



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

November 2025

A Season of Gratitude and Grace

As the leaves turn to their brilliant hues of crimson and gold, and a crispness fills the air, our thoughts naturally drift towards the comforting warmth of family gatherings, shared meals, and the cherished traditions of Thanksgiving. This time of year offers a beautiful opportunity to pause, reflect, and cultivate hearts overflowing with gratitude.

In a world that rushes us from one task to the next, Thanksgiving serves as an annual invitation from among the earliest colonizers to slow down. It calls to us to remember the bountiful blessings God has poured into our lives – the love of family and friends, the provision of food and shelter, the beauty of creation, and most profoundly, the gift of God's unfailing love and amazing grace.

The Psalmist instructs us, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). This isn't just a suggestion; it's a profound truth about the very nature of God and our appropriate response to His goodness. When we intentionally practice gratitude, it shifts our perspective. It helps us see beyond immediate challenges and recognize the steadfast hand of God at work in every circumstance.

This Thanksgiving, whether gathered around a table laden with turkey and all the fixings or a frozen microwavable meal, let's not only give thanks for material blessings but also for spiritual ones. Let us be grateful for the gift of salvation, the hope we have in Christ, and the fellowship we share as a church family.

Consider how you might extend your gratitude beyond those closest to you. An extra prayer for those grieving, a kindness to a stranger, or an act of service within our congregation. True Thanksgiving naturally overflows into generosity and compassion.

May this Thanksgiving be more than just a holiday; may it be a holy day, a time when our hearts are deeply stirred to acknowledge God's faithfulness. May our homes be filled with laughter, love, and a profound sense of peace that comes from knowing we are truly blessed.

Wishing you and your loved ones a most blessed and joyous Thanksgiving!



In God's Grace,

Rev. Colby Smith

Inside...November Birthdays, Events, News and Announcements, Prayer Requests and more!

FCC KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club November Schedule

Nov 2nd-Clue Wrap Up
Nov 9th-Connecting with Community
Nov 16th-Symbols of Christmas
Nov 23rd-Symbols of Christmas
Nov 30-Angel Tree Shopping!



FCC Sunday Morning Children's Programs

During Worship, Children Birth-5th grade are invited to leave the sanctuary after the Children's Chat to worship in a way that is developmentally appropriate to their age. All programs are staffed with background checked volunteers.

Church Nursery -Newborns-age 3

Worship & Wonder-Children age 4-2nd Grade

Children's Church-Children in 3rd-5th Grade

After Worship, children K-5th grade are invited to Kid's Club. We eat lunch together and then explore a bible story through games, art, experiments, and more. For questions about FCC Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

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TRUNK or TREAT 2025!!

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Trunk or Treat by donating candy or providing a trunk or table display.

It was a great event with many smiling faces from our community.

This year's People's Choice Trophies go to:

Patricia Calvert, our Mad Scientist and the Walker Family Ogres!

Other displays and trunks getting votes below!





News & Announcements

First Christian Church,

With a grateful heart, I wish to thank the many friends at First Christian Church for their unconditional love and kind support after John's passing. Every kind word and every hug meant so much to me. My children, Marti and Johnathan felt your love and support as well. John loved this church and his many friends at First Christian.

Lovingly,

Martha Caywood

Dear First Christian,

Thank you so much for all you do for the Shephard's House. Your ongoing support truly makes a difference. We're especially grateful for the beautiful handmade backpacks. Your care and generosity are felt deeply by everyone here.

With appreciation,

Shea Brittan & Annie Brookbavic

Shepherd House Staff

Dear First Christian Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous October Contribution to Boyle County ASAP.

Your donation last year went to support the costs of transitional recovery (sober living) housing for adult men and women in recovery. Given the current number of request for transitional housing assistance, we anticipate that your donation this year will again be used for housing.

Assistance with a rental deposit and or the first month's rent often helps to prevent homelessness in those people coming out of treatment programs and jails. Stable housing is a key component of achieving long term recovery from substance use disorders.

In appreciation for your witness to God's Love,

Kathy L. Miles, Coordinator

SAVE the DATE

Sunday, December 14th Children & Youth Christmas Program and Dinner

Plan to come support our youngest members!



Dear FCC,

Thank you to the congregation of First Christian Church for their continued support of St. Peter and Paul Homeless Outreach.

We appreciate the donations of towels, shoes and financial support of this program.

Sincerely,

Cliff Dunn

Upcoming Events

Sunday November 9th– Veteran's Sunday

Thursday November 13th– Connection Bluebird Lunch Trip @ 10am

Sunday November 16th– Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday November 30th– First Sunday of Advent/ Handel's Messiah @ 6pm

Sunday December 7th- Congregational Mtg after Worship

Sunday December 7th– Danville Children's Choir Concert @ 3pm

Friday December 12th– Sounding Joy/Resonance Concert @ 7:30pm

Sunday December 14th-Children's Christmas Program & Luncheon-after worship

Thursday December 18th BCHS Concert @ 7p

Wednesday December 24th– Christmas Eve Service @ 7pm

Outreach News

Special Dates

November 20 and December 16– BC Schools Pantry @ UK Ext. Office hours:

Shelve stocking @ 9:30am

Food pick-up 1-4:30pm



Office & Walking Track Hours

Monday– Friday

8:00 a.m.– Noon & 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

News & Announcements

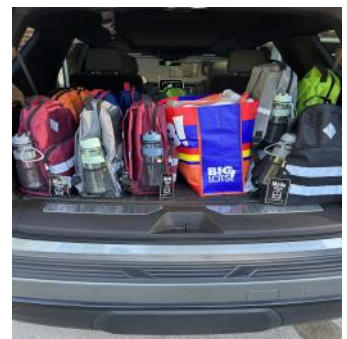
2025 HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Nov. 9th Veteran's Day Sunday 10:45 a.m.
Nov. 9th Disciples University: Quilting 101 2-4pm
Nov. 23rd Thanksgiving Sunday
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Thanksgiving Dinner Noon
Churchwide Advent/Christmas Decorating
Nov. 30th First Sunday of Advent: Sunday School & Worship 10:45 a.m.
Nov. 30th Disciple University Quilting 101 2-4:00 p.m.
Nov. 30th Handel's "Messiah": Bellarmine Univ. College of Music 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 1st Advent Luncheon & Devotional Noon
Dec. 2nd Boyle County Middle School Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 5th Southern Lights at Kentucky Horse Park 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 7th Second Sunday of Advent: Sunday School & Worship 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 07 Annual Congregation Meeting Noon
Dec. 8th Advent Luncheon & Devotional Noon
Dec. 12th Sounding Joy/Resonance Community Choir Christmas Concert 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 14th Third Sunday of Advent: Sunday School & Worship 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 14th First Christian Children and Youth Dinner Program following worship
Dec. 15th Advent Luncheon & Devotional Noon
Dec. 17th Pack Christmas Food Boxes Noon
Dec. 18th Distribute Community Christmas Food Boxes 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 18th Boyle County High School Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 21st Fourth Sunday of Advent: Sunday School & Worship 10:00 a.m.
Dec. 21st Christmas Caroling 3:00 p.m.
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols
Candlelight Communion 7:00 p.m.

Women's Retreat Recap

John 10:14 "Whoever drinks from the water that I will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give will become a well of water springing up for eternal life."

On Saturday 10/4, 10 women & our friend, Kristi Stuckel, took the opportunity to reconnect, recharge and reflect on what it means to be filled with living water. At "the well," our deeper relationship with God reveals that: 1) he sees & hears us even when we feel unworthy, 2) he calls us to a purpose in his kingdom, 3) he encourages us to rewrite ourselves, embracing a fresh start and healing, and 4) he helps us find our voice, serving HIS messenger. The day was filled with tasty treats, storied, laughter & comradery. Our service project. Filling 12 backpacks with personal supplies for the Shepherd's House Women's Sober Living facility, gave our hands and hearts the opportunity to offer that very living water to someone. The afternoon concluded with a reminding us individually that Christ is counting on us to use our lives to share the "living water" of the Holy Spirit... and with Christ, we are ready.



Please Keep the following in your Prayers

Gary Gibson	Butch Pass
John Taylor Ross	David & Nancy Robertson
Jan Sheffield	Mindy Carter
Bill Morgan	McMurry Family
Trevor & Lucy Graham	Talley Family
Darell Rickmers	Barb Webie
Lauren Newman	Caywood Family
Wanda Huffman	Milburn Family
Mary Sebring	Ben Guerrant
Mary Lou Withers	Lucille Lemmon
Jim Routin	
Marlena Ellis	
Melodee Quinn	
Bonnie Traschel	
Danielle Fields	

Remember our Shut-ins

Martha Akin	Lucille Lemmon
Pat & Steve Bruce	Bonnie Wilson
Mindy Carter	Georgianne Smith
Hugh & Mary Jo Coomer	Johnetta Gibson



November Worship Roster

November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Worship Leader– Terry Dachenhaus	Worship Leader– Joey Kirk	Worship Leader– Margo Clark	Worship Leader– Jacob Cooper	Worship Leader– Julie Jones
Elder– Martha Caywood	Elder– Evelyn Guerrant	Elder– Joey Kirk	Elder– Vince Pennington	Elder–Brian Calvert
Elder & Counter– Tom Huckleberry	Elder & Counter–	Elder & Counter– Margo Clark	Elder & Counter– Debbie Baker	Elder & Counter–Jan Bradshaw
Children’s Chat– Rev. Colby	Children’s Chat– Martha Bryant	Children’s Chat– Jacob Cooper	Children’s Chat– Patti Wright	Children’s Chat– Darell Rickmers
Worship & Wonder– Combined with Chil- dren’s Church	Worship & Wonder– Debbie Baker/Sherri Horn	Worship/Wonder– Alice & Jay Reynolds	Worship/Wonder– Alice & Jay	Worship/Wonder– Patricia Calvert/ Debbie Baker
Children’s Church– Kendra Funkhouser	Children’s Church– Martha Bryant	Children’s Church– Patti/Stephen	Children’s Church– Patti/Stephen	Children’s Church– Darell Rickmers
Nursery Volunteer– Mary McKitric	Nursery Volunteer– Mary McKitric and Edna Prall	Nursery – Mary McKitric & Kris Hamlin	Nursery– Mary McKitric & Trista Hinkle	Nursery–Mary McKitric–need volunteer
Kid’s Club Asst.– Sueann Rice	Kid’s Club Assist– Martha Bryant	No Kid’s Club–Church Thanksgiving Lunch	Kid’s Club–Suzy Smith	Kid’s Club Asst. Sueann Rice
Lunch–Welch family	Lunch–Kasey Wilson	Shut-In Comm.– Nancy & Doug McMurry	Lunch–Hinkles	Lunch– Patti
Parkview– Julie Jones/ Kendra Funkhouser	Greeters– Melissa & Reid Talley	Greeters– Julie Jones/ Ann Barker	Greeters– Alice & Jay Reynolds	Greeters– Rodger & Wendy Ross
Greeters– Evelyn Guerrant/Woodie				

Four Cans for Others

98 cans were donated during October. Which gives a total of **1056**. Let’s keep bringing in those cans so we can beat our total for 2024 of **1,421** cans!



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