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## Here We Grow Again

On Sunday, December 7th, Dawn Arnold came forward to rededicate her life to Christ. Please be in prayer for Dawn as she seeks to make the right choices in her life to follow in the steps of the Lord.



The CLC was again a beautiful setting for the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This annual tradition was made complete with music, devotions and the serving of communion. A great way to focus on the meaning of Christmas. Thank you to all the musicians and the behind the scene workers and those who helped decorate the space and donated poinsettias. It is greatly appreciated.



The Young at Heart joined together on Dec. 18th for their annual Christmas Dinner. This year Kody & Mary Rachel Norris once again joined us to bring us some Christmas music. We are so grateful for them sharing with us each year their musical talents! The food and fellowship made for an enjoyable evening. Be sure to join us on January 15th for the annual Chili/Soup and Bingo Night! Lots of prizes will be given - Come join us!



**Women's Fellowship**  
**Christmas Brunch**



The ladies had lots of laughs at their Christmas Brunch on Dec. 6th. Patricia Morefield led the group in a great devotion that touched many and the trio of Cyndi, April and Patti sang for us! Food was eaten, games were played (decorated a Christmas tree with items from your purse!), secret sisters were drawn and crafts were made! It was a fun morning for everyone in attendance! A great way to kick off the month of December!



On Sunday, Dec. 21st the Children and Adult Choir presented a mini-cantata / drama. The drama took place at a home decorating the Christmas Tree and listening to the local radio station, WFCC play Christmas songs with a history of the song. The children also sang Away in a Manger. After the presentation we enjoyed finger foods in the CLC.

# Ladies SOUP & CHILI

# GAME NIGHT



Year-round Christmas Shopping for FCC Samaritan's Christmas Child Shoeboxes  
January - Hats, gloves & Scarves  
Drop-off boxes located in the CLC & Sanctuary



## Sunday, Jan. 18th 6pm

Join us in the CLC at 6pm for our monthly Praise and Potluck! Bring a dish or two to share and come enjoy some great music and fellowship!



Board Meeting  
Sunday, January 4th  
5pm in the Fellowship Hall



## Youth Group to TCTC

Please keep our Youth and sponsors in your prayers as they attend TCTC (Tennessee Christian Teen Convention) in Gatlinburg January 9th - 11th. This is a great time of growth and spiritual maturity.



## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday,  
January 10th  
8:30am

All men and boys are invited to this time of food and fellowship!



Widow to Widow  
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month  
10:30am

Join this group of ladies at Hardees for fellowship and encouragement.



At the Congregational meeting held on Dec. 14th the budget and all nominations passed with an overwhelming majority.

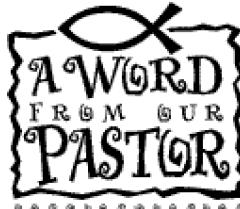


## Tithes

If you would like to receive a tax-deductible statement from the church for your 2026 tithes, please pick up a box of envelopes at the literature table and use them with your gifts. A statement of giving will be given at the first of the year.

## Friday, January 23rd 6pm In the Fellowship Hall

All the ladies are invited to the Fellowship Hall for Soup & Chili Game Night! Please bring some Soup, chili, topping or dessert to help with the meal. Come enjoy an evening with the ladies and some games! Laughs are free!



I, especially this past year, am constantly looking forward to the future and what will and can be accomplished. January and the new year is always a time people look to the future. But I have to remind myself that you can only achieve great things in the future if you are taking care of yourself in the present.

And although I am not a big New Year's Resolution guy, I did get back into some good habits for the new year. For instance, I have become more consistent in my daily Bible reading through using a great little app on my Kindle. I have begun making sure that I post regularly on the church's site. I have been using my prayer journal more consistently. And I could go on.

The point is, I am taking care of my personal, physical and spiritual needs daily as I should to ensure that I can achieve what God wants me to in the way He wants me to.

I would encourage each of you to do the same. We all want to know what God's will is for the future. We all want to set goals to be accomplished that are within God's will. But we need to make sure that we do so while staying in God's will at the moment. So let me ask you some questions to help you evaluate where you are at this moment:

- \* Are you attending church regularly?
- \* Are you praying consistently--daily?
- \* Are you reading your Bible daily? (Even if it is just a few verses a day.)
- \* Are you involved in at least one ministry of the church?

Dwayne

The FCC Preschool held their Christmas Program on Tues. Dec. 16th. They all did great and LOVED ringing their Jingle Bells!



Ordination Service  
Sunday, January 11th - 11AM

We will be having a Special Ordination Service for our new deacon, Del Moody and Elder, Kevin Long. This will be incorporated into the worship service at 11am. We will not be having an 8:30am worship that week. Come be a part as we ordain these two men to do God's will in our church and the board.

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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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Youth Director - Stacy Greer  
Church Secretary - Beth Dickson

# JANUARY 2026

# First Christian Church

# Mountain City, TN

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Board Meeting 5pm						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
 ORDINATION Ordination Service 11AM No 8:30am		 Widow to Widow 10:30am at Hardees		 Chili, Soup & Bingo 6pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
 6pm in the CLC					 6pm	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		 Widow to Widow 10:30am at Hardees				

### Those Serving in January

8:30 Nursery	10:00 Nursery	11:00 Nursery	8:30 Children's Church	11:00 Children's Church
Jan. 4 - Samantha Johnson	Volunteer Needed	Kim Park	Pam Billingsley	Deana Rhymer
Jan. 11 - Terri Henson	Volunteer Needed	Tina Lipford	Judy Henson	Deana Rhymer
Jan. 18 - Cindi Billingsley	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Beth Dickson	Deana Rhymer
Jan. 25 - Beth Dickson	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Jackie Dugger	Deana Rhymer



### Happy Birthday to:

Jan. 3 - Laura Seastrum  
 Jan. 6 - Charlotte Finley  
 Jan. 10 - Susan Clifford  
 Jan. 11 - Rita Miller  
 Jan. 14 - Debbie Watts  
 Jan. 15 - Margaret Spivey  
 Jan. 15 - Joel Walker  
 Jan. 18 - Camden Johnson  
 Jan. 18 - Debra Ray

Jan. 19 - Sam Adams  
 Jan. 19 - Bonita Kish  
 Jan. 19 - Clem Park  
 Jan. 20 - Lisa Greer  
 Jan. 22 - Stacy Greer  
 Jan. 23 - Freida Owens  
 Jan. 24 - Marilyn Otis  
 Jan. 25 - Donnie Henson  
 Jan. 25 - Ronnie Henson  
 Jan. 25 - Janet Rhea Payne  
 Jan. 30 - Trudy Kittle  
 Jan. 31 - Laura Berthiaume

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

