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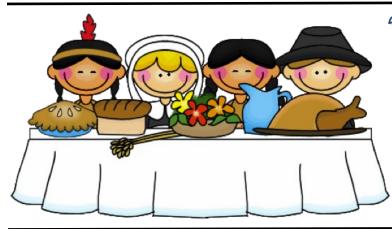
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Here We Grow Again

On Sunday, October 12th, **Bob Bochow** came forward to place his membership with us at First Christian Church. Bob moved here from Minnesota in February to help with the hurricane relief efforts. He has become a valuable asset to the county and ready to assist whenever and wherever needed. Please introduce yourself to Bob and welcome him into the family.





Thanksgiving Feast

Wednesday, November 19th 6pm in the Christian Life Center

Please sign up at the literature table of what you can bring to help with the meal. The church will be buying the turkeys and hams and asking members to help cook them. Invite your family and friends to join us!





Packing Party

Sunday, November 16th 6pm in the CLC

Bring some food to share and we will enjoy an evening of fellowship and packing some shoeboxes with the items we have collected throughout the year! This will be a fun event and easy for all ages. The more that help the faster the project will go and the more fellowship we will have!



Fellowship Dinner Sunday, November 30th at Noon

Come join us for a Fellowship Dinner on the 5th Sunday of November - the 30th. We will not have an 8:30am service or Evenings Services that day.

We will have Sunday School at 10am, Worship in the CLC at 11am and then the dinner in the CLC.

It will be a great day of Fellowship!





Saturday November 15th 6pm - CLC

Come help the youth raise money for TCTC Convention held in January. Donated desserts are appreciated. Everyone is invited to this fun evening!



Widow to Widow November 11th and November 25th

If you are a widow you are invited to attend the Widow to Widow support group in the Fellowship Hall. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:30am at Hardees.

Come be encouraged and/or be an encourager - be a blessing to one another.



Church
Board Meeting
Sunday, November 9th
5pm

Send letters of Encouragement to Connor Orr - Coast Guard to:

Connor Orr 361 Roseman Ct., Apt. 9B Newport News, VA 23606





"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend

sharpens a friend." Proverbs 27:17 So many people proclaim, "You don't have to go to church to be a Christian." That is true, if you want to be a dull Christian who

accomplishes little for the Kingdom of God. But even though it may technically be true, being part of a loving, truth centered church is absolutely essential if we want to truly live out the faith.

Paul makes this point in this letter to the church in Ephesus. After quoting Proverbs 27:17, he goes on to

"Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Eph. 4:15-16

Paul literally says: If you want Christ as your head; if you want spiritual gifts; if you want to stay in the truth and grow in every other way spiritually, then be a part of a local church.

Although it may be possible to be a Christian without being part of a local church, why would you want to do without the benefits. Do you want to be protected from falling into error? Do you want to experience the power of God's Holy Spirit? Do you want the strength that comes from being part of a body of believers? Do you want to experience the leadership of Christ? Then become a part of a local church!

Now I know that this will never convince those who want no part of a true spiritual life. But this is the truth straight from God's Word.

Dwayne



Important dates for Operation Christmas Child.

Drop off location: First Christian Church Christian Life Center Drop off dates and times: Monday, 11/17, 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 11/18, 5pm to 7pm Wednesday, 11/19, 8am to 10am Thursday, 11/20, 11 am - 1 pm Friday, 11/21, 5pm - 7pm Saturday, 11/22, 10 am - 1 pm Sunday, 11/23, 1 pm – 3 pm Monday, 11/24, 11 am – 1 pm

We need four volunteers to assist with each drop off day. Contact April Shaffner at 423-502-9293 for volunteer sign up. Your help is needed and appreciated to make our drop off site successful. God bless you for sharing your heart and time.



Due to Thanksgiving schedules the Young-at-Heart will not be meeting in November. We will have our Christmas Carry-in Dinner on Thursday, December 18th at 6pm! This is one week earlier than usual. All those 55+ are invited to join us!



With the end of the year quickly approaching here are some activities going on at First Christian you won't want to miss - so mark your calendar now and watch the newsletters and bulletins for more details:

December 6th - 10am: Women's Christmas Lunch/ Party in the Fellowship Hall.

December 18th - 6pm: Young-at-Heart Carry-in Dinner

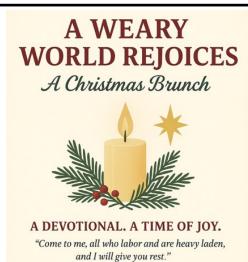
December 13th - 6pm - 9pm: Dickson Christmas Open House at the Dicksons (104 Shoun).

December 24th - 6pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service in the CLC.



December 6th

10am



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!



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The Ladies Game night was a time for new games! Tower Stack and Uzzle were on the table for some intense competition! We will not be having game night in Nov. & Dec., but plan on a soup/chili game night in January! Come join us for some fun!











Our Praise & Potluck kick off for the fall was a well attended event with some great talented music shared! They all joined together for an final

song that all joined in singing! Good food, fellowship and music! We will not be having a Praise & Potluck in Nov. Join us for the Operation Christian Child Packing Party on Nov. 16th!













The October monthly YAH meeting was on Oct. 16th with our own Clem Park bringing us the entertainment through music. The food was fabulous and the fellowship lively! Due to the Thanksgiving Feast we will not be having a Carry-in Dinner in November. We will gather for a Christmas Party on December 18th.











The Fellowship Hall was packed with partiers for the annual Harvest Party on Wed. Oct. 22nd. The weather was a bit cooler, but the s'mores were still enjoyed.



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



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First Christian Church Mountain City, TN

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8:30am
Board Meeting - 5pm	10	Widow to Widow 11:30am	12	13	14	Dinner & 15 Desserr Auction 6PM
Packing Party 6pm in the CLC	17	18	Thanksgiving Feast - 6pm in The Christian Life Center	20	21	22
23	24	Widow to Widow 11:30am	26 No Services	27 THANKS GIVING	28	29
55 Sunday Fellowship 12pm in the CLC No 8:30 am or						
Evening Services						

Those Serving in November

8:30 Nursery Nov. 2 - Samantha Johnson Nov. 9 - Terri Henson Nov. 16 - Cindi Billingsley Nov. 23 - Beth Dickson Nov. 30 - No 8:30 Service

10:00 Nursery volunteer volunteer volunteer volunteer volunteer

11:00 Nursery Kim Park Tina Lipford Deana Rhymer Volunteer needed Morgan Trivette Volunteer needed No 8:30 Service

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

11:00 Children's Church

Bev Graybeal Tina Lipford Klim Park Teresa Singleton Wendy Walker



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Nov. 3 - Connie Moody Nov. 6 - Dwayne Dickson

Nov. 6 - Randy Ward Nov. 8 - Kim Kittle

Nov. 9 - Susan Adams

Nov. 11 - Brayden Gentry Nov. 12 - Dorothy Gentry

Nov. 14 - Andrew Watts Nov. 16 - Debbie Greer

Nov. 17 - Patti Brennan Nov. 18 - Hope Hillberry

Nov. 19 - Tom Brennan Nov. 20 - Vicki Porter

Nov. 21 - Kim Park Nov. 25 - Fred Ramsey Nov. 25 - Ruth Turner

Nov. 26 - Kim Gentry Nov. 28 - Terri Henson

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Nov. 2 - Andy & Debbie Watts Nov. 7 - Mike & Debbie Branham Nov. 17 - Tom & Patti Brennan



