

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



Matt Higle



Easter has always felt exciting and new to me — not because of the surface traditions like baskets or decorations — but because of the content. The real hope we find in the scriptural account of Jesus' resurrection.

Too often we rush past the trial, the crucifixion, and the burial to get to the resurrection, missing powerful details along the way.

This Easter, we're going to slow down and dig into the Gospel of Luke, focusing on what's often overlooked.

It's not light reading. These passages are heavy. Our world is heavy. Many families carry burdens — sickness, conflict, uncertainty, and unspoken prayer requests. Scripture shows that same heaviness surrounded Jesus' arrest and crucifixion.

But whatever is weighing on you, take heart. When it seemed all hope was gone, Jesus rose from the dead — and everything changed. That same hope is available to us today. I encourage you to prepare your heart by reading ahead each week as we walk through these passages together:

-Bro Matt

March 1st- Pilot and the unimportant King, Luke 23:1-16

March 8th- A Death Like No Other, Luke 23:26-48

March 15th- When the Unthinkable Happens, Luke 23:50-56

March 22nd- A New Remembrance, Luke 24:1-12

March 29th- The Hero Appears, Luke 24:49-53

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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Pastor

Bro. Matt Higle

Looking for a Church?

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



Trish Higle

When you visit First Christian Church of Irvine, you'll be warmly greeted by a member of our Welcome Ministry Team. It is truly our privilege to welcome you into our church family.

Our desire is simple — that the moment you walk through our doors, you feel at home. If this is your first visit, you'll receive a welcome gift bag and be invited to complete a visitor card with some basic information. That card is given exclusively to Pastor Matt so he can personally send you a letter of welcome and answer any questions you may have.

If you've visited before but haven't yet made First Christian Church your home church, we invite you to reach out to Pastor Matt with any questions. We would love to help you take that next step — and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

-Trish



“So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.”

-Romans 15:7

(Living Bible Translation)

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 Higle at 865-207-7258.

This Month's Events



March 1st, 2026
Donuts & Fellowship
Fellowship Hall 9:00-9:30am

It's the 1st Sunday of the month! That means donuts and fellowship. Grab a delicious donut and catch up with your FCC family before Sunday School starts.



March 13th, 2026
Trouble at Deadwood
Masonic Lodge- Irvine 6:00pm

Have you ever been to a murder mystery themed dinner? Now's your chance! Join in on an FCC outing. Dinner and show \$20 per person. Fellowship is included!

Christian Women's Fellowship



Pat Garrett,
CWF Leader

Christian Women's Fellowship at First Christian Church of Irvine is more than a monthly meeting. It's a gathering of women rooted in Christ, committed to growing in faith and serving our community with open hands and willing hearts.

Each month, the women of FCC come together to pray, plan, laugh, and lead. Throughout the year, we organize events and projects that meet real needs in our community — from supporting church ministries to uplifting local families. The "Fellowship" part of Christian Women's Fellowship is not just a title. It's something you feel the moment you walk in the room. Our member Annette Anthony said, "My husband and I moved here from Arizona in March of 2024 and when we came to FCC, I immediately plugged into this group. It felt like stepping into a puddle of Jesus-believing women — grounded, joyful, and ready to do good works together. In CWF, we pray for one another, carry each other's burdens, celebrate victories, and grow deeper in our walk with Christ."

If you've been thinking about getting more connected, this is your invitation. Come sit at the table. Come be encouraged. Come use your gifts. Christian Women's Fellowship welcomes women of all ages and stages of life. Whether you're new to FCC or have been here for years, there is a place for you. We would love to see you at our next CWF gathering.

-Pat

March 22nd 2026
Fellowship Hall
CWF Bake Sale



Each year, CWF hosts our highly anticipated Annual Bake Sale — a sweet tradition that helps fund meaningful ministries like our Women's Retreat. We talk about it all month... and then it's over in about 20 minutes!

As soon as the final alleluias fade, the congregation heads to the fellowship hall where tables are filled with homemade pies, cakes, cookies, breads, flour tortillas, and more. Everything is baked with love —

Join us after service, come ready to claim your favorites, and support a wonderful cause while taking home something delicious.

Where Love Shows Up — This Is How We Church

Valentine's Day Dinner Event



- 1st Judy Schnittker
- 10th Phyllis Dawson
- Elmer Adams
- 15th Kathy Thompson
- 17th Meggie Wilson
- 18th Brenda Honchell
- 24th Rhys Crowe
- 25th Brady Anthony
- 27th Paul Spicer



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



Sunday School



Our bible study!



Phyllis Rucker



Elmer Adams

Join Phyllis Rucker and Elmer Adams as they cover TWO great studies in their Sunday School Classes!

The first seven sessions are titled God Is: Understanding the Character of God- In this study, we will explore how God has revealed Himself to us — through Scripture and ultimately through Jesus Christ. Together, we'll look at the attributes of God and gain a clearer understanding of who He truly is. These sessions are designed to strengthen our trust, deepen our faith, and anchor our understanding of God's unchanging character.

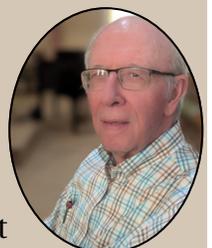
The final six sessions will be Seize the Day: Embracing a Mission with Purpose- This study walks through the book of Acts, where we'll see powerful examples from the early church of believers joyfully embracing their mission. We'll discover what it looks like to live with boldness, purpose, and obedience — even in challenging times — and how that same calling applies to us today.

If you've been looking for a way to grow deeper in your faith and understanding, this is a wonderful time to join us. Adult Sunday School begins at 9:45 AM each Sunday.



If you're looking for a class rooted firmly in Scripture, this one is it! Join Steve Garrett as he walks verse by verse through the Bible with depth and insight. His teaching is both knowledgeable and relatable, helping us understand God's Word and how to apply it to our daily walk with Jesus. A wonderful place to grow deeper in faith.

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Steve Garrett