



# *First Church*

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

**Rooted in Christ, Growing Together, Serving the World**

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**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.**

***May 12, 2019 – Mother’s Day***

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**In Worship Today**

Keith Leffel, Lay Leader

Erik Hirschfeld, Music Director

Sharon Chaney, Pianist

Adam Rohrbaugh, Scripture

Shelby Rohrbaugh, 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 info center.
- **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, Welcome & Announcements**

#### **\*Opening Prayer** from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

One: <sup>10</sup> David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, Lord,  
the God of our father Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting.

<sup>11</sup> Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,  
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, Lord, is the kingdom;  
you are exalted as head over all.

<sup>12</sup> Wealth and honor come from you;  
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power  
to exalt and give strength to all.

<sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we give you thanks,  
and praise your glorious name.

**All: Amen**

**\*Hymns**

**No. 29** - Glorify Thy Name (first verse only)

**No. 30** – How Majestic Is Your Name

**No. 31** – Great Is the Lord

**Children's Chat**

**Remembering our Soldiers**

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

**\*Hymn No. 42** – Seek Ye First

**Giving Back to God**

Offering: Mark Burd, Revive Ohio Ministries

Offertory Music: At His Feet by Davenport

Offertory Hymn No. 623 – Gloria Patri

**\*Scripture Reading** – Hebrews 4:14-16

**Message** - Why We Pray

**\*Hymn No. 371** – Have Thine Own Way Lord

**\*Blessing, Dismissal & Postlude**

## **What is Happening at First Church?**

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

**Congratulations to Lauren Piehl & Andrew Hawkey** who were united in Christian marriage on May 11, 2019. Lauren is the daughter of Bill and Diane Piehl and Andrew is the son of Ann Hawkey and the late David Hawkey.

**Reception for Rev. Dave Hunt on Monday, May 13.** Rev. Hunt and his daughter Leah will be visiting New Knoxville. We will have a short reception from 6 - 8 pm in the Social Room with refreshments for those who would like to stop by and share memories of his time here. Rev. Hunt served First Church as Senior Pastor from 1991—2005.

**Prayer Calendar for VBS** – We are only 30 days away from the start of Vacation Bible School. In your bulletin today is a prayer calendar. Would you begin now covering our community VBS in prayer? Pray for the children who will attend and continue lifting VBS up as it's happening.

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

**Today's offering is for Mark & Jill Burd with Revive Ohio** – Pastor Mark joined Time to Revive Ministries full time and oversees the Ohio region. Revive Ohio just finished their 13<sup>th</sup> county (Greene) last week. In the 3 years since coming to Ohio, Revive has trained almost 100 disciplemakers. Last week alone they witnessed dozens of salvations. The number of churches involved has doubled and they have seen pastors from all denominations come together for prayer, fellowship and sharing the gospel.

**Graduation Sunday is May 26** - 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 members and youth group attendees will be graduating this year: Kathryn Elshoff, Zachary Kuck, Tori Lammers, Tasia Lauth, Cassandra McGue, Hannah Neuman, Thomas Pax, Lauren Stephens, Alicia Weadock, Jared Osborne, and Tayler Doty.

**College graduates are also welcome on Graduation Sunday** – Parents, if you have a student graduating or has graduated from college in 2019 please call the church office by May 16 with their graduation information and future plans.

**Students participating** in the summer trip, scholarship forms will be handed out at bible study on May 19. Please make sure to have your forms turned in to Tory by June 2. Contact Tory with questions.

## Life of the Church

**Heating System Update** – Shutdown and removal of the old steam heat system is underway. We will post progress photos on our members group page and on our Facebook page.

**Brick Repair work** - Consistory has approved a bid from Wellman Brothers to repair brickwork at the Northeast corner of the church near the roof at a cost of \$4,558.00 which will be paid from the Building & Maintenance Fund. Work will begin mid May.

**Interested in Joining the Church?** Please see Pastor Joel if you are interested in becoming a member of First Church. We will be planning a Sunday to receive new members in the next few months.

**Tough Questions Summer Sermon Series begins June 2:** Pastor Joel will preach a series of sermon addressing the tough questions of faith. We all have questions, and even doubts, about God, the Bible, and how to live out our faith day to day. So let's talk about them and examine them from a Biblical perspective. You can submit questions to him directly via email or through the church office. There will also be a box at the Info Center next to the custodians' office where you can submit questions anonymously. Start submitting your questions now, so Pastor Joel has plenty of time to plan and prepare these messages.

**Funeral Dinner List Update** – Our list of those willing to bring a dish for funeral lunches is in need of update. Many of the numbers are no longer in service or have changed. There is a list at the info center. If you know you're on the list please check it to be sure the best contact number is listed. If you wish to be off the list or added to the list please cross your name off or add it. You may also call the church office with updated info. *Thanks! The Funeral Dinner Team*

## Prayer Focus

**Individual Prayer Needs** – Lisa Thobe, Mary Kuck, Kari Farr, Shannon Roediger, Darrel Kuck, Gary Katterheinrich, Dennis Howe, Jeannie Zanboni, Brooklyn Karch, Ed Oberlander, Marilyn Kuck, Don Williams, Cameron Wilkerson, Mike Geib, Shawn Spencer, Becky Quellhorst, Ned Niemeyer, Don Heidt, Mable Meckstroth, Michael Allen, Judy Hoelscher, Wavalene Opperman, Helen Wellman, Irma Hoelscher, Kathy Schrolucke, Thelma Arnett, Ruth Kuck, and Betty Kiefer.

## Opportunities to Become more Rooted & Grow in Faith

**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. This group meets all year round.

**Men's Bible Study** is every Sunday morning at 8:00 am in the ministry center youth room. This class meets all year round.

**Summer Schedules** – The following classes will be wrapping up for the school year and taking a break for the summer before resuming in September.

- *The Gospel Project bible study* on Sunday mornings will end on May 26
- *The heritage room class led by Jay Elshoff* also follows the Sunday school schedule and wraps up on May 26.
- *The Tuesday morning bible study finished up on May 7.*

### **Sermon Questions for Deeper Study**

1. How and what were you taught about prayer as a child? How did that affect your understanding of prayer as an adult?
2. What is the purpose of prayer?
3. What is the difference between God-centered prayer and self-centered prayer? How does this change how we view and pray about our own circumstances?
4. What kind of attitude should we have in prayer? Read the parables about prayer in Luke to help answer this question (Luke 11:5-13, 18:1-14).
5. Is there anything off limits in prayer? Why or why not?
6. How can you be a more active participant in prayer during the worship service?
7. How can you develop and foster a healthy prayer life during the week? What practical steps can you take to pray more often?

# Notes & Doodles

## **This Week at First Church – May 12 - 19**

### **TODAY**

#### **Happy Mother's Day**

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study – Min. Ctr. youth room  
9:00 am Worship Service  
10:15 am Sunday School – Children & Adults  
10:15 am Mother's Day Open House – Nursery, Kindergarten & Primary  
10:15 am Gospel Project Bible Study led by Pastor Joel

### **MON.**

- 6-8 pm Open House reception for Rev. Dave Hunt – Social Room  
7 pm Spiritual Council Meeting

### **TUES.**

- 9:30 am Serve at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in Lima  
2:00 pm Grand Adults Fellowship - Min. Ctr. youth room  
6:30 pm Growth Group Study led by Pastor Joel & Alie

### **WED.**

- 6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice  
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 – Children & Adults  
10:15 am Gospel Project Bible Study led by Pastor Joel  
6:30-8 pm Backyard Bible Study for Jr./Sr. High youth at Dave & Judy Bambauer's home.

### **Facts & Figures from last week** - Attendance 173

- Total Sunday Collection - \$2,524.00  
    General Fund Offering - \$2,149.00  
    Pledges – \$100.00  
    Heating System Gifts - \$275.00  
Sunday School Kids Offering - \$19.15

Online Giving for the week - \$1,065.00

Heating System Campaign Goal: \$847,800+ Progress as of 5/10/19 \$655,460