



First Christian Church Newsletter

August 11, 2026

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

(270) 333-2115

SERVANT SCHEDULE

August 16, 2026

Nursery: Mary Hunt and Piper Jenkin

Beginner's Church: Ellile Shouse and Daylee Shelton

Children's Church: Brenda Gernatt

Communion Meditation: Nathan Jenkin

Sunday Hallway Monitor: Justin Gatlin

Sunday School:

PREK and K: Jason Green and Kassie Green

1st – 5th Grades: April Dayberry

Middle School: Caitlin Nikolai

High School: Jared Austin and Cierra Austin

Adult Class: Charlie Watson

Coffee, Donuts & Communion Prep: Jason Green and Kassie Green

Greeters: Bob Shouse and Janie Shouse

Computer: Travis Henshaw

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: Keely Hagan

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

Out of Office Notice: Jared Austin and Susan Champion will both be out of the office on August 13 and 14. Urgent matters: Please contact Jared Austin at (270) 841-3693.



High School Church Retreat

Camp Illiana

August 13, 14, & 15

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for a great time of worship, fellowship, and fun!

Contact Jared Austin to sign up. (270) 841-3693

Packing List for High School Church Retreat

Clothing

- T-shirts (3-4)
- Shorts (2-3)
- Jeans/athletic pants (1-2)
- Hoodie or light jacket
- Sleepwear
- Socks (3-4 pairs)
- Comfortable shoes (closed toe recommended)
- Extra pair of shoes (optional)
- Rain jacket or poncho

Toiletries

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampo, soap/body wash
- Towel and washcloth
- Personal hygiene items

Bedding

- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag or Twin Bedding Set
- Blanket (if bringing twin bedding set)
Otherwise, optional

Spiritual Essentials

- Bible
- Journal
- Pen/pencil

Outdoor/Activity Gear

- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Small backpack or drawstring bag
- Sunglasses

Personal Items

- Phone and Charger
- Medications (in original containers)

Optional Extras

- Cards/board games
- Extra towel
- Something to put dirty shoes in
- Earplugs
- Swimwear (Camp Rules)



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES BEGIN!

Mark Your calendars for September 2nd

Meal Starts at 5:15 p.m.

Classes start at 6:00 p.m.

What to Expect

Wednesday Night Activities will include classes for all ages, giving families and friends a chance to learn, grow, and spend time together. Each evening is designed to encourage faith, build friendships, and provide an enjoyable midweek gathering.

Meal and Fellowship

Church members will serve a meal each Wednesday night, offering everyone a welcoming time for food, conversation, and fellowship before classes begin.

WE KNOW you GOT SKILLS!

We're looking for men to share some of their **KNOWLEDGE and SKILLS** with hands-on- 20–40-minute mini-session with our middle school guys on Wednesday nights-from basic car maintenance, finances, fishing rigs to woodworking.

Caleb Jenkin continues leading the regular class, so there's no pressure to prepare a whole lesson or make a long commitment. Scan the QR Code to sign up and let us know you're interested in hanging out and passing along a practical skill!

Contact Dana Davis if you have questions (270) 952-5717 (if you have trouble with the QR code there are hard copies available)



Guys Wednesday Night Level Up

Wednesday Night Church Guidelines

We are blessed to see so many youth participating in Wednesday night church activities. We are grateful for every student, family, teacher, and volunteer who helps make these evenings meaningful through fellowship, learning, and encouragement. To help everyone feel welcome, safe, and cared for, we ask everyone to follow these guidelines this year.

- **Backpacks should be dropped off at the church office and may be picked up when class is over.**
- **Please have students inside by 5:15 p.m. so we can enjoy the meal together.**
- **Food and drinks should not be taken outside the Fellowship Hall.**

Sunday Night Youth Meals - We Need You!

Open Dates: August 23rd, August 30th, September 20th

Our church has long supported its youth, and we need volunteers to provide Sunday evening meals for about 30 young people at 6:00 p.m. Please bring both food and drinks.

Sign up for a date using the link below or scan the QR code. Thank you for supporting our youth!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4CABAD23A6FC1-64527288-youth>



LifeWise Academy Open House

Tuesday, August 25th 5:00 pm.m-6:00 p.m.
Location Site: 901 North Johnson St., Sturgis, KY

LifeWise Academy Information for Sturgis, Kentucky Families

For families of elementary-aged students in 2nd and 3rd grade

What Is LifeWise Academy?

LifeWise Academy is a Bible-based character education program for public school students. The program is designed to take place during the school day under released-time religious instruction rules, with classes held away from school property, privately funded, and available only with parent or guardian permission.

How It Works for Students

- Participation is voluntary and requires parent or guardian permission.
- Students attend at no cost to families.
- Classes are intended to support Bible knowledge and character development.
- Students are transported off school property according to the program's local plan.
- Families should confirm the current local schedule, transportation details, and enrollment process for Sturgis, Kentucky.

To learn more about the program, visit lifewise.org/unioncountyky



Samaritan's Purse OCC Shoe Box Workshop *You're Invited!*

Annette Thompson warmly invites everyone to attend the OCC Shoe Box Workshop at Morganfield Baptist Church.

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026

Time: 1:00–2:30 PM

Location: Morganfield Baptist Church

Come join us for a meaningful time of fellowship and service to bless children through Operation Christmas Child.



Food Pantry

We're grateful for the community's support of the Food Pantry. Your generosity helped us serve **27** families and **82** individuals during July's distribution. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this 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 August distribution will take place on Saturday, the 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



Announcing "The Awakening"
Featuring Dr. Daniel Overdorf of Johnson University

Saturday, November 7th, and Sunday, November 8th

Join us for a special time of worship, renewal, and biblical teaching as we welcome Dr. Daniel Overdorf for The Awakening.

Make plans now to attend—and invite a friend to join you.



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.

Friday, Men's Bible Study: Meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:15 a.m.



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!

AUGUST ANNIVERSERIES

1 Wes and Kristin Steelman
3 Mike and Liz Wadlington
4 Stephen and Kendra Loxley
4 Camron and Brandi Wells
15 Will and Shannon Hazel

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



1 Stephen Loxley
2 Rorey Hazel
2 Taner Hazel-Dennehy
3 Becca Logan
6 Dana Davis
8 Kristian Jenkin
9 Christy Russelburg
10 Ross Gatlin
11 Alex Thomas
13 Dennis Eastwood
14 Hunter Dayberry
14 Julie Hendrickson
15 Brandon Rhea
15 Tessa Rhea
18 Daylee Shelton
21 Bonnie Conrad

27 Lilly O'Daniel
28 Kieira Austin
28 Miles Davis
28 Haley Overfield
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.

- 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
- 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