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Outdoor

Worship Service It is time again for our Outdoor Summer Evening Worship Services! This is a great time of

worship and fellowship! The hostesses will provide the place, paper products and the drinks. All other refreshments will be carried in. Bring your chairs and make plans to join us each Sunday evening at 6pm.

June's Services will be held at:

June 1st- Tom & Patti Brennan - 14419 Hwy 67W, Butler

June 8th

June 15th - No Evening Service - Father's Day

June 22nd -

June 29th - No Evening Service - 5th Sunday

If you need directions to any of our locations, please contact the church office. If the weather is on the wet side watch for updates and the gathering will be in the Fellowship Hall. No Sunday Evening services will be held on the church campus.



PIZZA &

GAME

NIGHT

## Friday, June 27th 6pm

All the ladies are invited to Pizza and Game Night in the Fellowship Hall! Please bring something for the meal and be ready to have laughter and fellowship with your Christian Sisters! If you have a game you would like to share, bring it too!



On Sunday, May 18th we had our last Praise and Potluck for the season. Mike Davis Jr. and Sr. were here to provide a wide variety of music for us. It was a great way to end the season.





**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! VBS LIVE IT OUT: Discover How to Love Like Jesus** 

> Saturday, June 21st 11am - 5pm



This years' VBS will be a ONE DAY - ALL DAY event! Cindi Billingsley will be directing and recruiting for volunteers so let her know how YOU can help! We will have a Closing Program and a cookout at 5:30. Location to be determined - everyone is invited!

Come help make this years' VBS a great success by inviting your friends and neighbors and come join in on the fun!

Young Hear

We had a smaller group in May, but still had a lot of good food and good fellowship for the monthly Young-at-Heart Carry-in Dinner. Clem

Park brought us the entertainment in song. Toes were tapping and singing along happened! If you haven't come to one of the monthly dinners, come check it out! It is a great evening of fellowship and food. YAH meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6pm.







One of the great highlights of our that dated back a 1,000 or more years. Some even dated back recent trip to Spain was the architecture. We saw structures years. Some even dated back to the

What struck me the most was the change in style and detail over the years. We visited a palace whose construction included tile work. Each tile was cut by hand to fit the pattern. And every artist had an intricately cut tile that served as their

We saw many structures that dated back to the Gothic period. These were easily identified by the gargoyles that served as downspouts. We also visited a palace that was filled with frescoes that covered walls and ceilings of each room. Many of the structures had that had been intricately stamped with designs of fruit, plants and animals.

What I really took note of was the amount of work that went into these ancient structures compared to how modern buildings are basically thrown together. The made this most notable was a cathedral that has been under construction for over 200 years. The work that they were currently doing looked blocky and somewhat gaudy. The oldest sections looked majestic and intricate with much time given to detail.

I have noticed a similar and troubling occurrence in the Church. The church has slowly left the details and beauty of the Biblical faith for the fades of our current culture. The progressive church has come to believe that the Bible is out of date and has accepted many sins as being "approved."

We will always stick to the beauty and details of the teachings of Christ that date back some 2,000 years rather than the "gaudiness" of contemporary religion. And we will one day be praised by our Lord for sticking to His beautiful Word. Dwayne



We want to congratulate our recent graduates! On Friday, May 16th Landell Walker graduated from JCHS! In December Stacy Greer graduated from ETSU with a Bachelor of Science in Surveying and Mapping. In April Grinnan Walker was promoted to the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 917 based in Kingston, TN. In May Aiden Walker graduated from Liberty University in Aviation Technology (Commercial Pilot).

Be sure to congratulate these young men on their accomplishments!



All men and boys are invited to the monthly Men's Breakfast! The group meets at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall on the Second Saturday of each month. The full breakfast is available for a donation and you get your fill on delicious food, devotion and fellowship. Come join them on Saturday, June 14th at 8:30 am! You will be glad you did!



First Christian Church has three academic scholarships available to college students. A special offering is taken each year closest to the

4th of July for the Rick Millsaps Scholarship. Rick was a member of the youth group and was killed in an on the job accident with the Rescue Squad. Envelopes will be in the bulletins prior to the special offering date of July 6th. Donations to The Rick Millsaps Scholarship, The Veta Wilson Scholarship or the Merry Faulkner Scholarship can be made at any time. Just designate on your check or envelope of your desire of which scholarship.



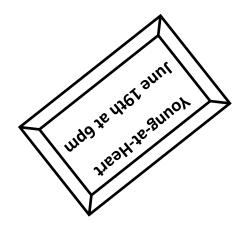
Young-at-Heart **Carry-in Dinner** Thursday, June 19th 6pm in the Fellowship Hall

Are you 55+? Come join the YAH Group for their monthly dinner and enjoy some Fellowship! If you aren't 55+ we don't check ID! Please bring a dish or two to share!



directory app yet? See Beth on how to download and have your family information in this church app. It is easy to use and

you will have the FCC families phone numbers, addresses, birthdays and anniversaries at your fingertips wherever you go!



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- Local Volunteer Opportunities
- The Journey of a Shoebox

Saturday, July 26, 2025 10:30 am - 12:30 pm First Christian Church 401 West Main Street Mountain City, TN 37683



For More Information contact CARLA MALONE Phone: 423-202-5424 Email: ctmalone@btes.tv

THIS EVENT WILL INCLUDE DOOR PRIZES AND A FREE TACO LUNCH! SEE YOU THERE!

## HELPING HANDS N

VOLUNTEER IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



There are many areas of the Children's Ministry that helpers are needed. If you are available to help with Children's Church, Nursery for Services and Sunday School Times, or any other children's ministry see Cindi Billingsley! She will gladly put you to work. Lots of helpers will be needed for VBS which will be on Saturday, June 21st. Cindi is our new Children's Director so look for upcoming activities!

FCC Scholarship Applications are now available for FCC College Students. All applications must be returned to the committee by June 30th.

The FCC Scholarship Application will be emailed out to everyone.

There's only ONE application for all 3 scholarships. Some things have changed, so please read the application carefully. It's much more simple to re-apply with this version.

Please see Michael Eggers or the church office with any questions or help printing the applications.

### Church web site:

www.firstchristianmctn.org Church email address:

fccmctn@gmail.com

If you would like to receive prayer emails, please send us an email and we will put you on our mailing.

### **FCC Staff:**

Minister - Dwayne Dickson 423-429-8287 Spanish Minister - Martir Portillo Children's Director - Cindi Billingsley Church Secretary - Beth Dickson



## Sunday, June 29th Noon in the CLC

On the 5th Sunday of the month we will have a combined Worship Service at 11am in the Sanctuary. And then after the service join in for a Fellowship Lunch at noon in the CLC. We will have Sunday School as normal. There will NOT be 8:30am service or evening services that night. Please bring a dish or two to share for the meal.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."





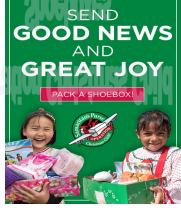
Join other widows for a time of support and devotion. They meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. This June they will meet on the 10th & 24th.



# **Operation Christmas Child**

Our collection item for the month of June for the Shoeboxes is TOYS! Look for clearance items and bring your toys to the





Sanctuary or CLC and place in the boxes. We will packing shoeboxes soon!



## First Christian Church

# **Mountain City, TN**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Board Meeting - 5pm	9	Widow to Widow 11:30am	11	12	13	Breos 14 8:30am
No Evening Service	16	17	18	19 Canage House 6pm	20	DISCOVER HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS  VBS - 11an -5pm  Program 5pm
22	23	Widow to Widow 11:30am	25	26	Ladies 27 PIZZA & GAME NIGHT 6pm	28
Fellowship Noon No 8:30am service	30			9:30 am Sunda 10:00 am Sunda 11:00 am Sunda 3:00 pm Sunda 6:00 pm Sunda	ny Contemporary Wo ny Fellowship Time ny School ny Traditional Worshi ny Spanish Worship S ny Evening Outdoor V nay Men's Bible Study D nesday Community D nesday Bible Study & nesday Choir Practice iday Ladies Pizza & C naturday - Men's Brea	p Service ervice Vorship Service

### Those Serving in June

	8:30 Nursery	10:00 Nursery	11:00 Nursery	8:30 Children's Church	11:00 Children's Church
June 1 -	Samantha Johnson	Volunteer Needed	Kim Park	Pam Billingsley	
June 8 -	Terri Henson	Volunteer Needed	Tina Lipford	Judy Henson	
June 15 -	Cindi Billingsley	Volunteer Needed	Deana Rhymer	Beth Dickson	
June 22-	Beth Dickson	Beth Dickson	Volunteer Needed	Jackie Dugger	
June 29 -	No 8:30am Service	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	No 8:30am Service	



### **Happy Birthday to:**

June 2 - Aiden Walker

June 4 - John Toms

June 5 - Bobbie Jo Brooks

June 5 - Collin Watts

June 6 - Lorna Littlecott

June 8 - Andy Watts

June 10 - Terry Campbell

June 11 - Dean Rhymer

June 13 - Bobby Boone

June 14 - Grinnan Walker June 16 - Roger Gentry

June 18 - Gary Porter

June 18 - Theresa Singleton June 18 - Taylor Boone

June 20 - Kelly Toms

June 23 - Del Moody

June 23 - Sandra Perkins June 25 - Kevin Long

June 25 - Dottie Sue Phipps

June 27 - Jo Vaught

June 29 - Chris Hudler

June 30 - Conner Orr

June 30 - Cliff Ranslow



### Happy Anniversary to:

June 11 - Dean & Ann Rhymer

June 14 - Mark & Pam Billingsley

June 15 - Doyle & Susan Clifford

June 16 - Doug & Jackie Dugger

June 17 - Walter & Ross Boutwell

June 17 - Joel & Wendy Walker June 19 - Ronnie & Chelley Henson

June 19 - John & Kelly Toms