

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



Our Welcome Ministry Soon Celebrates 1<sup>st</sup> year!

The Welcome Ministry launched in March 2025 as the first point of contact for members and guests. We warmly greet everyone, provide bulletins, and invite first-time visitors to complete a connection card for Pastor Matt's follow-up. Each visitor receives a gift bag with church information, scripture gifts and other items.

Our purpose: make guests feel welcome and comfortable so they experience our church's love and want to call this their home. As team chair, I'm grateful for our cheerful, positive team that creates a great first impression. For 2026, I see us growing closer as we love, encourage, and lift others up in prayer. If you're called to join our Welcome Ministry, please let us know!

Our team scripture: "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7 (ESV)



Trish Higle

## Office & Service Hours:

Office: Tues/Wed/Thurs-  
9:00am - 3:00pm

## Sunday School

9:45am  
-Fellowship Hall  
-Chapel

## Sunday Worship Service

10:45am  
-Santuary

## Contact us:

Church Office- 606-723-2924  
Pastor Higle- 865-207-7258

Email us:  
FCClrvine@IrvineOnline.net

Church Website:  
FCClrvine.com

## Pastor

Bro. Matt Higle

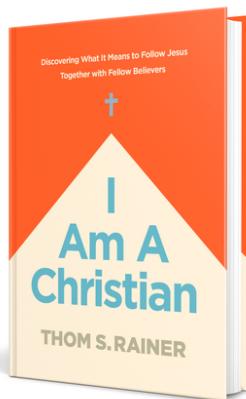
## Looking for a Church?

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

-Trish



Pastor Matt Higle



Need a FREE copy?  
Contact our office!

## I Am A Christian-

This January, we studied Tom Rainier's book "I Am A Christian," exploring the foundation of the Christian walk—being a believer, active in community, and growing as a disciple.

In February, we're deepening that walk. One of the biggest temptations for active church members is thinking attendance, Bible study, and learning about Jesus is enough. But Jesus calls us to full dedication—serving both in and outside the church, sharing our faith, and becoming prayer warriors.

I believe staying active in prayer is one of our hardest challenges.

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 says, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." We need both dedicated daily prayer time and ongoing conversation with the Lord throughout our day.

When we say "I am a Christian," we're saying so much. I challenge you to keep reading, studying, and preparing for each Sunday!

-Bro. Matt

Read ahead to prepare for the messages:

- Feb. 1st- I AM A SERVANT (pages 57-71)
- Feb. 8th- I AM A WITNESS (pages 73-87)
- Feb. 15th- I AM A PRAYER WARRIOR (pages 89-102)
- Feb. 22nd I AM A CHRISTIAN (pages 103-112)

## Looking to Join FCC?

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



February 14th, 2026  
Valentine's Day Dinner at FCC

Fellowship Hall at 6pm  
4-course served dinner with dessert!  
\$10 per person. Reservations are required to attend. Seating is limited—call Donna Whorley at 859-221-9635



February 14th, 2026  
CWF @Hardee's on Richmond Rd.

Have breakfast and get involved in the many outreach programs with fellow sisters in Christ. Meeting starts at 9:30am. Bring a friend, we'll save you a seat!

## Christian Women's Fellowship



Pat Garrett, CWF Leader

CWF is a loving, vital ministry for women of all ages at First Christian Church of Irvine. We meet the second Saturday of each month at 9:30am for prayer, encouragement, community outreach planning, and devotional time.

Whether you're seeking deeper faith, meaningful friendships, or a place to serve, you're welcome. Christ is the center of our ministry and reflected in all we do.

-Pat

### Support us!

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



### Ministries We Support:

Back Country Missions, Mexico

Feed the Hungry child sponsorship

The Greatest Journey (Samaritan's Purse)

Operation Christmas Child

Gifts and visits to shut-ins

### Local Outreach:

Back to School Fair (school supplies)

Blessing Bags for homeless

Blessing Boxes & Estill County Community Food Bank

Baby Bottle Fundraiser for Pregnancy & Parenting Center

Support for ECHS Band, Football & Basketball teams

### 2026 Activities:

Bake Sale & Parking Fundraisers

Mountain Mushroom Festival

Back to School Fair

CWF Retreat (free for all attendees—community ladies welcome!)

Annual Christmas Dinner

Fellowship Outings

Join Us: 2nd Saturday each month at 9:30am (bring your own breakfast and a friend!) For location, visit our Facebook page: @FirstChristianChurchIrvine for details.

Ladies Bible Study: 2nd Tuesday each month at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Great study, discussion, fellowship—and sweet treats with no calorie counting!

### More ways to get involved!



Women's Bible Study  
February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
Fellowship Hall



Bible Study Wednesdays  
at 6pm in the  
Fellowship Hall



Member Birthday's	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Corinne Calder
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia Henderson
7 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Asher
	Wilson Plowman
9 <sup>th</sup>	Debby Jones
13 <sup>th</sup>	Camble Crawford
	Pam Ingram
	Phyllis Rucker
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Fassas
	William Hardy
	Suzanne Waite
16 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Garrett
18 <sup>th</sup>	Natalie York
19 <sup>th</sup>	Kenton York
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Greg Humpert
24 <sup>th</sup>	Jordyn Crowe-Fonticiella
26 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Thomas Spencer
27 <sup>th</sup>	"Bee" Williams

Member Anniversaries	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Marty & Staci York
17 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy & Barbara Lisle
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jay & Jennifer Wiseman
25 <sup>th</sup>	Skip & Janene East
27 <sup>th</sup>	Greg & Sherri Humpert



## Music Ministry

Music has always been at the heart of First Christian Church. Over the years, we've been blessed by dedicated and talented musicians and singers who've shared their gifts with our congregation. While church choirs seem to be fading in many places, we're still going strong at FCC—coming together to make beautiful music for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We provide special music at Christmas, Easter, and throughout the year. You might hear contemporary songs, southern gospel, or a beloved hymn.

We practice Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., right after Bible study, for about an hour. It's a special time of singing and laughter. There's something about making music together that lifts the spirit. Whether you're already part of FCC or looking for a church home, we'd love to have you join us. You don't need to read music or audition—just come ready to sing. Questions? Call me at 606-723-4023.



Becky Snowden



Steve Garrett



Phyllis Rucker



Elmer Adams



Philip Waite

February 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00-9:30am  
Fellowship Hall



-Becky