



Our mission is "To Glorify God as Disciples of Jesus Christ by reaching up, reaching in, reaching out."

Prayers Are Being Sent To:

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**WORKERS FOR DECEMBER**

**SOUND**  
 Tracy Snowden  
 Jesse Likens

**COMMUNION**  
 Deacons are taking care of this

**ORGAN/PIANO**  
 12/01—Ann S.  
 12/08 - Becky S.  
 12/15—Praise Tm  
 12/22 - Ann S.  
 12/29 - Becky S.

**DEACONS**  
 Bee Williams  
 Suzanne Waite  
 Mike Wilson  
 Kay Scrivner  
 this can be changed if it needs to

**ELDERS**  
 12/01—Steve G.  
 12/08- Phyllis R.  
 12/15 - Phillip W.  
 12/22 - Elmer A.  
 12/29 - Steve G.

**NURSERY**  
 12/01 - Kathy T.  
 12/08 - Becky C.  
 12/15 - Liz R.  
 12/22 - Sue C.  
 12/29 - Jennifer W.



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jesse Likens
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Judy Lewis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Randy Kiser
- 6<sup>th</sup> Joseph Crawford
- 9<sup>th</sup> Linda Williams
- 10<sup>th</sup> Wanda Wilson
- 15<sup>th</sup> W. J. Noland
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jim McIntosh
- 17<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Kiser
- Dalon Ingram
- 21<sup>st</sup> Loyd Flynn
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Phyllis Noland
- 28<sup>th</sup> Kay Daugherty
- 29<sup>th</sup> Keith Birchfield



**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 30<sup>th</sup> Erin Fox Brooks

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED/REQUESTED**

- 12/01 - Elmer/Jackie A.
- 12/08 - Steve/Pat G.
- 12/15 - Barsha H./Sue C.
- 12/22 - Joe/Judy W.
- 12/29 - Becky C./Jayne C.

- SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**  
 5:00p - Meal in Fellowship Hall  
 6:00p - Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
 7:00p - Choir



**Living Thankful Lives**

Mature Christians know that the Christian life is not something you turn on and off. It is who we are all the time. Colossians 3:17 is a verse that we probably know, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...". Christians know that their faith is more than just a mental exercise. It is something that shows itself in what they do in words and deeds and I'm thankful for all the Christians of this church that are busily using their faith, serving God in so many ways and volunteering. It has been a good year of service!

However, the last part of the verse, I believe, is one that is often neglected, "giving thanks to God the Father through Him." The first part says, whatever we do we do it representing Jesus Christ our Savior, but the last part of the verse tells us how we're to do it with thanksgiving to God. Whatever we do we're to do it for God in a spirit of Thanksgiving. I'm so looking forward to the Thanksgiving holiday. I'm looking forward to the food and the family and the fun. I'm looking forward to sharing how thankful I am to God for how He has blessed my life. I think most Christians can relate and this holiday as a really good one for being thankful. Even people in the world will take a moment on this holiday and give thanks to God.

The challenge is to live thankful lives in whatever we do, not to let a spirit of entitlement or self-promotion be the motivating factors for why we do what we do. Instead, we do everything because we love the Lord and we are thankful to Him.

This week as we finish up our 40 days of prayer, I encourage you to focus daily prayer time on being thankful.

MON 11/25 READ Matt. 1:6-9. Give thanks to the Lord for all He has done for you. List the ways God has provided for and protected you.

TUES 11/26 READ Ephesians. 4:4-16. Give thanks to the Lord for your church family. Praise Him for those that have encouraged you, and those in special need of prayer.

WED. 11/27 READ 2 Chronicles 7:14. Give thanks to the Lord for the blessings that you have received by living in America. Pray that God will work to turn the wrong to right.

THUR 11/28 READ Eph. 6:1-4. Give thanks to the Lord for the family members that He has provided for you; siblings, parents, grandparents that cared for and loved you past and present.

FRI. 11/29 READ 1 Peter 3:15-16. Give thanks to the Lord that you live in Irvine. Praise him for putting you in this town and ask him to show you who you need to befriend and share your faith with.

May we strive to live with a thankful heart each day.

Bro. Matt

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30a - Bible Study 10:45a - Worship	2	3	4 5:00p - Meal - brown bag 6:00p - Bible Study 7:00p - Choir	5	6 7:00p - Kiwanis Christmas Parade	7 10a-1p - Elizabeth Witt Christmas Party at the Fairground
8 9:30a - Bible Study 10:45a - Worship	9	10	11 5:00p - Meal - potluck 6:00p - Bible Study 7:00p - Choir	12	13 6:00p - CWF Christmas Dinner	14
15 9:00a - Christmas Breakfast 10:45a - Worship	16	17	18 5:00p - Meal - brown bag 6:00p - Bible Study 7:00p - Choir	19	20	21
22 9:45a - Bible Study 10:45a - Worship Choir Cantata	23	24 7:00p - Candlelight Com- munion Service	25 	26	27	28
29 9:45a - Bible Study 10:45a - Worship 6:30p - Thanksgiving Svc Ravenna Christian Ch	30	31				



## BOARD MINUTES December, 2024

The official Board of the Irvine First Christian Church, Inc. of Irvine, Kentucky, did not meet in regular session in November, therefore there are no minutes to publish.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Wilson  
Secretary



*Merry Christmas  
From  
Matt & Trish Hagle  
Kay Scrivner  
Margaret & Stevie LeMaster  
The Musicians*

The [Estill County Community Food Bank](#) is an on-going project and is always grateful for donations. Demand continues to grow. **December collection will be anything and everything, as long as it is in cans for the time being. Monetary contributions are also accepted. Please make checks to the Estill County Community Food Bank.** You can give the contributions to Steve Garrett.



## CFW HAPPENINGS

It has been a busy and blessed couple of months with Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and other activities. Thanks to everyone who contributed money, shopped/filled shoeboxes and prayed to support this shoebox ministry in sharing the gospel around the world. **This year our church filled 125 shoeboxes; that is the most we have ever filled!! Just think, 125 gospel opportunities to share Jesus Christ with a child who has never heard about Him and the impact on the life changing experience they will have.** We are grateful for the blessings we receive being a part of this shoebox ministry.

### Christmas Cookie Exchange

Sunday December 8th, 3pm

Home of Annette & Brady Anthony

Light Refreshments

Meet at church 2:15p for carpool to Anthony's home

**Ladies bring 3 dozen YUMMY cookies to exchange!!**

Guys are also welcome!!

**Please list name on sign up sheet, on front pew, so the Anthony's will know how many people plan to attend.**

### CFW Ladies Christmas Dinner

December 13<sup>th</sup> 6pm (Friday)

Individual Table Decorating

Ornament Exchange

**\$16 per person**

**Last day to sign up to attend dinner and pay is Dec 8th. Cash or check accepted; please make check to CFW. Invite a friend to join.**

**Please bring a canned food item on the night of the dinner to donate to our local Food Bank and bless a family this Christmas "Season of Giving".**

We invite you to check out CFW in the New Year. We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month. All ages are welcome. Bring a friend, new ideas and join us for a time of sharing, planning outreach activities and guaranteed fun fellowship!! We look forward to seeing you!!

May God bless you and your family with peace and love during this Christmas Season and in the New Year!!

Thanks,  
Pat



FCC Christmas Elves Pat and Steve Garrett loaded up the shoeboxes to take to the collection center.



The workers at Salem Baptist church working hard to box up and mail the shoeboxes.

Shoeboxes are taken to Salem Baptist Church to be packed up to be sent.



You can watch the morning worship service on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstChristianChurchIrvine>  
The service begins at 10:45 a.m.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Elmer Adams, Kathy Duvall, Ann Hardy, Barsha Honchell, Mark Honchell, Debby Jones, Phyllis and W. J. Noland, Lois and Verlon Prewitt, Grace Sheffer, Jackie Staton, Bill Ball, Brandon Boling, Becky Riley Brode, Scotty Durbin, Tommy Harrison, Rheta Klump, Jessica Mays, Ronald Mays, Whitney Mays, Dale Perry, Cindy Rice, Wade Slusher, Matt Vaught, Gene Whorley, Aniah Wilson, Karen Wilson, Unspoken Requests, All Covid patients, Ukraine situation



**FAMILIES OF:** Susie Ballard, Ruby Hunt, David Murphy

**The Willows at Hamburg:** Wanda Wilson

**Legacy Retirement Community:** Letitia King

**Irvine Health & Rehabilitation:** Peggy Kayse

**MILITARY:** Landon Carroll, Blake Dobbs, Austin Hayes, Austin Isaacs, Koda Boone Jones, Michael Tudor, Joey Warren

**MISSIONARIES:** Brian & Wendy Kiser





### Electronic Giving Through SQUARE

The Board approved the use of Square as an electronic option to accept tithes and offerings. The system has been operational for a few weeks now. We've had a few volunteers to test the site with great success! You will be able to donate on the website which was free to the church or via the app. We also plan to make the QR code available for quick access. You will receive an email confirmation once your donation has been received. Here

are some basic Q & A to provide more information.

**How much does it cost?**

2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction

**What credit cards can be accepted?**

Visa, MC, Discover, American Express, Apple Pay and Google Pay

**How does FCC get the money?**

Directly deposited into the church's bank account, into the general fund

**Does it track who donated?**

Transactions are tracked by card number and transaction date

Electronic giving is a great option if you are going to miss a Sunday, be on vacation, or just forgot the checkbook! The site gives you the option of selecting a fixed dollar amount or entering in a specific amount. Here is a look at the website and the link to our FCC account. We want to thank Jesse Likens and Kay for creating our site and getting things up and running. Watch the Sunday program for information on how to donate and use the QR code.

<https://irvine-first-christian-church.square.site/> When you go to this web site you will see the below picture. There will be a block where you can select the amount you want to send. The block says Tithe/Offerings



Irvine First Christian Church



*Hope*

- ◇ Day 1: Jeremiah 29:10-14
- ◇ Day 2: Romans 15:8-13
- ◇ Day 3: 1 Peter 1:3-12
- ◇ Day 4: Hebrews 10:19-39
- ◇ Day 5: Psalm 33
- ◇ Day 6: Titus 2:11- 3:8

*Joy*

- ◇ Day 13: Philippians 4:4-9
- ◇ Day 14: Psalm 16
- ◇ Day 15: James 1:2-18
- ◇ Day 16: Psalm 30
- ◇ Day 17: Luke 2:8-20
- ◇ Day 18: John 15:1-11

*Peace*

- ◇ Day 7: Isaiah 9:1-7
- ◇ Day 8: John 14:1-7, 25-31
- ◇ Day 9: John 16:25-33
- ◇ Day 10: Romans 5:1-11
- ◇ Day 11: Ephesians 2:11-22
- ◇ Day 12: Colossians 3:1-17

*Love*

- ◇ Day 19: Micah 7:18-20
- ◇ Day 20: Romans 8:31-39
- ◇ Day 21: John 3:16-21
- ◇ Day 22: 1 John 4:7-21
- ◇ Day 23: Philippians 2:1-11
- ◇ Day 24: 2 Thessalonians 2:13 - 3:5
- ◇ Day 25: Ephesians 2:1-10

