

April 2026

Monthly Publication of First Christian Church



SonRise Service

Sunday, April 5th

7am in the Fellowship Hall

Invite your friends and neighbors and join us in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday at 7am. Dwayne will be bringing a special devotion and the service will be followed by a breakfast. If you are able to help with the food, please see Dwayne.



Spring Flowers

Help decorate the sanctuary this Easter season by bringing your Easter Lily or other spring plant. You may place your flower in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please fill out the form found at the literature table. List will be placed in the bulletin on Easter. The flowers and plants will be planted around the church grounds following Easter.



Holy Week

March 30th - April 3rd
First Christian Church
CLC Building
Lunch at noon -
Service at 12:30

The Johnson County Ministerial Alliance invites you to join them for a week of special noontime services. There will be a different preacher bringing the devotion each day. Come join them for a great time of Fellowship.



EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, April 5th

- 7:00 am** - Sunrise Service - Fellowship Hall - Breakfast following
- 8:30 am** - Worship Service in the Christian Life Center
- 10:00 am** - Sunday School
- 11:00 am** - Worship Service in the Sanctuary



Thursday Night Live for ETSU Campus House

We will be providing dinner on Thursday, April 30th. 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.



Tuesday
April 9th
1pm - 2pm

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year will begin for the FCC Preschool on April 9th. If you know a 3 or 4 year old wishing to attend, please have them join us. Call the church at 423-727-9151 for more information.



Sunday, April 19th
6pm in the CLC

Bring a dish or two to share and enjoy an evening of fellowship and music!



April 10th - 12th
Pigeon Forge, TN

Please be in prayer for the ladies attending the Women of Joy in Pigeon Forge. They will be inspired and uplifted and enjoy a time of Fellowship! If you would be interested in attending next year, please see Beth Dickson or Cyndi Wilcox. Cost of the 3 day event is \$119 plus lodging. You will be glad you attended!



**Sign up and
join in the
fun!**

June 7th will be the start of our Sunday Evening Outdoor Worship Services. Check your calendars and watch for the sign up sheet so you can host one this summer. The last one will be August 23rd.



Saturday, April 11th
8:30am

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

PIZZA & GAME NIGHT

The ladies had a couple of fun months at their monthly game night! The game of the night for March was Sequence and as you can see from the picture very intense! Lots of laughs and fellowship. Make plans on joining them on April 24th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Here are some pictures from the last 2 months of Young-at-Heart dinners! In February they had fun playing BINGO with some "Fabulous" prizes! In March they enjoyed an Irish evening with Corned Beef & Cabbage and some Irish tunes brought to us by Tom Brennan. If you haven't joined this group for the monthly dinner you are missing out! It is a great time of fellowship and fun for all! They meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come be a part - It is for 55+, but ID is not checked! Hope to see you on April 16th!



Note-worthy News



For more than 60 years, our faithful sanctuary piano has been a cornerstone of our worship, accompanying countless hymns, revivals, weddings, funerals and seasonal celebrations.

While it has served us well, our piano has reached a point where it can no longer be reliably maintained or tuned to standards. To ensure the future of a quality music ministry, we have found a new piano that will serve our congregation for many generations to come!

A piano fund has been established. If you would like to contribute, please indicate your check or tithing envelope with "piano fund". The piano will cost \$15,000 and just over \$10,000 has been currently raised! Thank you for your contributions!



Relief work is back in full swing with groups of volunteers helping to repair and rebuild! We want to thank all the volunteers for coming and making a difference!



Walking with God
Women's Brunch Fellowship

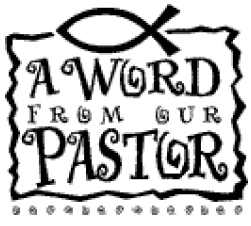


WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS!

The Women's Brunch will be rescheduled! Please watch your bulletins and emails for when it will be held!

**Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 5th
7am in the
Fellowship Hall**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
MOUNTAIN CITY, TN 37683
P.O. BOX 136
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



On the way home from vacation, we stopped at several nurseries in Florida to purchase plants. (I know that many of you are surprised by this...) This trip I found some really interesting ones. Although my favorite was the elephant foot plant with it's thick body and beautiful yellow flowers. A close second, was a Madagascar palm. I found many others that were also fascinating. Desert roses, a dozen different varieties of succulents, and a number of cactus several of which are currently blooming.

The one plant I didn't find in Florida was the plumeria (also known as a lei plant). So I just had to order six different varieties online.

Beth also fed into my plant addiction by finding a frizzle sizzle. Of course, you got free shipping with a \$30 order so I added another 5 succulents and fancy hen and chicks.

Add in two boysenberry plants and a Chicago fig and my plant collection is complete (who is kidding who).

I am fascinated with God's creativity when it comes to plants. God found millions of ways to show both his creativity and love for beauty through the plants world.

God was just as creative when it came to mankind. Although we can be judgmental at times when it comes to our fellow human beings, God finds beauty and purpose in every person He creates.

Some He creates with artistic abilities that boggle our minds. Many have musical abilities that thrill. Still others write wonderful works of fiction that take us to new worlds. And there are those who just spread joy and happiness where ever they are.

For us who believe, we know that God has given each of us special gifts to be used for both the glory of God and to enrich the lives of our fellow Christians. And when we use these gifts as God intended through the power of His Holy Spirit, it enriches our own lives and brings happiness to our own soul.

We should all do our best to serve God and others so we enjoy the riches of God's kingdom. *Dwayne*



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

For the month of April we are emphasizing the collection of Stuffed Animals for the Christmas Shoeboxes. You can always bring any shoebox items to the boxes in the sanctuary and CLC.




**Free
Wednesday Night
Community
Dinner**

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



The **Young-at-Heart** group (those 55 and up) will meet on April 16th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship!



It is that time of year . . . Time to sign up for Youth Summer Camp! If your child has attended in the past, you have probably received information about the camp - if not, log on to www.campacc.com and pick out the camp for your child. Be sure to let them

know that the church will be paying full tuition and then let Beth know in the office which camp so she can send in the proper paperwork. This is a great experience that we want to offer to all regular attending children and youth of FCC. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Award Presented to Pastor Dwayne

Kat Latham from United Way came to the church



office to present Dwayne with the Governor's Volunteer Star Award for 2025. This award is actually for the entire church as Dwayne's efforts would not have been fruitful if it hadn't been for the church body and all their sacrifices and volunteer hours! The year following the hurricane was a difficult one, but the church became the

hands and feet of Christ and pitched in to do what needed done! This award was presented to Dwayne, but you ALL have a part of it!



Widow to Widow

10:30am at
Hardees

If you are a widow, you are invited to join this group of ladies on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month for a time of encouragement. They are currently meeting at 10:30am at Hardees and would love to have you join them. Join them to be uplifted and have prayer together as you learn to deal with life as a widow.



If you can cook -- or reheat -- we are needing your assistance! Grab a friend and come help prepare a meal for our Wednesday Community dinners. If you can't handle the complete meal, desserts and salads are always a blessing to have! Please let Connie Moody or Beth Dickson know if you would be able to help one week!



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






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.

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First Christian Church Mountain City, TN

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
Noon Time Passion Week Service - First Christian Church CLC Lunch at Noon, Devotion 12:30-1pm.						
 5 Sunrise Service - 7am No evening services	6	7	8	9 Preschool Open House 1-2pm	10	 11 8:30 AM
					Women of Joy Conference in Pigeon Forge	
12	13	 14 Widow to Widow 10:30am at Hardees	15	 16 Carry-in Dinner 6pm	17	18
 19 6pm in the CLC	20	21	22	23 Ladies  24 6pm	25	
26	27	 28 Widow to Widow 10:30am at Hardees	29	 30 Dinner to Campus House Leave church at 4pm		

Those Serving in April

8:30 Nursery	10:00 Nursery	10:55 Nursery	8:30 Children's Church	11:00 Children's Church
April 5 - Samantha Johnson	Volunteer Needed	Kim Park	Pam Billingsley	Elizabeth McElyea
April 12 - Terri Henson	Volunteer Needed	Tina Lipford	Judy Henson	Debbie Branham
April 19 - Cindi Billingsley	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Beth Dickson	Bobbie Jo Brooks
April 26 - Beth Dickson	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Jackie Dugger	Betsy Chapman



Happy Birthday to:

April 1 - Ted Spivey
 April 2 - Joe Ray
 April 5 - Kate Baker
 April 10 - Starla Brooks
 April 10 - Landell Walker
 April 12 - Peggy Brown
 April 12 - Cyndi Wilcox
 April 16 - Brenda Kirby
 April 19 - Valarie Forrester
 April 19 - Howard Carlton
 April 19 - Dusty Gibson
 April 19 - Morgan Trivette
 April 20 - Kathy Terrill
 April 20 - Emma Watts
 April 21 - Noah Nelson
 April 22 - Samantha Johnson
 April 23 - Steve Arnold
 April 25 - Doyle Clifford
 April 25 - Dinah Jeffries
 April 25 - Arlene Justinger
 April 26 - Harper Trivette
 April 28 - Amelia Saltarelli

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
 5:00 pm Sunday Hand Chime Choir Practice
 6:00 pm Sunday Evening Worship Service
 8:30 am Tuesday Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 pm Wednesday Community Dinner (CLC)
 7:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study & Youth Groups
 7:00 pm Wednesday Choir Practice
 8:30 am 2nd Saturday - Men's Breakfast



Happy Anniversary to:

April 1 - Hawk & Hope Hillberry
 April 5 - Ned & April Shaffner
 April 15 - Rhett & Kristi Mohundro
 April 23 - Kevin & Kim Long
 April 30 - Paul & Morgan Trivette

