



# 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..... Phil Summerlin  
 Red Book Pickup ..... Betty Floyd / Jennifer Atchley  
 Deacons Coordinator..... Gail Rich  
 Ushers..... Shawn Fulgham, Paul Shoun,  
 Laura Wandell, Kimberly Wynn  
 Servers ..... David Cass, Kirsten Hyde  
 Elders at the Table  
 Pulpit Side (Prayer of Consecration) ..... Greg Givens  
 Pulpit Side (Pastoral Listener) ..... Barbara Voss  
 Lectern Side (Prayer of Thanksgiving)..... Alan Voss  
 Lectern Side (Pastoral Listener) ..... Don Reynolds  
 Scripture..... Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36  
 Proclamation ..... Rev. Brandon  
 "Pizza And Beer The Night Before"

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### J. Howard Van Zant, 98,

a lifelong Chattanooga, passed away on Nov. 22.

He proudly volunteered for service in WWII and participated in the Normandy D-Day invasion



on Omaha Beach as part of Company D, 115<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, U.S. Army. He continued service in Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, EAME Ribbon w/4 Bronze Stars, and Bronze Arrow Head, Battalion Croix De Guerre with a silver star, and the Medal of Jubilee, from France.

A member of FCC since 1945, and Elder Emeritus, served as chairman of the Elders & Worship Committees, and as president of the KEY Class.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 59 years, Martha Willrich Van Zant. He is survived by his daughter, Gail Rich, and son-in-law Bill Rich.

Services were held at FCC on Tuesday, Nov. 27 preceding burial at the National Cemetery. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to First Christian Church, Kindred Hospice, or any Veteran's organization of choice.



Family of Howard VanZant; Scot Crosslin's mother; Chuck Martin; Abi Atkins; Bert Blackburn (sister of Bea Lyons); Bryce Wynn; 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; 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, December 2

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Cov. Group 6 (Rich)
- 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 6
- 5:30 pm UTK Trombone Choir followed by**
- 6:00 pm 40th Annual Moravian Love Feast**

### Monday, December 3

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

### Tuesday, December 4

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

### Wednesday, December 5

- 9:00 am Chattanooga Food Bank Volunteering

### Thursday, December 6

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

### Friday, December 7

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

### Saturday, December 8

No Activities Scheduled

### Sunday, December 9

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Cov. Group 6 (Rich)
- 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
- Children's Nativity Play**
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 6

**Dec. 16** Christmas Cantata; Lessons & Carols during worship

**Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Services, 5 pm and 9 pm

# FROM THE TABLE

If you're like me, you've been watching with concern the violence that has erupted at the United States' southern border. Asylum seekers, economic migrants, and others have been camped out for weeks, awaiting for processing, while here in the States we debate issues of security, moral obligation, and law.

What you may not know is that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has, for decades, had an important ministry on the Southern Border of the U.S. that offers care, safety, and resources to asylum seekers and refugees: Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries (SWGSM), located in Los Fresnos, TX.

Founded by Feliberto Pereira, himself a refugee from Cuba and an ordained Disciples Minister, SWGSM is estimated to have provided support to more than 20,000 refugees since 1979.

According to SWGSM's website, it is a ministry that teaches the love of Jesus Christ by building a renewed

sense of wholeness and dignity and by standing with those who are broken, especially among refugees and those who are disenfranchised and displaced. The Good News of salvation is lived out by addressing spiritual and material needs, including emergency shelter and food, clothing, transportation, legal aid, advocacy and job referral through a cooperative effort with other agencies and religious organizations.

If you'd like to know more about the good work that Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries does with and on the behalf of refugees and asylum seekers, I encourage you to visit their website ([www.swgsm.org](http://www.swgsm.org)). In addition to their great service work, they also have opportunities for congregations just like ours to visit for learning and service opportunities. Take some time to learn about what they do. Who knows? Maybe you'll feel inspired enough to plan a trip.

*Rev. Brandon*



## Landscape Maintenance: December 1



We are preparing for our community event: Moravian Love Feast - A Gift to the Community. We are needing a few extra

hands to clear and haul leaves from the property on Saturday, December 1. This will give you an opportunity to work along side our Maintenance Team and learn more about other community-based opportunities and our outreach programs with whom we are currently connected.

Dress appropriately based on weather conditions.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

40th Annual  
*Moravian  
Love Feast*

Sun., Dec. 2 @ 6 pm

Special performance by  
UTK Trombone Choir, 5:30 pm

Celebrate the advent of our Savior by breaking bread,  
lifting your heart with carols, and lighting candles  
in order to recall Christ's words.





*A Christmas Gift to the Community*  
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A Very Happy Birthday to...



## NOVEMBER

- 27 Jaxson Hyde, Bill Obert
- 28 Evans Jarnefeldt
- 29 Otis Flynn
- 30 Elizabeth Hamilton

## DECEMBER

- 2 Scott Fulgham
- 4 Linda Hershey, Sharon Narey
- 7 Jean Blackburn
- 8 Carl Standefer
- 11 Rosemary Standefer
- 13 Rebecca Floyd
- 15 Bonnie Standley
- 20 Andrew King
- 21 Dewayne Renfro, Jake Sauser

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