects that did not have folks' interests at heart. As a congregation, we primarily support programs that create broader safety nets like Community Kitchen, and we offer small, occasional band-aids like Publix gift cards. We remind ourselves there's an efficiency in supporting the Kitchen, and that we do what we can, when we can.

And yet, when our response is met with disappointment, we question whether we can do more.

In the remaining days of our stewardship campaign, I invite you to continue to pray and discern with me the room we have to grow in generosity—not just in how we, as individuals give to the church, but in how we—as a significant portion of the Body of Christ—give to the world.

As Jonathan reminded us, there is the story we tell about our past.

... and then, there is the story we have yet to write.

Which will be our focus?

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,
Brandon*



SEPTEMBER

- 26 Marcus Rafiee
- 28 Marsha Grant
- 29 Richard Sharpe, Jr.

OCTOBER

- 1 Allison Sharpe, Fi Tran
- 2 Doug Ford, Jessica Fulgham,
Barbara Kirby, Kaye Poe
- 3 Betty Proctor, Elizabeth Read
- 5 Pam Cole, Lyric Flynn
- 14 Julie Barcroft-Jarnefeldt
- 19 Mary Davis
- 21 Devin Lentz
- 22 Rick Cutsinger
- 24 Darby Standefer



FCC presents: Changes

A TAIZE' LITURGY

FCC invites you to come and breathe, worship, and rest during a very busy time of the year. Worship begins at 6 p.m. in the Hub Sunday, September 30



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