

First Christian Church Newsletter

April 14, 2026

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

(270) 333-2115

SERVANT SCHEDULE

April 19, 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: Nathan Jenkin

Sunday Hallway Monitor: Lee Baird

Sunday School:

PREK and K: Whitney Simmons and Eliot Simmons

1st – 5th 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: Middle School: Class 4:00 p.m.

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

Sunday Night Youth Group Meal: **Need Volunteers**

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

Easter Offering

Thank you to everyone for your generous donation to the Easter offering. We are grateful for your kindness and support. The offering was divided equally, with one half going to Coach's Closet and the other half to our Food Pantry. Blessings to both organizations as they continue their important work in our community.



Baptisms On Sunday, April 12th Gunnar Dayberry was baptized. This significant event marks the beginning of his journey in faith and his commitment to spiritual growth. Let us join together in prayer for Gunnar, asking for guidance and support as he continues to develop and strengthen his spiritual life.

Church Name and Address Directory

For a copy of the Church Name and Address Directory, please reach out to the church office at (270) 333-2115 or (270) 969-0654.

The church office is committed to keeping our name and address directory current and accurate for all members and attendees. If you become aware of any changes, corrections, or new additions that need to be made to the directory, we kindly ask that you notify the church office as soon as possible. Your assistance helps ensure that everyone has the most up-to-date contact information and that our community stays connected.



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 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 pizza, side salad, veggies with dip, chips, plus dessert. We trust that these selections will provide a welcoming experience for all attendees.



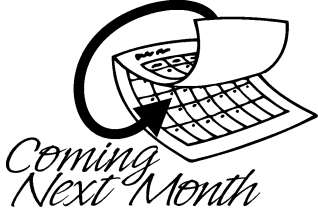
Tyler and Daelynn Steelman are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Raiden Bryce Steelman. Raiden was born on March 6th, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz and measuring 20.5 inches in length. We extend our best wishes to the Steelman family during this important time.

Births in the Church Family



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>



Fish Fry Event Details

It's that time of the year for our famous fish fry with all the trimmings, plus Livers Ice Cream. The fish fry will be held on Wednesday night, May 13th. This meal will mark the conclusion of our Wednesday night activities for the school year.

Mother's Day Celebrations at Church Special Mother's Day Treat for Ladies

On Mother's Day, May 10th, the ladies of the church are invited to enjoy a special celebration during the Sunday School hour. A coffee bar will be set up exclusively for them, offering a delightful selection of coffee. In addition to the coffee, a variety of donuts and freshly baked Great Harvest Bread will be served, providing a warm and inviting atmosphere for all the women in attendance.

Youth Activities Hosted by the Men

While the ladies enjoy their special time, the men of the church will take responsibility for entertaining the youth. This arrangement ensures that the ladies can relax and fully appreciate the quiet, dedicated time prepared just for them.



Ladies Fellowship Night **May 16th 5-7 p.m.**

Come spend an evening of food, fellowship and a fun guided painting class taught by Dana Davis.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert. Sign up in the church lobby or RSVP to Melissa Gatlin (270) 752-0540 or Stephanie Baird (270) 952-0655 by April 26th.

Nursery will be provided by the youth group.



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.

[Join Us in Making a Difference](#)

Are you passionate about shaping young hearts and minds with the love and truth of Christ? Our church is actively seeking dedicated individuals to step into the role of teachers within our congregation. This is an extraordinary opportunity to be a guiding light for our youth, share your faith, and make a lasting impact on the next generation.

[Why We Need You](#)

Teaching is more than sharing knowledge it is about fostering growth, encouraging curiosity, and building a community rooted in faith. Whether it's leading a Sunday school session, organizing youth programs, or hosting small group studies, your involvement can transform lives.

[Who Can Apply?](#)

We welcome everyone who feels called to serve, regardless of teaching experience. If you have a heart for nurturing others in their spiritual journey and a desire to grow in your own faith, you're exactly who we're looking for.

[How to Get Involved](#)

If you're interested in joining our teaching ministry, please reach out to the church office (270) 333-2115, Jared Austin, Associate Youth Minister (270) 841-3693 or speak with one of our church leaders during Sunday services. Training and resources will be provided to equip you for this rewarding role.

[Let's Pray Together](#)

As we seek individuals to join this vital ministry, let us pray for God's guidance and wisdom. May He direct the right individuals to this calling and empower them to teach with love, patience, and dedication.

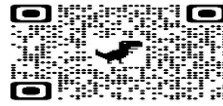
[Answer the Call](#)

Teaching in the church is not just a responsibility; it's a blessing and a privilege. Together, let's invest in the spiritual growth of our congregation and carry forward the mission to share God's Word.

Your church family needs you, and we are excited to welcome you into this important ministry. Let's walk this path of faith together!

[Our Wee Ones](#)

For those interested in serving in another vital area of ministry, the church nursery offers a wonderful opportunity to nurture and care for the youngest members of our congregation. Volunteers in the nursery play a key role in providing a safe, loving environment where parents can worship and engage in church activities knowing their children are well cared for. This ministry is a unique way to show Christ's love through kindness and patience, and it's an incredible blessing both to the families and to the volunteers themselves.



You will find “Good Christian Shows” and all kinds of Bible Studies. The Church pays for this subscription. It is free for you to sign up and use via QR Code or you can text **FCC712** to **49775**

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.

Wednesday, Women’s Bible Study: Class meets at 6:00 p.m. On Wednesday, January 7th 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 Thompsen 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!

APRIL ANNIVERSERIES



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

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.

- 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