

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

## God's Amazing Grace

Last month we began a sermon series on God's Amazing Grace as revealed in Jacob's life. Many of us know the biblical teaching that "it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8–9). While we may understand the concept of grace, watching it unfold in Jacob's story gives it deeper meaning.

Jacob made many mistakes, yet God never abandoned him. Eventually, Jacob returned to Bethel—where God first called him—and later came home (Genesis 35:27). The journey was messy and marked by sin and rebellion, yet God remained faithful to His promise to Jacob and his descendants.

This gives us hope: no matter where we are or what we have done, God loves us. He is ready to forgive if we confess and repent of our sins (1 John 1:9). God's grace saves us, not because of any good works we do, but because He chooses to love and forgive us. Jesus paid the price with His blood (Colossians 1:14). Grace means Jesus paid a debt He did not owe because we owed a debt we could not pay. Understanding this grace inspires us to live for Jesus, to turn away from sin, and to embrace the purpose He created us for (Ephesians 2:10).

As we finish up this series here is a schedule of scriptures to read in preparation for the messages:

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| 5/3  | Genesis 29:31 thru Genesis 30:24 |
| 5/10 | Genesis 32                       |
| 5/17 | Genesis 33                       |
| 5/24 | Genesis 34                       |
| 5/31 | Genesis 35                       |



*-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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## Pastor

Bro. Matt Hagle

## Looking for a Church?

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



Trish Hagle

### More Than a Job!

The offer of hospitality is, at its heart, an invitation to experience God’s love. It is a meaningful and important ministry. We are truly blessed with greeters who care deeply about others and who hope our first-time visitors will encounter God—whether in worship, Sunday school, Children’s Church, or other gatherings within the church.

Greeters also remain attentive to the unique needs visitors may bring. For example, those with small children are gently guided to our nursery and Children’s Church, with clear information about locations and dismissal times for each class.

At Irvine First Christian Church, we think of ourselves as a loving church family. That spirit of genuine care and connection naturally extends to all who visit with us. In this ministry, we hold close the call of Scripture: “Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7, NRSV)

*-Trish*

Each month, we’ll be highlighting two of our greeters. In May, we’re proud to feature Barsha Honshell and Judy Lewis. If you see them, a kind word of appreciation is always welcome.



## This Month’s Events



May 9th, 2026  
Blood Drive- Fellowship Hall  
8:00am-1:00pm

It’s one of the simplest ways to make a real, immediate impact in your community. Just an hour of your time can become a lifeline for someone else. When you give blood, you’re giving more than a donation—you’re giving hope.



May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Graduate Recognition Service  
10:45am

This month, we’ll celebrate their hard work, growth, and the journey that brought them here. Join us as we encourage graduates and lift them up in prayer as they step into what’s next.



May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Music Revival on the River  
4:00-7:00pm

The Anthony’s are opening their home on the KY River for food, fellowship, and live music. Sing along to favorite hymns and enjoy special music from Pastor Matt. Watch for the sign-up sheet at church and plan to come and be encouraged!



Pat Garrett,  
CWF Leader

April was a busy and fruitful month for CWF! Our annual Bake Sale was a huge success — thank you to everyone who contributed baked goods and opened their hearts and wallets to support our ladies' fall retreat and our outreach ministries near and far. Our second fundraiser was parking cars at the Mountain Mushroom Festival. A special thank-you to Jackie and Elmer for coordinating the event. It's always a fun, busy day filled with opportunities to meet new people and invite them to worship with us. Thank you to all who volunteered and continue to support CWF's outreach ministries.

May Meeting Update-

CWF will not hold a regular meeting in May. Instead, we'll be visiting church members who are unable to attend in person but remain an essential and cherished part of our family. These visits are always a blessing — a reminder to them that they are missed, loved, and thought of often.

Homegrown Families at Our Church-

Our church will host Homegrown Families on April 30th and May 26th, both at 11:30 a.m. This program, sponsored by Interfaith Wellness, supports grandparents and relatives who are primary caregivers for children. Lunch will be provided. Contact Teresa Dawes at 606-723-8505 to register or learn more.

Looking Ahead-

Join us at upcoming CWF meetings and breakfasts as we prayerfully plan our Back-to-School Event and Ladies Retreat. It's a wonderful time to share, laugh, eat, and brainstorm ways to reach our community and share the gospel.

This Month's Devotional-

Jackie Adams' devotional, "The Lines of Life," reminded us that every wrinkle, freckle, line, and crease tells the story of a life well lived — and of God's faithfulness through every joy and hardship. "Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come." — Proverbs 31:25 "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance. But the Lord looks at the heart." — 1 Samuel 16:7

*-Pat*

2026 CWF Baby Bottle Fundraiser Supporting our local Estill County Center For Pregnancy And Parenting

Beginning Mother's Day weekend, our church will support our local pregnancy center through a simple, meaningful fundraiser. Pick up a baby bottle, take it home, and fill it with spare change, cash, or a check throughout the weeks. This effort runs through Father's Day, giving everyone time to participate. Every bottle returned helps provide care, resources, and support to families in our community. It's a small act that adds up to a big impact.

CWF Outreach: Caring for Our Homebound Members

May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 2026



Our Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) connects with members of our church family who are unable to attend in person. We do this via calls, handwritten notes and visits. This month, we're doing home visits to offer simple but meaningful moments of conversation, prayer, and encouragement —reminding them they are still a valued part of our community.

If you'd like to be involved or know someone who would benefit from a visit, we'd love to connect.

A small act of showing up can make a lasting impact.





May 1- Justin Reece

May 4- Joedy Ohr

May 5- Wade Slusher

May 10- Karen Wilson

May 12- Jayne Crawford

May 15- Christi Ohr

May 19- Darrell Ingram

May 20- Brian Kiser & John Reece, Sr.

May 15- Elmer & Jackie Adams

May 16- Steve & Pat Garrett

May 17- Tim & Pat Jones

May 24- Tom & Robbin Fassas

May 27- David & Debby Jones



## Scan & Support Us!

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



# 2026 Graduates



Bryn Thompson  
2026 Graduate-  
Madison Southern High School



William Elliott Hardy  
2026 Graduate- UK



Joshua Reece  
2026 Graduate-  
EKU



Kenton York  
2026 Graduate- Estill  
County High School



Malorie York  
2026 Graduate- WKU

## “Things My Mother Taught Me”- honor written by Bee Williams



Linda Williams

My mom never sat me down and gave me formal lessons. She taught by doing—cooking, ironing, laundry — and by simply living her faith out loud.

She never told me I had to go to church. She just went. Sunday mornings, Sunday school, Wednesday night prayer meetings — if the doors were open, she was there. (Choir practice was the one exception — and if you ever sat beside her in service, you'd understand. Sorry, Mom!) Her faithfulness echoed Hebrews

10:25: "Not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another."

Most of what she passed on came through watching, not words — a life that reflected James 1:22: "Do not merely listen to the word... Do what it says." Because of her, I learned the joy of staying connected to your church and your God. A joy Psalm 16:11 describes perfectly: "You will fill me with joy in your presence."

I miss seeing her there. But I believe she's still just as involved — just in a much better place, probably keeping things straight up there too. And I hold on to 2 Timothy 4:7: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

She did. She really did.

*-Bee*

