

First Christian Church Newsletter

December 23, 2025

"... a planting of the Lord." Isaiah 61:3

(270) 333-2115

SERVANT SCHEDULE

December 28, 2025

Nursery: Emilee Black and Kieira Austin

Beginner's Church: Keely Hagan and Kelsi Hunt

Children's Church: Brenda Gernatt and Heidi Willett

Communion Meditation: Caleb Jenkin

Sunday Hallway Monitor: Matt Willett

Sunday School:

PREK and K: Janie Shouse and Lisa Jones

1st – 5th Grades: April Dayberry

Middle School: Caitlin Nikolai

High School: Jared Austin and Cierra Austin

Adult Class: Charlie Watson

Coffee, Donuts & Communion Prep: Jim and Trish Young

Greeters: Bob and Janie Shouse and Eliot and Whitney Simmons

Computer: Justin Gatlin

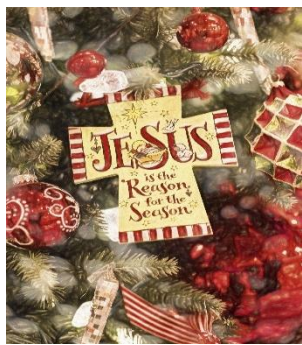
Cleaning: Upstairs Section #1: Bonnie Conrad and Lisa Jones

Upstairs Section #2: Brandi Wells

Youth Meet Sunday Evenings: Middle School: Class 4:00 p.m.

High School: Meal and Class 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Pray Gathering: Meet in Church Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m.



Christmas Message

Wishing you a Christmas season filled with happiness and peace in your hearts and homes. As we come together, let us reflect on the true significance of Christ's birth—a message of love, hope, and salvation for everyone. May Christ's light guide you through the New Year, bringing faith, kindness, and lasting joy. Merry Christmas and many blessings to you all.

Christmas Eve Communion

The church will be available for communion between 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. You are welcome to arrive and depart at any time during these hours.

Christmas Offering Update

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to this year's special Christmas offering. Through your generosity, a total of \$5,117.95 was collected. These funds will be divided between DCBS/CASA and our Food Pantry. Your support will make a meaningful difference in our community this Christmas season. Thank you for your kindness and willingness to share with those in need.

Youth Bake Sale

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who supported our Youth by purchasing sweets at the recent bake sale. Your generosity and encouragement mean so much to our young people. The funds raised from this event will help them purchase tickets for this year's Winter Jam. Thank you for making a difference in their lives through your kindness and support.

Awakening: Join Us for an Unforgettable Night

Mark your calendars! We are excited to announce an "Awakening," taking place on December 31st from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Join us as we ring in the New Year with an evening full of celebration and inspiration.

- Tim Palmer will bring the message
- Games and Snacks
- Opportunities to connect with our church family

Please bring your favorite finger foods to share.

We look forward to welcoming you to a night of new beginnings and memorable moments!

Notice Annual Congregational Meeting

We invite everyone to join us for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 11th, during the Sunday School hour. All members and anyone interested are welcome to attend as we review the past year and discuss important plans for our church.

Please save the date and make plans to be there. Your participation and ideas are essential as we gather for this significant event.



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Following the Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 11th in the Fellowship Hall.

This is one of the year's most popular events! Whether you're planning to cook and compete or simply enjoy a great meal, you'll be sure to have plenty of fun. Sandwiches and all the traditional toppings will be available with the chili, and desserts are also needed to complete the meal.

Wednesday Night Activities

Wednesday night activities will resume January 7th.



Your support has truly helped serve our community's needs. We appreciate everyone who contributed to the Food Pantry. Thanks to your generosity, we fed 63 families and 192 individuals during December's distribution.

Donations to the Food Pantry are needed throughout the year. Current items needed include spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese and peanut butter. All donations are welcome and appreciated.

The January distribution will take place on Saturday, January 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



Church Board Meeting

The Church Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5th at 6:30 p.m. All board members are asked to attend as the agenda includes upcoming events and matters concerning the congregation.

All congregation members are invited to the Church Board Meeting on Monday, January 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the church facility. Your input is important as we discuss future plans and decisions.

Church Board Reports

Approved financial reports from recent Board meeting are now available on the desk between the Sanctuary doors. These documents outline our resources and expenditures. We invite all members to review them and stay informed about our ministry's stewardship.



Monday, Women's Bible Study: Class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jane Ann Henshaw at (270) 952-2112.

Wednesday, Women's Bible Study: Class meets at 6:00 p.m. On Wednesday, January 7th they will be starting a new series called "Getting Out of Your Head", by Jennie Allen. All women are welcome. For more information, contact Sarah Thompsen at (270) 952-5813.

Monday, Men's Bible Study: They are meeting at the church at 10:00 a.m. contact Jared Austin for more information (270) 841-3693.



We are pleased to announce the birth of Henry Lee French on December 21st, weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz and measuring nineteen inches. Proud parents Laylee

Seay and Lucas French welcome him with joy. Proud Grandparents are Cosmas and Christy Russelburg.

Happy Anniversary!

DECEMBER ANNIVERSERIES

5 Paul and Julie Hendrickson
7 Ryan and Julee Utley
14 Dakota and Caitlynn Farthing
14 Joe and Suzzane Woodring
26 Michael and Jackie Hesley



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Tyler Steelman
3 Boston Davis
3 Jackie Hesley
3 Kristi O'Nan
4 Hannah Sheffer
4 Willam R. Sprague
4 Olivia Sprague
4 Suzanne Woodring
5 Taylor Mayberry
6 Laylee Jo Seay
7 Paul Steelman

10 Samatha Caffee
15 Matt Wolles
16 Jady Butts
21 Elias Neitz
29 Ellison Hagan
29 Will Hazel
29 Whitney Simmons
30 Charley King
30 Riley King
31 Keely Hagan

Remember in Prayer

Is there someone that you would like to add to our prayer list? Please e-mail the church office at secretary@sturgisfcc.org or call the church office at (270) 333-2115. You may also make prayer requests on the Church Website sturgisfcc.org.

- Laylee Seay and son
- Laylee Seay and son Henry Lee
- Stacie Kanipe (Teaching Bible Study)
- Mary Winders (life challenges)
- Jordan Boston and Family (death of Father)
- Chad Garrett
- Myrna Eastwood
- Kevin Hardin (Karen Bate-Levy's nephew)
- Betty Stone
- Shelby Wells (Recovery from surgery)

- Jesse Smith (Ryan Utley's Stepfather has cancer)
- Maggie Nelson
- Becky Adamson
- The Haitian Village of Ticampeche
- Virginia Quinn
- Katie Cooper

- Doby and Amy Waggener
- Christin Jackson (Chemotherapy)
- Greg Greenwell-Health
- Lane Baird
- Bryce Gill, Cierra Austin's cousin-liver, and kidney issues
- Adrian Mills- Health issues
- Kale Gernatt
- Joey Bells-Life choices

- All who suffer with addictions
- FCC Trustees, Elders, Deacons, & FCC Family
- The Meadows Ministry, Children, and Families
- The FCC Food Pantry Ministry
- All Missions throughout the World,
 - All the Missions that FCC supports
- Our Country and its Leaders
- Pray for Israel, Haiti, and Ukraine