

CHURCH *Life*

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For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, Joel 3:1 What days and what times? A brief history of the nation of Israel is necessary to begin to understand the prophet's words.

Joshua, about 1400BC brought the twelve tribes across the Jordan river to begin the conquest of the land of Canaan. Through many kings and many wars, because of the nation's rebellion and refusal to follow the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the Assyrians conquered the northern ten tribes at 722BC following two hundred years of the nation's division caused by Solomon's son Rehoboam. The northern ten tribes are considered lost as there was no return since those days. 586BC the Babylonians conquered Judah and Jerusalem destroying the temple and the walls. Seventy years later, as prophesied by Jeremiah the prophet the restoration began. The predominant tribes of Judah and Benjamin, who chose to follow the grandson of King David, began the first restoration from captivity in Babylon, modern day Iraq. Again following the ministry death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the Romans destroyed the city and temple again, 70AD, carrying the nation into captivity. Israel ceased to be a nation at that time.

May 14, 1948 ushered in one of the greatest fulfillments of prophecy throughout the Scriptures. The restoration of the nation of Israel. Throughout the TANAKH, Old Testament, we find two restorations prophetically; *to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days of its desolation if kept sabbath until seventy years were complete.* 2Chr 36:21 The more commonly mentioned restoration brings the people back from all the nations of the earth. *Then it will happen on that day that the Lord will again recover the second time with His hand the remnant of His people, who will remain, from Assyria, Egypt,*

Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath and from the islands of the sea. And He will lift up a standard for the nations, and will assemble the banished ones of Israel, and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. Isaiah 11:11-12 *For, behold, days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah...* Jer 30:3a Two important thoughts here are; the restoration will bring back the Jews from all the nations, and its for Judah and Israel. The Babylonian captivity only saw Judah restored from Babylon. *Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph...and I will put them with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand."* Ezek 37:19 Using DNA testing, the restored ones of Israel are being found to be coming from all the tribes from all the nations!

Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them, they will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit. I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land... Amos 9:14-15a The restoration has occurred and is permanent. The generation that witnesses these events will also be the generation that sees the end of this age. *For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar and without ephod or household idols, Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and they will come trembling to the LORD and to His goodness in the last days.* Hosea 3:4-5

Both Old and New Testaments boldly declare that this restoration will be ushering in the final days. *For behold, in those days and at that time when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all the nations, and bring them down to the valley of*

Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land. Joel 3:1-2 *Now learn the parable from the fig tree; when its branches has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near; even so you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door.* Matt 24:32-33

For behold, in those days and at that time... we are living in "those days", and the Scriptural evidence is overwhelming that the return of our Lord Jesus Christ is at hand. Jesus said to John the disciple; "Behold, I am coming quickly...". That word quickly is often translated "soon" which means in the Greek, "without delay" or better understood, when its time there is nothing that will hinder or slow down the plan of God. We think as if two thousand years implies that God has forgotten or kept from His work; Knowing this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promised of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." 2Peter 3:3-4 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. 2Peter 3:9 Imagine had the Lord come the day or minute before you got saved?

My brothers and sisters, lift up your eyes to the heavens, for your redemption draws near. Don't look to the news and attempt to decipher all the current events and force them into prophetic Scripture, but recognize "summer is near".

Pastor Steve

Prayer Concerns

Week Ending June 21, 2025

Lewis Buckland, Wendy Johnson, David Kaluk, Walter & Julina Luhrman, Ada Pearse, Steve Shrewsberry, Scooter Smith, Steve & Sylvia Spooner, Believers of Ukrain, Sandra Wimmer

Week Ending June 14, 2025

Zita Alvarez and her family, Kay Arrington, Mark Carr, Sam Conner, Pete, Connie Scott, Fran Thaxton, Amanda Via, Wisdom for our government, loved ones in Israel & Palestine

Week Ending June 7, 2025

Kim Anderson and her family, Sue Austin, Phyllis Barker, Michael Bethel, Colonel Michael R. Gilpin, The family of Jeff Grose, Buddy Raines

In the Military:

Mike Kennedy, Devin Lusk, T. J. Morris, Robert Worrell

Our Friends Who are Homebound:

Betty Doyle, Mike Elmore, Evelyn Jenkins

Our Friends in Nursing/Retirement Facilities:

Glenwood Healthcare Center:
Cleo Halsey
Glenwood Healthcare Center:
Gary Reed

Mark Your Calendars!

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Church Council

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Elders Meeting — 6:00 p.m.
Ministry Teams — 6:30 p.m.
Board meeting — 7:00 p.m.

Social Media Broadcast

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Notes of Gratitude

On behalf of our family, we want to thank you for the wonderful meal provided by First Christian after our mom's service. Your generosity and hospitality were deeply appreciated. Your efforts were a blessing as it helped to bring comfort to us as we reflected on the wonderful life of Viola Meadows Snow. It was such a warm and caring environment provided by the Fellowship Committee at First Christian Church. With deepest gratitude
Stephanie Hegstram and Mike Snow

Thank you so much church family for providing the dinner for the Viola Snow family. Your generosity and support during this difficult time are deeply appreciated. It provided an opportunity to connect with family near and far, and the family is so grateful for that opportunity. *Margaret*

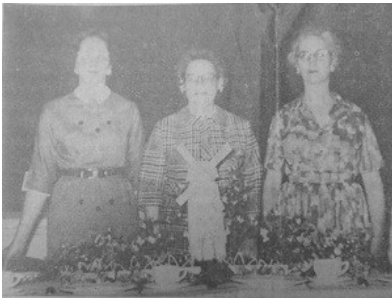
JULY 2025

Elders: Kenneth Reeves, Larry Wimmer
Deacons: Manny Testa, Randy Winfrey
Deaconess: Deborah Murphy, Jessi Testa
Lay Reader: Tonni Bennett

Senior Breakfast

Senior Breakfast is on **Tuesday, July 8, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Come join in the fellowship, with faith, family and friends.

From the Archive



This story is based partially an article in the March 16, 1962, issue of the *Princeton Times*.

The Christian Women's Fellowship held its annual observance of the March birthday of Elizabeth Mills who, with her husband Raymond Mills, were the congregation's missionary partners in Asunción,

Paraguay.

A table for each month of the year was decorated by one of the CWF groups using a theme appropriate for the particular month. For example, for the month of July, the Marjorie Spice group, under the leadership of Ruth Withrow, decorated the table with a patriotic theme: the center of the table was decorated with a large cluster of red, white and blue balloons mingled with American flags.

Cake, ice cream and coffee were served to the guests. A program planned by Mrs. Ed Brookman was given that included the reading of personal greetings from Mrs. Mills and a skit pertaining to the influence of CWF in Paraguay. At the end of the program, an offering was collected to send to the missionary team in Paraguay.

Through the efforts of Raymond and Elizabeth Mills in the 1960s, Friendship Mission grew in vitality and the reach of its programs expanded. Besides offering basic social services to poor families, Friendship Mission began the first school for the deaf in Paraguay. The Friendship Mission Clinic was an important program founded in this period, along with educational opportunities for community children and adults.

Mr. Mills visited our congregation in June of 1955 and both Mr. & Mrs. Mills visited our congregation in June of 1960.

The picture is from the event and shows, left to right, Iris Smith, leader of the Elizabeth Mills group, June Bobbit, president of CWF, and Margaret Winfrey, Service chairman.

Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

July 2025

First Christian Church



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Christian Women Fellowship

Pecan pieces are still available. They are in my freezer so call or text me and I will bring them to you.
Linda Cheverton

Community Outreach

“Fill a Bag, Feed a Family”

July is the month First Christian Church collects food for the Salvation Army. A list of foods will be available for pick-up. Please leave the food in the entry way by the door closest to the church parking lot. *Linda Cheverton*

Game Night

Sunday, July 13, at 6pm. We are having game night with a cookout. We will provide hot dogs and rolls. If you u are able to bring a side, that would be great. There will be yard games and board games. You are welcome to bring your favorites to play as well. Come enjoy the fellowship and don’t forget to invite your friends as well!

Women’s Fellowship Night

On Sunday, July 27 at 6pm at Andrea’s house, will be Women’s Fellowship Night. Come join us for a low key women’s night. We get together and catch up on each other’s lives. All ladies are welcome.

Membership

We celebrated Father’s Day on **Sunday, June 15th!** The celebration began with “Donuts for Dads” in the Narthex. All the men, women, and children were offered donuts, coffee and juice. This was a great time of fellowship! The men were presented with a gift. The oldest father was Frank Rule and the youngest father was Josiah Janning. They received a card, gift card and candy. Congratulations! I want to thank Tonni Bennett, Cindy Brannon, Drema Wall, and Kenneth Reeves for helping with Father’s Day festivities. *Donna Reeves Membership*

Worship

If you are new to FCC, you may have noticed that the “parament” that covers the Communion table and also adorns the pulpit and lectern change colors periodically. Sunday, June 8 the church celebrated Pente-cost which commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit. The red color is often associated with the “tongues of fire” that appeared on the disciples. Normally, the red “parament” would only be used for Pentecost Sunday, but the red is so beautiful and vibrant and reminds us of the blood of Christ, it is left on the table for 4 Sundays.

The symbol of the dove located on the paraments on the lectern and the pulpit represent the Holy Spirit descending like a dove when Jesus was baptized, (Luke 3:21-22).

On the second Sunday in July, the parament will be changed to green. The green parament is used during Ordinary Time. Green symbolizes growth of the church, life and hope. The green parament will stay in the church service until the advent season begins.

The symbols on the paraments on the lectern and pulpit represent the *Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

We wish to thank the Lay Reader, *Haleigh Murphy* for the month of **June 2025**. We are looking forward to having *Tonni Bennett* as the Lay Reader for the month of **July 2025**.



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