

December 2025

Monthly Publication of First Christian Church



On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, Jimmy & Ruth Turner came forward to place their membership with us at FCC. The Turners have lived in the area for about a year and we welcome them to our family. On Nov. 16th Robyn Payne placed her membership with us. She has been attending for over a year and we are excited to add her to the family. Please introduce yourself to these new members and welcome them to FCC!



## Thanksgiving Feast

The Annual Thanksgiving Feast filled the Christian Life Center with smells, fellowship and laughter! It was great to bring the congregation together and celebrate all that has happened at FCC for 2025!



Be sure to join us for a special Christmas Eve Candlelight /Communion Service filled with music and devotion. Invite your friends, family and neighbors! Service will be held in the Christian Life Center.



**Poinsettias Needed**  
Please help us decorate the sanctuary and CLC for the Christmas Season by bringing in your poinsettia to the church. If you would like your plant to be in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the form at the literature table or let the office know. A listing of those memorials will be placed in the bulletin on Christmas Sunday, December 21st.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS



Bring your Christmas Cards for your FCC church family to the gift box at the literature table and they will be handed out each week. A list of attending families can be found at the literature tables for your convenience. Cards can be picked up, each family has a folder. This makes a great way to wish your church family a Merry Christmas!



The Young-at-Heart group (those 55 and up) will meet on Thursday, December 18th at 6pm for a carry in Christmas Dinner. Please bring some dishes to help with the meal. **Kody and Mary Rachel Norris** will kick off our evening with some Christmas tunes! Be sure to join us for this fun evening!



**Saturday, December 13th  
5pm - 9pm**

Dwayne & Beth would like to invite you to their Open House for an evening of food and fellowship to thank the congregation for a great year! This event will be held at the home of the Dicksons - 104 Shaun Street



Instead of a Praise & Potluck we had a Operation Christmas Child Packing Party! Of course, we ate before and during the work, but many boxes were packed and organized! This year FCC did 295 boxes and transported other boxes from the community to total 724! That is a great number for our community with a big THANK YOU to April Shaffner for being the coordinator, and for all the other volunteers who helped organize for this event!

In order for us to continue to be a collection church, we need a Logistics Coordinator. This is a volunteer year round position. If you would be interested, please talk to April about the position.



## Youth Dinner and Dessert Auction

The youth want to thank everyone for their support at the fund raiser event to help them with TCTC (TN Christian Teen Convention). They raised over \$5100 during this music, dinner and auction. Even little Annie was active in bidding against Myles for some yummy dessert! Thank you to everyone who helped!



**Widow to Widow**  
Tuesday, Dec. 9th  
10:30am at Hardees



## FCC Preschool Christmas Program

Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 6pm  
in the Sanctuary  
Everyone invited!

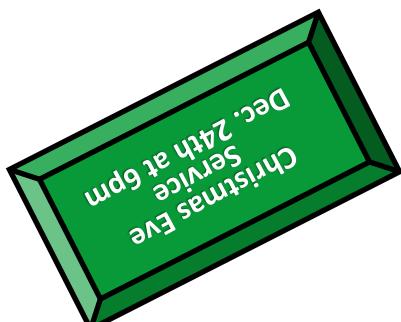


**FCC Board Meeting**  
Sunday, 14th  
5pm in the Fellowship Hall

## Hot Chocolate for the Parade!

Saturday, Dec. 6th

We will be offering hot chocolate to the public before and during the 2025 Mountain City Christmas Parade. If you would like to help, please come to the CLC at 4:30pm.



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED  
MOUNTAIN CITY, TN 37683  
P.O. BOX 136  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Mountainton City, TN 37683  
Permit No. 33

# A WEARY WORLD REJOICES

## A Christmas Brunch



### A DEVOTIONAL. A TIME OF JOY.

*"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
**10:00 AM**

All the ladies are invited to a Christmas party on **Saturday, December 6th at 10am** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a brunch dish or two to share and an **Christmas ornament** for ornament exchange game.

We will be exchanging Secret Sister gifts and ask that you bring your Secret Sister revealing gift that day. Sign up sheets for Secret Sisters for 2026 will be at the literature tables and available at the party. This is a fun way to be in prayer for a special lady for the year!

Bring a friend and enjoy a time of fellowship, games and laughter!



There will **NOT** be a Ladies Pizza and Game night in December due to all the Holiday activities! We will meet on January 22nd for a Chili/Soup and Game Night!



**Saturday, December 13th 8:30am  
In the CLC**

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

**Sunday, December 14th  
Following each morning Worship Service**

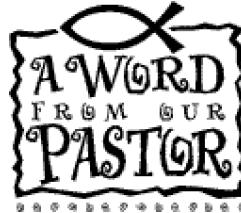


Copies of the proposed budget and nominations for deacons can be found at the literature tables.

**FCC Staff:**  
Minister - Dwayne Dickson 423-429-8287  
Spanish Minister - Martir Portillo  
Youth Director - Stacy Greer  
Church Secretary - Beth Dickson

**Church web site:**  
[www.firstchristianmctn.org](http://www.firstchristianmctn.org)  
**Church email address:**  
[fccmctn@gmail.com](mailto:fccmctn@gmail.com)

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



This week I have been cleaning up around the church in preparation for decorating for the celebration of the Christmas season. I have picked up all the propane tanks lying around the church campus. I am in the process of putting away all the construction equipment. I am taking down the hoses and putting away the extension cords we used for the shower trailer. And I will be rearranging all the outdoor furniture to make it look nice on the porch of the Life Center.

Once I have everything put away, then I will begin to decorate for the celebration of the first coming of Christ. For this Sunday we need the advent wreaths placed in both buildings. Lights need hung. Christmas trees need assembled and decorated. Christmas wreaths need hung. Candles need to be arranged throughout the two worship spaces. And over the next several weeks, I hope to see a multitude of poinsettias brought in to decorate the sanctuary and Life Center buildings.

All this work of cleaning and decorating needs to be done before Christmas Eve and our service to celebrate the arrival of the Messiah on that first Christmas morn.

**We do all this work to prepare for the celebration of Christ's first arrival, but what are we doing to prepare for His second coming.**

We have many parables and teachings in the Gospels warning us of the need to be ready, but they all boil down to Jesus' warnings:

*"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come." – Matthew 24:42 "Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come." – Mark 13:33 "Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man." – Luke 21:36*

What do you need to do to be ready for Christ's second coming. We are told that the day of Christ's return will either be a great and wonderful day or a great and terrible day. And what will make the difference is your point of preparedness. What do you need to clean up before His arrival? What do you need to straight up and rearrange before He arrives? What do you need to add to your life to make it beautiful for the Lord to behold?

The warning is always that his coming will be sudden and will catch many unprepared. Let that not be us.

Dwayne

### Other Community Events taking place in December

**Dec. 4th - 7th:** At Heritage Hall - **The Bishop's Wife**. Purchase tickets online or at Nalley Shirt Shop.

**Dec. 6th:** **Mountain City Christmas Parade** - 5:30pm. To help with Hot chocolate, please meet at the CLC at 4:30pm.

**Dec. 9th:** In FCC CLC - **JAM Old Fashion Christmas** at 7pm. Tickets \$10/adult. Cake walk, Dessert Auction and toe-tapping music.

**Dec. 15th:** In FCC CLC - **The Kody Norris Christmas Show** at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets \$20 - purchase at [thekodynorrissshow.com](http://thekodynorrissshow.com) or at Nalley Shirt Shop on Main St.



For the month of December we are asking everyone to be in prayer for the boxes that were packed! These boxes will be reviewed and then sent around the world to bless children and to

share the gospel with them. Please be praying that the box reaches a child ready to make a decision for Christ and they are blessed by the contents.



# December

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# First Christian Church

## Mountain City, TN

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Women's Fellowship Christmas Brunch - 10am	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Widow to Widow 10:30 at Hardees	JAM Concert in CLC - 7pm			Hot Cocoa - At the Parade - CLC at 4:30pm	
14 Congregational Meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20
Board Meeting 5pm	The Kody Norris Show in CLC - 7pm	Preschool Program - 6pm		Young At Heart Carry in Dinner 6pm Special guests Kody & Mary Rachel Norris		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Christmas CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 6pm in CLC	Nativity Scene		
28	29	30	31			

### Those Serving in December

8:30 Nursery  
Dec. 7 - Samantha Johnson  
Dec. 14 - Terri Henson  
Dec. 21 - Cindi Billingsley  
Dec. 28 - Beth Dickson

10:00 Nursery  
Volunteer needed  
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10:55 Nursery  
Kim Park  
Tina Lipford  
Volunteer needed  
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8:30 Children's Church  
Pam Billingsley  
Judy Henson  
Beth Dickson  
Jackie Dugger

10:55 Children's Church  
Ann Rhymer  
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**Happy Birthday to:**  
Dec. 1 - Kristi Mohundro  
Dec. 4 - Robyn Payne  
Dec. 7 - Buddy Throop  
Dec. 12 - Macy Beeding

Dec. 13 - Bonnie Nelson  
Dec. 15 - John Wayne Jeffries  
Dec. 20 - Gena Brown  
Dec. 20 - Janet Harper  
Dec. 21 - Paul Trivette  
Dec. 25 - Jesus  
Dec. 27 - Hawk Hillberry  
Dec. 27 - Carina Portillo  
Dec. 31 - Malcolm Howard



**Happy Anniversary to:**  
Dec. 18 - Donnie & Judy Henson  
Dec. 20 - Rob & Lora Elgan  
Dec. 20 - Roger & Wanda Gentry  
Dec. 22 - Bo & Terri Henson  
Dec. 22 - John Wayne & Dinah Jeffries  
Dec. 29 - Michael & Brenda Eggers  
Dec. 31 - Howard & Pat Carlton  
Dec. 31 - Gary & Cyndi Wilcox



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 4th Friday - Ladies Pizza and game Night (Fellowship Hall)  
8:30 am 2nd Saturday - Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall