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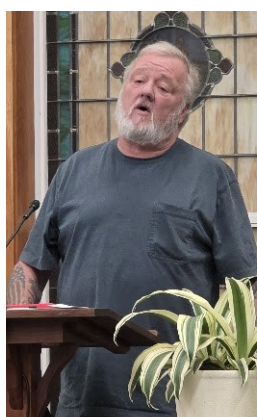
I would like to thank you all for your gracious support of the youth group, especially in allowing another great trip to the Tennessee Christian Teen Convention in Gatlinburg, TN, Jan 9th -11th. As usual, TCTC served as an awesome time for our youth to come together in worship and devotion with each other and with thousands of others from across the region. This year TCTC hosted Christian artist Colton Dixon, illusionist Harris III, worship led by the Southeast Christian Church praise band, and speaker Andrew Jit. The theme of this year's conference was "More Than". The speaker, Andrew Jit, led us through four sessions with sermons addressing the topics: "I am more than my Labels", "I am more than my Circumstances", "I am more than my Failures", and "The Gospel Is for more than just me". The Apostle Peter served as a common thread throughout each of these sermons. After some discussion with the youth many of us agreed that our favorite moment of TCTC this year came during Andrew Jit's message on Saturday night. Without a single note, Jit recited every book in the Bible along with a name for Jesus specific for that book. For example, in Genesis He is the seed of woman, in Exodus He is the Passover Lamb, in Leviticus He is our High Priest; etc. Finally, after reaching Revelation, where He is the One who was, who is, and who is to come, Jit asked the question, "if He is the center of the universe, why isn't He the center of your life?" This was just one of many powerful moments from TCTC 2026. Furthermore, we enjoyed a great time of fellowship throughout the weekend including devotions, meals, and having a good time in Gatlinburg. Again, I want to say thank you all for your support in making this year's trip possible. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 6:2, "For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation." There is no better time begin walking with the Lord than right now. If you know of any youth that would like to join us in our fellowship and walk with the Lord, please reach out!

Thank you,
Stacy Greer



Praise & Potluck

The weather held out for us to have our Praise & Potluck! So many activities were cancelled or postponed in January, due to the weather, it was nice to be able to get together for a time of Fellowship, food and music!





To ensure a good harvest a person must start long before the first seed sprouts. I am planning to have a great garden this year, so it is time to get started. Seeds need to be started indoors. Orders need to be made for berry vines and bushes. (I am looking forward

to planting some goose berries this year.) The greenhouse needs repaired. The garden needs cleared and the new raised beds put together. In other words, there is a lot of work that needs to be done before the first seed or plant is in the ground. The same is true for the church. If we want to see a good harvest of souls this year, we must start long before the first soul comes forward to accept Christ. We must make sure that the soil is right.

How do we prepare the soil for those who will come to First Christian Church to hear the Gospel? Here are some things that we can do to create soil that is ready for the seed to grow. (We are already doing many of these things but we need to keep working to maintain and improve if we are to continue to see growth.)

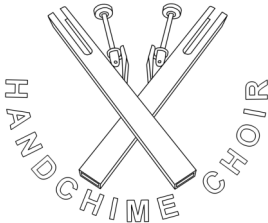
First, we must be attending ourselves. Especially those who have children. Every church says that young people are the future of the church. If so we need to make sure that we always maintain a great children’s program.

Second, we need to maintain an atmosphere of love and fellowship. The most often comment I get from those who become a part of FCC is, “How could I not stay when I felt so welcomed?” Every member reaching out to those who visit is a necessity if we are to see growth.

Third, each member needs to maintain a strong hold on the Word of God. God works through His Word. This means that each of us need to be committed to the Truth if we are to impact others with the Truth.

And Finally, we need to be a people of prayer. We need to pray for FCC and our leadership. We need to pray for those who are lost. We need to pray for the pastor. And we need to be praying that God will work through His Spirit to make us effective for His Kingdom.

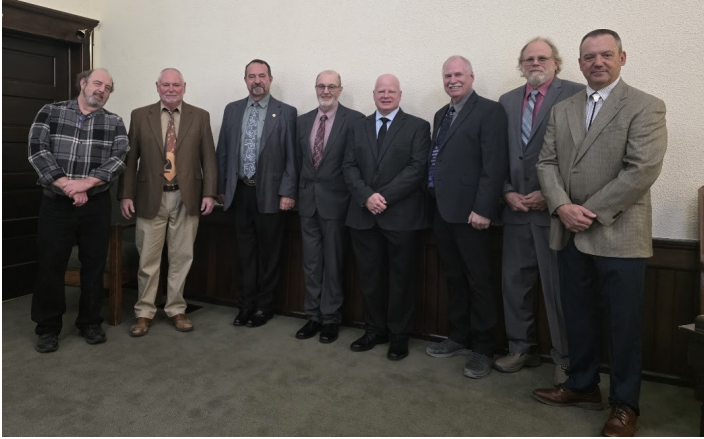
Dwayne



**Practice for Easter Begins
Sunday, Feb. 1st, 5pm in
the Sanctuary Basement**

Would you like to join the Handchime Choir? Now is the time! Practices for Easter will begin on Sunday, Feb. 1st in the Sanctuary Basement at 5pm. If you have any questions, please see Annette Greer.

FCC Church Board



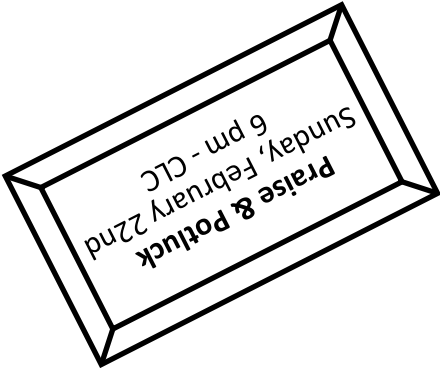
Left to right: Bryan Sommers, Del Moody, Kevin Long, Randy Ward, Sam Adams, Dwayne Dickson, Mark Billingsley & Donald Greer. Not pictured: Ronnie Henson & Jason Stamper



On Sunday, Jan. 11th FCC had a special Worship Service focusing on the Ordination of Kevin Long as Elder and Del Moody as Deacon. I cannot say enough about these men or the other seven who serve on the FCC board. They are truly men who reflect the N.T. standard. Men full of the Spirit and the truth.



John Wayne Jeffries had a “Bell Ringer Helper”! John Wayne is faithful to ring the bell every Sunday Morning and Annie McElyea is happy to help him out!



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Sunday, February 22nd 6pm in the CLC

Bring a dish or two to share for the meal and then sit back and enjoy a time of praise and worship. We have so many talented people in the church we need to spotlight them. If you would like to sing a song or two, please let Dwayne know.



**Free
Wednesday Night
Community
Dinner**

**6:30 PM
First Christian
Church
Christian Life
Center**

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for dinner! Every Wednesday at 6:30 in the Christian Life Center. If you would like to prepare a meal one week, please see Connie Moody.



Monthly Board Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 1st at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall



FCC has the ability to receive your offerings from your mobile device. You can find the link on our website for Tithe.ly. There you can give a one-time gift, or set up for regular giving. If you have any questions, please see Donald Greer.



Do you receive the church email prayer requests and announcements? If not, and you would like to be on the list, please let Beth know, or email the church at fccmctn@gmail.com and ask to be added. If you have a prayer request, you can email the church for it to be forwarded on.



Did you know that the church has an online directory with pictures, address, phone numbers, birthdays and much more information? You can download the app for your phone or find the site online. You will use your email address that the church has in the directory to create a password and you can access the directory. Not in the directory? See Beth, and she will help you get in it or help you get set up!

Ladies Soup/Chili and GAME NIGHT

**Friday
February 27th
6pm**

We are going to try the Soup/Chili Game night since we had to cancel in January! All the ladies are invited to come for a fun game night in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring something to help with the meal.



Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoebbox

Collection for February -
Accessories



For the month February we will be collecting Fashion Accessories. You can bring them to the boxes found in the CLC and the Sanctuary. If you didn't get a chance to get scarves, stocking hats and mittens in January, you can still bring them at anytime.

Collecting for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes throughout the year will make the process easier in November. If you have any questions, you may contact April Shaffner at: amoore7828@gmail, call her at (423) 602-9293 or Theresa Singleton at: singleton4153@gmail.com or call her at (239) 243-6770.



The **Young-at-Heart** group (those 55 and up) will meet on Thursday, February 19th at 6pm for the Postponed Soup/Chili and BINGO Night! Please sign up at the literature table to help with the meal. All those 55 and over are invited to join this group for a time of fun and fellowship.



Widow to Widow

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 10:30 am at Hardees.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, February 14th
8:30am**

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

Church web site:

www.firstchristianmctn.org

Church email address:

fccmctn@gmail.com

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

FCC Staff:

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



First Christian Church Mountain City, TN

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1 4pm	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	 10 Widow to Widow 11:30am	11	12	13	 14 8:30AM
15	16	17	18	 19 YAH Carry-in Dinner - 6pm	20	21
 22 6pm in the CLC	23	 24 Widow to Widow 11:30am	25	26	<i>Ladies</i>  27 6pm	28

Those Serving in February					
8:30 Nursery	9:45 Nursery	11:00 Nursery	8:30 Children's Church	11:00 Children's Church	
Feb. 1 - Samantha Johnson	Volunteer Needed	Kim Park	Pam Billingsley	Elizabeth McElyea	
Feb. 8 - Terri Henson	Volunteer Needed	Tina Lipford	Judy Henson	Debbie Branham	
Feb. 15 - Cindi Billingsley	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Beth Dickson	Bobbie Jo Brooks	
Feb. 22 - Beth Dickson	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Jackie Dugger	Betsy Chapman	

Services and Activities

8:30 am Sunday Contemporary Worship Service (CLC)
9:30 am Sunday Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Sunday Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
3:00 pm Sunday Spanish Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm Sunday Evening Worship Service
8:30 am Tuesday Men's Bible Study
6:30 pm Wednesday Community Dinner - CLC
7:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study & Youth Groups
7:00 pm Wednesday Choir Practice



Happy Birthday to:

Feb. 4 - Pam Billingsley
Feb. 5 - Brenda Eggers
Feb. 8 - Max Ann Ward
Feb. 13 - Clifford Hewitt
Feb. 13 - April Shaffner
Feb. 14 - Jason Stamper

Feb. 15 - Chelley Henson
Feb. 17 - Annie Miller
Feb. 19 - Pat Gentry
Feb. 20 - Emily Orr
Feb. 27 - Beth Dickson
Feb. 28 - Jackie Dugger
Feb. 28 - Evan Stamper
Feb. 28 - Mary Tester



Happy Anniversary to:

Feb. 2 - Danado & Amelia Saltarelli
Feb. 12 - Kim & Trudy Kittle
Feb. 24 - Joe & Betsy Chapman