



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 NOVEMBER

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| <u>SOUND</u> Tracy Snowden Jesse Likens |  1 st Elizabeth Bryant 6 th Becky Snowden Susan Rader 9 th Kim Noland Andrea Williams 10 th Michael Durand 11 th Gwen Arthur Phil Daugherty 16 th Rachel Puckett 17 th Sherri B Sullivan 22 nd Kay Scrivner 25 th Margaret LeMaster |
| <u>COMMUNION</u> Deacons are taking care of this |  None that we know of |
| <u>MUSIC</u> 11/2—Ann S. 11/9 - Praise Tm. 11/16— Becky S. 11/23 - Ann S. 11/30 - | |
| <u>DEACONS</u> Paul Spicer Kay Scrivner Dave Schnittker Mike Wilson this can be changed if it needs to | |
| <u>ELDERS</u> 11/2—Steve G. 11/9- Phyllis R. 11/16- Phillip W. 11/23 - Elmer A. 11/30 - Steve G. | |
| <u>GREETERS</u> 11/2 - Brenda H/ Kathy T 11/9 - Judy L/Janie O 11/16- Barsha H/ Pam I 11/23 - Carolee R/Liz R 11/30 - Heather I/ Lesa S | |
| <u>NURSERY</u> Jayne Crawford | <u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u> Pam Ingram SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 5:45p - Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 7:00p - Choir |

The Church That Prays Together



The Bible says the early Christians devoted themselves to prayer together (Acts 2:42). There are examples of them meeting in people's homes and praying, and the Holy Spirit working in a mighty way (Acts 4:23-35). This kind of praying together is exactly what we're practicing on Wednesday night. If you are not a part of this group you're really missing out on a side of this church that you won't see on Sunday mornings.

I've been in a series on Adventure in Prayer for the last month. I hope that you've been participating in our 40 days of Prayer and I want to remind you that if you want to really see our Church at work in prayer our Wednesday night gathering is the place to be. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. we have about a 40-minute lesson which leads into our time of prayer when we bring individual needs from the church and the community to God. This is when members of the church, together, pray to God bringing praises and lifting up those that are hurting and whose needs have been mentioned. When our church gathers together to pray serious work for the kingdom of God is being done.

In November we continue our sermon series on prayer. Here are the passages for you to read ahead in preparation:

- 11/8 Matthew 6:12
- 11/15 Matthew 6:13,14
- 11/22 Matthew 20:20-23; John 11:21; Luke 9:51-56; James 5:13-15

Trish and I want to thank you for your kind generosity shown to us for Pastor appreciation. What a joy and honor it has been to be your Minister these last 2 years. God is working and blessing our congregation. We are so happy that Heather Ingram has officially joined our church family and are thrilled to have their family (Dalon, Heather and Drake) in our church family! Praise the Lord that Lily Hessel made her confession of faith and was baptized Wednesday, October 29th!

November is going to be filled with lots of variety. I'm so glad my brother will be preaching for me on November 2nd! And then Lord willing, Brian Kiser will be filling in for me on November 30th. I'm so glad he will be back in the church he grew up in!

Of course, we do have our chili cook-off November 15th. Look for the sign-up sheets. We look forward to having a good outreach into our community, lots of fun and lots of chili.

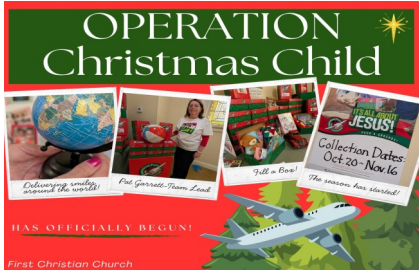
Bro. Matt

P.S. Help is available on Sundays to transport you into the church with a scooter or to help you park your car. Look for those wearing safety vests.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS
FEEDING THE ESTILL COUNTY FOOTBALL TEAM



FCC had the privilege to feed our Estill County Engineer football team on Friday, October 24th. We provided hotdogs, chips, chili, slaw, cookies and drinks. Bee, Elmer, Tracy, Paul, Dave and Bro Matt served. Bro. Matt brought a devotion and had prayer for the team. The team went to Powell County to play and won the game 35-0!!



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox kickoff was October 19th. We will be collecting gift filled shoeboxes until Sunday, November 16th. Shoeboxes are available for you to take and fill with simple gifts, love and prayer. Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry is a wonderful opportunity for our church to bless a child, share the love and gospel of Jesus Christ and give hope to a child who desperately needs it.



Congratulations to the Estill County Marching Engineers on their wonderful season. They came in 3rd at the State Finals out of 25 bands in AA Class. A special congratulations to Teagan Crawford and Abbie Richardson who are members of the band and members of FCC.



Welcome Heather Ingram to the membership of FCC. Heather is the wife of Dalon Ingram and has been attending and volunteering for quite a while.

We also want to welcome Lily Hessel who was baptized into Christ on October 29! We are so happy to have her as a new member!



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our devotional, The Power of Prayer, was from the Book, Power Prayers for Women by Jackie Johnson. It reminds us of how important love, communication and relationships are to each of us. We nurture connections or bonds with friends and family by spending time with them and sharing our deepest thoughts and feelings. Loving friendships and relationships bring joy and fulfillment to our lives. Our connection with God will do the same through spending time in prayer, reading the Bible, and spending time in God's presence. We get caught up in the busyness and chaos of everyday life and neglect to nurture our connection and relationship with God. But God is always ready to listen to our words of gratitude, asking for forgiveness and sharing our needs. "Prayer is not a magical set of words you use to get what you want. It's not based on how you feel. It's not judged by how long you pray, or how loud, or if you use the right words. When you pray in faith, simply and sincerely, each prayer is a powerful moment in God's Spirit." **"Prayer connects us to the One who has the power to make lasting changes in our lives."**

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT -- Elmer Adams will be leading a 3-month study on Preparing for the Lord to Come. What the Bible says about such topics as -- the rapture, tribulation and the glory of Heaven. There will be lots of discussion about the questions Christians have grappled with for 2,000 years. This class meets downstairs in the fellowship hall.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE -- Phyllis Rucker will be teaching three months on questions about Spiritual Warfare. She will be doing a study on such questions as -- does satan have a kingdom; are demons real; and what armor has God given us for warfare? This class meets upstairs behind the sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDY & SURVEY -- Steve Garrett continues his class on what the Bible teaches about various topics and how to live the Christian life. His class meets downstairs in the chapel.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9th, immediately following morning worship. All committee chairs are welcome to provide a report to the congregation.



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