



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER | MARCH 29, 2020

SUNDAYS: Christian Education for all ages: 9:30 am | Coffee & Conversation: 10:30 am | Worship: 11 am

SEEKING GOD’S WHOLENESS. EXPANDING THE TABLE. NURTURING JUSTICE.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Scripture.....John 11:1-45
Proclamation Rev. Brandon
God’s Story. Our Stories: A Friend’s Death



If you had a little trouble using Zoom this past Sunday, please, watch for a special “How To Zoom” edition in the Online Bridge via Mail Chimp later this week!

Sunday Morning Schedule for March 29 and How To Join - VIRTUALLY (not in person):

10-10:30 Children’s Church

This is a “One Room School House” for Children of **any age**. Come and join and catch up with friends over ZOOM!

JOIN BY using this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/3393076024> and, if prompted, entering Meeting ID: 339 307 6024

10:30-10:50 Virtual Coffee Hour

Grab a Cup of Coffee from your kitchen, log on or dial in to ZOOM to connect with your FCC friends. **THIS WILL BE CLOSED CAPTIONED.**

JOIN BY using this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/469096355> and, if prompted, entering Meeting ID: 469 096 355 or by calling 1-929-205-6099 and when prompted enter Meeting ID: 469 096 355

11:00 Worship Begins!

Worship, which is pre-recorded, a bulletin, and a written transcript, will be available on our Facebook Page ([HERE](#)). We will also deliver a link to the worship service, bulletin, and transcript to your email inbox at 11. Because it is pre-recorded, know that you can worship at our usual time of 11 am, or whenever you would like.

THE WEEK AHEAD

All In-Person Activities at First Christian Church are Postponed until Further Notice due to Covid-19 Risk Reduction

Sunday, March 29

- 10:30 am Children's Church via ZOOM
(see page 1)
- 10:30 am VIRTUAL Coffee Hour via ZOOM
(See page 1)
- 11:00 am Worship with us on Facebook! Join us
for an 11 am broadcast on Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/FCC.Chattanooga/>

Monday, March 30

- 10:30 am VIRTUAL Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 31

No Activities Scheduled

Wednesday, April 1

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, April 2

No Activities Scheduled

Friday, April 3

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, April 4

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday

- 9:30 am VIRTUAL Christian Education (ZOOM)
11:00 am Worship with us on Facebook!

Stay tuned for details as they become available!

Covenant Group Reminders

As we adjust to the "new normal" it's good to know that we can count on each other and that our Covenant Groups stand ready to offer a kind word, support, and love.

In 2019, the Covenant groups were reorganized into six groups. Let's review the groups and their leaders. If you are not sure which group you are in, or if you have not been contacted by your leader, please contact Jill Rafiee at jillrafiee@yahoo.com.

CG1: Zach Atchley, Jill Rafiee, Bryce Lee Wynn

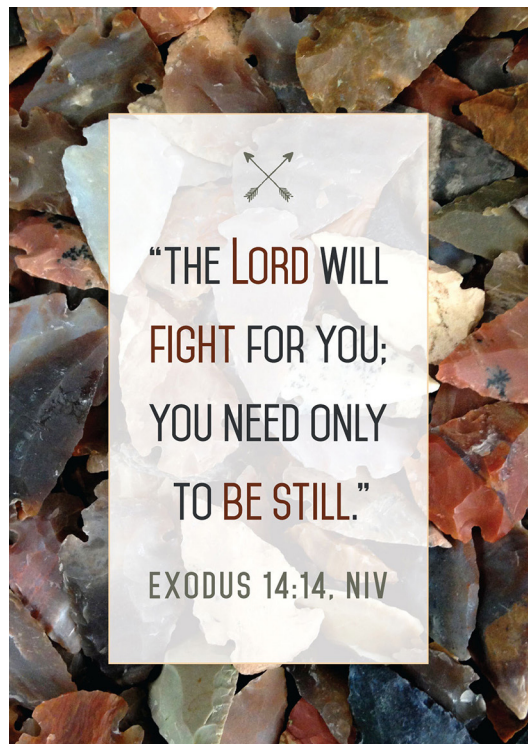
CG2: Sherry Baldwin, Susan Haymes

CG3: Vicki Hill, Kit Hanely

CG4: Sandy Reynolds, Janet Johnson

CG5: Susan Spurgeon, Bill Spurgeon

CG6: Ed Mahoney, Kimberly Wynn



FROM THE TABLE



Friends,

If you're anything like me, you're a bit puzzled by what's going on. You're listening to the medical experts and heeding their directions. You're feeling a bit stuck at home. You're frustrated. Maybe a bit anxious.

Maybe the idea of "virtual worship" is a bit intimidating to you. Maybe it doesn't even sound like church.

However, the Church has long thought about itself as a body connected by things beyond the physical. We speak of ourselves as the *Body of Christ*, as Paul did. We read in the poem that begins John's Gospel, who names Jesus as the Word [*Logos*] of God, that All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Christ connects us, no matter the physical barriers that keep us apart. The Church has always prayed for those who are separated from us—whether they are imprisoned, estranged, far away, lost. Some Christian traditions pray for those who have departed this life, because we have faith that death is not the final word.

So, I invite you to examine some of the ways that you might remain connected to the church in this time of physical distancing. In addition to worship this week, we're going to have a Zoom Call for Children at 10 am, and a "virtual coffee hour" from 10:30-10:50. Please see the article on Page 1 for our Sunday Schedule and how to access each opportunity!


Also, look forward to a special "How To Zoom" Edition of the Bridge this week!

I am grateful that we remain connected, despite the barriers between us these days.

*I am always grateful to be in ministry with you,
Rev. Brandon*

Just a few of the participants who attended the congregational meeting and worship VIRTUALLY!





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

MARCH

25 David Cass, Bill Dowell, David Fleury,
 26 Thomas Auten, Noah Coleman
 27 Sue Renfro
 30 Larry Kirby

APRIL

2 Don Reynolds
 4 Anne Sauser
 5 Courtney Fulgham
 7 Robert Read, Ardian Totten

Birthday Not Listed?
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