



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

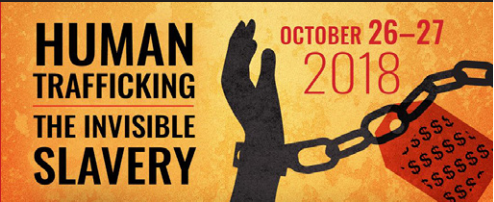
A CHURCH OF SERVICE, WORKING FOR WHOLENES IN A BROKEN WORLD.

SERVANTS IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader.....Rona Gary
 Red Book PickupEmily Auten / Peggy Brannen
 Deacons Coordinator.....Tricia Dyer
 Ushers..... Debra Branson, Missy McKenna,
 Gail Rich, Darby Standefer
 Servers Emily Auten, Paul Shoun
 Elders at the Table
 Pulpit Side (Prayer of Consecration) Phil Summerlin
 Pulpit Side (Pastoral Listener) Scot Crosslin
 Lectern Side (Prayer of Thanksgiving)..... Greg Givens
 Lectern Side (Pastoral Listener) Doug Ford
 Scripture..... Corinthians 1:26-31
 Proclamation Rev. Brandon
 Congregational Questions, Week 3

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Chattanooga State will present Human Trafficking: The Invisible Slavery, a conference to educate the audience, campus and the wider community about human trafficking in the Chattanooga region on October 26 and 27, 2018. This important two-day conference is **free** and open to the public; however, registration is required.

FACTS:

- \$150 billion industry worldwide
 - 40 million+ victims globally
 - 2nd fastest growing criminal industry in TN
 - 94+ minors trafficked in TN monthly
- Register at www.ChattanoogaState.edu/human-trafficking-invisible-slavery-conference



Coffee & Fruit Drive

Don't forget to bring large cans of fruit or regular coffee for the Community Kitchen this Sunday, October 21!

FROM THE TABLE

Hospitality



On Sunday afternoon, Lisa and I took our dogs for a walk and stopped at a local restaurant to chat and have a snack. We knew that this was a dog-friendly restaurant, but we weren't sure how everything would go—we had never taken both of our dogs to

a restaurant at the same time; we had done a brief trip to a coffee shop that kept them both occupied with cups of whipped cream, but keeping them calm while we munched on the charcuterie tray of their dreams?

We had no idea how this would go.

The wait-staff, however, met us with huge smiles, and were soon scratching our dogs' ears and offering them ice cold bowls of water, which they quickly lapped up. They felt right at home. In fact, as you can see from the picture, Jack was a little sad to leave.

It got me to thinking—what does it mean to offer a generous welcome? When someone who has been hurt by the church, struggled with their faith, or made to feel that they are not a beloved child of God, how do we make them know that they are welcome?

Not only in our worship service, or at the table to which we are all invited to share the Lord's Supper, but in all aspects of the lives we share?

What does it mean to be a community of welcome?

I think this is the question we must all seek to answer, not just with our words, but with all of our lives.

I will be out of the office—and out of the country—from October 22–November 10. I'll be back from vacation on Sunday, November 11, when we will share in a special service of Healing and Hope. Lisa and I will miss you

all while we're on vacation, but we're grateful to have Jonathan handle pastoral issues while we're gone. I won't be accessing email or voice mail while we're gone, but I look forward to catching up with you when we return!

I look forward to completing the Sermon Series on Congregational Questions this Sunday. It's been fun to wrestle with issues that have been directly delivered to me by you! I'm grateful for the smarts and vulnerability that you share with me, one another, and all of Chattanooga.

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,
Rev. B*

Mountain Arts Guild Exhibition "Diversions"

The Mountain Arts Guild is having an exhibition in the Exum Gallery at St Paul's Episcopal Church. The exhibition will showcase art from many diverse disciplines: Oil, acrylic, and watercolor paintings, in addition to pen drawings, doll-making and computer art.

The exhibition reception is October 19 from 5 to 7 pm. The show will run through November 25th.

*Right: Twin Peaks, Rena Malone, Oil
Left: Nebula 5, Mark Cobbe, Watercolor
Bottom: Mountain Scrawl, Robin Howe, Acrylic*





Chuck Martin; Abi Atkins; 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); **Bill Dowell;**
Doug Ford; Jack Barker; Janice Hayes (friend
 of Beth Harris); **Jim & Barbara Northcut;**
Catherine Shutter; 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.*

SOLES 4 SOULS

WEARING OUT POVERTY®

FCC members Linda Hershey and Tricia Dyer
 collecting old shoes -- doesn't matter what type, size,
 or condition! **Soles4Souls** creates sustainable jobs
 and provides relief through the distribution of shoes
 and clothing around the world. Bring baby shoes,
 flip-flops, tennis shoes, dress shoes, work boots,
 whatever! Drop box is in the Parlor. **Contact Linda**
at 423.645.8671 or Tricia at 423.667.0689.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 21

- 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

Monday, October 22

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 2:30 pm PAWS; Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 23

- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 pm Turning the Pages Support Group; Faith
Collective Room
- 8:00 pm House Worship

Wednesday, October 24

No Scheduled Activities

Thursday, October 25

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

Friday, October 26

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

Saturday, October 27

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, October 28

- 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



**Don't forget that you are
 welcome to pick up and turn in
 your estimate of giving cards.**

A Very Happy Birthday to...

OCTOBER

- 21 Devin Lentz
- 22 Rick Cutsinger
- 24 Darby Standefer
- 26 Cheryl Bingham, Joshua Hamilton
- 28 Tessa Rafiee
- 31 Bea Lyons, Alan Voss

NOVEMBER

- 2 Missy McKenna
- 3 Barbara Voss
- 4 Scrappy Moore
- 5 Jennifer Grisham, Jonathan Hyde,
Carol Sharpe



Sunday's Anthem, "Lord of All Hopefulness," featured the FCC Chancel Choir with special guest, Sasha Hitachi on flute. Sasha is a ChattState Collegiate High student. Earlier this year, she had the opportunity to perform with renowned Swiss flutist Emmanuel Pahud. You can read about her experience as written by FCC member Julie Barcroft at <http://www.chattanooga.com/2018/10/11/377867/Collegiate-High-Sophomore-Performs-With.aspx>



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