

First Christian Church Newsletter

April 21, 2026

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

(270) 333-2115

SERVANT SCHEDULE

April 26, 2026

Nursery: Julee Utley and Piper Jenkin

Beginner's Church: Heather Lewis and Aulen Neitz

Children's Church: Jay Thompson and Sarah Thompson

Communion Meditation: Charlie Watson

Sunday Hallway Monitor: Justin Gatlin

Sunday School:

PREK and K: Keely Hagan

1st – 5th Grades: April Dayberry

Middle School: Caitlin Nikolai

High School: Jared Austin and Cierra Austin

Adult Class: Charlie Watson

Coffee, Donuts & Communion Prep: Joe and Suzanne Woodring

Greeters: Jay Thompson, Mark and Lisa Jones

Computer: Travis Henshaw

Cleaning: Upstairs Section #1: Jared, Cierra Austin and High School
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 Night Youth Group Meal: Keely Hagan

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

Ladies Fellowship Night

May 16th 5-7 p.m.

Come spend an evening of food, fellowship and a fun guided painting class taught by Dana Davis.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert.

Sign up in the church lobby or RSVP to Melissa Gatlin (270) 752-0540 or Stephanie Baird (270) 952-0655.

Please register by Sunday, April 26th so art supplies can be ordered.



The Youth Group will provide nursery.



Fish Fry Event Details

It's that time of the year for our famous fish fry with all the trimmings, plus Livers Ice Cream. The fish fry will be held on Wednesday night, May 13th. This meal will mark the conclusion of our Wednesday night activities for the school year.

Mother's Day Celebrations at Church **Special Mother's Day Treat for Ladies**

On Mother's Day, May 10th, the ladies of the church are invited to enjoy a special celebration during the Sunday School hour. A coffee bar will be set up exclusively for them, offering a delightful selection of coffee. In addition to the coffee, a variety of donuts and freshly baked Great Harvest Bread will be served, providing a warm and inviting atmosphere for all the women in attendance.

Youth Activities Hosted by the Men

While the ladies enjoy their special time, the men of the church will take responsibility for entertaining the youth. This arrangement ensures that the ladies can relax and fully appreciate the quiet, dedicated time prepared just for them.



On Sunday, April 12th Gunnar Dayberry was baptized. This significant event marks the beginning of his journey in faith and his commitment to spiritual growth. Let us join together in prayer for Gunnar, asking for guidance and support as he continues to develop and strengthen his spiritual life.

Church Name and Address Directory

For a copy of the Church Name and Address Directory, please reach out to the church office at (270) 333-2115 or (270) 969-0654.

Wednesday Night Activities

In addition to our Sunday gatherings, we invite everyone to join us for Wednesday night activities. The evening begins with a meal at 5:15 p.m., followed by classes for all ages. This midweek time offers a chance to connect, learn, and grow together as a church family.

Reminder: If school is cancelled or not in session no Wednesday night activities.

Wednesday Night Menu

This week's menu includes chicken or beef tacos, corn chips with cheese dip, rice, chicken nuggets, and chips plus dessert. We trust that these selections will provide a welcoming experience for all attendees.

Meal Train for Sunday Night Youth

We need volunteers for Sunday night Youth meals (serving 30–35 people). Please sign up to help using the following link: <https://mealtrain.com/ee9v9l>



Vacation Bible “Cool” School Announcement

“Snow” Much Fun This Summer!

Vacation Bible “Cool” School Details

We are pleased to share details of our upcoming Vacation Bible “Cool” School, which will be held from July 22nd to July 25th. Each evening, sessions will run from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. We encourage everyone to bring friends and family for an enjoyable week filled with learning, engaging activities, and opportunities for fellowship. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing in this memorable experience together.

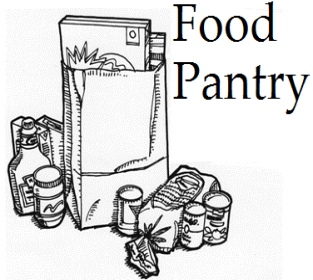
Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently seeking volunteers to help make our Bible School a success. If you are interested in assisting, please contact either Melissa Gatlin at (270) 752-0540 or Lissa Neitz at (270) 952-0399. Your support is appreciated!



Tyler and Daelynn Steelman are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Raiden Bryce Steelman. Raiden was born on March 6th, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz and measuring 20.5 inches in length. We extend our best wishes to the Steelman family during this important time.

Births in the Church Family



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 **30** families and **88** individuals during April’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 May distribution will take place on Saturday, the 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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 Thompspon at (270) 952-5813.



Breckenridge Place Retirement Community Ministry: Suzanne & Melissa will be providing music and songs on the first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. For more information and to get involved, please contact Suzanne Woodring or Melissa Gatlin.

Happy Anniversary!

APRIL ANNIVERSERIES



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 Janie Shouse
5 April Dayberry
6 Peter Nikolai
8 Jaxson Utley
10 Jared Austin
15 Luci Gibson
15 Owen Hesley
15 Joe Woodring
16 Jase Utley
18 Hagan Simmons
19 Katelyn Hendrickson
20 Damonie Utley
21 Cindy Dyer

21 Lissa Neitz
22 Kerrie Duncan
22 Sydney Stevens
22 Sadie Stevens
23 Aaron Stevens
24 Isaac Davis
26 Jay Thompson
27 Stephanie Baird
28 Kendra Loxley
28 Matt Willett
29 Trish Young

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.

- Jason Green Family-Loss of his mother
- John Tom Hagan Family-Loss of his father
- Melissa Gatlin's Father
- Debbie Jo Moore
- Mary Winders -life challenges-
- Jesse Smith- Ryan Utley's Stepfather has cancer
- Chad Garrett
- Myrna Eastwood
- Kevin Hardin- Karen Bate-Levy's nephew
- Betty Stone
- 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