



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 JUNE

### SOUND

Tracy Snowden  
Jesse Likens

### COMMUNION

**Deacons are taking  
care of this**

### MUSIC

6/1—Becky S.  
6/8 - Praise Tm.  
6/15—Ann S.  
6/22 - Ann S.  
6/29 - Praise Tm.

### DEACONS

Suzanne Waite  
Kay Scrivner  
Dave Shnittker  
Bee Williams

**this can be changed if  
it needs to**

### ELDERS

6/01—Steve G.  
6/8- Elmer A.  
6/15- Steve G.  
6/22 - Phyllis R.  
6/29 - Phillip W.

### NURSERY

Liz Richardson



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5th Steven Honchell  
7th Judy Warren  
10th Glenn Scrivner  
Eric Jenkins  
14th Phillip Waite  
18th Staci York  
20th Braxton Crowe  
Bryan Whorley  
Noah Williams  
22nd Ann Hardy  
25th Joyce Spicer



### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1st Bee & Andrea Williams  
6thBrady & Annette Anthony  
9th Tracy & Becky Snowden  
23rd Donald & Ann Hardy

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

#### AVAILABLE WHEN NEEDED/REQUESTED

Marty & Staci York

#### SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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

## Tough Faith?

What an encouraging time to be away at the DHF conference, to be reminded of our purpose. It's not found in a man-made denomination, but rather in being true to our purpose to make disciples. It was an encouraging time to be together with ten of us from the church; lots of good music and lots of good preaching. I found myself returning home excited to do ministry.

Last month we finished our sermon series on Joseph, a reminder to us that God can always make a way. Joseph was certainly a hero of the faith. Faith can be difficult and chal-

lenging. For the month of June, we will be looking at a tough faith. We don't like to associate the word "tough" with faith, but the scriptures remind us that God tests our faith. Hebrews 12:7 says, "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as His children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?" The Lord teaches us that we need to exercise a tough faith, for God will allow things to happen and will put us through tests that we will have to bear up under. James went so far as to say, "Consider it pure joy...when you face trials of many kinds" (1:2). He goes on to say that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

The purpose of the series is not to discourage us, but to remind us to bear up under difficulties that come, because that is what God expects and that is what God has allowed for our ultimate good. Won't you read ahead in preparation for these messages?

June 8: Philippians 4:4-7  
June 22: James 1:13-18  
June 29: John 11:1-45  
July 13. 1 Thessalonians 1  
July 20. 1 Thessalonians 2

I also want to remind all the ladies to sign up for the Ladies' Retreat on June 28th. The theme this year is "Let Me Tell You About My Jesus." Lots of preparations are being made. I know it will be a great time of encouragement. Please sign up.

Trish and I praise the Lord that He has led us to this wonderful loving church and that when there are tests and difficulties, we have a loving church body to help support us through them all. It's hard to believe it's been two years since I began ministry here. We continue to be excited as I see God move in our congregation. Thank you for all your kindness and support! We love you!

Bro. Matt





### CHURCH HAPPENINGS

On May 18th, First Christian Church hosted the baccalaureate service for the 2025 graduates of Estill County High School. Ann Siudmak, one of our pianists played for the service, Suzanne Waite our Board Chairperson provided the message to the graduates and Bro Matt did the blessing of the graduates. Cousins William Mullins and Ella Seale provided special music. A reception was held afterwards for graduates and attendees.



On Wednesday May 7-9, 10 members of our congregation attended the DHF Conference in Illinois. Those attending were Bro Matt & Trish, Pat & Steve Garrett, Elmer & Jackie Adams, Phyllis Rucker, Suzanne Waite and Becky & Tracy Snowden. They met up with Bro Greg & Sherri Humpert and Bro Rick Grace who was instrumental in us getting Bro Matt as our pastor.



### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

#### **June Christian Women's Fellowship Devotion by Annette Anthony "Holy Moments"**

This month, our CWF women gathered to reflect on how small, intentional acts—what author Matthew Kelly calls *Holy Moments*—can bring God's love into everyday life. Through scripture, shared stories, and discussion, we explored how to recognize and respond to these moments with grace and purpose.

Each attendee received a copy of the book *Holy Moments* to continue the journey beyond our time together. We left encouraged to be more present, more prayerful, and more open to the quiet ways God invites us to make a difference.

The [Estill County Community Food Bank](#) is an on-going project and is always grateful for donations. Demand continues to grow. **June 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.

*Save the Date!*  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

**let me Tell you about my Jesus**

First Christian Church's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat



Bee Williams

Dave Schnittker and Paul Spicer



#### **Parking Lot Ministry**

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.

#### **Electronic Giving Through SQUARE**

Please pull up this website on your smart phone or go to: <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

