

## *First Christian Church Newsletter*

December 2, 2025

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

(270) 333-2115

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### **SERVANT SCHEDULE**

**December 7, 2025**

**Nursery:** Kerrie Duncan and Piper Jenkin

**Beginner's Church:** Trish Young and Ada Hunter

**Children's Church:** Jay Thompson and Sarah Thompson

**Communion Meditation:** Ryan Davis

**Sunday Hallway Monitor:** Nathan Jenkin

**Sunday School:**

**PREK and K:** Janie Shouse and Lisa Jones

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** April Dayberry

**Middle School:** Caitlin Nikolai

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

**Adult Class:** Charlie Watson

**Coffee, Donuts & Communion Prep:** William and Heather Lewis

**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.

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### **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 features grilled hot dogs, slaw, chips, veggies with dip, macaroni and cheese, and dessert. We hope these favorites help everyone feel welcome.



## **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**

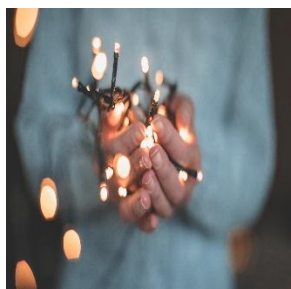
Date: December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

December 14<sup>th</sup> 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.**

You and your family are warmly invited to attend our annual Children's Christmas Program. Enjoy an uplifting showcase as our talented kids express the holiday spirit through music, drama, and festive performances.

Join our community in celebrating Christmas and supporting the children as they spread joy and goodwill.



### **Spreading Christmas Cheer**

If you wish to bring Christmas cards for our church family, kindly place them in the foyer box marked "Cards." Our team will handle sorting for your convenience. Cards may be picked up following the service and will be arranged alphabetically by last name on Bertha, the large table

located in the Fellowship Hall. A list of church attendees is available by the box should you wish to prepare cards for all our church family; if you notice any names missing from the list, please notify Caitlin Nikolai.

## **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!



## Food Pantry

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## **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.

## **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.

## **Toy Drive**

The UCHS Interact Club is holding a toy drive. Many of our younger members are involved in this effort. We welcome and appreciate donations of toys for children of all ages. Please bring your unwrapped toy donations to the church by December 16th. If you have any questions, contact Bently Duckworth at (270) 952-8154.

## **Church Board Meeting**

All congregation members are invited to the Church Board Meeting on Monday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the church facility. Join us as we plan for our church community.

## **Financial Reports**

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



### **Notice Annual Congregational Meeting**

We are pleased to announce that our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 11th, during the Sunday School hour. All members and interested attendees are encouraged to participate as we reflect on this past year and discuss important plans for our church community.

Please mark your calendars and make arrangements to attend. Your presence and input are valuable as we come together for this important occasion.



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

#### **Following the Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall.**

One of the **Hottest** Events of the Year!

Whether you want to Cook and Compete... or just want to Eat. You are bound to have a whole lot of Fun!!

There will be sandwiches and "all the fixins" to go in the Chili.

Desserts are needed to round out the meal.



**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 Thomspson 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!*

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### **DECEMBER ANNIVERSERIES**

**5 Paul and Julie Hendrickson**  
**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 Jadyn 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](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).

- 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