

First Christian Church Newsletter

November 25, 2025

(270) 333-2115

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

SERVANT SCHEDULE November 30, 2025

Nursery: Emilee Black and Kieria Austin

Beginner's Church: Heather Lewis and Aulen Neitz **Children's Church**: Liz Wadlington and Christy Shouse

Communion Meditation: Charlie Watson **Sunday Hallway Monitor:** Caleb Jenkin

Sunday School:

PREK and K: Jason and Kassie Green

1st – 5th Grades: Kristi O'Nan Middle School: Caitlin Nikolai

High School: Jared Austin and Cierra Austin

Adult Class: Charlie Watson

Coffee, Donuts & Communion Prep: Jason and Kassie Green

Greeters: Kelly Steward and Brenda Gernatt

Computer: Alan Dayberry

Cleaning: Upstairs Section #1: Jared and Cierra Austin and High School

Upstairs Section #2: Jasmine and Nathan Jenkin

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.



Thanksgiving Message

As we gather together this Thanksgiving, let us pause and give heartfelt thanks to our Lord for His abundant blessings. In every season and circumstance, God's love and faithfulness remain steadfast, guiding us, comforting us, and providing for our every need

Scripture reminds us, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). This Thanksgiving, may we remember the many gifts He has given—family, friends, health, provision, and the grace of His presence in our lives. Let our hearts overflow with gratitude, not only for what we have received but also for the hope and peace found in Christ.

May Thanksgiving be filled with joy, unity, and the assurance that we are deeply loved by our Heavenly Father. Let us praise Him together, today, and always.



Community Christmas Cantata

Join Us in Celebrating the Holiday Season Together!

The holiday season is upon us, and we are excited to invite everyone to join in a festive Christmas celebration! This special event is a wonderful opportunity to spread joy, connect with neighbors, and make some lasting memories.

Event Details

Date: December 12th at 7:00 p.m. December 14th at 3:00 p.m. Location: First Baptist Church

803 Adams Street, Sturgis, KY

Directed By: Evan Jackson



Children's Christmas Program

Date: December 14, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

We warmly invite you and your family to our annual Children's Christmas Program! This heartwarming event will feature performances by our talented children, sharing the joy of the holiday season through music, drama, and festive cheer.

- Enjoy classic Christmas carols and cheerful holiday songs
- Refreshments and treats will be served after the program.

Come celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our community and support the children as they spread joy and goodwill.

Angel Tree

We are pleased to announce our continued sponsorship of the community Angel Tree. The tree is situated in the foyer, accompanied by sign-up sheets for your participation.



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!

Prayer for Seeking a New Pastor

"Grant us a leader who will foster an environment of love, acceptance and support, where everyone feels valued and encouraged to use their God-given gifts May our new pastor be a person of integrity, humility, and grace, reflecting Your character in all they do."



We would like to formally welcome Alan, April, Gunnar, Hunter, Trigg, and Gauge Dayberry to our church community. We invite all members of the congregation to extend their greetings and offer support as they become valued participants in our fellowship.



We appreciate everyone who contributed to the Food Pantry. Thanks to your generosity, we fed 58 families and 171 individuals during November's distribution. Your support has truly helped serve our community's needs.

The December distribution will take place on Saturday, December 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Donations to the Food Pantry are needed throughout the year. Suggested items to donate are: spaghetti noodles and sauce, cereal, peanut butter, loaves of bread, peas, green beans, corn, other canned vegetables, canned fruit, instant potatoes, stuffing, macaroni and cheese (with cheese sauce not powder), canned ravioli, ramen noodles, cookies in package, and personal hygiene items.



Food Pantry Christmas Boxes

We're doing a "Reverse Advent Calendar" to help local families with food for Christmas. Please fill a box or grocery bag with the calendar items—one per day—and deliver it to the church by December 14th. Donations will go to the Food Pantry event on December 20th.

If you'd prefer not to shop, you can donate \$40 and we'll fill a box for you.

Contacts for the Christmas Boxes are Steve Lubbesmeyer and Shannon Hazel.

The Food Pantry Advent Calendar is available at sturgisfcc.org under the Connect Tab. Additionally, printed copies of the calendar are located in front of the church office.

If you require a box, they are available in the Sanctuary hallway.

Financial Reports

Copies of the approved monthly financial reports can be found on the table between the Sanctuary doors.



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. For more information, contact Sarah Thomspon 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.

Happy Anniversary!

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSERIES

1 Bill and Cindy Dyer1 Alex and Joy Thomas27 Jared and Cierra Austin



1 Bill Dyer

3 Wes Steelman

4 Lucas Hazel

6 Kara Cunningham

6 Brenda Gernatt

7 Cole Hesley

8 Debby Higgs

9 Myrna Eastwood

10 Kelsi Stevens

11 Samuel Wells

14 Justin Gatlin15 Chett Jenkin23 Lee Baird23 Lisa Jones28 Derek Lewis28 Ella Loxley

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.

- -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)
- -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

- -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