



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

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Prayers Are Being Sent For:

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WORKERS FOR APRIL

SOUND

Tracy Snowden
Jesse Likens

COMMUNION

Deacons are taking
care of this

MUSIC

5/04—Ann S.
5/11 - Praise Tm.
5/18—Becky S.
5/25 - Ann S.

DEACONS

Paul Spicer
Judy Schnittker
Mike Wilson
Jimmy Kiser

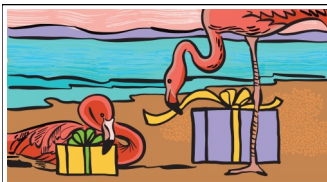
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ELDERS

5/04—Phillip W.
5/11- Elmer A.
5/18- Steve G.
5/25 - Phyllis R.

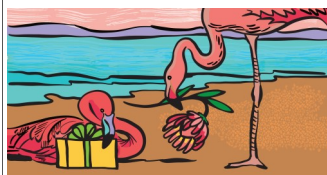
NURSERY

Liz Richardson



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st Justin Reece
4th Joedy Ohr
5th Wade Slusher
10th Karen Wilson
12th Jayne Crawford
Johnny Shepherd
15th Christi Ohr
19th Darrell Ingram
20th Brian Kiser
John Reece, Sr.



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

15th Elmer & Jackie Adams
16th Steve & Pat Garrett
17th Tim & Pat Jones
24th Tom & Robbin Fassas
27th David & Debby Jones

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED/REQUESTED

Becky & Jayne Crawford

SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

5:00p - Meal in Fellow
ship Hall
6:00p - Bible Study in
Fellowship Hall
7:00p - Choir

God Will Make a Way



As I write this, we are just coming off a beautiful Easter service and the Choir did a phenomenal job, led by Becky Snowden. When Jesus was in the grave everyone had lost hope, but on Sunday morning everything changed and Jesus was raised to life. That's how God works in our lives. We don't operate on our own strength. Romans 8:11 is a powerful reminder that "...the Spirit of him who

raised Jesus from the dead is living in you..."

Without warning we find ourselves facing something that is bigger than us that we cannot manage on our own. As we have seen the loss of loved ones in our church just this year, it's a reminder that we don't know what tomorrow holds. There will be dead ends that inevitably happen and everything we try will not change the outcome. But we are trusting in a God that can always make a way when there seems to be no way.

In the month of May we will begin a series on the life of Joseph who faced a long period of time where the people closest to him mistreated him. His life was literally out of his control and he lost everything. Just when things seemed to be getting better, he faced a false accusation which landed him in prison. One thing after another seemed to be happening and just when it looked like things were going to work out it got worse. This is a picture of our life. There will be periods of time when God seems quiet when everything seems to be going wrong. We can learn so many lessons from Joseph by how he lived his life. Ultimately, we will see that God blesses him and resolves family issues. Joseph is my favorite Bible character, one whom I have gained so much encouragement from.

I encourage you to read ahead in preparation for this series:

May 4	Genesis 39
May 11	Genesis 40,41
May 18	Genesis 42-45
May 25	Genesis 46,47

I've learned firsthand that God really can make a way even when it doesn't seem possible. My prayer is that you will find this to be true for your life.

Bro. Matt

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



Phyllis Rucker & Liz Richardson

Recently a group of First Christian Church members gathered to bowl and enjoy pizza and as you can tell they had FUN! Are you having fun with the members of your church? If not, we're inviting you to come and experience what's possible at First Christian Church.



Matt Hagle, Paul Spicer, Steve Garrett and Elmer Adams



Trish Hagle, Jayne Crawford, Lesa Spicer, Jesse Likens, Lily Hessel



Lily Hessel, Phyllis Rucker, Jackie and Elmer Adams, Trish and Matt Hagle, Jesse Likens, Pat and Steve Garrett, Liz Richardson, Jayne Crawford, Lesa and Paul Spicer

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Becky Snowden gave the devotional based on Colossians 3:2 "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

A story was shared about a Mom who was not very excited or enthusiastic about Easter this year. She was focused on her own problems, a broken heart and broken family. Her story reminded us that we all experience troubles and hardships and will as long as we live on this earth, but these things don't have to harden our hearts. God gives us the freedom to choose where

we want to focus our minds... on things that are above or things that are on earth. Jesus died on the cross and rose on the third day and sits at the right hand of God, our Father. He is always interceding for us. He can help us resist the temptation to focus on the earthly things and focus instead on things that are above.

Come join us at CWF, Wednesday night bible Study, Sunday School and Sunday morning worship. It helps us focus our minds on Him!

The **Estill County Community Food Bank** is an on-going project and is always grateful for donations. Demand continues to grow. **May 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.

Parking Lot Ministry



We are excited to announce a new ministry at FCC to assist our members and guests. Starting Easter Sunday, we are offering assistance from the parking lot into the building! This will take several forms with a team who is there to make accessing the sanctuary easier.

We have a single person electric scooter, wheelchairs and our chair lift (stair mounted) available. Those serving on the ministry team will be identified with safety vest, walkie-talkies and will be stationed outside both the front and back of the property. On those rainy days they will also escort you with large umbrellas.

If you are coming in the sanctuary doors facing Main St, we can bring the scooter or wheelchair to your car and assist you inside. If you wish your car to be parked to shorten your walk, we can bring assistive equipment to you and park your car for you. The team is also available to bring an assistive device to the parking lot once you have parked and help you reach the sanctuary.

The team is also on hand to welcome guests and acquaint them with where to park and the location of all entrances. Please spread the word about this new service to those who would benefit from it. Many people would love to be in worship with us but need a little help to overcome some barriers.

We want to thank Bee Williams for heading up this important service team. Please contact him for details if you would like to serve in this way.

Save the Date!
SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2025
FROM 9AM TO 3:30PM
LOCATION: ESTILL COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER
100 GOLDEN COURT, IRVINE, KY

FREE EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Continental Breakfast
- Speakers
- Worship Music
- Hot Lunch
- Crafts
- Fellowship
- Snacks
- Giveaways
- Attendee Gifts!
- Reservation REQUIRED

*Purchase a Retreat Keepsake Shirt (optional \$10)

Are you joining us? Seating is LIMITED! Email Jackie at JackieKAdams@gmail.com and include Full name, email address, phone number and shirt size if you want to purchase a shirt at the event.

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Tell you
about my
Jesus

First Christian Church's 9th Annual Women's Retreat

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<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

