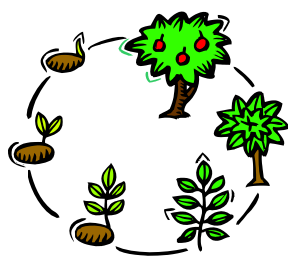


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Here We Grow Again

On Sunday, August 24th at the Outdoor evening service we had the privilege of baptizing five into the family! **Betsy Chapman** with her husband Joe have been faithful for several years and Betsy wanted to be immersed. **Macy Beeding** has been attending for several months and has been singing in our choir. The **Justingers: Jason, Arlene & daughter Lilly** have been attending for over a year. After Jason was baptized he baptized the rest of his family. Please introduce yourself to these fine people and welcome them into the family!



Betsy Chapman



Macy Beeding



Lilly, Jason & Arlene
Justinger



More pictures can be found on the next page!



**Tuesday, September 23rd
6pm in the Christian Life
Center**

Come join in the CLC for a special concert to benefit those effected by Hurricane Helene. A freewill offering will be collected to help with the Hurricane Recovery. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join for this fun evening!



Our Outdoor Evening Worship Services have come to an end - but we had a great season! Only one evening had to be moved to the Fellowship Hall due to rain. Please make plans to join in on our Sunday Evening services at the church starting Sept. 14th!



Ladies

**PIZZA &
GAME
NIGHT**

Friday, September 26th - 6pm

All the ladies are invited to Pizza and Game Night in the Fellowship Hall! Please bring something for the meal and enjoy the evening getting to know some of your sisters in Christ - and have some fun too!



**Sunday ~
September 7th
6pm**

Join the church family
as we close our
Summer Outdoor
Services with an All-Church
Picnic!
The meat and drinks will be
provided. Please bring
some sides, salads,
& desserts!



**Sunday,
Sept. 14th
6pm**

The Sunday Evening Outdoor Services are over and it is time to kick off the NEW Sunday Evening programs! The Youth and Children will meet in the CLC and the Adults will meet in the Sanctuary all at 6pm! Come be a part of all the activities!



Recently Beth and I drove through Cades Cove in the Great Smokey Mountains. When driving through Cades Cove we always enjoy stopping at the churches and graveyards. But we always notice how few driving the loop do. Only maybe 1 out of 50 cars bother to pull in and visit these historic sites



The Young-at-Heart met on Thursday, August 28th for their monthly meeting and dinner. A quiz on the prophets was given to test everyone's memory of the Bible - flower prizes to the winners! If you are 55+ you are encouraged to join us on Thursday, Sept. 18th in the Fellowship Hall for the next dinner.



of faith in the Smokey Mountains. And they miss so much because they do.
The first stop on the loop is at the cabin of the first settlers of the valley. But you those who stop there miss the grave and monument to those first settlers in the graveyard of the church.

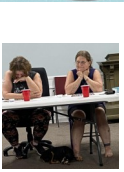
Those not stopping at the churches also miss another important historical sign. They miss seeing the handprints of the slaves who built the first church in the valley. Yes, the first church in the valley was built by slaves. And the smoke from the stoves used to heat the building stock to the oil of their hands forever engraving their prints into the very wood of the church.

But I should not be surprised by how few stop to see their religious sites. The one in 50 represents well the percentage of believers in our country. The vast majority have no desire to know the God who means so much to us.. Just like these visitors to the park miss much of what was important to those who settled there, those who do not come to church today miss what is truly important in life. *Dwayne*

More Baptism Pictures . . .



The Ladies played an all time favorite - BINGO for their Pizza and Game Night on Friday, Aug. 22nd. All had a fun time with some "Fabulous" prizes! Join us next time - on Sept. 26th at 6pm - game to be determined!



Thursday Night Live for ETSU Campus House

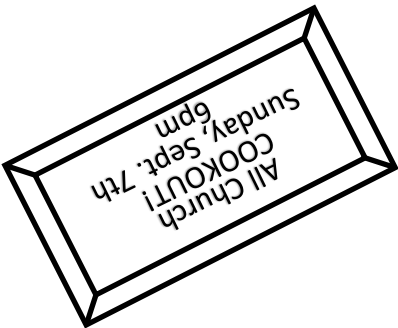


The ETSU Campus House in Johnson City has changed things up a bit - instead of a Free Thursday Lunch they are doing Thursday Night Live at the house.

We will be providing dinner on Tuesday September 11th. If you would like to attend, and/or help with the meal, please let Dwayne know. We will leave the church at 4pm. This is a great way to get to know more about the Campus House ministry and to meet some of the students involved with the ministry.



Hawk & Hope Hillberry
12110 Baywoods Drive
Tega Cay, SC 29708





MEN'S Breakfast

Saturday, September 13th at 8:30am
All men and boys invited!

ARRC Recovery Center proudly presents
 RENEW AND RISE TOGETHER A RECOVERY CELEBRATION

FEATURING: Special Guest, Christian Recording artist

STEPHEN McWHIRTER
 FREE CONCERT

SATURDAY SEPT. 6TH 2025
4-8PM | RALPH STOUT PARK

Now being held at FCC Christian Life Center
Saturday, Sept. 6th 4-8pm



Widow to Widow

Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. During the hurricane recovery time they will meet at Hardees at 10:30am. This month September 9th & 23rd. Come be encouraged or be an encourager!



The Young-at-Heart will meet for their monthly dinner on Thursday, **September 18th** at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish or two to share. All Seniors are invited!



Free Wednesday Night Community Dinner

6:30 PM
First Christian Church
Christian Life Center

Blessings & Brunch

Women: Join us Saturday Morning, September 27 th, 2025 @ 10:00 am for Blessings and Brunch.

Bring a brunch dish and come be refreshed as we reflect on how God's blessings flow like streams into our lives—and how we, too, can be a stream of blessing to others. Together we will celebrate His goodness as we prepare for the Harvest and Thanksgiving Seasons.





First Christian is gearing up for packing **Shoebboxes for Samaritan's Purse!** Collections have been going great. For the month of September we will be collecting **GAMES!**

You can bring your donations to the Sanctuary or CLC. Watch your newsletters and bulletins about when we will be having a "Packing Party"! Let's see how many boxes we can fill this year!






We are looking for some help in the kitchen for the Wednesday Night Community Dinners. If you would be interested in preparing a meal one night, please see Connie Moody (423) 429-6445 and let her know. To be frugal with our resources we ask you check with Dwayne to see what is available in our pantry and freezers to use. Grab your friend and have them join in the fun!



Church Board Meeting
Sunday, September 14th - 5pm



If you are not in the Church's Instant Church Directory, please fill out a form found at the literature table to give us your information. There is an app for your mobile device that can get you hooked up after your email has been added to the site. See Beth for info.

Church web site:
www.firstchristianmctn.org
 Sermons can be viewed on the church's Facebook page.

Church email address:
fccmctn@gmail.com



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

FCC Staff:

Minister - Dwayne Dickson 429-8287
 Spanish Minister - Martir Portillo
 Youth Director - Stacy Greer
 Children's Director - Seth & Cindi Billingsley
 Church Secretary - Beth Dickson



First Christian Church

Mountain City, TN

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5	6 <div>Stephen McWhirter at FCC CLC - 4-8pm</div>
7 <div>All Church Picnic 6pm</div>	8	9 <div>Widow to Widow 10:30am at Hardees</div>	10	11 <div>Dinner to Campus House Leave church at 4pm</div>	12	13 <div>Men's Breakfast 8:30 am</div>
14 <div>Board Meeting - 5pm</div>	15	16	17	18 <div>YAH Carry-in Dinner 6pm</div>	19	20
21	22	23 <div>Widow to Widow 10:30am at Hardees</div> <div>Corey Clark Benefit Concert for Hurricane Helene Repairs</div>	24	25	26 <div>Ladies PIZZA & GAME NIGHT 6pm</div>	27 <div>Blessings & Brunch - 10am Fellowship Hall</div>
28	29	30				

Those Serving in September

8:30 Nursery	10:00 Nursery	10:55 Nursery	8:30 Children's Church	10:55 Children's Church
Sept. 7 - Samantha Johnson	Vol. Needed	Kim Park	Pam Billingsley	
Sept. 14 - Terri Henson	Vol. Needed	Tina Lipford	Judy Henson	
Sept. 21 - Cindi Billingsley	Vol. Needed	Deana Rhymer	Beth Dickson	
Sept. 28 - Beth Dickson	Vol. Needed	Volunteer Needed	Jackie Dugger	



- September Birthdays:**
- Sept. 2 - Charlie Sluder
 - Sept. 4 - Mark Phipps
 - Sept. 7 - Mark Billingsley
 - Sept. 7 - Jeffery Whitesell
 - Sept. 14 - Donald Greer
 - Sept. 21 - Jesse Scarborough
 - Sept. 23 - Betty Gentry
- September Anniversaries:**
- Sept. 7 - David & Valarie Forrester
 - Sept. 25 - Joe & Debra Ray
 - Sept. 27 - Bryan & Chris Coleman

Services and Activities

8:30 am	Sunday Contemporary Worship Service in the CLC
9:45 am	Sunday Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Sunday Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Sunday Spanish Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Sunday Evening Worship Service & Youth Programs
8:30 am	Tuesdays - Men's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	2nd & 4th Tuesday - Widow to Widow at Hardees
6:30 pm	Wednesday Community Dinner in the CLC
7:00 pm	Wednesday Bible Study & Youth Groups
7:00 pm	Wednesday Choir Practice in the Choir room (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm	3rd Thursday Young At Heart Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	3th Friday Ladies Pizza & Game Night (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 am	2nd Saturday - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

