



First Christian Church Newsletter

December 16, 2025

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

(270) 333-2115

SERVANT SCHEDULE

December 21, 2025

Nursery: Shannon Hazel and Ellison Hagan

Beginner's Church: Whitney Simmons and Daylee Shelton

Children's Church: Ryan Davis and Travis Neitz

Communion Meditation: John Hagan

Sunday Hallway Monitor: David Shouse

Sunday School:

PREK and K: Janie Shouse and Lisa Jones

1st – 5th 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.

Christmas Offering

During this season, Christmas reminds us of God's gift of Jesus Christ and encourages generosity. The **December 21st Sunday collection** will be designated as the Christmas Offering. This year, after careful consideration, we will use the offering in two specific ways.

- **Half will go to our Food Bank**, ensuring that families in our community will have good food on their tables and hope in their hearts.
- **The other half will support the needs of children and families involved in DCBS/CASA.** this reflects the heart of Jesus by standing alongside children and families in their hardest moments.

Your generosity serves as a meaningful contribution that extends our impact beyond the congregation and into the broader community.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE **YOUTH FUNDRAISER**

We're here to assist with your holiday baking needs. Our youth are raising funds to attend Winter Jam, and baked goods will be available to purchase on Sunday, December 21st following Sunday School.

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 tacos, cheese dip, chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese and dessert. We hope these favorites help everyone feel welcome.



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.



Food Pantry

We appreciate everyone who contributed to the Food Pantry Reverse Advent Calendar. 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.

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!



Church Board Meeting

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

Church Board Reports

Approved financial reports from recent Board meeting are now available on the desk between the Sanctuary doors. These documents outline our resources and expenditures. We invite all members to review them and stay informed about our ministry's stewardship.

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 plan 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 11th 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 Thompspon 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!

DECEMBER ANNIVERSERIES

5 Paul and Julie Hendrickson
7 Ryan and Julee Utley
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 Jadyne 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 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

-Jesse Smith (Ryan Utley's Stepfather has cancer)
-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
- 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