

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

Prayers Are Being Sent For:

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The Christian
Messenger

WORKERS FOR APRIL

SOUND
Tracy Snowden
Jesse Likens

COMMUNION
Deacons are taking
care of this

MUSIC
4/06—Becky S.
4/13 - Ann S.
4/20—Praise Tm.
4/27 - Becky S.

DEACONS
Pat Garrett
John Duvall
Marty York
Jackie Adams

this can be changed if
it needs to

ELDERS
4/06—Phillip W.
4/13- Elmer A.
4/20- Steve G.
4/27 - Phyllis R.

NURSERY
Jayne Crawford

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

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

AVAILABLE WHEN
NEEDED/REQUESTED

Elmer/Jackie Adams

SCHEDULE FOR
WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS
5:00p - Meal in Fellow
ship Hall
6:00p - Bible Study in
Fellowship Hall
7:00p - Choir



Under Construction

How many repairs and room addition projects have you had in your home? How many things have you replaced over the years because they were no longer useful? It's a common routine for all people who live in houses. Appliances break down and need replaced, a floor needs repaired, and things need to be updated. You probably noticed the repairs/changes happening at our church building. These are all very important things that need to be done to maintain our church building as we're trying to be good stewards of the money given for the work of the Lord. The appearance of our church is reflected in our purpose to make disciples.

In our series in Colossians we studied this. In chapter 3 we saw such words as "put to death", "rid yourselves of", and "put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." Living the Christian life is a constantly progressing life of removing the old attitudes that crop up and allowing God's Spirit to change us inside out. We are all under construction.

As we also live in a rapidly changing society where communication methods are changing the church needs to be able to continue to find ways to use whatever is effective to reach the next generation. Even in the first century the Apostle Paul was flexible with his methods to pass on the unchanging message. 1 Corinthians 9:22 he writes "To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some." Paul was passionate about winning people to Jesus and that's our goal.

So, won't you be patient as we are making repairs and improvements? For a while it may be a little inconvenient, but the end result will be well worth the wait. When it's finally done, just like the parsonage, we will all be rejoicing at how well it looks.

During the month of April I want to remind you of two important challenges for each Church member:

40 DAYS OF PRAYER- Last month we started a daily time of prayer that will extend through the month of April involving scripture reading reflection and prayer over Easter Bible text. Please join us by following along in the weekly sheet in the bulletin or on Facebook.

COME AND SEE As we are busy preparing for Easter Sunday which will feature a cantata and a great worship service. I have challenged every member too invite up to three people to come and see our worship service. May you pray for the opportunity to invite someone to worship and to share your faith.

Bro. Matt

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Valentine's Banquet 2/14/25

We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Judy, Dave and “crew” and an evening of fun games especially the Newlywed Game directed by Donna Whorley! Thank you to all who served!



Joe Warren, Bee Williams, Chris Wilson, Tracy Snowden



Heather Ingram, Lesa Spicer, Judy Schnittker, Suzanne Waite, Pat Jones



Donna Whorley and Michael Durand

Congrats to the Estill County Engineers, boy and girl basketball teams, on their District Championship wins!! Per Andrea, this is the first time, they have both won championships in the same year. Huge thanks to everyone for providing desserts and supporting our Engineers!!



It's time to order Easter Lilies to decorate the sanctuary. The price is \$25.00 and can be purchased in Memory or Honor of loved ones. Orders must be in the office NLT Sunday, April 13th. Checks need to be made out to First Christian Church with Easter Lily on the comment line.



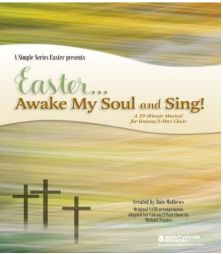
We will be having a Maundy Thursday Communion service on Thursday, April 17th at 7:00p



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Devotional by Pat Garrett:
Valentine's day was celebrated on February 14th to show our love for others. We celebrated with flowers, cards, phone calls, special dinners, chocolate candy, stuffed animals, etc. Valentine's Day is a big deal in America and we tend to spend a lot of money to show our love for others on this one special day, but rarely do we use this day to remind ourselves of God's unmatched love for each of us, His children. When February 15th returns, we go back to our busy chaotic lives and all that focus on love typically gets thrown out with the wrappers and cards, but God's love is constantly present, endless and unconditional!! **1 John 4:8** says, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." God is our true definition of love; without Him we would have no concept of love. **John 3:16** reminds us "For God so loved the world that that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." God didn't spend billions of dollars to show His love for us. Instead, He sacrificed His priceless Son for each of us and our sin that we would have eternal life. God and His love are the ultimate Valentine. Picture yourself as God's living Valentine to a world that desperately needs to know what love is truly all about. Use every day to show Christ-like love to others; a love that is selfless and sacrificial.

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



The Choir will be presenting a cantata on Easter Sunday morning, “Easter...Awake My Soul and Sing!”

Electronic Giving Through SQUARE

Please pull up this website on your smart phone or go to: <https://irvine-first-christian-church.square.site/> When you go to this web site you will see the below picture. There will be a block where you can select the amount you want to send. The block says Tithe/Offerings

