



## *First Christian Church Newsletter*

December 30, 2025

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

(270) 333-2115

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### **SERVANT SCHEDULE JANUARY 4, 2026**

**Nursery:** Emilee Black and Kieira Austin

**Beginner's Church:** Lissa Neitz and Ada Hunter

**Children's Church:** Liz Wadlington and Christy Shouse

**Communion Meditation:** Jared Austin

**Sunday Hallway Monitor:** Lee Baird

**Sunday School:**

**PREK and K:** Keely Hagan and Ellison Hagan

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Kristi O'Nan

**Middle School:** Caitlin Nikolai

**High School:** Jared Austin and Cierra Austin

**Adult Class:** Charlie Watson

**Coffee, Donuts & Communion Prep:** Kristi O'Nan and Travis Henshaw

**Greeters:** Charles Lee Baird and Jay Thompson

**Computer:** Kelly Steward

**Cleaning:** Upstairs Section #1: William and Heather Lewis

Upstairs Section #2: Heidi Willett

**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.



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### **Awakening: New Year's Eve Celebration**

Join us for the "Awakening," scheduled for December 31st from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. We invite you to join us as we welcome the New Year with an evening dedicated to celebration and inspiration.

The evening will feature a message delivered by Tim Palmer, providing an opportunity for reflection and encouragement as we enter the New Year.

Guests can enjoy games and snacks throughout the evening. There will be many opportunities to connect with our church community in a welcoming and festive atmosphere.

We encourage everyone to bring a selection of finger foods to share. Your contributions will help create a warm and inviting environment for all.



### **Church Board Meeting**

The Church Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the church facility. Your input is important as we discuss future plans and decisions.

### **Notice Annual Congregational Meeting**

We invite everyone to join us for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### **CHILI COOK-OFF** **YOUTH FUNDRAISER**

**Following the Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>.



### **Food Pantry**

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 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

## **Join Us in Making a Difference**

Are you passionate about shaping young hearts and minds with the love and truth of Christ? Our church is actively seeking dedicated individuals to step into the role of teachers within our congregation. This is an extraordinary opportunity to be a guiding light for our youth, share your faith, and make a lasting impact on the next generation.

### **Why We Need You**

Teaching is more than sharing knowledge it is about fostering growth, encouraging curiosity, and building a community rooted in faith. Whether it's leading a Sunday school session, organizing youth programs, or hosting small group studies, your involvement can transform lives.

### **Who Can Apply?**

We welcome everyone who feels called to serve, regardless of teaching experience. If you have a heart for nurturing others in their spiritual journey and a desire to grow in your own faith, you're exactly who we're looking for.

### **How to Get Involved**

If you're interested in joining our teaching ministry, please reach out to the church office (270) 333-2115, Jared Austin, Associate Youth Minister (270) 841-3693 or speak with one of our church leaders during Sunday services. Training and resources will be provided to equip you for this rewarding role.

### **Let's Pray Together**

As we seek individuals to join this vital ministry, let us pray for God's guidance and wisdom. May He direct the right individuals to this calling and empower them to teach with love, patience, and dedication.

### **Answer the Call**

Teaching in the church is not just a responsibility; it's a blessing and a privilege. Together, let's invest in the spiritual growth of our congregation and carry forward the mission to share God's Word.

Your church family needs you, and we are excited to welcome you into this important ministry. Let's walk this path of faith together!

### **Our Wee Ones**

For those interested in serving in another vital area of ministry, the church nursery offers a wonderful opportunity to nurture and care for the youngest members of our congregation. Volunteers in the nursery play a key role in providing a safe, loving environment where parents can worship and engage in church activities knowing their children are well cared for. This ministry is a unique way to show Christ's love through kindness and patience, and it's an incredible blessing both to the families and to the volunteers themselves.

## **Church Website: [sturgisfcc.org](http://sturgisfcc.org)**

**Be sure you take advantage of all the information on the church website.**

**You will find:**

- \*Service Times
- \*Mission and Vision
- \*What We Believe
- \*Our Story
- \*Our Leadership
- \*How to Contact Us
- \*Church Calendar
- \*Rightnow Media Sign Up
- \* Prayer Request Form

- \* On-Line Giving Link
- \*Servant Schedules
- \* Our Teams
- \*Wednesday Night Menu
- \*In the Media tab are the recorded Worship Services and a copy of that week's bulletin
- \*In the Media tab are the weekly newsletters

## Adult BIBLE STUDY

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

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### JANUARY ANNIVERSERIES

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15 Bob and Janie Shouse



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### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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2 Marianna Evans  
4 Bennett Simmons  
12 Katie Arnold  
12 Chip King  
14 David Shouse  
15 Melissa Gatlin  
19 Julee Utey

20 Thea Smith  
22 Kate Hagan  
23 Kyley Fowler  
23 Joy Thomas  
25 Jasmine Jenkin  
27 Landon Loxley  
31 Sherry King

# 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](mailto:secretary@sturgisfcc.org) or call the church office at (270) 333-2115. You may also make prayer requests on the Church Website [sturgisfcc.org](http://sturgisfcc.org).

- Heidi Willett Family (Death of her Grandmother)
- Laylee Seay and son
- 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)
- 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

- Laylee Seay and son Henry Lee
- Stacie Kanipe (Teaching Bible Study)
- Jesse Smith (Ryan Utley's Stepfather has cancer)
- 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