

# First Christian Church Newsletter

May 19, 2026

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

(270) 333-2115

---

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

May 24, 2026

**Nursery:** Emilee Black and Kieira Austin

**Beginner's Church:** Whitney Simmons and Eliot Simmons

**Children's Church:** Liz Wadlington and Christy Shouse

**Communion Meditation:** Dakota Farthing

**Sunday Hallway Monitor:** Nathan Jenkin

**Sunday School:**

**PREK and K:** Kassie Green and Jason Green

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Kristi O'Nan

**Middle School:** Caitlin Nikolai

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

**Adult Class:** Charlie Watson

**Coffee, Donuts & Communion Prep:** Jim Young and Trish Young

**Greeters:** Bob Shouse and Janie Shouse

**Computer:** Kelly Steward

**Cleaning:** Upstairs Section #1: William Lewis and Heather Lewis

Upstairs Section #2: Lisa Jones and Bonnie Conrad

**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:** **Volunteer Needed**

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

---

## Congregational Announcement

We are pleased to share an update regarding the recommendation of Jared Austin as Senior Minister. The Elders received a request from Jared Austin to be recommended to the Church Board as Senior Minister. The Church Board approved the Elders' recommendation, and this recommendation was presented to the church on Sunday, May 17, 2026.

Voting will take place at a Special Meeting on Sunday, May 31, 2026.

- The recommendation must be approved by a two-thirds majority of members present.
- We encourage all members to attend and participate in this important decision.

We ask the congregation to continue in prayer as this process moves forward.



The church will be honoring our high school senior graduates on Sunday morning, May 31st. Please join us as we celebrate their achievements and wish them well on their next journey.

This year's graduates: Charlee Baird and Utah Heady

If you have a graduating high school senior, please reach out to Jared Austin (270) 841-3693 as soon as possible. This will allow the church to make the necessary arrangements for their inclusion in the special service. Your timely communication ensures that all graduates are honored appropriately and helps us celebrate their achievements together.



**Heartfelt thanks to everyone who prepared the food for our annual fish fry. The meal was wonderful and truly enjoyed by all. Special gatherings like this bring us together and help strengthen the fellowship of our church family.**

## Ladies Fellowship Night

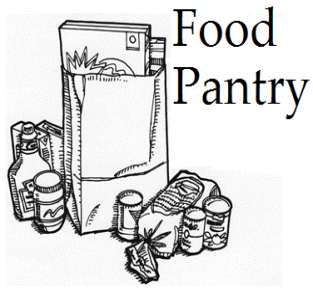
**“This Little Light of Mine”**



Our Ladies Fellowship Night was a wonderful success, and we are grateful to everyone who helped prepare for the evening. We extend special thanks to Dana Davis for sharing her artistic talent and for her patience throughout the event. The food was excellent, and we are grateful for the many talented cooks in our congregation who helped make the evening so special.

## 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>



### Food Pantry

We are sincerely grateful for the outpouring of support from our community for the Food Pantry. Your generosity has made a significant impact in meeting the needs of those around us. During the distribution in April, your contributions enabled us to provide food assistance to 20 families, reaching a total of 61 individuals. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this effort possible.

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



## 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 24th. Each evening, sessions will run from 5:00 to 8:00 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!



June 14-18 High School Camp, Grades 9-12

June 22-26 Kids Camp, Grades, 4-6

July 6-10 Epic Camp, Grades 6-8

A registration link has been added to the church website [sturgisfcc@org](mailto:sturgisfcc@org) and to the church app. For those needing financial assistance, the codes are STURGIS50 AND STURGIS100.

## 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.



**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!

---

### MAY ANNIVERSERIES

---

2 Aaron and Kelsie Stevens  
6 Peter and Caitlin Nikolai  
12 Travis and Lissa Neitz  
13 Klint and Ami Gernatt  
21 John and Keely Hagan  
21 Mark and Lisa Jones  
22 Nathan and Jasmine Jenkin  
26 Andy and Debbie Sprague  
27 Matt and Emily Wolles  
30 Justin and Melissa Gatlin



---

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

---

3 JB Gibson  
3 Kendrick Sanchez  
3 Christy Shouse  
4 Caitlin Nikolai  
6 Caleb Hagan  
8 Harper Jenkin

9 Isaiah May  
13 Heath Conrad  
14 Shelly Alvey  
19 Lucas Nikolai  
26 Selah Jenkin  
28 Alan Dayberry

30 Reagan Hendrickson

30 Kelly Seward

31 Nora Hesley

31 Gabbi Thomas

# 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).

- 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