

# *First Christian Church Newsletter*

March 31, 2026

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

(270) 333-2115

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## **SERVANT SCHEDULE**

**April 5, 2026**

**Nursery:** Shannon Hazel and Ellison Hagan

**Beginner's Church:** Kassie Green and Sadie Green

**Children's Church:** Ryan Davis and Travis Neitz

**Communion Meditation:** Jared Austin

**Sunday Hallway Monitor:** Matt Willett

**Sunday School:**

**PREK and K:** Whitney Simmons and Eliot Simmons

**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:** 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:** **Cancelled**

**Sunday Night Youth Group Meal:**

**Sunday Pray Gathering:** **Cancelled**

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## **Easter Breakfast and Services Schedule**

Please mark your calendar for the Easter Breakfast, which will be held on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. This event provides an opportunity for fellowship and celebration as we gather to enjoy a meal.

### **Easter Services**

Following breakfast, the Easter services will begin at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate in this special occasion.

### **Children's Programs**

On Easter Sunday, Nursery and Beginners' Church will be available for young children. However, there will not be Children's Church or Sunday School classes offered on this day.

## Invitation to See Our Youth Mission Team's Contributions

The Youth Mission team played a vital role in this project, and through their dedication, they assisted in constructing this building. Their hard work and commitment helped bring this project to completion, making a meaningful difference in that community.



**HIGH SCHOOL CAMP, GRADES 9-12**  
June 14-18

**KIDS CAMP GRADES, 4-6**

**June 22-26**

**EPIC CAMP, GRADES 6-8**

**July 6-10**

A registration link has been added to the church website [sturgisfcc@org](http://sturgisfcc.org) and to the church app.

For those needing financial assistance, the codes are **STURGIS50 AND STURGIS100**.

### 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 pulled pork, hotdogs, slaw, chips and macaroni and cheese, plus dessert. We trust that these selections will provide a welcoming experience for all attendees.



## Church Board Meeting

The Church Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the church facility. Your input is important as we discuss future plans and decisions. Whether you're experienced or new, we welcome your participation. Join us as we plan ahead for our church community.

## Upcoming Event

**We invite all ladies to join us on Friday, May 8th for an evening Mother's Day celebration. Further details regarding this event will be announced soon.**



## 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>**

## Background Arches

The church has acquired background arches for use during events held on the premises. Several background color options are available. These arches are stored in the decorating closet located upstairs.



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 **50** families and **153** individuals during March'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 April distribution will take place on Saturday, the 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

## Ways to Serve



**Volunteers are needed to clean the church's upstairs area. If you can assist, please contact the church office at [\(270\) 333-2115](tel:2703332115). The cleaning follows a rotating schedule, and every contribution helps keep our space welcoming.**



**Church Website: [sturgisfcc.org](http://sturgisfcc.org)**

**Be sure you take advantage of all the information on the church website.**

**You will find:**

- \*Service Times
- \*Mission and Vision
- \*What We Believe
- \*Our Story
- \*Our Leadership
- \*How to Contact Us
- \*Church Calendar
- \*Rightnow Media Sign Up
- \* Prayer Request Form
- \* On-Line Giving Link
- \*Servant Schedules
- \* Our Teams
- \*Wednesday Night Menu
- \*In the Media tab are the recorded Worship Services and a copy of that week's bulletin
- \*In the Media tab are the weekly newsletters



**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 Thomspson 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!*

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## APRIL ANNIVERSERIES

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Janie Shouse         | 26 Jay Thompson    |
| 5 April Dayberry       | 27 Stephanie Baird |
| 6 Peter Nikolai        | 28 Kendra Loxley   |
| 8 Jaxson Utley         | 28 Matt Willett    |
| 10 Jared Austin        | 29 Trish Young     |
| 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         |                    |

## 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).

- 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