



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

Prayers Are Being Sent To:

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**WORKERS FOR OCTOBER**

**SOUND**  
 Tracy Snowden  
 Jesse Likens

**COMMUNION**  
 Deacons are taking care of this

**MUSIC**  
 10/5—Ann S.  
 10/12 - Praise Tm.  
 10/19— Becky S.  
 10/26 - Ann S.

**DEACONS**  
 John Duvall  
 Pat Garrett  
 Jackie Adams  
 Marty York  
 this can be changed if it needs to

**ELDERS**  
 10/5—Steve G.  
 10/12- Phyllis R.  
 10/19- Elmer A.  
 10/26 - Elmer A.

**GREETERS**  
 10/5 - Bryan/Donna W  
 10/12 - Pam I/Liz Richardson  
 10/19- Barsha H/ Carolee R  
 10/26 - Jayne C/ Heather I

**NURSERY**  
 Pam Ingram

**OCTOBER Birthdays**

7<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Wiseman  
 8<sup>th</sup> Keith Ohr  
 9<sup>th</sup> Lauri Durand  
 10<sup>th</sup> Sue Curtis  
 11<sup>th</sup> Shelby Rader  
 17<sup>th</sup> Verlon Prewitt  
 24<sup>th</sup> Martha Royalty  
 27<sup>th</sup> Tracy Snowden  
 31<sup>st</sup> Shauna Murrey

**OCTOBER Anniversaries**

15<sup>th</sup> Robert & Phyllis Dawson  
 16<sup>th</sup> Loyd & Christine Flynn  
 17<sup>th</sup> Joedy & Janie Ohr

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Staci York

**SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

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

**Adventure With God In Prayer**



Of all the spiritual disciplines one of the hardest has to be prayer. Over all these years I have tried so many times to convince Christians to pray. Most people politely listen and I doubt whether anyone has really ever changed their mind on prayer. You can get people excited about programs, you can get people excited about events at the church, but trying to convince people to pray does not bring about the same participation.

Even the most dedicated Christian often sees prayer as a duty to be performed, a box to be checked that you should do every day. Prayer is often seen as something to be done on an "as needed" basis when something's really wrong, when there's a big need then there is a willingness to indulge in prayer for a short time.

For the next couple of months we will be involved in an adventure with God, in prayer. My hope and my prayer is that you will restart your daily journey with God. We will be breaking down the Lord's Prayer and we will see that prayer is a privilege that the God of Heaven would invite us to pray. We will see that prayer is a blessing. It's a privilege that can radically change your life. My challenge is that you will pray when life seems good and when life is difficult.

Do you want the church to grow? The one thing that we all can do is to restart and to reignite a powerful prayer life. As I write this, I know that these words may fall on deaf ears from those who have tried to pray and have given up. Ephesians 6:19 says "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Please remember, prayer is spiritual warfare; sometimes it's easy and sometimes it just involves pushing through prayer and can be very tough. The devil doesn't want us to pray. Our physical bodies resist the idea of concentrating and focusing our energies on praising God and letting His Spirit examine our hearts and reveal His will to us.

To complement the sermon we will also be entering into 40 days of Prayer with a guide that gives a scripture for each day and an action to follow in your prayer life.

Please read ahead in preparation for the sermons:

- 10/5 Matthew 7:7-11
- 10/12 Matthew 6:9
- 10/19 Matthew 6:10
- 10/26 Matthew 6:11

If we as a church will join together and earnestly seek God in prayer I do believe God will answer in ways that we could not even begin to imagine!

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



### FEEDING THE ESTILL COUNTY FOOTBALL TEAM

We have the opportunity to feed our Estill County Engineer football team on Friday, October 24th. We are providing hot dogs, buns, chips, chili, slaw, cookies and water. This is an away game so the food will need to be set up and ready to serve by 3:45. Bro Matt will be doing a devotion and men and women can both serve the food. Any questions, see Andrea Williams.



### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Suzanne brought our devotional from Max Lucado's book we are studying on Wednesdays. It points out that the news of this world seems dark, like the assassination of Charlie Kirk. Social media is filled with college and pro football players behaving as poor role models, and adults screaming in front of children over who caught a home run baseball. Lucado points out that throughout the Bible we are reminded to "Fear Not". No matter how out of control things appear, we are not to be afraid. He is in control and He will take care of us.

The [Estill County Community Food Bank](#) is an on-going project and is always grateful for donations. Demand continues to grow. **October 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.

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY & SURVEY** -- Steve Garrett continues his class on what the Bible teaches about various topics and how to live the Christian life. His class meets downstairs in the chapel.

**Irvine First Christian Church**  
**CHILI**  
*Cook off*

**Saturday,**  
**November 15th**  
**1:00-4:00pm**

*Bring your appetite and sample the best chili in town*  
*Unlimited Samples - Everyone is Invited*  
*Beverages - Desserts - Sandwiches*  
**Will Be Provided!**

*Trophies will be Awarded for the best chili in 3*  
*Categories - Signature, Spicy and Specialty!*  
*An Overall Winner will be selected!*  
**No Entry Fee to Participate in Chili Cook-Off!**  
*Contact Donna Whorley to enter -859-221-9635*  
**Think you make the best chili, prove it and enter in the Chili Cookoff!**

### 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

