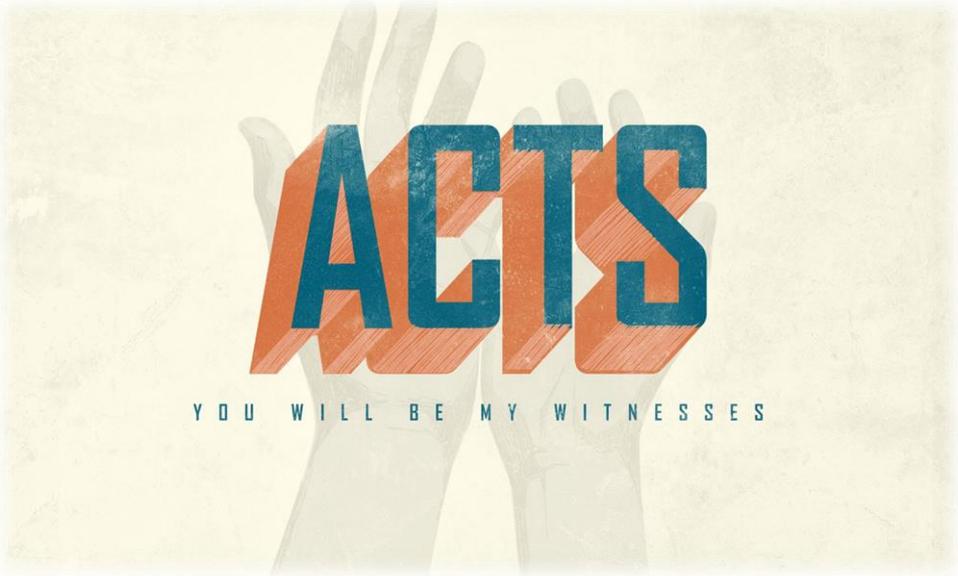


First Church

OF NEW KNOXVILLE



ACTS

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

April 15, 2018

Rooted in Christ, Growing Together, Serving the World



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**A Community of Faith who engage Biblical truth
to provide an environment where people mature
as disciples of Christ.**

To accomplish our mission First Church will:

Encounter our Creator.

Embrace Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to become His disciples.

Empower lives through God's living Word, the Bible.

Engage with the Holy Spirit to provide guidance and direction.

Encourage others to know Christ and strengthen their relationship with God.

Enrich the body of Christ by going forth and supporting fellow disciples.

**First Church recognizes Jesus Christ as the head of the Church
and as Savior and Lord. We are an independent,
non-denominational congregation.**

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If you are a Guest or Visitor today, we are glad you're here!

The Restrooms are located in the basement at the East end of the church. They are inside the main glass doors of the ministry building next door.

The Nursery for Young Children is in the basement. You can go down any set of stairs near the entrances to reach the nursery.

Children's Activity Bags are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Inside are activities and fun things for your kids to do. Please feel free to have your child use one during service and return it to the table before you leave.

Large Print bulletins are available at the back of the sanctuary near the table.

Hearing Assistance Devices – there are 8 units available for those who need them. Please see the sound system technician on the South wall if you would like to use one during the service.

WiFi Connection is available for those who wish to use their device to connect to the Bible app or take notes. Connect via "FirstChurchWifi Guest"

The Bible App by YouVersion – Under the "More" tab you will find the Events feature. Each Sunday you can find Sunday's scripture, sermon key points and a place to take notes if you wish.

Welcome to Worship at First Church

*The * invites those who are able to stand.*

Prelude-When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sharon Chaney

Welcome & Announcements

Aaron Rohrbaugh

***Call to Worship** from Psalm 40:1-5

One: ¹ I waited patiently for the Lord;
 he turned to me and heard my cry.
 ² He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
 out of the mud and mire;
 he set my feet on a rock
 and gave me a firm place to stand.
 ³ He put a new song in my mouth,
 a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear the Lord
and put their trust in him.

All: ⁴ Blessed is the one
who trusts in the Lord,
who does not look to the proud,
to those who turn aside to false gods.
⁵ Many, Lord my God,
are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us.
None can compare with you;
were I to speak and tell of your deeds,
they would be too many to declare.

*Song

Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
(Repeat)

**Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love**

**You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am
And I'm loved by You**

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Children's Chat	Maria Lammers
Remembering our Soldiers	Jay Elshoff
Prayer & The Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]	Pastor Joel Bucklin
Giving Back to God Ministry: Building Improvements & Technology Fund Music: I Will Keep My Eyes on You by Berry	First Church Choir
* Gloria Patri: No. 623 Greatorex	
*Scripture Reading – Acts 9:20-31	Maria Lammers
*Hymn No. 52- O God, Our Help in Ages Past	
Message	Pastor Joel Bucklin

Unrecognizable

*Hymn No. 575- Jesus Calls Us	
*Blessing & Dismissal	Pastor Joel Bucklin
*Postlude	Sharon Chaney

What is Happening at First Church?

The rose on the altar is in honor of Tom and Diane Fledderjohann who will celebrate 52 years of marriage on Monday, April 16th. *Happy Anniversary!*

Congratulations to Corey & Ashely Willrath on the birth of their daughter Eleanor (Ellie) Ruth who arrived on Thursday, April 5th. She is the granddaughter of Scott & Teresa Bambauer and Kevin & Carol Willrath and the great granddaughter of Wayne & Nancy Bambauer and Connie Risch. She was welcomed home by her brother Camden and sister Avery.

Congratulations to Zach & Morgan Strayer on the birth of their son Knox James who arrived Tuesday, April 10th weighing 8 lbs. 6 oz. & was 20 ¾ inches long. He is the grandson of Stan & Susie Reineke and Toby & Mary Strayer and the great grandson of Beverly & Jim Reineke. He was welcomed home by his brother Gus.

Committed to Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul

What does a life committed to Christ look like? We do not need to look any further than the life and ministry of Paul. After encountering the Risen Christ, Paul went from persecuting the church to spreading the good news of the Gospel. He was committed to sharing the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection with as many people as possible. We are not Paul We may not be called to travel from city to city preaching the Gospel. But each of us are called to our own mission fields. We are called to share the good news of Jesus in the setting God places us. This spring and summer, we will take a close look at Paul's life in order to see what a life committed to Christ looks like, and so that we may be equipped to serve God in our own lives. As Paul wrote to the church in Corinth: "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

Life of the Church

Prayer Needs –Marlene Wildermuth, Becky Quellhorst, Marilyn Kuck, Betty Henschen, Ned Niemeyer, Don Heidt, Trisha Maurer, Roberta Rupert, Mable Meckstroth, Scarlett Unrast, Jane Novean, Michael Allen, Don Prueter, Judy Hoelscher, Wavalene Opperman, Darell Rupert, Helen Wellman, Irma Hoelscher, Kathy Schrolucke, Thelma Arnett, Ruth Kuck, and Betty Kiefer .
(Please let us know if you would like added or removed from the prayer list – the office staff does not know to take you off unless you ask. Thank you)

Dear First Church,

I want to thank you, Rev. Bucklin and the First Church of New Knoxville, Ohio and the community in general for helping the Ganger family, relatives and friends in this very sad time for us.

Prayerfully,

Mrs. Charlyne Ganger and Family

Dear First Church, Thank you for the beautiful red rose in honor of our 54th wedding anniversary.

Gene & Pat Schrolucke

Our Church's history had many special events over it's past, now one hundred and eighty years. Two of the milestones were the 1938 Centennial year during the pastorate of Rev. O. B. Moore and the 1988 Sesquicentennial celebration during the pastorate of Rev. Jon Coddington. The Centennial celebration was recorded on 16mm film by Gilbert Schroer and the week long Sesquicentennial celebration was recorded on VHS tape by Mike Schnieder. In order to preserve these mediums, both of these events have been converted to digital video (DVD) for viewing on a television or computer. We all have fond memories of these celebrations as we entertained our many friends and international guests with worship, music, and food. Any of these videos may be borrowed from the church office.

Community News

Benefit Auction for the Auglaize County Crisis Center – Please join us on Thursday, April 19 at 5:00pm in the Jr. Fair Building at the Auglaize County Fairground. All new items, gift certificates, getaway weekends, sports tickets, autographed items & more! Auction Service by Myers. Lunch stand provided by J. Marie's Wood Fired Kitchen and Drinks – all proceeds will be donated back to the Auglaize County Crisis Center. The Auglaize Co. Crisis Center is a family violence program that offers a window of hope! A United Way participating agency.

Opportunities to Become more Rooted & Grow in Faith

The Gospel Project for Adults – This class, led by Pastor Joel, runs throughout the entire Sunday school year and meets in the ministry center. We cover the same topics and scriptures as the kids are in Sunday school each week.

On Sunday's in the Heritage Room, Jay Elshoff leads an adult Sunday school class that works its way through the bible each year with a weekly lesson & reading.

Men's Bible Study is every Sunday morning at 8:00 am in the ministry center youth room.

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group meets weekly at 9:00 am in the ministry center youth room. Everyone is welcome.

The Gathering meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church social room. This small discussion group digs a little deeper into the previous Sunday's scripture passages and sermon message.

Grand Adults Fellowship meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm in the ministry center youth room. You are invited to come and play cards or games and enjoy some friendship and food. Call Becky Huston at 419-753-2230 if you need to arrange for transportation. (Not on the 17th, resumes on the 24th)

The last day of High School Bible Study will be May 6th. The last day of Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group will be May 9th.

NK Community Vacation Bible School- Make sure you mark your calendars, June 4th-8th. Registration forms will be coming soon!



Questions for Acts 9:20-31

1. Describe a time when you made a major life change. How did people respond?
2. How would you have responded to the change in Paul's life? Why? What would it have taken to prove to you that it was genuine?
3. What changes have taken place in your life as a result of knowing Jesus? How does this transformation point others to Jesus?
4. Paul faced persecution twice in this passage, yet he continued to preach boldly. What do you think inspired him to not give up? What motivation do you have to keep following Jesus even when it is difficult?

5. How has a Christian brother or sister supported you during a difficult time? How did you support someone else during their time of need? Why is connecting to Christian community critical to following Jesus?

6. What makes a healthy, growing church? What can we do as individuals to make such an impact at First Church?

Notes & Doodles

This Week at First Church – April 15 to April 22

TODAY

9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Youth Sunday School
10:15 am Adult Sunday School
6:30 pm High School Bible Study
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting
7:30 pm Consistory Meeting

MON.

7:00 pm Trustees Meeting
7:30 pm Consistory Meeting

TUES.

9:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group
2:00 pm No Grand Adults (Will Resume the 24th)

WED.

6:30 pm The Gathering - Social Room
6:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group
7:45 pm Sr. High Youth Group

NEXT SUN.

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Morning Worship Service
10:15 am Youth Sunday School
10:15 am Adult Sunday School
6:30 pm High School Bible Study

Attendance Last Sunday – 167

Sunday Collection - \$1,758.25

Sanctuary Painting Project \$35.00

General Fund & Pledges \$125.00

Radio Fund Sun. Offering - \$1,598.25.00

Sunday School Offering - \$17.40

Online Giving-285