



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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Assisting in Worship Today
Brian Lammers, Lay Leader
Connie O'Neill, Guest Musician
Maria Lammers, Children's Chat
& Scripture Reader

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.
- **Large Print bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary near the info center.
- **Children's Activity Bags** are available at the info center at the back of the sanctuary.
- **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”
- **Our Worship Service** is broadcast each Sunday on T-102 FM at 10:15a
- **Facebook Live** - We stream our service live via our Facebook page “firstchurchnk” at 9:00 am on Sundays.
- **The * invites those who are able, to rise.**

Welcome to Worship at First Church

***Prelude & Welcome**

*** Call to Worship** from Psalm 96

- One: ¹ Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- All: ⁴ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.**
- ⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
- One: ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.

⁹Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.

All: ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

¹²Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

¹³Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

***Hymn No. 97 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

Children's Chat

Giving Back to God

Offering: Jim & Carol Sheffield with Ethnos 360

Music: Connie O'Neill

*Offertory Hymn No. 623 – Gloria Patri

***Hymn No. 466 – Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

Mission Moment – Wayne Lunsford, Wycliffe Bible Translators

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

Scripture Reading – Acts 1:1-11

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized

with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Message – Outward Focused Church

***Hymn No. 308 – Go**

Benediction & Dismissal

Postlude

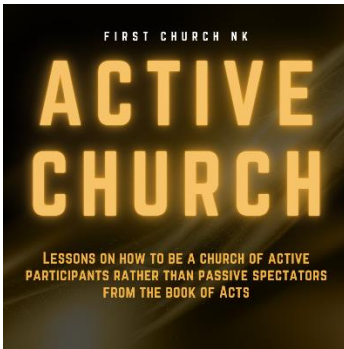
Announcements

We welcome Wayne and Valarie Lunsford to First Church today.

Wayne and Valarie will share about their work with Wycliffe Bible Translators during the service this morning. You can greet them in the Heritage Room after the service and ask them questions about their ministry.

We welcome Connie O'Neill as our pianist today.

Congratulations to Alexa Lammers & Dylan Shaffer who were united in Christian marriage on Saturday, September 17th. Alexa is the daughter of Brian & Maria Lammers and Dylan is the son of Kris & Kelly Shaffer.



Fall Sermon Series starts today!

The fall reading plan and sermon series will be based off the book of Acts. There is no better way to follow up our summer sermon series on the Gospels than to dive into the book of Acts, which gives the account of the early church in the first few decades after Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Specifically, we will focus on a passage each week that

will help us learn how to be a more active church. As the title "Acts" implies, the early church actively worked to spread the good news of Jesus Christ from "Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Join us on Sunday mornings to study how we can be a church of active participants rather than passive spectators. Let's be an ACTIVE CHURCH.

We are updating the funeral lunch list. If your phone number has changed, or if you would like to add or delete your name, please fill out a slip at the info center and drop it in the basket.

Operation Christmas Child pre-printed shoeboxes are available at the entrances. Packed boxes need to be returned to the church no later than November 13. The "How to pack a shoebox" brochure included with each box at the entrances suggests a \$10 shipping fee. First Church will cover shipping if you prefer not to, HOWEVER if you want to "Follow your box, you will need to use the special Follow your box sticker on label (provided at the entrances) and pay for your own shipping. Your notification of the shoebox destination will come in the email you provide when paying for your boxes online. This follow your box option only informs you of the country of destination. By including your email in any box you pack, you may receive a personal reply. Thank you for your participation in reaping Eternal rewards in the lives of children, families, and communities across the world. Sharon Colson.

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Awana is coming to First Church! We are still in need of a few willing volunteers to help out with Nursery and the K-2nd grade class. If you are interested in helping, please let Alie Bucklin know.

We are going to start the Awana Program on **Wednesday, October 5 from 6:00-7:30**. We will start by meeting in the Heritage Room, entering through the parking lot doors. Awana will happen every Wednesday until the beginning of May with the exception of some Wednesdays. A calendar will be provided on the first night of Awana to each student.

Parents of children in preschool-6th grade can register their child to participate in Awana starting now. You can register digitally by following the link on the church website, following the QR code below or fill out the insert and return it to Alie Bucklin or the Church Office.

We can't wait to see what the Lord has planned for this new Ministry!



Prayer List for the Week of September 25 – Randy Wright, Jim Harrod, Irma Hoelscher, Ann Donnerberg, Joann Wilkins, John & Norma Schroer, Beth (Dammeyer) Olberding, Karl Brandeberry, Marcia Wierwille, Dana Meckstroth-Brown, Terry Huston, Bev Beery, Mack Elshoff, Danny Taylor, Don Maurer, Betty Kiefer, Gene Kuck, Isaac Randall, Larry Henschen, and Crystal Miller.

ACTIVE CHURCH READING PLAN

SEPTEMBER 26: ACTS 1	OCTOBER 24: ACTS 14
SEPTEMBER 27: ACTS 2:1-13	OCTOBER 25: ACTS 15:1-21
SEPTEMBER 28: ACTS 2:14-47	OCTOBER 26: ACTS 15:22-41
SEPTEMBER 29: ACTS 3	OCTOBER 27: ACTS 16:1-15
SEPTEMBER 30: ACTS 4:1-22	OCTOBER 28: ACTS 16:16-17:9
OCTOBER 3: ACTS 4:23-5:11	OCTOBER 31: ACTS 17:10-34
OCTOBER 4: ACTS 5:12-42	NOVEMBER 1: ACTS 18
OCTOBER 5: ACTS 6	NOVEMBER 2: ACTS 19:1-22
OCTOBER 6: ACTS 7:1-18	NOVEMBER 3: ACTS 19:23-41
OCTOBER 7: ACTS 7:19-53	NOVEMBER 4: ACTS 20
OCTOBER 10: ACTS 7:54-8:8	NOVEMBER 7: ACTS 21:1-26
OCTOBER 11: ACTS 8:9-40	NOVEMBER 8: ACTS 21:27-22:21
OCTOBER 12: ACTS 9:1-19	NOVEMBER 9: ACTS 22:22-23:11
OCTOBER 13: ACTS 9:20-43	NOVEMBER 10: ACTS 23:12-35
OCTOBER 14: ACTS 10:1-23	NOVEMBER 11: ACTS 24
OCTOBER 17: ACTS 10:24-48	NOVEMBER 14: ACTS 25:1-22
OCTOBER 18: ACTS 11	NOVEMBER 15: ACTS 25:23-26:32
OCTOBER 19: ACTS 12:1-19	NOVEMBER 16: ACTS 27:1-26
OCTOBER 20: ACTS 12:20-13:12	NOVEMBER 17: ACTS 27:27-44
OCTOBER 21: ACTS 13:13-52	NOVEMBER 18: ACTS 28



Online Giving with “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. Once you create a log in you can: Submit changes to your personal information, view your giving history, set up online giving. How do I sign up? Go to our website www.firstchurchnk.org & click on “Online Giving”.

The New Knoxville Historical Society will be open on from 1 to 4 pm. The New Knoxville High School band will be in concert at 2 pm. Light refreshments will be available.

Agape Ministries Warm Winter Apparel Drive is September 19 to October 30. Donations are needed of new or gently used adult and children’s winter coats (Adult Large – 3x especially needed), hats, and new winter waterproof gloves. They can be dropped off in the heritage room or directly to Agape in St. Marys.

Agape Ministries is in need of a pick-up and delivery driver starting October 20th while our regular driver is on medical leave. This job could run up to 6 weeks depending on the recovery time for this employee.

Monday – Friday Morning Job tasks: 8 am – 10 am

- Drive the Agape Van to St. Marys Kroger Store at 8 am.
- Load Bread & Bakery in Empty Banana Boxes
- Drive van back to Agape and unload the boxes & weigh the boxes of bread & bakery
- Place the bread and bakery on shelves.
- Stock freezers and coolers.

Wednesdays & Fridays 8 am – 12 Noon

Wednesdays would also include driving the Agape Van to deliver kids weekend power pack bags to St. Marys Schools & New Knoxville School and driving to Walmart in Wapakoneta to Pick up of frozen items (12 – 30 boxes). Fridays would also include– Drive Agape Van to Pick up Bread/Bakery, Meat, Produce at Walmart in Wapakoneta at 10:15 am. If interested in helping out, please contact Patti Hamilton or Donna Kuffner via email or by phone at 419-394-8700. Email: Agape@bright.net or donna@agapeministriesinc.com

This Week at First Church – September 25 to October 2

TODAY

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
9:00 am Morning Worship
10:15 am Confirmation Classes
10:15 am Sunday School Classes
1:00 pm Jr. / Sr. High Youth Bible Study

TUESDAY

9:00 am Morning Bible Study Group

WEDNESDAY

7 – 8:30 pm Jr. / Sr. High Youth Group
8:00 pm Praise Team Practice

NEXT SUN.

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
9:00 am Morning Worship with the Lord's Supper
10:15 am Confirmation Classes
10:15 am Sunday School Classes
1:00 pm Jr. / Sr. High Youth Bible Study

Total Offering on September 18 - \$1,768.00 Attendance:102

Offering for the General Fund- \$1,693.00

General Fund Pledges- \$50.00

Church Painting Gifts - \$25.00

Online Giving for the week of September 18 - \$6,475.00

Sunday School Offering on September 18 - \$12.32

