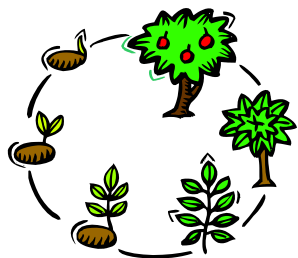


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Here We Grow Again

On Sunday, March 16th **Daniel Berthiaume** came forward to accept Christ and be baptized. Please be in prayer for Daniel as he begins this new walk with the Lord and encourage him with his growth.



The First Breakfast

Friday, April 18th - 7pm
Sunday, April 20th - 11am
In the FCC Sanctuary

First Christian Church invites you to The First Breakfast presentation delivered by the choir and a cast from FCC. This is a dramatic presentation of the Risen Christ appearance to Peter, John and the other Apostles at the Sea of Galilee. Invite your friends and neighbors to the special and meaningful Easter presentation.

Thank You!

The Sanctuary Makeover is complete and it looks beautiful and refreshed! All the money needed for this project has been raised so we didn't have to tap from the General Fund. If you haven't had a chance to see it completed, please come by!



EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 20th

7:00 am - Sunrise Service - Fellowship Hall - Breakfast following

8:30 am - Worship Service in the Christian Life Center

10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship Service with The First Breakfast in the Sanctuary

Praise & Potluck



On Sunday, March 16th we enjoyed a great evening of fellowship and music by The Narrow Road (aka - the Long family!) These evening gatherings makes it so nice to gather together and get to know those who may go to a different service. We will not be having a Praise and Potluck in April due to Easter Activities. Thank you to all who came!



Young-at Heart Carry-in Dinner



The YAH Group met for a belated St. Patrick Day's dinner with some music by Clem! Due to all the Easter Activities we will not be having a YAH Dinner in April.



Spring Flowers

Help decorate the sanctuary this Easter season by bringing your Easter Lily or other spring plant. You may place your flower in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill out the form found at the literature table. List will be placed in the bulletin on Easter. The flowers and plants will be planted around the church grounds following Easter.



SonRise Service
Sunday, April 20th
7am in the Fellowship Hall

Invite your friends and neighbors and join us in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday at 7am. Dwayne will be bringing a special devotion and the service will be followed by a breakfast. If you are able to help with the food, please see Dwayne.



April 25th - 27th
Pigeon Forge, TN

Please keep the women's group in your prayers as they attend the Women of Joy Conference in Pigeon Forge, April 25th - 27th. The group of 15 will be spending two nights together and attend the conference and praise time at the convention center. If this is an event you would be interested in attending next year, please let Beth know and we will put a deposit down for you for the 2026 year. The cost of the conference is \$119 per person plus housing and food.



If you are interested and available to help with Children's Church at the 11:00 Sunday Services we need your help! If you are able to help, please see Sam Adams or Donald Greer.

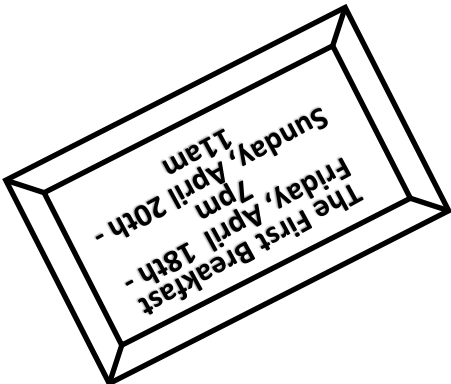
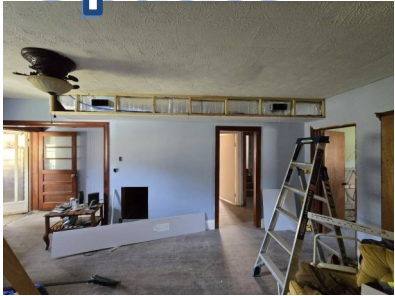


April 14th - 18th
First Christian Church
CLC Building
Lunch at noon -
Service at 12:30

The Johnson County Ministerial Alliance invites you to join them for a week of special noontime services. There will be a different preacher bringing the devotion each day. Come join them for a great time of Fellowship.

Hurricane Update

Our work on the hurricane recovery is moving along at a furious pace. This past week we had 52 volunteers from 5 different states working on 8 different job sites. The work ranged from subfloors and flooring in a single room to whole house rebuilds. And most importantly, God is using this to bring people to faith in Christ.



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Anticipation is such a powerful force in our lives. In 2020 I had purchased tickets to see "The Blind Boys of Alabama." Joel Walker introduced them to me years ago. They sing a rendition of Amazing Grace set to the tune of "House of the Rising Son." (Look it up online. It is awesome.)

Unfortunately the concert was rescheduled due to Covid. It then was rescheduled multiple times and finally canceled. Since then the Blind Boys have not been on the concert circuit. But I kept watching. Finally after 5 years they are touring again. And April 1st I will be attending their concert.

This wait has not lessened my desire to hear the group perform. In fact, the anticipation has only increased my excitement. I am now looking forward far more to the concert than I did 5 years ago.

The Lord wants us to have the same kind of anticipation for the Kingdom of God. Our anticipation is meant motivates us to press on towards the goal. And what a wonderful place we have to anticipate.

The descriptions of our eternal home are many and fantastic. The new earth will be bigger, cleaner and more wonderful than even the best vacation spots that we enjoy here on earth today. The building will be constructed not just with wood and brick but with precious stones, giant pearls, and gold. We will also have every animal, reptile, bird and insect that has ever existed with us to enjoy in the new creation. Water will be crystal clear. Trees of life will grow in grand parks along the river of life. And best of all we will enjoy the presence of God with us always.

The church has lived in anticipation of this wonderful new home in paradise for 2,000 years now. And the anticipation of this wonderful future should motivate us to love and good works. As Peter said: "Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives you should live, looking forward to the day of God and hurrying it along." (2 Peter 3:11-12)

Dwayne



**Tuesday
April 17th
1pm - 2pm**

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin for the FCC Preschool on April 17th. If you know a 3 or 4 year old wishing to attend, please have them join us. Call the church at 423-727-9151 for more information.



It is that time of year . . . Time to sign up for Youth Summer Camp! If your child has attended in the past, you have probably received information about the camp - if not, log on to www.campacc.com and pick out the camp for your child. Be sure to let them know that the church will be paying full tuition and then let Beth

know in the office which camp so she can send in the proper paperwork. This is a great experience that we want to offer to all regular attending children and youth of FCC. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

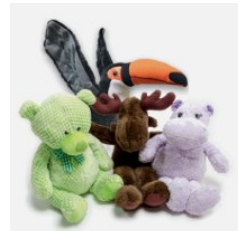


June 1st will be the start of our Sunday Evening Outdoor Worship Services. Check your calendars and watch for the sign up sheet so you can host one this summer. The last one will be August 24th.



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Collection

For the month of April we are emphasizing the collection of Stuffed Animals for the Christmas Shoeboxes. You can always bring any shoebox items to the boxes in the sanctuary and CLC. Watch for more information about a special event coming this summer!



Jail Ministry Cookies

Tuesday, April 15th
1pm in the CLC

We will be baking cookies for the JC inmates, officers and staff. Everyone welcome!



**Free
Wednesday Night
Community
Dinner**

**6:30 PM
First Christian
Church
Christian Life
Center**



The **Young-at-Heart** group (those 55 and up) will not meet in April due to Easter activities. Join us in May for another exciting evening of food, fellowship and some entertainment!



**Saturday, April 12th
8:30am**

All men and boys are invited to join in Breakfast, devotion and Fellowship!

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.
Isaiah 35:1



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	 8 Widow to Widow 11:30am	9	10	11	12  8:30 AM
13	14	 15 Jail Ministry - 1pm - CLC	16	17 Preschool Open House 1-2pm	18 The First Breakfast - 7pm	19
Noon Time Holy Week Service - First Christian Church CLC Lunch at Noon, Devotion 12:30-1pm.						
 20 Sunrise Service - 7am No evening services	21	 22 Widow to Widow 11:30am	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Those Serving in April

8:30 Nursery

April 7 - Samantha Johnson
April 14 - Terri Henson
April 21 - Cindi Billingsley
April 28 - Beth Dickson

10:00 Nursery

Volunteer Needed
Patricia Morefield
Volunteer Needed
Beth Dickson

10:55 Nursery

Kim Park
Tina Lipford
Deana Rhymor
Volunteer Needed

8:30 Children's Church

Beth Dickson
Beth Dickson
Judy Henson
Jackie Dugger

11:00 Children's Church



Happy Birthday to:
April 1 - Ted Spivey
April 2 - Joe Ray
April 3 - Michael Eggers
April 5 - Kate Baker
April 10 - Starla Brooks
April 10 - Landell Walker
April 12 - Peggy Brown
April 12 - Cyndi Wilcox

April 16 - Brenda Kirby
April 19 - Valarie Forrester
April 19 - Howard Carlton
April 19 - Dusty Gibson
April 19 - Morgan Trivette
April 20 - Kathy Terrill
April 20 - Emma Watts
April 21 - Noah Nelson
April 22 - Samantha Johnson
April 23 - Steve Arnold
April 25 - Doyle Clifford
April 25 - Dinah Jeffries
April 25 - Arlene Justinger
April 26 - Harper Trivette
April 28 - Amelia Saltarelli

Services and Activities

8:30 am

Sunday Contemporary Worship Service (CLC)

9:30 am

Sunday Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 am

Sunday School

11:00 am

Sunday Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)

3:00 pm

Sunday Spanish Worship Service

6:00 pm

Sunday Evening Worship Service

8:30 am

Tuesday Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm

Wednesday Community Dinner (CLC)

7:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study & Youth Groups

7:00 pm

Wednesday Choir Practice

8:30 am

2nd Saturday - Men's Breakfast



Happy Anniversary to:
April 1 - Hawk & Hope Hillberry
April 5 - Ned & April Shaffner
April 15 - Rhett & Kristi Mohundro
April 21 - Bob & Betty Gentry
April 23 - Kevin & Kim Long
April 30 - Paul & Morgan Trivette

