



Our mission is "To Glorify God as Disciples of Jesus Christ by reaching up, reaching in, reaching out."

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WORKERS FOR SEPTEMBER

SOUND

Tracy Snowden
Jesse Likens

COMMUNION

Deacons are taking
care of this

MUSIC

9/7—Becky S.
9/14 - Ann S.
9/21— Praise Tm.
9/28 - Becky S.

DEACONS

Bee Williams
Suzanne Waite
Judy Schnittker
Dave Schnittker

this can be changed if
it needs to

ELDERS

9/7—Steve G.
9/14- Phyllis R.
9/21- Steve G.
9/28 - Elmer A.

GREETERS

9/7 - Jayne C/Liz R
9/14 - Heather I/
Brenda H
9/21- Kathy T/
Carolee R
9/28 - Pam I/Judy L

NURSERY

Kay Scrivner



4th John Duvall
6th Donald Hardy
Lesa Spicer
9th Teagan Crawford
Barbara Lisle
Samantha Rawlins
14th Betty Shepherd
19th Steve Garrett
Heather Ingram
21st Kim Plowman
22nd Annette Anthony
23rd Jared Kiser
24th Della Dawes
Andrea Ohr
25th Luke Williams
29th David Schnittker



None that we are aware
of at this time

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

AVAILABLE WHEN
NEEDED/REQUESTED

Joe and Judy Warren

SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

5:45p - Bible Study in
Fellowship Hall
7:00p - Choir

When God Says to Go



The story of the scriptures is that God has always called His people to go and serve. The examples we know most commonly are Abraham (Genesis 12); Moses (Exodus 3); Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1), and so many others. With each command to go there was reluctance and doubts and uncertainty, but they still went.

In the New Testament we read that God sent His Son (John 3:16). Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He left His disciples (which includes us) a Commission to go into all the world, to make disciples baptizing them and teaching them (Matthew 28:19,20). This is what we see in the early church. Christians gathered together regularly in worship; studying the apostles' teaching, praying, taking communion, but then they went out. The church grew and increased in numbers not because people just miraculously came to church to visit the church, but because the church went out. There's a great quote that says "Jesus didn't say that the world should go to the church, but that the church should go to the world."

This month I'll be preaching a series about Jonah, a man who was called to go, but he decided he would tell God no. There are great lessons to come out of Jonah about God's call and what happens when we decide to ignore that call on our life.

I was so encouraged by the Back-to-School Fair, by the number of church members that were out serving the community. What a wonderful blessing! To me this is a great picture of the church being the church! The focus was outward, as church members were ministering and loving the people in the community, blessing them!

This month we have another chance to "go", by extending a special invitation to someone in your circle to join us for our homecoming service. God has given us a chance to share the good news with those around us and this is a perfect opportunity to invite someone for a great worship service, concert with Eddie Marris and a great meal!

Here are the scriptures that I will be preaching from this month so you can read ahead:

9/7 Jonah 1
9/14 Jonah 2
9/28 Jonah 3,4

I'm excited about how God is working in our church and we were so blessed to have Kim Plowman join us by placing her membership with us. I'm so looking forward to getting to know Kim and her family.

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



August 3rd was a sweet day at First Christian Church, our ice cream social was well received and attended. Many different flavors of ice cream was served, sundaes, banana splits, floats, every topping imaginable was available as well as cookies and brownies. There was even home-made peach and espresso ice cream, too.

“Guess the Ice Cream Flavor” was played with chili, carrot, blue raspberry, pickle and garlic mixed with vanilla ice cream and given to participants to taste and guess the flavor. Throwing a beach ball through the hole of a tube float was a fun game for young and old and ice cream trivia was also played. Each guest was provided with their ice cream name which caused several laughs. It was an afternoon of fun and fellowship and meeting new friends. We were blessed with 53 in attendance.
Donna Whorley



Our Back-to-School Fair was a great blessing to our community! It was so uplifting to see what God had done. Our new additions this year were live music, pie in the face and snow cones! Popular favorites were there as well; vision screening by the Lion's Club, face painting, inflatable slide and haircuts! We had additional vendors join us this year and they each had giveaways for the kids. Businesses, civic organizations and other churches were over the top with their support! We tripled the number of teacher gift baskets given because of their donations. We had over twenty on-site prizes for students as well. There was even a treat given at registration. Blessings all around! Each kid that came got a drawstring backpack with a variety of school supplies in them. But most of all, they saw that we care for them and want them to have a great school year.

Suzanne Waite

CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

We all want the Good Guys to win and the Bad guys to get what they deserve. We want Old Testament law instead of new Testament Grace. Justice for those who hurt us but grace for our own wrongdoings. We must be thankful that God is God and we are not.

*Romans 3:22- The God setting things right that we read about has become Jesus setting things right for us.

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

EDDIE MARRS WILL BE HERE FOR HOMECOMING!



Eddie and his wife Ora are coming all the way from Princeton, West Virginia to be with us! Eddie is a singer-songwriter and award-winning instrumentalist who traveled widely with Bluegrass groups "Black Diamond" and "Chosen Road". He has shared the stage and recorded with very well-known musicians, but his greatest love is sharing his love for Jesus Christ through his music!

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - starting this month

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.

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