



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

January 2026

Stepping into the New Year: A Season of Renewal

My Dear Church Family,

As the final echoes of the Christmas carols fade, we stand on the threshold of a **brand new year: 2026**. I pray that your holidays were filled with peace, warmth, and the joy of Christ's presence.

A new year always feels like a gift—a crisp, blank page in the book of our lives. It's a moment given to us by God for reflection, for gratitude, and most importantly, for **renewal**.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19).

This January, let's step into this new beginning with that spirit of expectation. Let us:

☐ **Renew Our Focus:** Commit to drawing closer to God through daily prayer and reading His Word.

☐ **Renew Our Service:** Look for opportunities to serve one another within the church and our community.

☐ **Renew Our Vision:** Pray earnestly for our church's mission and the work God has called us to do in Boyle County.

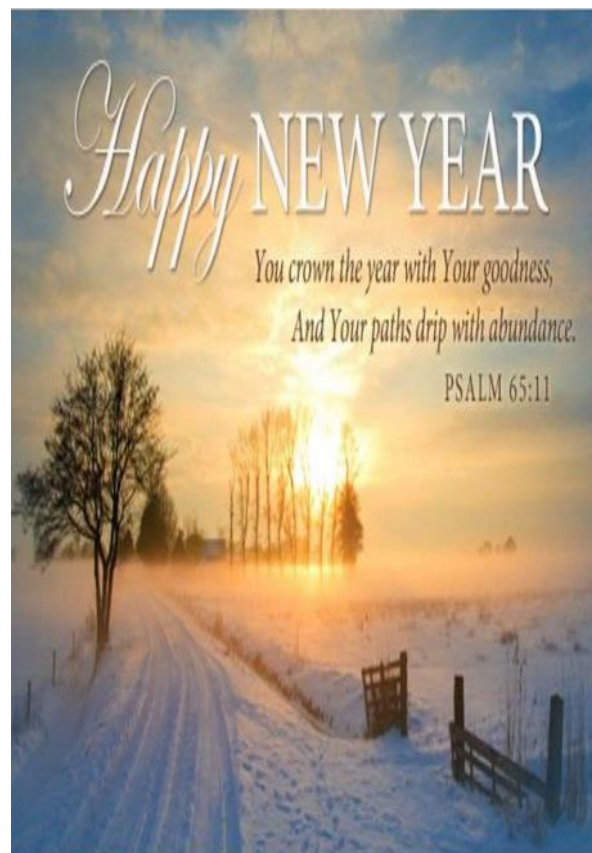
This year, I encourage you to take that first step of faith, trusting that God is already at work, making a way for you.

May our church be a beacon of hope and a place where the love of Christ is felt by all who walk through our doors.

May God bless you richly in this New Year!

In His Love and Service,

Rev. Colby

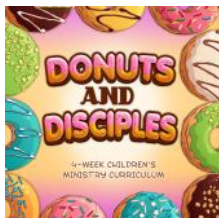


Inside...January Birthdays, Events, News and Announcements, Prayer Requests and more!

FCC KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club January Schedule

January 4th-NO Kid's Club
January 11th -Donuts and Disciples
January 18th-Donuts and Disciples
January 25th-Kid's Club on the Go!
February 1st-Donuts and Disciples



Donuts and Disciples

This series uses children's favorite sweet breakfast treats to look at what the bible says about becoming and growing as a disciple of Jesus. Based on Colossians 2:7
Children in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to join us each week right after morning worship.

It's Christmas Everywhere!

Children and Youth Christmas Program

See more photos on the Bulletin Board at the end of the Arcade Hallway!



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, science experiments, and more. For questions about FCC Children's programs, contact Patti.

Email patti@firstchristiandanville.com or text (812) 483-9004

News & Announcements

Connection Book Group

The Book Club will meet on January 4th immediately after church in the Fellowship Hall. We will be reading and discussing *Theo Of Golden* by Allen Levi. All are invited to participate. A light lunch and discussion of this book which has been described as: A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen. *Theo of Golden* is a beautifully crafted novel about power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another.



With my thanks,
Jan Bradshaw

Danville Youth Connection (DYC) is a community youth ministry supported by First Christian Church, Danville Presbyterian Church, and Trinity Episcopal Church. DYC expanded to **Wednesday nights from 5:30–7:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church**, where we have been interviewing individuals to better understand their walk with Christ throughout their lives. **On Sunday nights from 5:30–7:30 PM**, the DYC group explored the meaning of Advent and the symbolism of each candle. Activities included making stockings filled with DYC shirts and candy, as well as creating Advent wreaths out of clay.

The Seekers is the middle school youth program at First Christian Church that meets during the church service. This month, the group focused on studying the Gospel of Luke and engaging with its themes and teachings. In addition to Bible study, the students participated in a White Elephant gift exchange, which brought a lot of fun and laughter and helped strengthen relationships within the group.

The Gathering is the high school youth group at First Christian Church. Recently, the group has been having meaningful conversations about Christmas and what it truly means in their everyday lives. These discussions have encouraged students to reflect on their faith and how the message of Christ shapes their identity, choices, and relationships.

Youth Minister– Stephen Hinkle

First Christian ,

Thank you so much for all you do for us. We appreciate your love and kindness so much. We are so blessed!

Thank you,
Shepherd House Women

First Christian Church,

Your church was a top donor in 2025. Please announce to your congregation how much we appreciate your support. We can't thank you enough for supporting Haven Care in this endeavor to show God's love to families in crisis; to show them how much He loves every single one of us, born and unborn. I am reminded of the ultimate unplanned pregnancy that brought God to earth and live as a man and show us how to walk this life. We pray blessings upon each of you.

Haven Care Center
Staff And Volunteers

Fist Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation! Your support provides warm meals and during the periods of extreme cold, hotel vouchers that offer people in Boyle County a warm, safe place to sleep.

Because of your compassion people are able to get nourishing meals and escape dangerous temperatures. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and your willingness to stand with our most vulnerable neighbors when it matters most.

Together, we are literally helping save lives in our community.

Boyle County Homeless Coalition

Office & Walking Track Hours

Monday— Friday

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

Please Keep the following in your Prayers

Gary Gibson
John Taylor Ross
Jan Sheffield
Bill Morgan
Darell Rickmers
Lauren Newman
Wanda Huffman
Mary Sebring
Mary Lou Withers
Jim Routin
Janet Henson
Bonnie Traschel
Butch Pass
David & Nancy Robertson
Mindy Carter

Barb Webie
Ben Guerrant
Lucille Lemmon
Patsy McClure
Ann Pennington
Gibson Family

Remember our Shut-ins

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



January Worship Roster

January 4

Worship Leader– Elmer Jackson
Elder– Bart Gover
Elder & Counter– Brent Williams
Children’s Chat-Kendra Funkhouser
Worship & Wonder– Kandi Williams
Children’s Church– Kendra Funkhouser
Nursery Volunteer–Mary McKittr
Kid’s Club Asst.– No Kid’s Club
Parkview– Debbie Baker
Greeters– Evelyn Guerrant & Woody Leavell

January 11

Worship Leader– Tom Huckleberry
Elder– Jan Bradshaw
Elder & Counter– Martha Bryant
Children’s Chat-Patti Wright
Worship & Wonder– Linda Dachenhaus and Jenna Walker
Children’s Church– Martha Bryant
Nursery Volunteer– Edna Prall
Kid’s Club Asst-Martha Bryant
Greeters– Reid & Melissa Tally

January 18

Worship Leader– Vince Pennington
Elder– Debbie Baker
Elder & Counter– Evelyn Guerrant
Children’s Chat–Jacob Cooper
Worship/Wonder– Patti Wright & Brent Willimas
Children’s Church– Penny Vaught
Nursery – Kris Hamlin
Kid’s Club Asst-Penny Vaught
Shut-In Comm.– Debbie Baker/Brian Calvert
Shut In Communion-Jan Bradshaw/Bart Gover
Greeters– Julie Jones & An Barker

January 25

Worship Leader– Joey Kirk
Elder– John Funkhouser
Elder & Counter– Kendra Funkhouser
Children’s Chat– Darell Rickmers
Worship/Wonder– Conie McVicker & Brent Williams
Children’s Church–Darell Rickmers
Nursery– Trista Hinkle
Kid’s Club-Darell Rickmers
Cook / Devotion-Evelyn Guerrant
Greeters– Jay & Alice Reynolds

Even MORE Cans for Others



135 cans were donated during December, which gives a total of **1994**. We’ve officially surpassed last years total of **1,421**. Let’s keep the momentum going and continue bringing cans to support our community!



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SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, February 8th

Plan to support our Youth Program by
baking a Dessert Auction Dessert, making
Chili or Soup and by attending!

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