

Find Hope, Purpose, and Community *HERE* at First Christian Church of Irvine

Hope & Grace

We have been studying the story of Easter in Luke's Gospel, taking a closer look at the details of Jesus' arrest, His execution, and the women who went to the tomb. Even though it was a dark and uncertain time, hope was already on the way for the followers of Jesus. Throughout the Gospel accounts, hope is always near—even when the situation seems impossible to those living through it. This reminds us that we, too, can have hope when we face circumstances that feel overwhelming or beyond anything we have encountered before.

I hope you will make it a priority to join us for our Maundy Thursday service on April 2 at 7:00 p.m., when we will remember the night before Jesus was arrested. Then on Sunday, April 5, we will gather to celebrate the resurrection. The resurrection is our ultimate hope! We know Jesus went to the cross because of His love and His amazing grace.

Beginning April 12, we will start a new sermon series titled "God's Amazing Grace" as we study the life of Jacob. This will be a meaningful study with powerful reminders of God's love and grace. Even when we fail Him or go our own way, God never gives up on us. He continues to work in our lives and always has a purpose for us.



-Bro Matt

Here is the schedule for our sermons in April.

Read ahead and come prepared to hear God's Word.

April 5- A New Chapter, Luke 24:49-53

April 12- For Those Who Take Shortcuts, Genesis 25 and 27

April 19- For Those Who Face Consequences, Genesis 28 and 29

April 26- God Always Comes Through, Genesis 30 and 31

Office & Service Hours:

Office: Tues/Wed/Thurs-
9:00am - 3:00pm

Sunday School

9:45am
-Fellowship Hall
-Chapel

Sunday Worship Service

10:45am
-Sanctuary

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Bro. Matt Hagle

Looking for a Church?

We invite you to join us- bring
the entire family!



Trish Hagle

Several years ago, I was honored when the pastor of my previous church asked if I would consider becoming a greeter. When the facilitator of the greeting ministry welcomed me onto the team, I felt right away that this was where God wanted me to serve. I felt that then, and I still feel that way today.

Now I serve as the facilitator and fill in wherever needed, but my passion for this ministry has never changed.

Are there qualifications to serve as a greeter? Believe it or not, there are a few. First, there must be a sincere desire to help someone you may have never met before — especially a first-time visitor — feel comfortable and genuinely welcomed when they walk through our doors.

It's also important for our greeters to be familiar with what our church offers. Visitors may have simple questions, such as where the restrooms are located, where Children's Church is held, or when children are dismissed from the service. Being able to help guide them helps them feel at ease and cared for.

This is the heart of our team. I truly believe that each person who serves in this ministry sees it as an opportunity to serve the Lord. It is a great privilege for me to serve our Lord and Savior alongside them.

Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

-Trish

Become an FCC Member today!

Deciding to make First Christian Church of Irvine your church home is a special decision. If you're ready to take the next step toward membership or have questions, contact Pastor Matt Hagle at 865-207-7258.

This Month's Events



April 2nd, 2026
Maundy Thursday Service
7:00pm

Join us for our Maundy Thursday Service as we remember the night Jesus shared the Last Supper with His disciples and prepared for the cross. It is a meaningful time as we remember Christ's great love for us.



April 5th, 2026
Easter Sunday Service
10:45am

Celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday with us as we gather to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Come experience the hope, victory, and new life that Easter brings as we worship together.



Pat Garrett,
CWF Leader

The Christian Women's Fellowship continues to be a special place where the women of our church and community gather to pray, plan, and encourage one another in faith. One of the highlights of our year is preparing for our Annual Women's Retreat, a meaningful time set aside for spiritual renewal and fellowship. Plans are already underway for this year's retreat, which will include a guest speaker, worship music, a hands-on craft, table discussions, and delicious food. It's always a special opportunity for women to step away from the busyness of life and spend intentional time growing in their relationship with God and with one another.

To help make the retreat possible, the Christian Women's Fellowship hosts several fundraisers throughout the year. Two of our biggest efforts are the Annual Bake Sale held on April 19th, and our Mountain Mushroom Festival parking fundraiser on Saturday, April 25th. During the festival, the men and women of First Christian Church of Irvine volunteer to help manage parking in our church lot for visitors attending the event. With our church located so close to the festival, this provides a wonderful way to serve our community while also raising funds to support our retreat and ministry efforts.

We are thankful for the many volunteers who give their time and energy to help make these events successful. Your support continues to make a difference and allows this ministry to bless women in our church and community each year.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please see me! Thank you in advance for considering to support our CWF group!

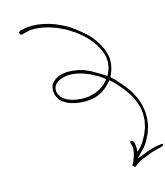
-Pat

2025 CWF Annual Women's Retreat

Here are some photos of our event. Stay tuned...we want YOU to join us this year!



SAVE THE DATE



JOIN US for our April Meeting!
April 11th, 2026 9:30am
First Christian Church of Irvine

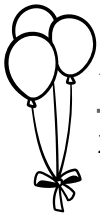
Saturday- April 25th, 2026 Annual Mushroom Festival Parking Lot Fundraiser



Why it's fun to help

- You'll meet people from all over who are visiting our community
- It's a great way to serve together with friends from church
- Every car that parks helps support our ministry and retreat

Many hands make light work, and even a short shift helps tremendously. Let's work together to make this another successful year of serving our community while supporting the ministries of First Christian Church. If you'd like to help, please see Pat Garrett or let us know you're available. We'd love to have you join the team!



2nd – Tobo Bryant
 4th – Janie Ohr
 5th – Chelsea Herron
 9th – Jenny Lynch
 10th – Piper Scurlock
 11th – Joe Warren
 15th – Robbin Fassas
 22nd – Lizzie Richardson
 22nd – Libbie Wilson
 24th – Carolee Robbins
 26th – Max Kiser
 28th – Stacy Kiser
 28th – Linda McIntosh
 29th – Lauren Rader

1st – Paul & Lesa Spicer
 7th – Joe & Judy Warren
 9th – W. J. & Phyllis Noland
 11th – Jeremy & Elizabeth Richardson
 30th – Phillip & Suzanne Waite



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2 Corinthians 9:7 - The emphasis is on giving cheerfully and willingly, with God cherishing a joyful giver.



Maundy Thursday



What is Maundy Thursday?

The church observes traditions that add meaning to our faith. For example, Candlelight Christmas Eve services are special times when Christians gather with family to celebrate the birth of Christ, even though the Bible does not specifically mention such an event. In the same way, Good Friday services are powerful and meaningful, though Scripture does not command that we observe them. When Christians gather to remember events the Bible does describe, those moments can be especially meaningful.

The word Maundy comes from the Latin word Mandatum, meaning “mandate” or “commandment.” It refers to the command Jesus gave His disciples on the night before His crucifixion.

Maundy Thursday marks the day Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples. It was also the night of His betrayal and arrest. Scripture records two significant events from that evening.

The first was Jesus instituting the Lord’s Supper, or Communion (Luke 22:19–20), which became an ordinance of the church. The early Christians regularly gathered to observe the Lord’s Supper (Acts 20:7). On this special night, we share Communion together as we remember Jesus’ last supper with His disciples.

The second event was Jesus washing the disciples’ feet (John 13:3–17). His act of humility and service set an example for us to love and serve one another.

On that same night, Jesus also gave what He called a new command: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34–35

The Bible does not command Christians to observe Maundy Thursday, nor does it forbid it. However, remembering the Last Supper and Christ’s example of humility and service can be a meaningful part of our faith. We invite you to join us for this special service. Our prayer is that you will find it as spiritually meaningful and encouraging as we do.

Join us, Thursday, April 2nd 7:00pm!