



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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..... Phil Summerlin  
 Red Book Pickup ..... Debby Demos / Bryce Wynn  
 Deacons Coordinator..... Patti Obert  
 Ushers..... Jill Rafiee, Laura Wandell  
    Paul Shoun, Tina Chadwick  
 Servers..... Vicki Hill, Zach Atchley  
 Elders at the Table  
 Pulpit Side (Prayer of Consecration) ..... Lorraine Hipp  
 Pulpit Side (Pastoral Listener) ..... Hank Bramblet  
 Lectern Side (Prayer of Thanksgiving). Connie Smithson  
 Lectern Side (Pastoral Listener) ..... Scot Crosslin  
 Scripture..... Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)  
 Proclamation ..... Rev. Jonathan  
    Eyes That See: AJ Muste

### 2018 Ends Strong

We've wrapped up the financial reporting for 2018. We had tremendously strong results in December, ending the year with a surplus of almost \$4,000. Thanks to everyone for all your support of the work of our church!

December 2018 revenue..... \$86,431  
 December 2018 expenses ..... \$35,675

Full year 2018 revenue ..... \$471,375  
 Full Year 2018 expenses ..... \$467,494

Average weekly attendance  
in December: 122

Marcus Rafiee,  
Assistant Treasurer



WE LOVE  
BECAUSE HE FIRST  
LOVED US.

1 JOHN 4:19, NRSV



Bert Blackburn (Bea Lyons' sister); Dewayne & Sue Renfro; 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; 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; 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.

## FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

**Feb 10,17, 24:** Mosaic Class Special Series

**Feb 22-24:** Koinonia Class Retreat to Lake Guntersville, AL State Park. Dr. Christal Williams is scheduled to be the retreat leader.

**Feb. 24:** NEW DATE - Youth High Point Climbing Event

**March 6:** Ash Wednesday; Lent begins

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, February 10

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Cov. Group 2 (S. Baldwin/P. Shoun)
- 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 2

### Monday, February 11

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 5:00 pm Chattanooga Sports Hall of Fame Mtg.
- 5:30 pm Elders Meeting; Conference Rm.
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, February 12

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

### Wednesday, February 13

No Activities Scheduled

### Thursday, February 14 - Valentine's Day

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

### Friday, February 15

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

### Saturday, February 16

No Activities Scheduled

### Sunday, February 17

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Cov. Group 2 (S. Baldwin/P. Shoun)
- 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 - Week of Compassion Special Offering
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 2

**March 1-3 | Grades 6-12 Youth Retreat**  
<http://tndisciples.org/bethanyhillscamp>

## THE HYDE OUT

As we continue to move through a prophetic text this Sunday, I feel the need to talk a little about the difference between the pastoral and the prophetic. This past Sunday, a member mentioned that "they didn't want justice, they wanted grace and mercy." They meant that they did not want God to give them the justice that they deserved and rather loved that God had given them something better ... grace and mercy.

In thinking through this idea, I came to the place that one often does when dealing with God and theological issues; it is very rarely an either/or, but almost always a both/and. God does not deal in only justice or only grace and mercy. God deals in both justice and grace/mercy. It can be hard to think or talk about this when we think about a God to whom we ascribe infinite attributes. How can God be infinitely just and also infinitely full of grace? The answer is found in the death of Jesus. With the cross, we have the idea that God is pouring out His justice onto Himself, thus having grace. This is the sacrificial nature of Christ at its fullest.



The pastoral response to this idea is to remind the congregation that God loves us; by the very act of Jesus' death, God tells us how much He loves us. Yet, the prophetic response to this idea is to remind the congregation that we are called to live as Christ, so if Christ laid down His life for His enemies, what is my call in following Him? This question has been the underlying theme of this series ... to be like Christ by laying down our own lives, even for our enemies.

There are times in our lives when we need to be reminded by the pastoral idea that God loves us immensely and other times when we need to be reminded by the prophetic idea that God is calling us to lay our lives down. It is the job of the minister to lean into both when they feel it is needed.

I pray that during this heavy prophetic series you also have heard the pastoral voice letting you know God loves you, because that is as true as any truth has ever been.

*Blessings,  
Rev. Jonathan Hyde*

## Good News

Congratulations to Kris and Allison [Quintanilla] Plattsmier as they welcome Quintan Jeffrey Plattsmier, born February 1st. Allison sang with our chancel choir while a student at UTC. She has focused her career in the non-profit sector, and since leaving Chattanooga has received an M. Ed in Community Development and is

completing her Ed.D. in Leadership and Professional Practice.

## 2018 Statements

We are getting ready for tax season. Good news, we are sending Contribution Statements by standard mail at the end of the week. They should arrive early next week, if not sooner. We appreciate everyone's patience.

## Thank You

Just a note to thank everyone for their prayers concerning my daughter's recent procedure and subsequent surgery. Special thanks to Phil Summerlin for his much appreciated presence during surgery.

*Betty Proctor*



**-FEBRUARY**

- 10 Forrest King, Gayle Mingledorff
- 11 Emily Auten, Sarah Flynn
- 14 Justin Givens
- 15 Ava Grisham, Kit Hanley
- 18 Sherry Baldwin
- 20 Joni Sharpe
- 22 Dreema Adkins
- 23 Jilly Fulgham, Laura Richie
- 24 Bryce Lee Wynn
- 25 Rachel Allen
- 26 Matthew Hamilton

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