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Sunday School: Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service: Sundays 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Service: Sundays 6:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Meeting: Wednesdays 7:00 p.m..

### **Special Dates:**

Dec. 7 – Shema Café - 6:00  
Dec. 14 – Holiday Dinner - After services  
Grief Support Group - **3:00**  
Dec. 21 – Bristol Speedway in Lights - 5:00  
Dec. 24 – Candlelight Service - 6:00

*Mailing Address for  
Tithes & Offering*

**First Christian Church of Abingdon,  
Inc.  
185 Old Jonesboro Road  
Abingdon, VA 24210**



# *December 2025*

## **FCC Church Newsletter**

# *The Voice*

**Tom Crise — Senior Minister**

**Cody Roark — Youth Minister**

**Elders: Jim Counts, David Large**

**Deacons: Chad Taylor, Carl Kling,  
Roy Broyles**



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## **Tom's Two Minute Time Out**

EVER BEEN ON A BIG ROLLER COASTER? USUALLY THE TRAIN LEAVES THE STATION AND SLOWLY GOES UP A BIG HILL. IT MAKES THAT SOUND AS IT GOES UP...CLACK, CLACK, CLACK. THEN IT REACHES THE TOP AND THE EXCITEMENT BUILDS AND THEN... WOOOSH. DOWN THE HILL YOU GO, SCREAMING WITH THE RUSH OF THE DROP.

LIFE IS LIKE THAT SOMETIMES ISN'T IT? SOME DAYS OR SEASONS OF LIFE ARE RATHER ROUTINE. SAME THING DAY AFTER DAY, NOTHING REALLY EXCITING HAPPENING, JUST EVERYDAY LIFE, CLANKING UP THE HILL. BUT THEN THERE ARE OTHER TIMES WHEN LIFE IS REALLY EXCITING. NEW JOB. MARRIAGE. BABY. AN ADVENTURE SOMEWHERE. THE RUSH OF JOY THAT COMES WITH THOSE TIMES.

HERE WE ARE AGAIN AT CHRISTMAS TIME. IT'S A RUSH. IT'S EXCITING. AND IT CAN BE STRESSFUL. IT'S LIKE WE ARE ON A ROLLER COASTER WITH IT'S UPS AND DOWNS AND TWISTS AND TURNS AND DON'T KNOW WHAT'S COMING NEXT. BUT THE OLDER I GET THE MORE I FEEL LIKE CHRISTMAS SHOULD BE A TIME OFF THE COASTER. A TIME TO "BE STILL" AND GET TO KNOW GOD BETTER.

JESUS CAME TO SAVE US. THAT IS REALLY VERY GOOD NEWS. THIS CHRISTMAS, WHY DON'T WE PAUSE AT SOME POINT AND SIMPLY REJOICE IN THAT NEWS? SLOW DOWN FOR A WHILE. GET BY YOURSELF AND TELL GOD YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT HE'S GIVEN US. MAKE CHRIST THE REASON FOR CHRISTMAS FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY. THEN, WHEN YOU HAVE TO GET BACK ON THE COASTER, YOU WILL ENJOY THE UPS AND DOWNS BETTER. YOU MAY EVEN LET GO AND HOLD YOUR ARMS UP.

GOD BLESS US ALL AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

TOM

Stats for FCC Sunday Morning  
Facebook & YouTube

As of: 12/02/2025

Date	Facebook	YouTube
11/02	-	<b>28</b>
11/09	<b>357</b>	<b>14</b>
11/16	<b>318</b>	<b>13</b>
11/23	<b>318</b>	<b>11</b>
11/30	<b>334</b>	<b>7</b>

## What We Believe

1. We believe the Bible to be the one and only inspired Word of God.
2. We believe all men and women are sinners and need to repent and change their lifestyle for salvation.
3. We believe in baptism by immersion as a part of the plan of salvation.
4. We practice the celebration of the Lord's Supper each Sunday.
5. We believe we have the responsibility to share the message of Jesus Christ in our Community and throughout the world.

## December Sermon Series:

December 07	Supporting Role #1: Bethlehem - Matthew 2:1-6
December 14	Supporting Role #2: The Angel Choir - Luke 2:1-7
December 21	Christmas Main Character: A Baby - Isaiah 9:6
December 28	New Year's Priorities - Matthew 6:33

Date	Attendance	Offering
11/02	84	\$5,895.00
11/09	130	\$5,870.00
11/16	129	\$2,450.00
11/23	130	\$3,320.00
11/30	140	\$5,615.00



# DECEMBER

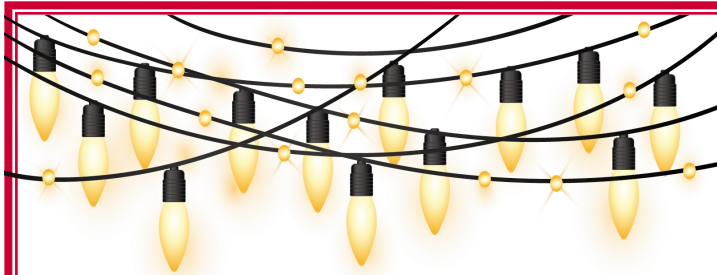
*birthdays & anniversaries*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Sheila Rohr Eva Kling	3	4 Gayle Large	5	6
7 Cheryl Pope Rebecca Clark	8	9	10 Ron Domst	11	12	13 **Carl & Susan Kling
14 Paul Fleenor	15	16	17 Debbie Ratliff	18	19 Sylvia White	20 Janice Counts
21	22 Steve Pope	23	24	25 ** Freddie & Mary Rife  Myrtle Keen	26 ** Allan & JoAnn McConnell	27
28	29	30	31			



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2025

DATE	COMMUNION, OFFERING, PRAYER
December 07	Jerry Musick
December 14	Chad Bailey
December 21	Jim Martin
December 28	Jeff Gobble



Bristol Speedway in  
Lights  
Dec. 21, 5:00



Dec. 14th,  
Directly after the  
service



Candlelight Service  
Dec. 24th, 6:00



Shema Café  
Dec. 7th, 6:00

# December Quiz

## Christmas

A. Which Prophet predicted the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem?

1. Jeremiah 2. Isaiah 3. Micah 4. Amos

B. In Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol", what is Scrooge's first name?

1. Archibald 2. Marley 3. Ebenezer 4. Jacob

C. In the book of Matthew, who told Joseph that the baby was to be called Jesus?

1. An angel 2. God 3. Mary 4. The magi

D. Which country did eggnog come from?

1. England 2. Germany 3. France 4. Poland

E. What was the name of the prophetess who approached Mary and Joseph in the temple and thanked God for the baby Jesus?

1. Elizabeth 2. Miriam 3. Anna 4. Sarah

F. Which branch of the military runs "Toys for Tots"?

1. The Army 2. The National Guard 3. The Marines 4. The Navy

G. Which prophet said "unto us a child is born"?

1. Habakkuk 2. Nahum 3. Daniel 4. Isaiah

H. In the song "Winter Wonderland," what do we call the snowman?

1. Parson Brown 2. Charlie Brown 3. Danny Downs 4. New in town

I. Who was the king of Judea at the time when Jesus was born?

1. Herod Antipas 2. Herod the Great 3. Caesar Augustus 4. Julius Caesar

J. Whose eyes are all aglow in "The Christmas Song?"

1. Tiny tots 2. The angels 3. Ours 4. Santa's

Answers: A-3, B-3, C-1, D-1, E-3, F-3, G-4, H-1, I-2, J-1

# Sunday Nights

December 7th: Shema Café  
Music and Fellowship

December 14th: Grief Support Group  
**Will be held at 3:00 in the afternoon.**

Bristol Speedway in Lights  
Dec. 21, 5:00



## Preschool Teachers

Date

11:00 AM

1st. Sunday

Elizabeth Blevins

2nd. Sunday

Gayle Large

3rd. Sunday

Heather Pope

4th Sunday

Beth Pope

5th Sunday

Chelsey Vance

## K- 3rd Grade Teachers

Date

11:00 AM

1st. Sunday

Sandy VanDyke

2nd. Sunday

Help Needed!

3rd. Sunday

Misty Norris

4th Sunday

Christie Brummitt

5th Sunday

Christina Taylor

## 4th-7th Grade Teachers

Date

11:00 AM

1st. Sunday

Allie Roark

Cody Roark

2nd. Sunday

Allie Roark

Cody Roark

3rd. Sunday

Cody Roark

4th Sunday

Allie Roark

Cody Roark

5th Sunday

Allie Roark

Cody Roark