



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

THE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

SUNDAYS: Adult Christian Education: 10-0:45 am | Worship: 11 am

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



Sunday's Schedule

ADULT EDUCATION

10:00-10:45 am, via Zoom

Link to Zoom here: <https://bit.ly/38Ntf37>

Meeting ID: 875 5255 4124

Passcode: 081535

Dial by your location: +1 301 715 8592

WORSHIP

11:00 am, Recorded Live

Scripture: Mark 8:27-38

"The "Nots" of Jesus:
Not to Tell Them About Me"

Rev. Brandon Gilvin

Tune into our YouTube channel or
Facebook Watch page at your leisure

[https://www.facebook.com/watch/FCC.
Chattanooga/](https://www.facebook.com/watch/FCC.Chattanooga/)

God Is Faithful In The Storm:

Hurricane Ida Response

Hurricane Ida made landfall in southeast Louisiana as one of the most powerful storms in U.S. history. The initial impact caused widespread damage and left many communities --including the whole city of New Orleans--without power and many without water and sewer.

[More Information](#)

Week of Compassion Responds to Earthquake in Haiti

On August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the south of Haiti. The earthquake was also felt in other Caribbean islands. This earthquake was stronger than the 2010 quake that devastated the nation's capital of Port-au-Prince, more than 2,200 lives were lost and more than 300 remain missing.

[More Information](#)

Waverly, Tennessee Floods

Waverly welcomed cooks to carpenters to help repair the more than 520 homes that were damaged in the flooding. 272 of them were destroyed, including one that floated to the Exxon Gas Station, which volunteers worked to clear. Twenty people lost their lives in the August 21st flood.

[More Information](#)

Celebrating the Life of Catherine Shutters

Catherine Patricia Anderson Shutters passed away Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at the age of 93. She lived her entire life in Chattanooga and North Georgia. Catherine graduated in 1945 from Chattanooga High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She was a lifelong, faithful member of First Christian Church.

Catherine retired from Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company after more than 41 years of service. She had a quick wit and wry sense of humor and enjoyed dogs and the thrills of NASCAR. She had a generous, giving heart and supported many charitable organizations.

Catherine was preceded in death by her husband, Howard V. Shutters, a detective in the Chattanooga Police Department; her parents, James T. and Kate Anderson; and her sister, Bettye J. Anderson. She leaves behind many nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends, and her beloved adopted family of the Rev. Paul and Christine Rebelo, and Lawrence, Emily, Montgomery and Rachel Rebelo of Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Due to the rise in in the pandemic and respect for family and friends. It's requested that you please wear a mask at the funeral home during visitation and at the cemetery for the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to First Christian Church, 650 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37403 or to a charity of your choice.

A graveside service was held at 1:30 pm Wednesday at Chattanooga National Cemetery with the Rev. Brandon Gilvin and the Rev. Phil Summerlin officiating.



*Catherine Shutters,
Elder Emeritus, January 2016*

***Death Is Nothing At All by Henry Scott-Holland**

Death is nothing at all.
It does not count.
I have only slipped away into the next room.
Nothing has happened.
Everything remains exactly as it was.
I am I, and you are you,
and the old life that we lived so fondly together is
untouched, unchanged.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.
Call me by the old familiar name.
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that
we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.

Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a
shadow upon it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it ever was.
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.
What is this death but a negligible accident?
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very
near, just round the corner.
All is well.
Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.
One brief moment and all will be as it was before.
How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting
when we meet again!

**Catherine requested this be read at her funeral.*

FROM THE TABLE

It is with sadness that I share that due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, First Christian Church has elected to postpone our 150th anniversary celebration until next Spring. As COVID infections continue to spread across Tennessee and as vaccination rates still remain low, our commitment to safety needs to remain our central focus, and an in-person celebration does not seem to be the safest choice at this moment. We've been in touch with the office of our General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens, and she has graciously offered to join us in the Spring, as well.

As you know, this year has been marked by experimentation, new safety protocols, starts and stops, excitement and hope, and plenty of frustration. We've had our share of disappointments and more than our share of calls to adapt, and I'm sorry that we must add one more.

On the other hand, this gives us more time to prepare and plan a very cool celebration of our history and our ongoing call to be a community that seeks God's wholeness, expands the table as Christ did, and nurtures a spirit of justice. We have a legacy to be very proud of—one so worth celebrating that I think we can wait a year in order to do it well.

In the meantime, I hope that you will remember that for many families, including some of the families here at FCC, this pandemic has taken a heavy toll, and that while all of us are feeling the stress of this moment, healthcare workers, educators, public servants, and many essential service workers are bearing the brunt of criticism and continuing to take on a considerable amount of risk. Please keep them in your prayers.

Grateful to be in ministry with you, Rev. Brandon



THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

**RECONCILIATION MINISTRY
SPECIAL OFFERING 2021**

**REVEALING
GOD'S JUSTICE**

"The time is always ripe to do what is right."

- REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SEPTEMBER 26TH AND OCTOBER 3RD

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Birthdays

September

- 12 Miller Fulgham
- 14 Gary Stevens
- 17 Marcia Stevens
- 18 Kate Gilliard
- 19 Betty Jolly
- 20 Carolyn Hickerson, Patti Obert
- 22 Megan Coleman, Ella Wiisanen
- 23 Katie Wylie
- 26 Marcus Rafiee
- 28 Marsha Grant
- 29 Richard Sharpe, Jr.

October

- 1 Allison Sharpe, Fi Tran

Birthday Not Listed? Contact Us!

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