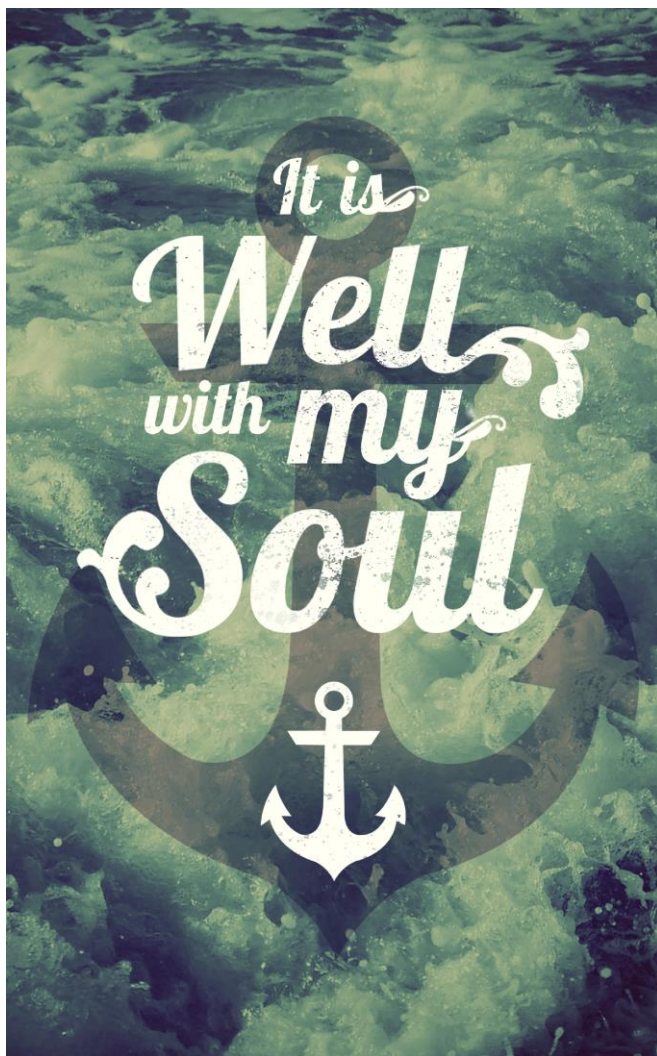


First Church

OF NEW KNOXVILLE



August 12, 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 –A Mighty Fortress is Our God" arr. Bock

Audrey Ervin

Welcome & Announcements

Dave Bambauer

***Call to Worship** from Luke 9:23-26

One: ²³ Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

²⁵ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? ²⁶ Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

***Hymn No. 185-**When I Survey the Wonderful Cross

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: The Radio Fund

Music: Who Am I

Bob Grimes

***The Doxology: No. 625** Old 100th

***Scripture Reading** –Acts 24:22-27

Adam Rohrbaugh

***Hymn No. 394-**In My Life Lord Be Glorified

Message

Pastor Joel Bucklin

An Inconvenient Gospel

***Hymn No. 376-**I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

***Blessing & Dismissal**

Pastor Joel Bucklin

***Postlude** - This is My Father's World" arr. Hayes

Audrey Ervin

What is Happening at First Church?

We welcome Audrey Ervin back to First Church as our guest pianist this morning. She and her husband David live in Marysville and are parents to Anne, Craig, Phillip & Juliette. Audrey is the daughter of Erik & Janna Hirschfeld.

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.

Meeting Reminder: Spiritual Council will meet on Monday, August 13 at 7:00 pm in the ministry center conference room.

Life of the Church

Congratulations to Mitchell & Brittany Hirschfeld on the birth of their daughter Charis Malena who was born on Wednesday, August 8 weighting 8 lb and was 20 ½ inches long. She will be welcomed home by her big sister Petra. Mitchell is the son of Erik & Janna Hirschfeld and Brittany is the daughter of Judi & Mark Irwin of Columbus.

Dear First Church, It is with so much gratefulness in my heart that I can say that I am fully funded for my trip to India. I want to say thank you again to our church for your generosity & support as I continue pursuing my passion in missions. I only pray that I can be God's light sharing his Love and worth for his people in India & wherever he brings me in this lifetime. As the days get closer to my time to return to India it brings a lot of emotions. If you could continue to pray that God would prepare my heart that would mean so much to me. Also pray for my transitioning to India, health, and safety. *Shannon Roediger*

Prayer Needs –Cameron Wilkerson, Don Prueter, Robert Schroer, Courtney Piehl, Bud Wright, Lil Wierwille, Mike Geib, Ermie Wildermuth, Marlene Wildermuth, Shawn Spencer, Ted Lammers, 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 to be added or removed from the prayer list – the office staff does not know to take you off unless you ask. Thank you)*

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.

Mid-Year Pledge Card Reminder – If you haven't considered your general fund pledge yet, we ask that you prayerfully consider your giving for the remainder of the year. The general fund of First Church is where the day to day operations and expenses are paid. Your generosity allows First Church to minister both within and outside of our doors.

Heating System Gifts - We have begun to receive donations for the upcoming heating system project. If you would like to make a gift to this upcoming project please mark your check, envelope or online gift for the Building Maintenance Fund and add "Heating System" in the memo line. Thank you to all who have begun supporting this necessary maintenance and upkeep to our place of worship.

This Week at First Church – August 12-19

TODAY

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Worship Service

MON.

7:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting

TUES.

2:00 pm Grand Adults Fellowship

FRI.

Office is Closed

NEXT SUN.

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Worship Service

Attendance Last Sunday –138

Sunday Collection - \$1,815.00

Sunday Mission Offerings-\$125.00
Gen. Fund Donations-\$1,540.00
Building Maint. Donations.-\$150.00

Online Giving-\$470.00

Heating System Update from the Trustees:

We have continued to research and meet with companies regarding the best way forward with the failing heating system in the church.

Our first concern in changing the heating system is the removal of asbestos containing material which will be disturbed when changing the heating system. At the June consistory meeting we presented information regarding the need for an asbestos assessment prior to any renovation work. The consistory approved a proposal from Brumbaugh-Herrick Inc., an environmental, health & safety consulting company from Monclova, Ohio, to perform a complete asbestos & lead paint study at a cost of \$3,100.

On July 10, 2018 Mr. Brett Brumbaugh took approximately 55 samples of plaster, floor tile, ceiling tile, etc... They were evaluated by a qualified laboratory to locate asbestos and lead paint in the church building. Test results indicated that the entire ceiling in the boiler room and the adjacent storage room (formerly the coal bin) contain asbestos fiber. Some of this will be disturbed when removing the old steam pipes and pipe hangers. Also, the ceiling in the nursery contains asbestos fiber, and it will have to be disturbed in several places where pipes pass through, which would involve partial removal.

The Trustees are recommending complete removal of the boiler room, coal bin, and nursery ceilings to be replaced by drywall. In addition, there are approximately 960 lineal feet of pipe and 32 pipe fittings which are insulated with asbestos containing material. Brumbaugh-Herrick will oversee the asbestos removal to be sure it is performed according to all regulations.

Mr. Brumbaugh has prepared a request for proposal which will be sent to four asbestos abatement contractors inviting them to bid on the job. On August 9 a pre-bid meeting was held so the contractors could tour the building and prepare proposals to be submitted to the Trustees by August 17. Once the proposals are received they will be reviewed by the Trustees and Mr. Brumbaugh. A recommendation will be made to the consistory and then to the congregation at a special congregational meeting to approve the expenditure for asbestos removal.

In the near future the Trustees will also be meeting with an engineer to write a Design/Build Request for Proposal which will be sent out to at least three contractors to bid on the removal of the old system and the installation of the new. After these bids are received another special Congregational meeting will be needed for the presentation & discussion of options, consistory recommendations and approval of the expenditure for the heating system.

This will be a very costly project. Any suggestions for fundraising/financing would be appreciated. Any questions may be directed to your Trustees Doug Hoelscher, Bob Grimes and Ned Vordermark or Pastor Joel Bucklin. Copies of the Asbestos & Lead Paint Screening Report are available at the church office.

Questions for Acts 24:22-27

1. Describe a time when you had an opportunity to step out of your comfort zone. How did you respond?
2. What are some of the comforts we experience that hinder our walk with Christ?
3. What does it take to set those obstacles aside and follow Jesus?
4. How does God's grace continue to shape and transform you? What fruit of the Gospel can you identify in your life?
5. How can you take your knowledge of God and put it into practice? What role do you play and what role does the Holy Spirit play in that process?
6. Why and how does the final judgment encourage you in your walk with Christ? How can you begin to view things in light of eternity?