

First Church

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

**GOD CAUSES
ALL THINGS
TO WORK
TOGETHER**

*for the good
OF THOSE WHO
love Him*

July 8, 2018

Rooted in Christ, Growing Together, Serving the World



First Church

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

**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 –My Country Tis of Thee

Sharon Chaney

Welcome & Announcements

Brian Lammers

***Call to Worship** from Psalm 32

One: Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

² Blessed is the one
whose sin the LORD does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

All: ³ When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away

through my groaning all day long.
⁴ For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the LORD."
And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

One: ⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

All: ⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.

¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

¹¹ Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

*Praise Song

Adam Rohrbaugh, leader

You Are My Hiding Place

You are my hiding place
You always fill my heart
With songs of deliverance
Whenever I am afraid
I will trust in You

I will trust in You
Let the weak say I am strong
In the strength of the Lord

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CCLI Song # 21442

Shout To the Lord

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You
(Repeat)

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Sending Forth our Youth in Mission

Tory Russell, Youth Pastor – Sharing about the trip.

Pastor Joel Bucklin – Scripture, Encouragement & Questions

Pastor: Do you recognize your mission as being sent forth by God to be His hands and feet in service and share His Word?

Participants: We do.

Pastor: Do you accept your assignment as a commission from God to go and act on his behalf? And do you accept the responsibility of representing this congregation & this community in doing the work of our Lord in New Knoxville and the surrounding areas?

Participants: We do.

Pastor: *[To the Congregation] Will you support them with your prayers during their venture and with your interest upon their return, recognizing their contribution to the work of God's kingdom?*

Congregation: We will.

Prayer & Commission - Pastor Joel Bucklin & Elders

*Leaders: Amy Reineke, Tory Breitigan, Jake Breitigan and Annette Thompson.
Students: Morgan Leffel, Sammy Anspach, Tori Lammers, Riley Thobe, Jacklynn Leffel, Carly Fledderjohann, Jared Osborne, Ellie Gabel, Avery Henschen, Max Henschen, Carsyn Henschen, Erica Weadock, Matthew Michael, Gavin Reineke, Haley Fledderjohann, Becca Leffel, Caroline Leffel, Mia Metzger, Kate Tinnerman, Kaylee Egbert, Noah Pax, Andrew Poppe.*

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: Building Improvements and Technology Fund

Music: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands by Robert W. Thygerson
Olivia Lammers, Guest Pianist

***Offertory Hymn No. 620** - We Give Thee But Thine Own

***Scripture Reading** –Acts 19:1-20

Connie Schroer

***Hymn No. 350**-Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Message

Pastor Joel Bucklin

Rely on Christ

***Hymn No. 441**-Take Time to Be Holy

***Blessing & Dismissal**

Pastor Joel Bucklin

***Postlude**

Sharon Chaney

What is Happening at First Church?

Guest Musicians - Miss Olivia Lammers will share music for the offertory today. She is the daughter of Joe & Sara Lammers and the granddaughter of Ted & Carolyn Lammers. *Thank you Olivia.*

Community Block Party- Tomorrow from 6-8 pm the mission trip students will be putting on a community block party! EVERYONE in town is invited! We will have food, games and lots of fun for the whole family. We hope you will join us rain or shine for our block party!

Volunteers needed to serve at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen this Tuesday, July 10. Volunteers assist in some food prep work and serving in the food line. You can expect to leave New Knoxville at 9:30 am and are back here by 12:45 or so. You may choose to carpool with another volunteer or drive up to the soup kitchen on your own.

Rick and Monica Haberkamp have served with The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) for about 40 years in Chad, Africa. They will be with us next Sunday, July 15. They are retiring from TEAM Oct. 1st and want to thank First Church for all of the prayer and financial support over the years. Immediately following the service next Sunday, they will be sharing a photo presentation in the ministry center about their encouraging last term in Chad.

We need help in the Nursery. Our nursery ministry is a vital part of a healthy growing church. If anyone is able to serve, please sign up on the sheet which is located on the front pew near the altar.

Building Update from the Trustees: Some time ago the Trustees obtained an engineering proposal to design a new hot water heating system to replace our aging and deteriorating low-pressure steam system. A time had been set for a Congregational meeting to approve engineering costs, but after reviewing the proposal we Trustees decided that we needed to obtain more information. We have now met with three engineers, four heating contractors, and two asbestos consultants.

This past week the trustees recommended to the consistory that the church accept a proposal from Brumbaugh-Herrick, Inc. (one of the asbestos consultants we met with) to take samples of plaster, pipe insulation, paint, etc. for analysis. At a cost of \$3,100 they will collect and test approximately 150 samples and write a report on the locations of hazardous materials in the building. They will specify what needs to be removed for the heating replacement project. The consistory approved this recommendation with the cost to be paid from the building maintenance fund. The report could also be utilized for future repair or renovation projects.

Asbestos removal will be the first step in this costly project. Progress will likely be rather slow because of the process of obtaining proposals, making recommendations to the Consistory and the Congregation, and approving expenditures at Congregational meetings. This project will be very costly, and the challenge of financing this and other costly building maintenance projects will need to be met. Any questions may be directed to Trustees Doug Hoelscher, Bob Grimes, or Ned Vordermark.

Life of the Church

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Betty Henschen who entered Christ's care on June 28, 2018. She was 90. A service in memory of her life and legacy was held in the sanctuary of First Church on Monday, July 2nd. She was given a Christian Burial at Pilger Ruhe Cemetery. *The flowers on the altar are in honor of Betty.*

Congratulations to Aaron Bastian and Hannah Bambauer who were united in Christian marriage here at First Church on July 7th. Aaron is the son of Doug and Pam Bastian. He is from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Hannah is the daughter of Dave and Judy Bambauer.

Congratulations to Megan & Nathan Quist on the birth of their daughter Mila Grace who arrived on July 4, 2018 weighing 8 lb. 10 oz. Megan is the daughter of Gene & Emily Little and Nathan is the son of Brad & Naomi Quist who are missionaries serving overseas.

Dear First Church, we were touched by the outpouring of sympathy since the recent loss of our mother, Betty Henschen. Thank you to Pastors Joel Bucklin and Kim Katterheinrich for a lovely funeral service. Also, we are grateful to all those who prepared food and served the delicious lunch after the service.
Brent & Rita Henschen and Dale & Barb Niemeyer

Prayer Needs –The family of Betty Henschen, Shawn Spencer, Bob Grimes, Carter Piehl, Ted Lammers, Mark Kuck, Lynda Katterheinrich, Becky Quellhorst, Marilyn Kuck, Ned Niemeyer, Don Heidt, Roberta Rupert, Mable Meckstroth, Scarlett Unrast, 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)*

The Gathering is a small discussion group that digs a little deeper into the previous Sunday's scripture passages and sermon message using Pastor Joel's weekly questions. During the summer they are meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. On July 11 they will meet in the social room. All are invited!

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.

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

Youth News

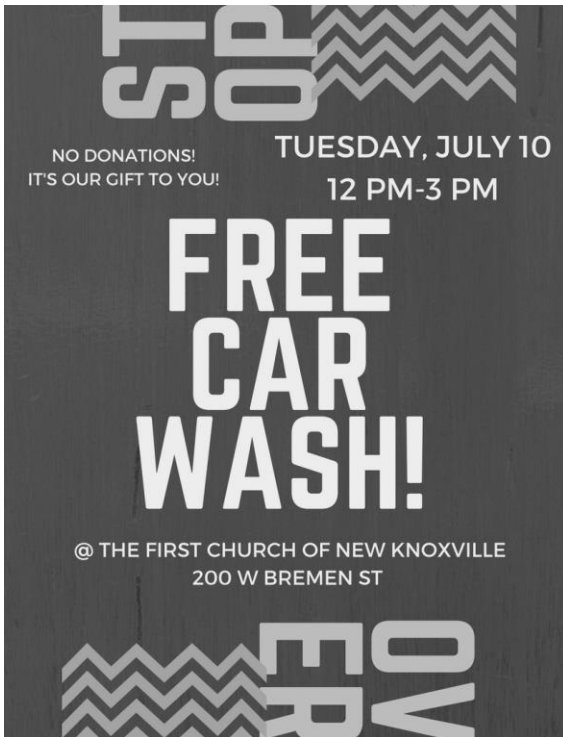
Youth Mission Trip – Today at 5 pm our students and chaperones will begin their summer mission trip. Please pray for them as they pray together, study together and go and serve the Lord and His people!

Leaders: Amy Reineke, Tory Breitigan, Jake Breitigan and Annette Thompson.

Students: Morgan Leffel, Sammy Anspach, Tori Lammers, Riley Thobe, Jacklynn Leffel, Carly Fledderjohann, Jared Osborne, Ellie Gabel, Avery Henschen, Max Henschen, Carsyn Henschen, Erica Weadock, Matthew Michael, Gavin Reineke, Haley Fledderjohann, Becca Leffel, Caroline Leffel, Mia Metzger, Kate Tinnerman, Kaylee Egbert, Noah Pax, Andrew Poppe.

There will be NO junior or senior high bible study this week due to the mission trip. High school bible study will resume Monday, July 16th and Jr. High will resume on Thursday, July 19.

Students and parents on July 25th we will be going to SkyZone in Dayton! We need 15 people in order to go to SkyZone. The cost per student will be \$20 for an hour and a half of jumping. Students if you would like to go we will be leaving church at 12:00 pm and will be back by 4 pm. Please get your money to Tory by July 22nd. Parents you will need to fill out a waiver online at the SkyZone website in order for your student to participate.



Community News

The Bloodmobile will be at the American Legion in New Knoxville on Friday, July 13th from Noon – 6:00 p.m.

This Week at First Church – July 8-July 15

TODAY

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Mission Trip Kick off

MON.

7:30 a. to 10 p. Mission Trip – Serving at the Soup Kitchen & Elmwood Nursing Home
6 - 8 p.m. Community Block Party in the parking Lot

TUES.

7:30 a. to 10 p. Mission Trip – Serving all over New Knoxville doing yard cleanup & visiting businesses. Washing cars from Noon to 3
Noon – 3 pm FREE Car Wash – church parking lot
2:00 pm Grand Adults Fellowship & Games

WED.

7:30 a. to 10 p. Mission Trip – Serving at Agape, Elmwood Nursing Home & Camping

THURS.

7:30 a. to Noon Mission Trip – Wrap up the week. Parents pick up students in the church parking lot at noon.

FRI. Office is Closed

NEXT SUN.

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Rick & Monica Haberkamp mission presentation – Min. Ctr.

Attendance Last Sunday – 124

Sunday Collection - \$1,586.56

General Fund-\$1,511.56

Pledges-\$75.00

Online Giving-\$215.00

Questions for Acts 19:1-20

1. When did you first trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord? Who or what helped you see your need for Christ?
2. What difference has Jesus made in your life? What changes would there be if you did or didn't know Jesus?
3. Who is the Holy Spirit? What does he do for Christians?
4. How has the Holy Spirit enabled you to love and serve God?
5. What does it mean to take ownership of your own faith? How can you take steps in that direction today?
6. What have you had to give up in order to follow Christ? What is God calling you to give up in order to follow him more closely?
7. Is it hard for you to rely on someone else? Why or why not? What practical steps can you take to rely on God more fully?