

# *First Church*

OF NEW KNOXVILLE



**May 13, 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.**

## **First Church of New Knoxville**

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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**-A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Sharon Chaney

**Welcome & Announcements** Terry Wissman

**\*Call to Worship** from Psalm 146 Terry Wissman

One: Praise the LORD, my soul.

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes,  
in human beings, who cannot save.

**All:** <sup>4</sup> **When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

**<sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God.  
<sup>6</sup> He is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them  
he remains faithful forever.**

One: **<sup>7</sup> He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets prisoners free,  
<sup>8</sup> the LORD gives sight to the blind,  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

All: **<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the foreigner  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,  
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.  
<sup>10</sup> The LORD reigns forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

**\*Hymn No. 66-To God Be the Glory**

**Children's Chat** Shelby Rohrbaugh  
*(While the children come forward, please take time to greet your neighbor.)*

**Remembering our Soldiers** Jay Elshoff

**Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** [using debts and debtors] Pastor Joel Bucklin

**Giving Back to God**  
Ministry: Elevator Modernization Project  
Music: Higher Ground arr by Carter First Church Choir

**\*The Doxology: No. 625** Old 100<sup>th</sup>

**\*Scripture Reading** –Acts 14:8-20 Tracy Luck

**\*Praise Songs**

**We Fall Down**

**We fall down,  
We lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus,**

**The greatness of mercy and love  
At the feet. of Jesus**

**Chorus**

**And we cry holy, holy, holy,  
And we cry holy, holy, holy,  
And we cry holy holy, holy is the Lamb.**

**(Repeat All)**

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**Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God Almighty.  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy,  
Merciful and mighty.  
God in three persons,  
Blessed Trinity.**

**Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God Almighty.  
All Thy works shall  
Praise Thy name.  
In earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy  
Merciful and mighty.  
God in three persons,  
Blessed Trinity.**

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**Message**

Pastor Joel Bucklin

## **Step Out of the Spotlight**

**\*Hymn No. 366-I Surrender All**

**\*Blessing & Dismissal**

Pastor Joel Bucklin

**\*Postlude**

Sharon Chaney

## What is Happening at First Church?

**VBS will be here in 27 Days** and we have been busy planning and preparing for VBS Week. We are working on getting all of our teachers and helpers together for VBS. We cannot do VBS without your help!

Here are the different areas we need help with this year:

-Craft Teacher (Maria has the crafts completely planned out. We are just looking for someone to lead that class each day. Thank you, Maria!)

-Teachers for the following classrooms: Pre-Kindergarten & 5th Grade. We need roughly 15 teachers total.

-We also need helpers! We usually have 35-50 helpers to be in classrooms and with kids throughout the VBS Day.

-As always, we need all the amazing baked goods that you all faithfully provide each year!

-Men and women that know how to use power tools and can help build props for VBS.

Please let Tory know if you are interested in helping this year!

**For those that have signed up** to help build and paint things for VBS this year, we will be having a work day on Sunday, May 20th starting at 1pm. We will be working in the Ministry Center. Please let Tory know if you'd like to help!

**The Consistory has called for a Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, May 20 immediately following the morning service. The purpose is to discuss the current condition of the heating system and approve the cost of having an engineering firm design a replacement heating system for the church building.

**Meeting Reminder** – Spiritual Council will meet on Monday, May 14 at 7:00 pm in the ministry center conference room.

**Mother's Day Open House** -The nursery, kindergarten and primary Sunday school classes (3 year olds through kindergarten) will be having their annual open house today. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to attend.

**Agape Service Project** -On Thursday, May 24 at 7 pm First Church will be packing summer food bags for Auglaize County children. We will meet at the Agape Client Services Building which is directly West of the Agape Retail Store in St. Marys. Last year we had 25 people participate and everyone had a wonderful time! There is a sign-up sheet on the front pew or you can call the office at 419-753-2446 and let one of the office staff know you can help.

**Facebook Group** – You're invited to join our Facebook group "Members of First Church of New Knoxville". The purpose of the group is to communicate better with you by sharing church specific announcements, schedule changes, reminders, prayer requests and other important information. Only members of this group will see the updates appear on their timeline. You can certainly

“leave group” at any time if you no longer want to see the messages. You can also ask to be added to the group at any time. Head over to our regular public FB page and scroll down to “groups” and click “Join” today!

**VBS Registration Forms** were handed out in Sunday school. They are also available at the entrances and for the first year ever, you can register online via our website at [www.firstchurchnk.org](http://www.firstchurchnk.org)

**Summer Mission Trip Taco Bar Fundraiser-** On Sunday May 20th following the congregational meeting the Jr. & Sr. high youth will be hosting a taco bar fundraiser in the social room. You’re welcome to come and eat with us in the social room or take your tacos to go. We hope that you’ll consider staying and supporting our students who will be working this summer to serve others. Donations only.

**Graduation Sunday is May 27** - First Church of New Knoxville would like to invite all graduating members to attend service that day wearing their gowns for a special service on this day. The following First Church students will be graduating this year: Brittany Bambauer, Ethan Butcher, Lauren Hoelscher, Sophie Hoelscher, Ben Lammers, Caitlin Lammers, Nathan Merges, Ashley Paul, Zane Schroer and Nathan Tinnerman-Topp.

**College graduates are also welcome on Graduation Sunday** – Parents, if you have a student graduating from college in 2018 please call the church office by May 18 with their graduation information and future plans.

**First Church Logo Clothing Order** – We have had several requests to place another order so there are order forms in the entry ways. We need a minimum of 12 items to place an embroidery order and have 8 at this time. If you would like to place an order please see Meg Reineke, Connie Schroer or call the church office at 419-753-2446.

## Life of the Church

***Dear members of The Ministry Committee,***

*Joanne and I would like to thank you for partnering with us in the Barnabas Ministry. Because of your generosity, the gospel is being proclaimed. Bless you for your love and service unto Him, in your community and around the world.*

*Sincerely, in Christ,*

*Dave and Joanne Kimberly*

***Dear First Church,***

*Thank you for the beautiful rose in honor of our wedding anniversary.*

*Bill and Edythe Henschen*

**We need help in the Nursery.** If anyone is willing to help, please sign up on the sheet which is located on the front pew near the altar.

**Prayer Needs** –Carter Piehl, Ted Lammers, Mark Kuck, Lynda Katterheinrich, Becky Quellhorst, Marilyn Kuck, Betty Henschen, Ned Niemeyer, Don Heidt, Trisha Maurer, Roberta Rupert, Mable Meckstroth, Scarlett Unrast, Michael Allen, Don Pruetter, 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)*

**VBS Craft Items Needed:** Do you have fingernail polish at home that you aren't using anymore? We are in need of any color fingernail polish, sports stickers, narrow satin ribbon (any color), curling ribbon (the kind used to make bows with – any color) for crafts during Vacation Bible School. Please put donations in the marked box in the Heritage Room.

**“My First Church” provides our members with 24/7 access to their membership information & giving records.** All members who create a secure



log in have access to their own personal information and only connected members may access their data or the membership directory. Our system is called Access ACS and is available through our website or the Church Life mobile app.

**Once you create a log in you can:** Submit changes to your personal information, view your giving history, set up online giving (one time or recurring), register for events & volunteer for activities, view an up to date church directory and download the Church Life Mobile App. **How do I sign up?** Go to our website [www.firstchurchnk.org](http://www.firstchurchnk.org) & click on “Online Giving”

## **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 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 using Pastor Joel's weekly questions. *Schedule Change for June, July & August:* during the summer the gathering will transition to meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. On June 13 we will meet at Allen & Connie Schroer's home (09585 Botkins Angle Rd. NK).

**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.

## Community News

**You are invited** to the Luncheon of the St. Marys/Celina Women's Connection lunch on May 15<sup>th</sup> at C.J. Highmarks, which is located at 1211 Irmischer Blvd., Celina, OH 45822. It is from 11:30 am-1:15 pm. The cost is \$14.50 which includes lunch, gratuity, and the program. The guest speaker is Teresa Smith. Please RSVP to Barb (419-852-3635) or Clara (937-464-6345) by May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**The Bloodmobile** will be at the American Legion in New Knoxville on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 6:00 pm.

## Youth Announcements

**Students helping with the taco bar** mission trip fundraiser, please make sure that you are at church at 8:30am on Sunday, May 20th. Please contact Tory if you have any questions.

**Students participating** in the summer mission trip, scholarship forms were given out at the mission trip meeting on Wednesday. Please make sure to have your forms turned in to Tory by May 31.

## Questions for Acts 14:8-20

1. How do you define “compassion”? Describe a time you had compassion toward someone or something. How did that impact you?
2. How does your opinion about something change when you take the time to “look directly” at it? What keeps us from slowing down and looking at people or situations in this way?
3. Why is humility so difficult? Is it wrong to take pride in your work? Why or why not?
4. What is the antidote to pride? What steps can you take in that direction this week?
5. How does our humility or pride impact our relationships? How does a proper view of yourself and others cultivate Christian community?
6. When was the last time you were in need? In what ways did you experience help and encouragement from others? How can you be supportive of someone else in need?

# Notes & Doodles

## **This Week at First Church – May 13 to May 20**

### **TODAY**

	<b>Mother's Day</b>
8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
9:00 am	Worship Service
10:15 am	Mother's Day Open House (Nursery, Kindergarten & Primary
classes only)	
10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
10:15 am	Adult Sunday School

### **MON.**

7:00 pm	Spiritual Council Meeting
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### **TUES.**

2:00 pm	Grand Adults Fellowship & Games
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### **WED.**

6:30 pm	The Gathering - Social Room
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### **NEXT SUN.**

#### **Pentecost**

8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
9:00 am	Worship Service
10:00 am	Congregational Meeting
10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
10:15 am	Adult Sunday School
10:30 am	Taco Bar Fundraiser
1:00 pm	VBS Set Building Work Day

**Attendance Last Sunday – 157**

**Sunday Collection - \$1,923.25**

Sunday Mission Offerings- \$225.00

General Fund & Pledges- \$1,598.25

**Sunday School Offering - \$20.20**

**Online Giving- \$225.00**