

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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DECEMBER 2022

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Muscle Movers-10am	2 Yoga Class @ 9:00am	3
4 Worship @ 11:00am Sunday School @ 10:00am	5 Yoga Class @ 9:00am Muscle Movers-10:30am	6	7 Yoga Class @ 9:00am WNL 5:30pm-7:00pm	8 Muscle Movers-10am	9 Yoga Class @ 9:00am	10
11 Worship @ 11:00am Sunday School @ 10:00am Congregational Meeting	12 Yoga Class @ 9:00am Muscle Movers-10:30am	13	14 Yoga Class @ 9:00am	15 Muscle Movers-10am	16 Yoga Class @ 9:00am Christmas Baskets assembled at 6:00pm	17 Christmas Baskets picked up 9:00-12:00am
18 Worship @ 11:00am Sunday School @ 10:00am Annual Talent Show and Christmas Party @ 6:00pm	19 Yoga Class @ 9:00am Muscle Movers-10:30am	20	21 Yoga Class @ 9:00am No WNL	22 Muscle Movers-10am	23 Yoga Class @ 9:00am	24 Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at 6:00pm Soup Supper in the fellowship hall following .
25 Worship @ 11:00am Merry Christmas Wear your PJ's or Ugly Christmas Sweaters!	26 Yoga Class @ 9:00am Muscle Movers-10:30am	27	28 Yoga Class @ 9:00am No WNL	29 Muscle Movers-10am	30 Yoga Class @ 9:00am	31

Sunday School 10:00am
Worship Service
11:00am

December Birthdays

- Lizzy Ridings 12/3
- Cassandra Dothard - 12/3
- Steve Howard - 12/7
- Michael Giles - 12/11
- Rose Tagliere - 12/11
- Tracie Graham - 12/11
- Ron Berry - 12/12
- Lexie Woodall - 12/15
- Tristan Sander - 12/16
- Sam Kirkham - 12/18
- Janice Hayes - 12/19
- Michael Ann Begley - 12/21
- Olivia Tagliere - 12/23
- Jenny Hembree - 12/24
- Laura Booth - 12/31



December is always a wild ride! Dance recitals, special dress up days at school, parties to attend and maybe even a mischief-loving elf roaming around your house. December moves quickly. In the church, we try to slow the pace. We move more slowly, we wait intentionally. We take four Sundays to slowly move through the gifts of: peace, hope, love and joy. We light one candle each week. We sing, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," and "Come O Long Expected Jesus." We long for the future,

as we reside in the present, remembering our sacred past. I love Advent and I'm thankful for anything that helps the season move more slowly.

I'm working on savoring each precious moment of the Christmas memories I am creating with my children and I'm so thankful their Christmas memories will involve their beloved church. I can't wait to see our church kids forming a live nativity scene in front of the building during the Christmas parade. I can't wait to see what silly and sacred moments will happen during the church talent show. I can't wait until we gather on Christmas Eve and light our candles in the darkness. I can't wait until we arrive on Christmas morning to worship together. I say, "I can't wait," but, I can. And I will, because waiting is part of Advent. Anticipating the event is part of the process.

God, remind us that your holy time isn't the same as our sense of time. Slow us down. Help us resist the hustle and bustle in favor of a slow journey to the manger. In Jesus' name we celebrate this season!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Sunny and The FCC Leadership

Estimated Attendance for November 2022

- 11/06/22 In Ser 72 + On Line 30 = 102
- 11/13/22 In Ser 69 + On Line 30 = 99
- 11/20/22 In Ser 73 + On Line 30 = 103
- 11/27/22 In Ser 57 + On Line 35 = 92

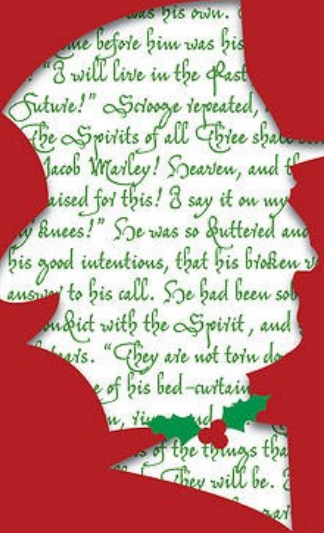
99 Avg

Concerns and Celebrations for our Community of Faith

Thomas Fouse, , Monica (Family Promise guest), Chiquita Bishop, Danny & Patti Plaster, , Margie Dunn (Amanda's Grandma) D. J. - A friend of Melissa Burkhardt's, Ronnie King, Carol Johnson Jack Johnston Jr., Laura Booth Amanda's Cousin, Karen, Stage 4 pancreatic cancer Bill Hopper - Sunny's friend, , Marta Treadway Breaux ,(Karen Treadway's Sister in Law)

The Redemption of Scrooge

MATT RAWLE



The Redemption of
Scrooge

Is redemption possible for Ebenezer Scrooge? Pastor and author Matt Rawle believes so as he discovers the teachings of Jesus in the words of the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*. Rawle dives deep into the dark, sad, greedy world of Scrooge and discovers a man in dire need of a second chance. Along with Scrooge, we meet the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future and in the process learn about living with and for others in a world blessed by Jesus. Rediscover and reinvigorate your Christian faith this Advent and Christmas season and look at this familiar classic through the lens of faith.

Chapters include:

Bah! Humbug!

The Remembrance of Christmas Past

The Life of Christmas Present

The Hope of Christmas Future



You are welcome to mail gifts to the church or simply drop them by the church office. You may mail them to
First Christian Church,
P.O. Box 45, Rockwood, Tn. 37854.
Or you may give electronically through.
Givelify at: <https://giv.li/vdhw2o>

Elders for
December

Bread: BJ Kirkham
Wine: Ron Berry



Anyone interested in ordering a Poinsettia in honor of, or in memory of a loved one please fill out an order form located in the narthex. The price of the poinsettia's this year will be \$15.00.

Congregational Meeting,
December 11th
following worship.

Deacons for
December:

Table: Tibby Snipes,
David Ridings
Narthex: Mary King,
Thressa Anderson



Need an Update on your giving? If you would like an update on your annual giving feel free to contact our Financial Manager, Fran Long. She can print out a report for you. Fran can be reached at emergft-lgn@aol.com or you may call her at 865-354-9687.

CHURCH FINANCES

NEEDED WEEKLY 3,470.88

November 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022

GENERAL FUND INCOME

Deposit 11/7	2,805.50
Deposit 11/14	1,710.00
Deposit 11/21	3,070.75
Deposit 11/28	2,898.75

Total \$10,485.00

Electronic Dep \$808.38

TOTAL \$11,293.30

NEEDED MONTHLY \$15,291.41

DEPOSITED INTO FAIR ACCOUNT

(DESIGNATED)

(UN-DESIGNATED)

REIMBURSEMENT

SCHOLARSHIP
PERMANENT FUND
SUSTAINABILITY

MEMORIALS \$225.00

TOTAL \$225.00

TOTAL ALL MONEY RECEIVED

\$27,009.70



THANK YOU for turning in your Time and Talent cards! I have received quite a few. This will help us put your gifts and talents to work in the church! I can't wait to see what 2023 holds for us!

In Memory of
Ed Bilbrey
by
Mary Owings
and Jo An Gaines

In Memory of
Mildred Roberts
by
Virginia Hochmedel
and Fran Long

In Honor of
Jenny Hembree
by
Wade Hembree



Coming in 2023- Monthly men's breakfast! The first one will be held on January 8th. Please see Richard Montgomery or David