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It was cold and a bit icy outside, but the Young-At-Heart came together for a great meal and a fun time with BINGO with some great prizes - everyone was a winner! Join us on Thursday, Feb. 20th for the next YAH Carry-in Dinner.















































The youth and sponsors braved the cold, snow & ice and headed to Gatlinburg for the annual Tennessee Christian Teen Convention. Thank you to all for the

prayers and financial support of this annual convention!





The ladies had fun having a pizza dinner - and lots of sides and desserts. The game for the evening was

Pictionary and lots of laughs ensued with the

FCC has so much talent and a portion of it was shared at our Praise & Potluck on Sunday, Jan. 26th! This was the first and only Sunday Evening service for January because of bad weather and people were happy to be out and have fellowship together. The music was great! Thank you to all who participated! It was a great evening!



The Youth served a great "concessions" type meal for the Dessert Auction. The desserts were plentiful and all had fun bidding, sharing and eating! The funds raised will go towards TCTC



















There are times when a person must clear away the old to make room for the new. This begins when we first become disciples of Jesus. The first thing that we must do to be saved is to repent or turn away from our sins. The Holy Spirit cannot and will not

move into a home filled with filth. So we must get rid of the old sinful self to be filled with what is holy and good. But this process does not end with salvation.

If we are to continue to grow and become the person that we need to be, we need to be constantly moving things out so the new can come in.

For example, my office once had an old couch and chair in it; but with the storm relief, I needed to move a couple of storage cabinets into my office so I can keep tools better secure. At first, I tried to keep the coach and chair in the office as well as the cabinets. And I quickly learned that it wasn't possible for my office to contain both. So, to make room for what God currently wants me to do, the furniture had to go.

Now some time in the future, the storage will have to be moved out and seating restored to the office. (Hopefully much nicer than the 30+ year old stuff.) Then that portion of the office can be repurposed for new work the Lord has in store for us. But for now, they had to go.

It is the same with our spiritual lives, as disciples God's will for us sometimes changes. And we need to be ready to let some of the old go to make room for the new work God has for us.

Unfortunately, we sometimes become overly attached to the old and we hang on to it. And by doing so, we become less and less effective for the kingdom. We need to always be ready to accept the changes in our calling that God desires for us. It is then that we can truly experience the times of refreshing God's Word promises for us.

Are you ready for those times of refreshing? Are you willing to let go of the old to experience the new?

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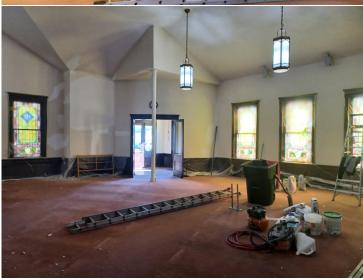




Have you heard we are getting a makeover? The sanctuary is in the process of being renewed with plaster, paint, carpet and new pew padding! If you would like to help with the cost of this endeavor, you can mark your gift as "Sanctuary". The project should be done in a few more weeks!









FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH P.O. BOX 136 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday, February 23rd 6pm in the CLC

Bring a dish or two to share for the meal and then sit back and enjoy some praise music. The group from Milligan College, Heritage, will be with us to share their music. This is a great time of fellowship with the church family.



Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for dinner! Every Wednesday at 6:30 in the Christian Life Center. If you would like to prepare a meal one week, please see Connie Moody.



Annie Miller's 100th Birthday **Party**

You are invited to help celebrate Annie Miller's 100th Birthday Party on Monday, February 17th. The Party will be at her house - 205 Georgia St. from 1pm to 4pm. Stop by as you wish, no gifts but cards would be nice.



FCC has the ability to receive your offerings from your mobile device. You can find the link on our website for Tithe.ly. There you can give a one-time gift, or set up for regular giving. If you have any questions, please see Donald Greer.



Do you receive the church email prayer requests and announcements? If not, and you would like to be on the list, prayer chain please let Beth know, or email the church at fccmctn@gmail.com and ask

to be added. If you have a prayer request, you can email the church for it to be forwarded on.



Did you know that the church has an online directory with pictures, address, phone numbers, birthdays and much more information? You can download the app for your phone or find the site online. You will use your email address that the church has in the directory to create a password and you can access the directory. Not in the directory? See Beth, and she will help you get in it or help you get set up!





All the ladies are invited to come for a fun game night in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring something to help with





Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child **Shoebox**

Collection for February -Accessories

For the month February we will be collecting Fashion Accessories. You can bring them to the boxes found in the CLC and the Sanctuary. If you didn't get a chance to get scarves, stocking hats and mittens in January, you can still bring them at anytime.

Collecting for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes throughout the year will make the process easier in November. If you have any questions, you may contact April Shaffner at:

amoore7828@gmail.com or call her at (423) 602-9293.



The Young-at-Heart group (those 55 and up) will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 6pm for the monthly carry-in dinner. Please bring a dish or two to share for the meal. All those 55 and over are invited to join this group for a time of fun and fellowship.



Are you a widow? If so you are invited to come be a part of the ladies group, Widow to Widow. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall for devotion and support. See Brenda Kirby for more information.



Saturday, February 8th 8:30am

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

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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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:30AM
9	10	Widow to Widow 11:30am	12	13	14	15
16	Annie's 100th Birthday Party 1-4pm (205 Georgia St.)	18	19	YAH Carry-in Dinner - 6pm	21	22
PRAISE AND POTLUCK 6pm in the CLC	24	Widow to Widow 11:30am	26	27	Ladies GAME Opm	

Ihose Serving in February

8:30 Nursery 9:45 Nursery 11:00 Nursery 8:30 Children's Church 11:00 Children's Church Feb. 2 -Samantha Johnson Volunteer Needed Kim Park Pam Billingsley Feb. 9 - Terri Henson Tricia Morefield Tina Lipford Judy Henson Feb. 16 - Cindi Billingsley Volunteer Needed Deana Rhymer Beth Dickson Feb. 23 - Beth Dickson Beth Dickson Volunteer Needed Jackie Dugger



Happy Birthday to:

Feb. 4 - Pam Billingsley Feb. 5 - Brenda Eggers Feb. 8 - Max Ann Ward Feb. 13 - April Shaffner Feb. 14 - Jason Stamper Feb. 15 - Chelley Henson Feb. 17 - Annie Miller Feb. 19 - Pat Gentry

Feb. 20 - Cody Madison Feb. 20 - Emily Orr

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Feb. 28 - Jackie Dugger

Feb. 28 - Evan Stamper Feb. 28 - Mary Tester

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 (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm Sunday Evening Worship Service
8:30 am Tuesday Men's Bible Study
6:30 pm Wednesday Community Dinner - CLC
7:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study & Youth Groups
7:00 pm Wednesday Choir Practice



Happy Anniversary to:

Feb. 2 - Danado & Amelia Saltarelli

Feb. 12 - Kim & Trudy Kittle Feb. 24 - Joe & Betsy Chapman