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Worship Opportunities

<u>SUNDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>	
Prayer Time in Pastor's Office	8:45 a.m.	Connect Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
Celebration Choir Rehearsal	9:15 a.m.		
Life Groups	9:30 a.m.	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.	Pre-School –2nd grade music	6:00 p.m.
Children's Church (ages 3—preschool)	10:30 a.m.	Teens music	6:30 p.m.
Elements Kids Worship (grades 1—5)	10:30 a.m.	Children's Classes	6:30 p.m.
Celebration Choir Rehearsal	4:30 p.m.	"The Gathering" Teens Class	6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Transform Adults Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
		3rd-6th grade music	7:00 p.m.
<u>MONDAY</u>			
Outreach Connection Visitation	6:30 p.m.		

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The EVANGEL

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Dear First Church Family,

It's hard to believe that we are already into the month of August but as someone said, "It is what it is!" I'm ready for vacations to be over and school to resume and for things to get back to "normal," which for us means improvements in both numbers of attendees and frequency of attendance. I don't like the "slump," how about you?

By the time you read this we will be planning and promoting our third "Summer Sunday Movie Time," on Sunday evening the 14th at 6 PM. This month we will be presenting "God's Not Dead II" and if it's as good as reviewed you will be blessed. Please use this as an opportunity to invite your friends, family and neighbors and help us to reach out to our community. Popcorn and "pop" will be served in the Ministry Center!

There is no denying that over the last 12 months our church has suffered the loss of some of the finest people who have ever named the name of Jesus. It has been difficult for their families and for our First Church family, but friends, our God knows what He is doing, so we can have the confidence that everything is going to be alright. Even now God is raising up soldiers of the Cross who will "...stand in the gap and make up the hedge." One prayer that we should all be praying is, "Lord, send laborers into your harvest fields!" I am reminded of an old hymn entitled, "Hold the Fort for I Am Coming!" It's clear that we are in the last days and our Lord is coming soon, so we need to be "...steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

May the Lord bless and keep you all. ILBCNU!

Pastor Steve

August is here! For students, that means summer break is OVER! There will be no more sleeping until 2 pm and never getting out of your pajamas. It is back to getting up early, having a routine, and accomplishing something. I pray that these students do great in their studies, have fun, and most of all, glorify God in their schools!



I want to thank all of those who helped make VBS an exciting and successful event this year. Our volunteers never disappoint! You all do so well and I am thankful for all you do! God bless you for your faithfulness to Him!

Would you take some time to pray for our students? Starting back to school can be fun, but it also can be dangerous. Students will be back around friends that might pull them away from Christ. They will have to make daily decisions that will affect their walk with God. Some students who make commitments to live right find that the first few months of school test their commitment greatly. Pray these students will live right in the face of opposition and that they will be a light in a dark place!

Blessings,
Bro. Jeff

This past month at First Church has been a busy one. VBS was through July 11-15th and during that week we were able to lead one of the kids from our church to the Lord! Furthermore, I believe the kids benefitted greatly in learning about God and His Truth, and were able to establish and grow relationships throughout the week. I personally was blessed being able to spend time with and minister to all the kids that week, and I can say that it has been one of the highlights of my time here so far.



In other news, our all-age choir is coming to the final few weeks before it is time to sing to the church and minister to them with what they have learned. I am especially excited since the majority of them have never been given the opportunity to participate in any choir before. They have learned a lot and on August 14th they will be sing.

Please pray as we make our final preparations that both the choir members and I alike will be able to retain what we have learned and that everything will go smoothly when we sing for the church. Thank you for all of your support and prayers!

Sincerely,
John Newland (JD)

Prayer for Our Children, Teachers & Schools

Back
to
School



Heavenly Father,

We pray the Armor of God over our children and their teachers: the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the sword of the Spirit, the shield of faith, the belt of truth, and the shoes of the gospel of peace.

Father, plant Your love, Your presence, and Your Word deep within their hearts. May Your Word reach into the marrow of their bones and ignite a passion that is unquenchable. Cause them to love You with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength and let NOTHING override that passion.

Father, as they spend their days at school, let them be set apart. May they be light in darkness, joy in sadness, peace in discontent, and order in chaos. Let their character and integrity shine forth like the sun!

In their schools, Father, we pray that Your Word and the fear of the Lord would be the basis of wisdom and instruction. Father, we ask that You take our prayers and blanket each school, placing them under the shadow of Your wing.

For those teachers that believe in You, strengthen them and uphold them with Your mighty right hand. Father, give them an extra measure of wisdom, knowledge, and revelation to excel as teachers and shine in darkness. Provide them with opportunities to share their faith with faculty, staff, and administration and give them the courage to do it.

We pray for every level of administration. We pray for wisdom beyond comprehension as they make decisions for the schools and school systems. We pray divine direction. We pray that You would direct the steps of those making decisions for our children. Make Your way clear and place those who walk with You in places of authority and decision-making. Bless their efforts. Give them favor.

Through FCA, church youth groups, and other student ministries, use leaders and students to sweep each school with revival and evangelism. Guide, bless, and empower the leaders and students through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Go before them and open doors. Father, we boldly ask for many to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and yield their lives to Christ.

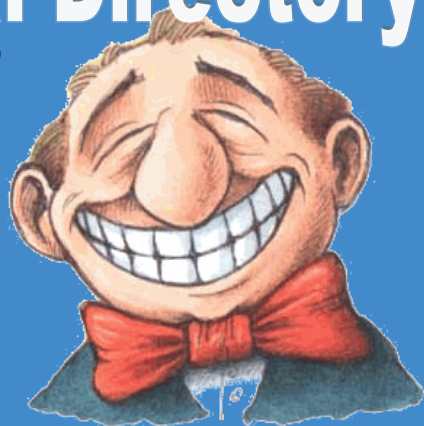
Father, as we end our time in prayer, we boldly ask that You would grow each of our children in wisdom and stature and favor with God and with man. Thank You in advance for all You will do in and through our prayers. We ask this in the powerful name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

<http://wendyblight.com/2015/08/prayer-for-our-children-and-our-schools/>

A New Pictorial Directory

COMING SOON

Pictures will be made
in September



Lifetouch

Olan Mills & Lifetouch have combined

Reach out
and invite
someone **to Church**

Silhouettes of a family consisting of two adults and three children, walking together. The adults are on the ends, and the children are in the middle, holding hands.

August is the last month in our Sunday school year, with a brand-new Sunday school year beginning in September. First Church's Outreach Connection Visitation has resumed on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. and you are invited to be a part of the ministry teams. We realize everyone can't go out and visit, but we can reach out to the shut-ins, absentees, and prospects with cards and phone calls. Our church has always been known for its friendliness and we definitely have a loving and caring church family.

Let's make it a personal goal to reach out beyond our church doors and invite people to Sunday School and our worship services. Wouldn't it be awesome to begin our new Sunday school year with so many new people added to our church! That would sure make Bro. Ronnie Brown, our Sunday school superintendent proud!

SERVING IN AUGUST

Sound: Bobby Jackson

Multi-Media: Lee Worley

WEEK OF AUGUST 7

Deacon of the Week: Ronnie Brown Trustee of the Week: Mack Glass

Ushers of the Week: AM: Tommie Johnson, Mack Glass, Philip Green, Bobby Clemmons

First Impression Parking Lot Team: Ronnie Brown, Mack Glass

Nursery: A.M. Shirley Waters

Children's Church: Vince Vickery, Zephan Vickery

Elements Kids Worship: Bro. Jeff & Emily Pettis

WEDNESDAY Nursery: Emily Pettis

WEEK OF AUGUST 14

Deacon of the Week: Vince Vickery Trustee of the Week: David Parrish

Ushers of the Week: AM: Johnny Waters, Bobby Jackson, David Parrish, Chad Hart

PM: Carl Floyd, Mack Glass

First Impression Parking Lot Team:

Nursery: A.M. Haley Harrison P.M. Judy Trail

Children's Church & Elements Kids Worship: Bro. Jeff & Emily Pettis

WEDNESDAY Nursery: Geraldine Boyd

WEEK OF AUGUST 21

Deacon of the Week: Max Anderson Trustee of the Week: Lee Worley

Ushers of the Week: AM: Tommie Johnson, Mack Glass, Philip Green, Bill Parker

PM: Tim Jordan, Mack Glass

First Impression Parking Lot Team: Carl Floyd, Johnny Waters, David Parrish

Nursery: A.M. Emily Green P.M. Becky Parrish

Children's Church: Becky Parrish, Haley Harrison

Elements Kids Worship: Bro. Jeff & Emily Pettis

WEDNESDAY Nursery: Angelyn Pickett

WEEK OF AUGUST 28

Deacon of the Week: Ronnie Yance Trustee of the Week: Robert Barefield

Ushers of the Week: AM: Johnny Waters, Bobby Jackson, David Parrish, Chad Hart

PM: Carl Floyd, Tommie Johnson

First Impression Parking Lot Team: Bobby Clemmons, Chad Hart, Charles Granger

Nursery: A.M. Brittany Davis P.M. Belinda Stone

Children's Church: David Parrish, Belinda Stone

Elements Kids Worship: Bro. Jeff & Emily Pettis

WEDNESDAY Nursery: Emily Pettis

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Outreach Connection Visitation 6:30 pm	2 Connect Bible Study 10:00 am	3 Supper 5:30 pm Music Camp 6:00—7:00 pm Classes 6:30 pm	4	5	6
7 CEB Meeting 7 pm	8 Outreach Connection Visitation 6:30 pm	9 Connect Bible Study 10:00 am WAC/MM 6:30 pm	10 Supper 5:30 pm Music Camp 6:00—7:00 pm Classes 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14 All age choir a.m. God's Not Dead 2 Movie 6 pm	15 Outreach Connection Visitation 6:30 pm	16 Connect Bible Study 10:00 am	17 Supper 5:30 pm Music Camp 6:00—7:00 pm Classes 6:30 pm	18	19	20 District Missions Cookout @ FFWBC 5:30 pm
21 Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm	22 Outreach Connection Visitation 6:30 pm	23 Connect Bible Study 10:00 am	24 Supper 5:30 pm Music Camp 6:00—7:00 pm Classes 6:30 pm	25 Golden Agers Meeting 10:30 am	26	27
28	29 Outreach Connection Visitation 6:30 pm	30 Connect Bible Study 10:00 am	31 Supper 5:30 pm Music Camp 6:00—7:00 pm Classes 6:30 pm			

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 2 LueVerna Dykes Larry & Sylvia Stokes	August 7 Sue Comer Josh & Brittany Davis Angela Hart	August 19 Mahkael McCardle
August 3 Patsy Howell Max Metcalf	August 8 Josh Davis	August 23 Greg Allen
August 4 JoAnn Long Ambrea Mixon Brian & Tabitha Wallace	August 13 Derek Smith	August 25 Cathy Freeman
August 5 Sue Parker Nell Spurlock	August 14 Belinda Stone Vince Vickery	August 30 Tessa Trawick
August 6 James Pickett	August 15 Hilson Adkins	August 31 Kathi Johnson
Please report any corrections to the church office.		

Sunday, August 14
6:00 pm
 YOU'RE INVITED