



First Christian Church Newsletter

August 12, 2025

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

(270) 333-2115

SERVANT SCHEDULE

August 17, 2025

Nursery: Kerrie Duncan and Piper Jenkin

Beginner's Church: Keely Hagan and Ellison Hagan

Children's Church: Liz Wadlington and Christy Shouse

Communion Meditation: Jared Austin

Sunday Hallway and Wed. Playground Monitor: Matt Willett

Sunday School:

PREK and K: Janie Shouse and Lisa Jones

1st – 5th Grades: Caitlin Nikolai

Middle & High School: Jared Austin and Cierra Austin

Adult Class: Charlie Watson

Coffee, Donuts & Communion Prep: Jim and Trish Young and, Paul Steelman

Greeters: Joe and Suzanne Woodring, Bobby and Janie Shouse

Computer: Kelly Steward

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

Upstairs Section #2: Jasmine and Nathan Jenkin

Youth Meet Sunday Evenings: Middle School: Meal and 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES BEGIN!

Mark Your calendars for August 27th

Meal Starts at 5:15 p.m.

Classes start at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Activities feature classes for all ages, welcoming families, and friends to learn and grow together. The evening promotes faith, friendship, and fun. Children's Christmas program practice will take place alongside regular activities, and children are encouraged to join.

Note of Appreciation: A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers and organizers whose time, energy, and enthusiasm make our Wednesday night activities possible. Whether you're preparing meals, leading classes, greeting families, or lending support behind the scenes, your commitment is

the foundation of these special evenings. Your willingness to serve not only enriches our church community but also creates a welcoming space for growth, fellowship, and faith. We deeply appreciate each of you for making Wednesday nights a meaningful and joyful experience for everyone involved.

Filling the Pulpit

We extend our deepest gratitude to those who have generously stepped forward to fill the pulpit during this season of transition. Your willingness to share wisdom, encouragement, and faith from the pulpit uplifts and inspires our congregation. Whether offering a new perspective, guiding us through the scriptures, or simply being present in times of change, your service brings comfort and continuity to our church family. Thank you for answering the call and nurturing our community with your dedication and heartfelt messages.

August 3rd through August 24th -Jared Austin, Associate Youth Minister
August 31st- Mike Williams



New Men's Sunday School Class

We are excited to announce that Dakota Farthing will be leading a new men's class beginning Sunday, September 7th. Dakota brings a passion for faith, fellowship, and practical discipleship, and this class will offer men of all ages a welcoming space to explore the Word together, grow spiritually, and encourage one another in their walk with Christ. Whether you're new to Bible study or looking to deepen your understanding, we invite you to join Dakota and your brothers in faith on this new journey. More details about meeting times and topics will be shared soon—stay tuned!

New Middle School Class

We are pleased to share that Caitlin Nikolai will begin teaching our Middle School Sunday School class starting Sunday, September 7th. Caitlin brings a genuine passion for nurturing young hearts and minds in faith, and we are grateful for her willingness to lead this important ministry. Middle schoolers are invited to join Caitlin each week as they explore Scripture, ask questions, and grow together in their walk with Christ. We look forward to a season of learning, fellowship, and joyful discovery under Caitlin's guidance. Please help us welcome her into this new role and encourage all middle school students to be part of this exciting journey!

Youth Encounter the Savior (Y.E.S.)

September 19th through 21st
Sturgis First Christian Church

The Boys Y.E.S. weekend helps 14- to 20-year-olds grow into Christian leaders, focusing on Jesus Christ's love and mercy and fostering maturity in a supportive faith community.



We are delighted to announce our upcoming Fall Fellowship—mark your calendars for Saturday, October 19th at 4:00 p.m.! Join us at the Sturgis Airport Park Pavilion for an afternoon of connection, laughter, and celebration as we gather together to embrace the season and strengthen our bonds as a church family. All are welcome—bring your loved ones, friends, and neighbors for good company, food, and heartwarming fellowship. More details about activities and festivities will be shared soon, so stay tuned and plan to join us for this special event!

Ways to Serve

We are currently seeking volunteers to help run the sound system during our worship times. If you have experience with audio equipment—or are simply willing to learn—we would love for you to join this important ministry. Assisting with sound is a wonderful way to serve your church family and ensure that our worship services flow smoothly and can be enjoyed by all. Training will be provided, and you'll be supported by a great team. If you feel called to help with this vital role, please contact the church office or speak with any member of the worship committee. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a meaningful difference!

Prayer For Seeking a New Pastor

"We ask for a leader who will model servant leadership and inspire us to follow Your example. Lord, we trust that You will guide our search and bring forth the perfect pastor to shepherd our flock."

Church Board Reports

For those interested in our church's stewardship and transparency, we are pleased to announce that the approved financial reports from recent Board meetings are available for your review. These reports provide a clear account of our resources, expenditures, and the faithful generosity that sustains our ministry. Copies of the reports are located on the desk between the Sanctuary doors. We encourage all members to stay informed and engaged as we continue our shared mission together.



On Saturday, July 19th, the Food Pantry distributed food to 134 individuals. The next Food Pantry is on Saturday, August 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Plastic bags are needed for the Food Pantry on Saturday, August 16th. Please donate clean plastic bags by dropping them off at the church office or placing them in the foyer bin. Your contributions help us serve the community efficiently

MORGANFIELD FIRST BAPTIST
LADIES IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER
PRESENT

**TAMMY
WHITEHURST**

Fast-paced. Funny. Down to earth. Relatable.
Tammy Whitehurst is a "hoot with a capital H!"
She brings laughter and inspiration coast to
coast. From hilariously funny to seriously faith-
filled, Tammy has been featured in Lifeway
magazines, Christianity Today and other
publications.

Saturday,
October 18,
2025
9:30 am-2:00 pm

8:45 am Doors Open

Session 1: Kickin' Life Up a Notch

Lunch Catered by Hummingbird House

Session 2: When Life Kicks Us to the Curb

Door Prizes

The JOY of the Lord is our Strength

 Tickets \$30
Visit <https://bit.ly/MFBCladiesEvent>
to register or use QR Code
Seating limited to 200 people

 <https://tammywhitehurst.com>



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.

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

Happy Anniversary!

AUGUST ANNIVERSERIES

1 Wes and Kristin Steelman
3 Mike and Liz Wadlington
4 Stephen and Kendra Loxley
4 Camron and Brandi Wells
13 Chris and Lori Higgins
15 Will and Shannon Hazel
29 Beau and Hannah Sheffer



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Stephen Loxley
2 Zachary Duckworth
2 Rorey Hazel
3 Rebecca Logan
6 Dana Davis
7 Travis Cunningham
8 Lauren Greenwell
8 Kristian Jenkin
8 Janet Taylor
9 Christy Russelburg
10 James Gatlin
11 Audrey Smith
11 Jeffery Thomas

13 William Eastwood
14 Julie Hendrickson
18 Lilly Moman
19 Chris Higgins
20 Imera Ariza
21 Bonnie Conrad
21 Cindy Jones
27 Lilly O'Daniel
28 Kieira Austin
28 Miles Davis
28 Betty Stone
30 Annie Mills

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.

- Myrna Eastwood
- Kevin Hardin (Karen Bate-Levy's nephew)
- Tori Baird Lopez and twins
- Shelby Wells (Recovery from surgery)
- The Haitian Village of Ticampeche
- Donny Hanor (Melissa Gatlin's Uncle)
- Virginia Quinn
- Katie Cooper
- Debby Higgs-Strength and healing from pain
- Doby and Amy Waggener
- Christin Jackson (Chemotherapy)
- Greg Greenwell-Health
- Lane Baird-Physical therapy
- Bryce Gill, Cierra Austin's cousin-liver and kidney issues

- Lindsey Steward (healing from surgery)
- Betty Stone
- Maggie Nelson
- Becky Adamson
- 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