

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

God's Power in the Church

The older I get, the more I realize my limitations. I only have so much energy each day, I can only accomplish so much in my own strength, and I can't change people. But I've learned the true source of power.

Romans 1:16 says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for everyone who believes." God is the source of all power, and He works through His Spirit as recorded as early as Genesis 1:2, a distinct person of God from the beginning. God spoke the world into existence, but it was the Spirit who supplied the power behind creation. That same Spirit anointed Jesus with power from God (Acts 10:38).

In August, we begin a new series on God's power in you — specifically, in the church. We'll study Acts and see how God's Spirit worked through the early church, even in the writing of Scripture itself, and how that same Spirit empowers us today. When we repent and are baptized, Scripture tells us God's Spirit comes to dwell in us (Acts 2:38). Read ahead and prepare your heart to discover new ways He can empower our congregation.

I'm excited about our community outreach. The Back-to-School Fair was a great success, and this month brings our Hot Wheels Fun Derby. My prayer is that God blesses these efforts to plant seeds and draw people to Jesus — and fills us with His Spirit so we're ready to share our faith when the moment comes.

Finally, I'll be swapping pulpits this month with my brother, Andrew. He'll be with us August 16th while I preach at his congregation in Fayetteville, Georgia. He always loves time with our church family, so please introduce yourself when you see him.

Scriptures to read in preparation for the messages:

8/2 Matthew 7:24-27

8/9 Romans 8:1-16

8/23 Acts 1:1-11

8/30 Acts 2:1-41

-Bro Matt



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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Are YOU looking for a church to call home?
Come and join us. We'd love to worship with you!

Our Welcome Ministry Team is made up of people from all walks of life; teachers, nurses, retirees, business owners and more. While their careers may be different, they all have one thing in common – a desire to use their God-given gifts to serve His Kingdom.

I believe God has gifted every person with unique talents that can be used to bring Him glory. Every Sunday, our Welcome Ministry Team uses those gifts to serve our church family, first time visitors and help people connect with Jesus!

To each one of our Welcome Ministry Team, thank you for your faithfulness and willingness to serve. You are appreciated and make a difference!



Trish Hagle

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” – Colossians 3:14

-Trish

Pass It On!

Do you know someone who might enjoy a peek inside our church family? Pass your newsletter along! It's a simple way to share the heart of First Christian Church of Irvine. Maybe even extend a warm invitation to join you for Sunday Worship someday. We'd love to have them!



This month we're highlighting Kathy Thompson & Janie Ohr. They not only attend services regularly, they participate in all the ways to grow our church. That's what Jesus calls us to do!



Covering Our Schools in Prayer

When: Monday, August 10th

6:00 p.m. — Meet at the flagpole, Estill Springs Elementary

7:00 p.m. — Everyone regathers at the Board of Education for more prayer and songs.

Join our congregation as we come together at the flagpole to pray for our students, staff, teachers, parents, safety, education, and a Godly witness in our schools. Plan to meet us at the flagpole — Estill Springs Elementary!



Pat Garrett,
CWF Leader

Save the Dates:



Aug 8th- 9:30am CWF
Monthly Meeting Fellowship
Hall.

Aug 10th- 4:00pm CWF
Women's Retreat planning
meeting.

Sept 26th 9am-3pm: CWF
Women's Retreat Event.

Ladies Bible Study: Resumes
in the Fall. We can't wait to
be together. This monthly
gathering is so FUN!

Operation Christmas Child is
just around the corner too!



Pat's Favorite Song:

We Are One In The Bond Of Love.
We Are One In The Bond Of Love.
We Have Joined Our Spirit With The Spirit
Of The Lord.
We Are One In The Bond Of Love.

Thank you to the 15 wonderful ladies
who attended our July CWF meeting and
filled it with joyful fellowship and prayer.
We missed our sisters who couldn't be
there, and know you were with us in spirit.



July was a busy, blessed month for CWF and our church, thanks to the Back-to-School Fair. Reaching out to businesses, groups, and individuals for sponsorship gave each of us a chance to show God's goodness and love through our outreach to families across Estill County. I was reminded, too, of the love within our own community by how many said yes. Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and prayed for a successful event — and a special thank you to Suzanne for her planning, guidance, and leadership in keeping us on track!

Ann Hardy recently read a devotional that reminded her of our CWF group. It spoke of God calling us to walk out our faith together, not as individuals but as a people — and how prayer binds believers as one. It reminded us never to underestimate the power of praying together: fellowship at its barest, and its most powerful.

That support and encouragement we share in prayer draws us closer and binds us as sisters in Christ — the same spirit captured in the hymn "We Are One in the Bond of Love."

Suzanne Waite shared a devotional that blended beautifully with Ann's, from Philemon 1:4–7, where Paul thanks a fellow believer for his faith and love: "Your love has given me great joy and encouragement." His greeting reminds his friend of both his faith and his love for others.

We may not write an epistle like Paul, but I want to challenge each of us to voice our love and appreciation for each other. As believers, we have an enemy who schemes to keep us distracted, discouraged, and tired. We need light; we need salt. We need to hear a word that reminds us of the joy we see in each other.

God gives each of us a ministry field, and some days that field is a struggle. Remember your sister. Like Paul, tell her you've seen Christ in her. Our love and faith in Jesus overflows into the good things we do for and say to others.

-Pat

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





3rd Christine Flynn
 4th Katherine Duvall
 5th Ben Kiser
 7th Melissa Barnes
 16th Tom Lisle
 17th David Jones & Donna Whorley
 20th Malorie York
 24th Joshua Reece
 30th Chris Lewis



9th Dave & Judy Schnittker



Pulpit Swap!
 August 16th, 2026

Come enjoy Sunday Worship with Pastor Matt's brother, Andrew Hagle! He's lead service at First Christian Church of Irvine and if you were here, you already know that he is knowledgeable, spirit-led and funny too!

While he's visiting us, Pastor Matt will be leading service at Fayetteville Christian Church.

Our 3rd Annual Back to School Fair was a HUGE success!!

Well, how was the turnout, you ask? We had 311 registered and 203 children in attendance. WOW, right? This is the result of an entire congregation, a loving community and countless local partners who pitched in to help us deliver the support right to the families in need. Starting the new school year got a little easier for many of our local families.

THIS is what God calls us to do!

"Serve one another humbly in love." — Galatians 5:13



Gather the kids, invite the grandparents, and bring your friends because First Christian Church of Irvine is hosting a FREE Hot Wheels Fun Day Derby on Saturday, August 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and everyone is invited!

Whether you're a seasoned Hot Wheels racer or it's your very first race, this event is designed for a day full of laughter, friendly competition, and family fun.

Every child receives a FREE Hot Wheels car to race! We'll provide everything you need:

- Hot Wheels cars
- Race tracks
- Derby competitions
- Plenty of excitement!



Early birds have the advantage! Cars are furnished on a first-come, first-served basis, so arrive early for the best selection.