



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER | OCTOBER 4, 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.

Reconciliation Ministry Giving

Sunday, October 4

Please make your donation via this link:

<https://reconciliationministry.org/>



The Upper Room Resources

FCC subscribes to *The Upper Room* daily devotional, and they are offering additional resources (free of charge) during such unsettling times.

With the convergence of at least three storms—pandemic, economic downturn, and social upheaval over the bitter fruit of persistent racism, where is God in the midst of this “perfect storm?” How do we hear and respond to God’s presence and call in the midst of such anxiety and anger?

Free resources for our congregation include:

- Morning Prayer with The Upper Room via Facebook Live, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 11 a.m. (CT). These guided prayer experiences are archived so you may join us at your convenience if you miss it live. <https://bit.ly/30gQkHA>
- Resources for Spiritual Wellness in Anxious Times. <https://bit.ly/3idiZDa>
- A PDF File of the September/October issue of The Upper Room. <https://bit.ly/2Gg6Z6L>
- Resources for the Spiritual Work of Overcoming Racism. <https://bit.ly/33dddgA>



Virtual TN 2020 Regional Assembly: October 9-10, 2020

Last call to register for the Regional Assembly. The registration deadline is September 30th.

For more information or to register, visit:
<http://tndisciples.org/regional-assembly-2020>

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am: Sunday School with Rev. Jonathan

We will be looking at The Art of Practice. As with most things we get better with practice and our faith is no different. Come discuss and learn about how we can practice our faith in order to then take our faith into action.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://bit.ly/3n1viX6>

Meeting ID: 994 1926 7412

Passcode: 848922

Dial by location: +1 646 558 8656

10:00 am: Children's Choir & Sunday School with Dr. Harr

(This month only, kids meet Oct. 4 & 18)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://bit.ly/3hOWm7V>

10:30 am: Virtual Coffee Hour

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://bit.ly/3jcX280>

Meeting ID: 922 3501 6283

Passcode: 387191

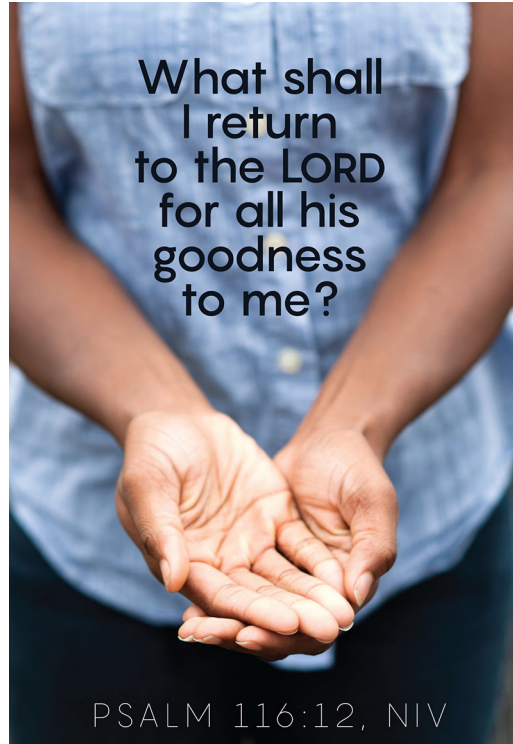
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11:00 am: Worship

Faithful Generosity, Rev. Brandon

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

<https://www.facebook.com/FCC.Chattanooga/>



Stewardship



REPORT

2020 August Stewardship Report

	Income	Expenses	Profit/Loss	Budget YTD	% Loss
YTD	\$217,971	\$252,774	(\$34,804)	\$295,751	-16%
Aug.	\$23,947	\$37,570	(\$13,623)	\$36,969	-57%

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to see any financial reports.

Alan Voss, Treasurer

THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FROM THE TABLE

2020 has been a year like few others. The problems seem overwhelming: pandemics, unrest, economic hardship—and these are just a few of the daily news headlines. The problems of the world have felt incredibly heavy. And it's been difficult to know how to respond as a community of faith, especially as we have been unable to gather together in person for worship.

Perhaps now more than ever, we need to be intentional about how we respond to the fragmentation in our world: faithfully, hopefully, and lovingly. For the next several weeks, I invite you to join me in exploring these essential characteristics of our individual and common spiritual journeys.

1 Corinthians 13 is often read at weddings, but we learn much about faith, hope, and love in this text. Faithfulness—not size, status, wealth—is God's measurement for Christians and congregations. God offers hopefulness through Christ and the Holy Spirit. In verses 4-7, the apostle Paul unpacks love's characteristics: patience and kindness, and a lack of envy, boasting, arrogance, edginess, resentment, and bullying. Christians and congregations are called to experience and share love that looks like this. Love is not optional: it is imperative.

The apostle Paul concludes this chapter by telling us that faith, hope, and love last. May we trust in this promise as we continue together as a faith community.

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,
Rev. Gilvin*



faithful
hopeful
loving



*Be on the lookout for a letter and an estimate of giving card. You are welcome to return this card to the church office at your convenience. November 15th is our official Dedication Sunday, when we will celebrate the gifts our congregation has to offer for doing ministry in 2021.



OCTOBER

- 1 Allison Sharpe, Fi Tran
- 2 Doug Ford, Jessica Fulgham,
Barbara Kirby, Kaye Poe
- 3 Betty Proctor, Elizabeth Read
- 5 Pam Cole, Lyric Flynn
- 10 Gail Ford, Ti Tran
- 14 Julie Barcroft
- 19 Mary Davis
- 21 Devin Lentz
- 22 Rick Cutsinger
- 24 Darby Standefer

Birthday Not Listed?

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