



# 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..... Rona Gary  
 Red Book Pickup ..... Debby Demos / Bryce Wynn  
 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) ..... Jennifer Atchley  
 Pulpit Side (Pastoral Listener) ..... Scot Crosslin  
 Lectern Side (Prayer of Thanksgiving).... Lonna Williams  
 Lectern Side (Pastoral Listener) ..... Sally D. Hunt  
 Scripture..... Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6  
 Worship..... Children's Nativity Play

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*40th Annual Moravian Love Feast*





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 Shutters; 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; 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.



An Advent message from General Minister and President Terri Hord Owens

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 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
- 12:30 pm FCC Board Meeting; Faith Collective Room

### Monday, December 10

- 10:30 am CWF Circle; Fellowship Hall (\*see page 3)
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 5:30 pm Elder's Meeting; Conference Room
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, December 11

- 10:00 am Turning the Pages Support Group; Faith Collective Room
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, December 12

No Activities Scheduled

### Thursday, December 13

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

### Friday, December 14

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

### Saturday, December 15

No Activities Scheduled

### Sunday, December 16

- 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
- Christmas Cantata: Lessons & Carols**
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 6

# A MESSAGE FROM THE FCC PRESIDENT

Greetings, friends ...

Let me begin by wishing you an Advent season that will fill your hearts and souls ... as did many of you, I got the season started with yet another wonderful Moravian Love Feast.

If you'll permit me just a moment, I need to run past you a bit of history ... at this time last year, First Christian was staring into a budgetary abyss. We had precious little time to recover - but we just about did. This congregation did what it usually does at the end of a given year - it found a little extra and managed to wipe out all but a fraction of what had been a huge deficit. Then, this past spring, the Wall of Generosity filled in the rest of that gap.

As I write to you today, we're in roughly that same position ... the same place we were in a year ago, facing the same challenge. Once more, we must try to be December people. What's working in our favor, I think, is that we know we can - we've done it before, as recently as last year.

Your generosity was central to what was a very successful 2018 Stewardship campaign. The 2019 budget proposal your board of directors will consider this Sunday looks very good - but that's next year. We still must handle this year's business this year, so it falls to me to ask you to take that into consideration as you weigh any year-end tithe, offering or gift you might have. Should you want more detail, you won't have to wait long - Alan Voss, FCC's treasurer, is readying a comprehensive financial report that he plans to send to you later this week.

With all of that said, my final word to you must be one of thanks ... not just for your financial support, which is considerable, but for your support of our staff and ministries in terms of your time and talents. Please believe me when I tell you we're on the verge of doing some remarkable things here at First Christian, and that's a direct reflection on each of you.

*In Your Service ... Bob Gary  
President of the Congregation*



## FCC Ladies Netflix Movie Night!

FCC ladies - grab all your gal pals and join us for a fun Friday night - December 14 @ 7 pm! Details and RSVP through invitation link, contact Lisa Hale Gilvin or Darby Hershey Standefer if you have questions!

To RSVP, see [https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/d52a5934d6b1200bd68d?fbclid=IwAR2-Cw\\_66pNiUYun1fxjvCmQUFrTz\\_LVORipTMeG2qTJELueP7Qm4WFHYoQ](https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/d52a5934d6b1200bd68d?fbclid=IwAR2-Cw_66pNiUYun1fxjvCmQUFrTz_LVORipTMeG2qTJELueP7Qm4WFHYoQ)

## \*CWF Meets December 10

Judy Duncan will preside and Rev. Jonathan has the program. Bring a sack lunch and cookies to pack for our shut-ins. Please dress warmly since the Fellowship Hall has been cold.



A Very Happy Birthday to...



## 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
- 22 Julia Martin, Kenny Standley
- 25 Thomas Street
- 28 Phyllis Grant
- 29 Karen Whitworth
- 30 Brandon Gilvin
- 31 Janet Wallace

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