

First Christian Church Newsletter

May 5, 2026

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

(270) 333-2115

SERVANT SCHEDULE

May 10, 2026

Nursery: Kendra Loxley and Ella Loxley

Beginner's Church: Kassie Green and Sadie Green

Children's Church: Melissa Gatlin

Communion Meditation: Lee Baird

Sunday Hallway Monitor: Stephen Loxley

Sunday School:

PREK and K: Kassie Green and Jason Green

1st – 5th 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: Cancelled

Cancelled

Sunday Night Youth Group Meal: Cancelled

Sunday Pray Gathering: Cancelled

Special Mother's Day Treat for Ladies

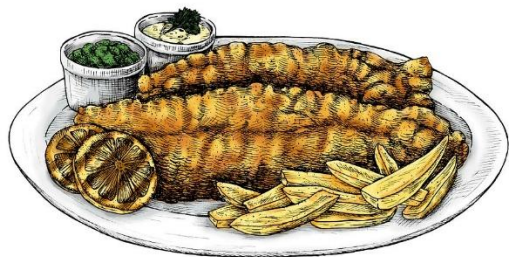
On Mother's Day, May 10th, all church ladies are invited to a special Sunday School celebration. There will be an exclusive coffee bar with a variety of options for a relaxing morning.

Guests can enjoy coffee, donuts, and fresh Great Harvest Bread in a friendly setting. All women are invited to join for fellowship and celebration.

Youth Activities Hosted by the Men

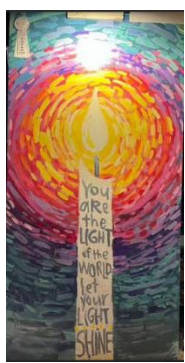
During the ladies' special event, the men of the church will be responsible for hosting activities for the youth. This thoughtful arrangement allows the ladies to unwind and enjoy their dedicated celebration, knowing that the youth are being well cared for and engaged in meaningful activities.

Fish Fry Event Details



We are excited to announce the return of our renowned annual fish fry, complete with all the classic sides and the ever-popular Livers Ice Cream. This special meal will take place on Wednesday night, May 13th. It is a cherished tradition that brings our church family together for an evening of great food and fellowship. In addition to delicious fish and a variety of trimmings, attendees can look forward to enjoying Livers Ice Cream, a favorite treat among our members.

The fish fry will serve as the final Wednesday night gathering for the school year, marking the conclusion of our midweek activities until classes resume again. We encourage everyone to join us for this memorable event, celebrating another wonderful year of Wednesday night fellowship. .



Ladies Fellowship Night

If you have registered for the Ladies Fellowship Night on May 16th, please remember to bring a dessert or an appetizer to share with the group.

Prepare yourself for an enjoyable evening filled with delicious food, fun activities, and wonderful fellowship. The event will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m.

The Youth Group will provide nursery.



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.

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.

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, chips, and salad plus dessert. We trust that these selections will provide a welcoming experience for all attendees.

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>



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 30 families, reaching a total of 88 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 May distribution will take place on Saturday, the 16th 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 25th. Each evening, sessions will run from 5:00 to 7:30 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 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.

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 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!

MAY ANNIVERSERIES

2 Aaron and Kelsie Stevens
6 Peter and Cailtin 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 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
- 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