



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 13, 2019

SUNDAYS: 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.....Kirsten Hyde
 Red Book Pickup Debby Demos / Bryce Wynn
 Deacons Coordinator..... Zach Atchley
 Ushers..... Kate Wallace, Patti Obert,
 Sherry Baldwin, Vicki Hill
 Servers.....Shawn Fulgham, Sherry Baldwin
 Elders at the Table
 Pulpit Side (Prayer of Consecration) Phil Summerlin
 Pulpit Side (Pastoral Listener) Lorraine Hipp
 Lectern Side (Prayer of Thanksgiving).....Lonna Williams
 Lectern Side (Pastoral Listener) Alan Voss
 Scripture..... Isaiah 43:1-7
 Proclamation Rev. Brandon
 Eyes That See: Thomas Merton



2019 church leadership officers join in prayer.

Congratulations!

The following members were recognized and installed during worship to serve as the 2019 church officers/leaders.

Installed as Elder Emeriti were:

- Chuck Martin
- Betty Jolly
- Louise Russell
- Pete Raulston

OFFICERS

President: Jan Webster
 Vice President: Katie Wylie
 Treasurer: Alan Voss
 Secretary: Angie Cass
 Assistant Treasurer: Marcus Raiffee
 Assistant Secretary: Kyle Cutsinger

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS

Betty Floyd, Tom Henderson

ELDERS, *Phil Summerlin, Chair*

Hank Bramblet, Alan Cates, Betty Floyd, Bea Lyons, Connie Smithson, Lonna Williams

DEACONS, *Bryce Wynn, Chair*

Zack Atchley, Sherry Baldwin, Tina Chadwick, Judy Duncan, Vicki Hill, Patti Obert, Jill Raiffee, Susan Spurgeon, Bill Spurgeon



Pam Cole; Bill Dowell; Edward Everett (Gayle Mingledorff's cousin); Phyllis Bishop (Scot Crosslin's mother); Chuck Martin; Journey Manis (Barbara Kirby's daughter-in-law's niece); Jack Barker; Janice Hayes (friend of Beth Harris); Jim & Barbara Northcut; Catherine Shutters; Dennis Daniel (Uncle of Angie Cass); Amanda Mealer-McArtor & Sophie McArtor; Steven Lyle; Cheryl Bingham; 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); Jill McPhail DeVore (Kate Gilliland's mother); Erick Griggs; Daniel Tomanelli; Gary Goforth; 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Cabinet Meetings

- January 27
- April 28
- August 4
- November 3

Board Meetings

- February 3
- May 5
- August 12
- November 10

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 13

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Cov. Group 1 (Z. Atchley)
- 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 1
- 12:15 pm Communications Committee Meeting; Conference Room
- 4:00 pm Literary Krewe meet at Starbucks on Gunbarrel Rd. We'll discuss the book *In Pieces* by Sally Field. All are invited! By the book, read it and let's talk.

Monday, January 14

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 5:00 pm Chatt. Sports Hall of Fame Meeting
- 5:30 pm Elders Meeting; Conference Room
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 15

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

Wednesday, January 16

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, January 17

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

Friday, January 18

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

Saturday, January 19

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, January 20

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Cov. Group 1 (Z. Atchley)
- 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 1

FROM THE TABLE

Peace.

It's a hope that all prophets hold close to their hearts.

This week, in our "Eyes That See: American Prophets" Sermon series, we'll be hearing from "Second"

Isaiah, the enigmatic prophet who offered a word of hope and peace and restoration to the exiles in Babylon, and Thomas Merton, the Poet, Prophet, and Monk who spoke a word of peace—and critically engaged the church—in a time marked by racism and war.

According to the Thomas Merton Center at Louisville's Bellarmine College – After a rambunctious youth and adolescence, Merton converted to Roman Catholicism whilst at Columbia University and on December 10, 1941 he arrived at the Abbey of Gethsemani, a community of monks belonging to the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance (Trappists), the most ascetic Roman Catholic monastic order.



The twenty-seven years he spent in Gethsemani brought about profound changes in his self-understanding. This ongoing conversion impelled him into the political arena, where he became, according to Daniel Berrigan, the conscience of the peace movement of the 1960s. Referring to race and peace as the two most urgent issues of our time, Merton was a strong supporter of the nonviolent civil rights movement, which

he called "certainly the greatest example of Christian faith in action in the social history of the United States." For his social activism Merton endured severe criticism, from Catholics and non-Catholics alike, who assailed his political writings as unbecoming of a monk.

(<http://merton.org/chrono.aspx>)

Voices that stir consciences often face significant resistance—perhaps at the same time. I invite you to come and see what Merton's life and words do to yours.

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,
Brandon*

Former Member News

Alice Sharp Pearce passed away January 5, 2019, at home in Maryville, TN, surrounded by her family. Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Alice's strong spirit made an impression on all of those who knew her. Alice and her husband Tom were long-time faithful members of First Christian Church in Chattanooga where she served as president of the Christian Women's Fellowship and as a deacon. We keep Alice's family close to our hearts in prayer. For her full obituary, please see <http://www.mccammonammonslick.com/obituary/Alice-Sharp-Pearce/Maryville-TN/1829596>





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- 11 Bob Gary, Charlie Wylie
- 12 Brian Givens
- 13 Jack Summerlin, Jake Summerlin
- 16 Erica Wiisanen
- 17 Kip Hamilton, Lisa Hale Gilvin
- 18 Jay Wylie
- 21 Stephanie King
- 22 Maya Wiisanen
- 25 Kevin Givens
- 26 Luke Edmondson
- 27 Alan Cates

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