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# Praise & Potluck









On Sunday, February 23rd we had to make some last minute changes. There was a miscommunication with Milligan and unfortunately Heritage was unable to come. BUT... We have so many talented musical people we were able to praise with them! Next Praise & Potluck will be March 16th.

# JC Long-Term Recovery Group

Tuesday, Feb. 26th, was the official launch of the Johnson County Long Term Recovery Group. We had over 100 attend the Partners Meeting in our Life Center. We also had representatives from local, state and federal governments.

This marks the beginning of bigger things when it comes to the recovery of this county. More funds and materials will become available because of this official launch. We also had organizations with us that are going to supply appliances for those returning to their homes.

FCC will continue to be the hub of reconstruction activities and volunteers. This last week we completed a home in the Neva area. This week we are working to complete two more homes just off of 421. And we will begin 3 new big projects and several smaller ones.

Pray that our efforts will also result in the salvation of many.











Friday, March 28th 6pm in the Fellowship Hall

All ladies are invited to the monthly GAME NIGHT! Please bring some food to share for the meal and enjoy the game of the evening! This is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship!



Sunday, March 30th - Noon

Please make plans to join us for a 5th Sunday Fellowship Dinner following the 11:00 Worship Service. Please bring a dish or two to share for the meal. We will NOT be having an 8:30 service that day. Come for Sunday School at 10am and then stay for worship in the sanctuary at 11:00. We will have the meal in the CLC following the service. We will not have an evening service that day.





The FCC Preschool had an especially fun day learning the letter P! They wore their pajamas, had pancakes for snacks and pizza for lunch. They played with a parachute and made a craft using popcorn! Please keep the school in your prayers as they continue the school year and plan for the next! They have a lot of fun and learn LOTS too!

## Year-round Christmas Shopping for FCC Samaritan's Christmas Child Shoeboxes



March – WOW Item!
Drop Off Boxes in Sanctuary and CLC

We are still collecting items for Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoebox! For the month of March look for WOW items - dolls, balls, stuffed animals, toys, etc. You can also still bring in other items that would be good for the shoeboxes. You can drop off items at the boxes found in the CLC and Sanctuary. Thank you for helping making this another great year!



#### Sanctuary Remodeling

The remodeling is going well in the Sanctuary. The plaster has been repaired and painted. New carpet

is going in this week and the pews are in the process of being repadded. Watch for when the rededication will be.



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## EAST TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN HOME & ACADEMY



On Sunday, February 23rd Ron Marvel brought the Sunday morning message and gave an update on the East Tennessee Christian Home and Academy located in Elizabethton. If you want more information, would like to volunteer or visit the home, please check out their website at www.etcha.org. They would love to tell you more information or put you to work to help the home.



## Lunch for ETSU Campus House

We will be providing lunch on Tuesday, March 11th. If you would like to attend, and/or help with the meal, please let Dwayne know.



It is time to **SPRING FORWARD!**Be sure to change your clocks
and alarms on Saturday, March
8th so you don't miss church on
Sunday!



The Young-at-Heart group (those 55 and up) will meet on Thursday, March 20th at 6pm for a carry-in meal. Bring a dish or two and come enjoy a great time of fellowship!





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My office has once again been turned into a greenhouse. This last fall I lost many of my plants due to the fact that I did not protect them from the cold weather soon enough. But I have been restocking my plants the have been restocking my plants the last month in preparation for spring

and summer. (Feel free and stick you head in my office to admire the new plants.)

To help these new plants flourish in have several grow lights running. These provide the sun-like light that helps them to flourish. They are not sun, but they are enough like the sun to help these plants to flourish. In fact, they are doing so well that my fig tree is covered with baby figs, my basil and cilantro is ready to harvest, and all the plants are covered with new growth.

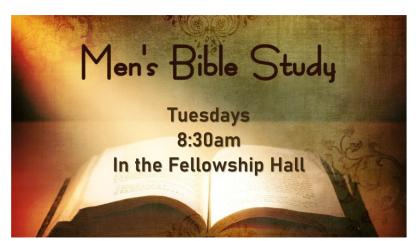
These grow lights are a model of what each of us as church members are to be like. We are not the Light. Christ is the true Light who is the only one who can create new life. But we are to be enough like the Light of the World that we help those who have accepted Christ to flourish and produce fruit.

The Church, then, is the greenhouse in which growth is made able to take place. As each of us seek to reflect the light of Christ, others grow and produce fruit. The Church protects those who accept Christ from the harsh conditions of the world (sin, hatred and sinful attitudes.) But it isn't enough just to protect people from the harshness of the world, we must also provide a positive atmosphere for growth.

Paul, when speaking about Spiritual gifts, tells us that they are given to us for the "common good." They are given to us to help our fellow Christian to have everything they need to be spiritually healthy. The challenge then is to reflect Christ's light for the good of our fellow Christians. And by doing so we help the whole church be more productive.

#### **Lunch to ETSU Campus House** Tuesday, March 11th

We will be serving lunch to the ETSU students! You are welcome to join us. We will leave from the church at 9:30. If you would be able to provide a dessert that would be appreciated! Please have your dessert to the church by 9am. Everyone is welcome to join and see the Campus House and meet the students.





Remember to move your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 8th! It is time for us to SPRING **FORWARD** 

#### Church web site:

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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.



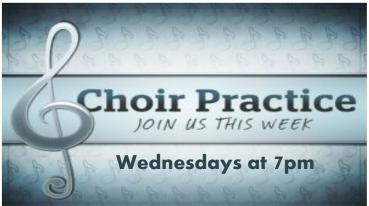
#### Saturday, March 8th 8:30am

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



We are still working on the program for the March 16th Praise & Potluck, but it will be a good evening of praise and Fellowship! Bring a dish or two to share for the meal and enjoy some Praise time and of course, great Fellowship with the family!







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.

#### FCC Staff:

Minister - Dwayne Dickson 423-429-8287 Youth Director - Seth Billingsley Spanish Minister - Martir Portillo Church Secretary - Beth Dickson



## First Christian Church **Mountain City, TN**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:30AM
9  RING FORMER  BY Saving The Sav	10	Lunch to ETSU Campus House Widow to Widow 11:30am	12	13	14	15
PRAISE AND POTLUCK 6pm	17	18	19	Carry-in Dinner 6pm	21	22
23	24	Widow to Widow 11:30am	26	27	28  Ladies  PIZZA & GAME NIGHT 6pm	29
30 5th Sunday Fellowship	31					

Those Serving in March

8:30 Nurserv Mar. 2 -Mar. 9 -Samantha Johnson Terri Henson Mar. 16 - Cindi Billingsley Mar. 23 - Beth Dickson Mar. 30 - No 8:30 service

10:00 Nursery Volunteer Needed Patricia Morefield ded Volunteer Needed Beth Dickson Volunteer Needed 11:00Nursery Kim Park Tina Lipford Deana Rhymer
Volunteer Needed

8:30 Children's Church 11:00 Children's Church Pam Billingsley Judy Henson Beth Dickson

**Happy Birthday to:** 

March 7 - Martir Portillo March 7 - Linda Woodring

March 8 - Bob Gentry

March 10 - Doug Dugger

March 13 - Wanda Gentry

March 15 - Betsy Chapman

March 15 - Katherine Stout

March 21 - Teresa Ashley

March 22 - Barry Sannes

March 22 - Cynthia Sluder

March 23 - Mike Branham

March 25 - Deana Rhymer

March 28 - Rhett Mohundro March 29 - Chris Coleman

March 29 - Dean Kirby

March 30 - Annette Greer



#### **Happy Anniversary to:**

March 10 - Clem & Kim Park March 18 - Norman & Rita Miller March 27 - Barry & Becky Sannes March 29 - Dean & Brenda Kirby

