STURGIS FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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"…A PLANTING OF THE LORD." ISAIAH 61:3



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Grilled Hotdogs
Slaw
Veggies and Chips with Dip
Macaroni and Cheese
Dessert

HONORING PASTOR JARED AUSTIN DURING PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Each October, Pastor Appreciation Month gives us a special opportunity to pause and thank Jared Austin for his faithful service to our church and community. Much of Jared's ministry happens both in public and behind the scenes. Beyond preaching and teaching, he prays with families, offers encouragement during challenging times, celebrates life's joyful milestones, and provides steady spiritual leadership through every season.

Jared carries the important responsibility of leading with conviction while caring for people with compassion. He prepares messages, guides ministry, helps others through demanding situations, and encourages each of us to grow in faith. His work is deeply meaningful, but it can also be demanding. We want Jared to know that his prayers, leadership, sacrifice, and faithful service are seen, valued, and making a difference in our lives.

Meaningful Ways to Appreciate Pastor Jared

- **Pray intentionally.** Pray for Jared's wisdom, health, family, spiritual strength, and renewed joy in ministry.
- **Share personal encouragement.** Write Jared a note describing a sermon, prayer, conversation, or act of leadership that has helped you.
- **Support his family.** Recognize the sacrifices made by Jared's family and respect their need for meaningful time together.
- **Serve faithfully alongside him.** Volunteer, follow through on commitments, and help carry the work of the church.
- **Offer practical kindness.** A meal, thoughtful gift, encouraging message, or opportunity for rest can show Jared that he is genuinely appreciated.

Church Board Reports

If you're interested in how our church manages its resources, we are happy to share that financial reports are now available for your review. These reports detail our finances, including income, expenses, and the generous support that keeps our ministry thriving.

You can find copies on the desk between the Sanctuary doors.

We invite all members to stay informed and involved as we conduct our mission together.

Sunday Night Youth Meals - We Need You!

We need volunteers to provide Sunday evening meals for about 20 young people. Please bring both food and drinks.

No fancy cooking required - simply tasty food delivered to the church by 6:00 p.m.

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

Ways to Serve

Volunteers are needed to clean the church's upstairs area. If you can assist, please contact the church office (270) 333-2115.

The cleaning follows a rotating schedule, and every contribution helps keep our space welcoming.

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.

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.

Food Pantry

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 31 families and 57 individuals during September'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.

October's distribution will take place on Saturday, the 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



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 (270) 952-2112.

Wednesday, Women's Bible Study: Class starts at 6:00 p.m.

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

SERVANT SCHEDULE

October 18, 2026

Nursery: Emilee Black and Kieira Austin

Beginner's Church: Heather Lewis and Isaac Davis

Children's Church: Ryan Davis and Travis Neitz

Communion Meditation: David Shouse

Sunday Hallway Monitor: Matt Willett

Sunday School:

PREK and K: Whitney Simmons and Eliot Simmons

1st – 5th Grades: Liz Wadlington

Middle School: Caitlin Nikolai

High School: Jared Austin and Cierra Austin

Adult Class: Charlie Watson

Coffee, Donuts & Communion Prep: Joe and Suzanne Woodring

Greeters: Kelly Steward and Brenda Gernatt

Computer: Alan Dayberry

Cleaning: Upstairs Section #1: Jared, Cierra and HS Youth Group

Upstairs Section #2: Heidi Willett

Youth Meet Sunday Evenings:

Middle School: Class 4:00 p.m.

High School: Meal and Class 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Youth Meal: Haley Thomas

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

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.

-Jared Austin Family
-Myrna Eastwood
-Butts Family
-Jesse Smith(Ryan Utley's Stepfather)
-Betty Stone
-Maggie Nelson
-Becky Adamson
-Katie Cooper
-Doby and Amy Waggener
-Christin Jackson
-Bryce Gill
-Kale Garrett
-Joey Bells
-Ticampeche Village
-All Who Suffer from Addictions
-FCC Trustees, Elders, Deacons, and FCC Family
-Meadows Ministry, Children and Families
-FCC Food Pantry
-Missions Throughout the World
-Our Country and its Leaders

UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS

Thanksgiving Meal: Wednesday, November 18th at 5:15 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program: Sunday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m.

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