



First Church

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

Rooted in Christ, Growing Together, Serving the World

**First Church recognizes Jesus Christ
as the head of the Church and as Savior and Lord.**

**We are a community of faith who engage Biblical truth
to provide an environment where people mature
as disciples of Christ.**

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In Worship Today

Erik Hirschfeld, Music Director
Sharon Chaney, Musician
Nikki Rohrbaugh, Vocalist
Maria Lammers, Scripture
& Children's Chat

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

- **The Restrooms** are in the basement at the East end of the church and inside the main glass doors of the ministry building next door.
- **The Nursery for Young Children** is located 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.
- **Large Print bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary near the table.
- **Hearing Assistance Devices** – Please see the sound system technician on the South wall if you would like to use one.
- **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 in the Bible App you will find the Events feature. Each Sunday you can find the scripture, sermon key points and weekly questions.

Welcome to Worship at First Church

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

Prelude – Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship from Psalm 103:1-12

One: ¹ Praise the Lord, my soul;
 all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
 ² Praise the Lord, my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits—
 ³ who forgives all your sins
 and heals all your diseases,
 ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
 and crowns you with love and compassion,
 ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: ⁶ **The Lord works righteousness
 and justice for all the oppressed.**

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:

⁸ The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;

¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

One: ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

***Hymn No. 145 – O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Children's Chat & Greeting Time

Remembering Our Soldiers

***Hymn No. 4 – How Great Thou Art**

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Giving Back to God

Ministry: The General Fund

Offertory Hymn No. 625 – Doxology

***Scripture Reading – Exodus 20:1-6**

Message – The Right Way to Worship

***Hymn No. 210 – Jesus Paid It All**

The Lord's Supper

***Blessing, Dismissal & Postlude**

This Week at First church

A Short Congregational Meeting to accept nominations for officers of the consistory/congregation will be held today following the 9:00 a.m. service. The nominees are on the back page of the bulletin.

You're Invited – The family of Joann Feldwisch invites you to join them in celebrating her 90th birthday at a reception today from 1-3 pm at the First Church of New Knoxville Ministry Center. No gifts please.

Church Un-Decorating Today – We will take down the Christmas decorations today following the brief congregational meeting. We had many folks put it all up and the church was decorated in no time – putting it away goes even faster! If you are able to stay and lend a hand it is most appreciated.

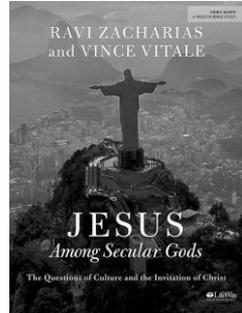
Youth Group, Bible Study & Confirmation Schedule

- Confirmation resumes today.
- Sr. High Bible Study resumes this afternoon – 4:30 pm at Dave & Judy Bambauer's home.
- Youth Group is back on Wednesday, January 9 with a new time of 7 – 8:30 pm. Jr. & Sr. High are combined from here on.

New Bible Study in January - Jesus Among Secular Gods.

On Sunday mornings starting January 27 we will be offering a NEW bible study *Jesus Among Secular Gods* written by Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale. The rise of secular gods presents the most serious challenge to the absolute claims of Christ since the founding of Christianity itself.

We will be studying the secular prevailing worldviews such as atheism, scientism, pluralism and many more that are drastically different than what Jesus preached. This study will seek to help us as Christ-followers to engage and have meaningful conversations with people that believe in these secular worldviews. This study will be an 11-week bible study led by Jake Breitigan beginning January 27 on Sundays at 10:15 am.



Please sign up at the info table TODAY so that we can order books for those who are interested! Everyone is welcome to join this study. Please see Jake Breitigan following church today if you have any questions.

The Tuesday morning bible study will begin at 9 a.m. on January 8 in the Ministry Center. We will watch and discuss a 5 part DVD series led by Andy Stanley on David, a humble shepherd, giant-slayer, gifted poet, might warrior, flawed man, and a legendary leader.

Next Sunday, January 13 Shannon Roediger will give a short mission update during church on her time in India. Following church she will share photos and more stories in the Ministry Center.

Life of the Church

Sermon Series: Rules to Live By - One day, an expert in the law asked Jesus which is the greatest commandment. Famously, Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all you heart... [and] love your neighbor as yourself." These commands were not new. Both the command to love God and love neighbor find their origin in the Old Testament law. In fact, the Ten Commandments, the pinnacle of the law, are basically a detailed explanation of how to fulfill these two commandments. The first four describe how we are to relate to God, and the last six deal with our relationship with others. The commandments provide a framework for how to relate rightly to God and others, and our relationships flourish when we learn to live within these parameters. Join us over the next ten weeks as we discover how the Ten Commandments help us relate to God and to each other.

Heating System Campaign Update: To date 56 of 400 heating system pledge cards have been returned with a total of 323,800 pledged to date. If you have not turned in your pledge card we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so.

Prayer Focus

Prayer during January – during our guided prayer session last November we spent time praying for our husbands, wives, marriages, children and extended families. We lifted up our church family and the churches in our surrounding communities. We also prayed for our local, state and federal leaders. We invite you to pray diligently for these this month. There are bookmarks over by the new info center with specific scripture verses to use in your prayer time.

Individual Prayer Needs – Terry Huston, Bob Grimes, Dennis Howe, Robert Schroer, Tara Hoelscher, Todd Hegemier, David Jeanneret, Jeannie Zanboni, Brooklyn Karch, Ed Oberlander, Pastor Andrew Cammenga, Marilyn Kuck, Don Williams, Joann Feldwisch, Cameron Wilkerson, Don Prueter, Mike Geib, Shawn Spencer, Becky Quellhorst, Ned Niemeyer, Don Heidt, Mable Meckstroth, Scarlett Unrast, Michael Allen, Judy Hoelscher, Wavalene Opperman, 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)*

Sermon Questions for Deeper Study

1. Describe a time of worship that you felt particularly close to God. What was unique about that experience?
2. Why is our imagination inadequate to accurately represent God? In what ways do we sometimes attribute human characteristics and limitations to God?
3. How do images and idols limit God?
4. How is God's jealousy different than human jealousy? How do images and idols provoke God's jealousy?
5. What is the kind of worship that God desires? (read 1 Samuel 15:22-23; Micah 6:6-8; John 4:21-24)
6. Is there a single "right way" to worship God? Why or why not?
7. How does Jesus fulfill the second commandment? Where else has God placed his image in the world?

This Week at First Church – January 6 - 13

TODAY

Communion & Congregational Meeting

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study – Min. Ctr. youth room
9:00 am Worship Service
10:05 am Congregational meeting to approve nominations for officers
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Confirmation Class
10:15 am Take down Christmas decorations
4:30 pm Sr. High Youth Bible Study at Dave & Judy Bambauer's home

TUES.

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study - Min. Ctr. youth room
10:00 am Serve at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen - Lima
6:30 pm Growth Group Study led by Pastor Joel & Alie

WED.

- 6:30 pm Bell Choir practice
7-8:30 pm Jr. / Sr. High Combined Youth Group – Ministry Center
7:30 pm Vocal Choir practice

NEXT SUN.

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study – Min. Ctr. youth room
9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Mission Presentation by Shannon Roediger
10:15 am Confirmation Class
4:30 pm Sr. High Youth Bible Study at Dave & Judy Bambauer's home

Facts & Figures from last Sunday 12/30

Total Sunday Collection - \$2,015.30 Worship Attendance – 149
 Heating System Project - \$1,800.30
 Pledges & Gen. Fund- \$215.00

Sunday School Collection \$20.80

Online Giving for the week-\$810.00

The Congregational Meeting to accept nominations for officers of the consistory/congregation will be held on Sunday, January 6, 2019 following the 9:00 a.m. service.

Below is a list of those nominated for office and also outgoing officers who have completed their terms. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

- Elders:** **Stan Reineke**
Keith Leffel (outgoing)
- Michelle Dillon**
Michelle Dillon (outgoing)
- Trustee:** **Doug Hoelscher**
Doug Hoelscher (outgoing)
- Deacons:**
- District 1: **Kort Fledderjohann**
Kort Fledderjohann (outgoing)
- District 2: **Doug Bambauer**
Jack Schrolucke (outgoing)
- District 3: **Brian Lammers**
Brian Lammers (outgoing)
- District 4: **Rob Chaney**
Ryan Opperman (outgoing)

The Annual Meeting to elect officers, hear reports from the trustees, the treasurer, the committees and to approve the proposed 2019 budget will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019 in the sanctuary after the 9:00 a.m. service.