



## *Pastor's Corner*

As we enter into the season of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the words we recite every Sunday; “it is right to give God thanks...”. Thanksgiving is the right response of faith, but not only is it the correct response to the graciousness of God, it is also beneficial for our own wellbeing. Medical research has proven time and again the physical benefits of giving thanks. They state that personal behavior actually changes biology.

In psychology research, gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people experience more positive emotions and focus on good experiences in a world that surrounds us with negativity. Therefore, it helps us deal with adversity, and is also beneficial in building strong relationships. When we give thanks our brains release oxytocin, a hormone that helps connect people. Some people call it the love hormone.

Expressing gratitude is associated with a host of mental and physical benefits. Studies have shown that feeling thankful can improve sleep, mood, and immunity. Gratitude can decrease depression, anxiety, and even alleviate difficulties with chronic pain and risk of disease. One study suggested that if the results of offering thanks could be made into a pill, everyone would be buying it.

Sharing kindness is not only the proper expression of our faith, but it also makes you healthier and happier. So, let us never stop giving thanks, with a grateful heart.



### **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

All Saints' Day is a Christian holiday that is observed on November 1 each year. It is on this day that we celebrate the honor of all church saints, known and unknown. Sainthood is granted by God to any common everyday person, who simply trusts Christ. The common celebration for All Saints' Day is a family celebration and memorial of those that have passed. We will observe those members of our church that have passed during the past year on Sunday, November 5.

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER**

The Annual Congregational Dinner/Board Meeting will be Sunday, November 12 following Church. The menu is traditional Thanksgiving dinner dishes. Please see Sabrina about sides, casseroles, desserts or salads you would like to bring. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there and hope you can attend!

### **ADVENT SEASON**

Advent 2023 - Dates for This Year

Advent is the season of reflective preparation for Christ's Nativity at Christmas and Christ's expected return in the Second Coming. The season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Advent begins on the Sunday between November 27th and December 3rd each year. Advent 2023 will begin on Sunday, December 3rd, and end on Sunday, December 24th. Join us here at First Christian Church as we celebrate Advent Season!

### **POINSETTIAS**

Christmas poinsettias will be \$30 this year. If you would like to order one to be placed in the sanctuary in memory/honor of someone, please complete an order card or call the office. Orders will need to be turned in by 11/26/23.

### **REMINDERS**

- The annual nut sale is underway. If you would like to purchase nuts, please stop by the church or contact someone on the nut sales committee. Members are Blake Robinson, Jane Robinson, Barbara Deskins, Kimberley Harrison and Jennifer Perry.
- Remember clocks "fall back" one hour Sunday, November 5th.

## **Nominating Committee Report Posted 10/29/2023**

The Nominating Committee has completed its task of selecting candidates to replace officers whose terms are ending. Your suggestions for each position played a major role in selecting the candidates. Please review the following list. They will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board Officers Ending 12/2025**

Moderator	Tom Thompson
Vice Moderator	Terry Trimble
Board Secretary	Lucy Davis
Treasurer	Karla Corbin
Financial Secretary	Paul Sowards

### **Deacons Ending 12/2023      Deacons Ending 12/2024      Deacons Ending 12/2025**

Charlie Byers	Ashley Byers	Ryan Brown
Lucy Davis	Mike Carnes	Jane Robinson
Kimberley Harrison	Barbara Deskins	Pam Sowards
Steve Huffman	Andrew Joyce	
Jennifer Perry	Sabrina Joyce	
	Robin Wells	

### **Deacons Ending 12/2026**

Larry Compton  
Steve Huffman  
Paul Sowards  
Gail Trimble  
Tab Slone Understudy Deacon

### **Elders No Expiration**

Karla Corbin  
Robin Wells

### **Ministry Team Leaders Ending 12/2025**

Christian Education	Barbara Deskins
Missions	Denene Carnes
Property	Paul Corbin
Stewardship & Finance	Blake Robinson
Worship	June Brose

### **Ministry Team Leader Ending 12/2026**

Membership    Randy Roberts

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/5 All Saints' Sunday  
Time Change
- 11/12 Annual Congregational Dinner & Board Meeting  
Veteran's Honored
- 11/13 Elder's Meeting
- 11/14 Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 at Gatti's.
- 11/16 Pike County Ministerial Association Thanksgiving Service will be  
Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church.
- 11/26 Hanging of the Greens
- 11/23 & 24 Thanksgiving, Office Closed
- 11/28 Community Dinner, 5:00 pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!



Dee Branham	November 1	Dorothy Carlson	November 23
Jennifer Perry	November 1	Barbara Deskins	November 25
Howard Roberts	November 10	Tracie Vanderbeck	November 27
Camella Runyon	November 21		



Stephen & Juanita Hogg	November 1
Paul & Pam Sowards	November 22

LEADERSHIP

**Serving Elders**

**Cup/Captain**  
Paul Corbin  
**Bread**  
Blake Robinson

**Elder of the Week**

11/5 Randy Roberts  
11/12 Blake Robinson  
11/19 Tom Thompson  
11/26 Terry Trimble

**Serving Deacons**

Charlie Byers  
Ashley Byers  
Barbara Deskins  
Robin Wells

**Communion Preparation**

Barbara Deskins



# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 Vespers 7:00 Choir	2	3	4
5 All Saints' Day Recognition  Time Change cc: Barbara	6	7	8 6:00 Vespers 7:00 Choir	9	10	11 Veteran's Day
12 Annual Congregational Dinner/Board Meeting cc: Robin/Ginger	13 Elder's Meeting 7:00	14 Fellowship Luncheon 11:30 Gatti's	15 6:00 Vespers 7:00 Choir	16 Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00	17	18
19  cc: Pam	20	21	22 6:00 Vespers 7:00 Choir	23 Thanksgiving Day  Office closed	24  Office Closed	25
26 Hanging of the Greens  cc: Suzy	27	28  Community Dinner 5:00	29	30		

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST As of November 1, 2023

### MEMBERS

Amick, Matt  
Anderson, Greg  
Anderson, Lynn  
Auton, Dorothy  
Batten, Bruce & Dana  
Cantrell, Danny  
Cantrell, Vernon  
Carlson, Dorothy  
Compton, Mary  
Deskins, David & Barbara  
Deskins, Kyle & Family  
Hamilton, Thelma  
Harrison, Jillian  
Johnson, Randy & Cindy & Family  
Little, Meleta  
Mayfield, Bob  
O'Donnell, Wendy Sturgill  
Perry, Jennifer  
Roberts, Howard

**Robinson, Jane**  
Runyon, Camella  
Scott, John  
Sharp, Shirley  
Sturgill, Phyllis

### GENERAL

Amick, Jimmy Joe 9/29  
Anderson, Joann (R. Roberts) 10/16  
Anderson, Theo (K. Harrison) 10/15  
Bartley, Ervin (G. Van Hoose) 7/12  
Bentley, Ben & Sally (Ginger V.)  
Biliter, Peggy (P. Sowards) 8/21  
Bishop, Dewey (B. Baird) 10/26  
Blackburn, Eugene (L. Compton) 3/15  
Bostic, Eileen (B. Deskins) 8/6  
Boyd, William (J. Robinson) 3/30  
Bradley, Tammy (J. Robinson) 1/4  
**Brickman, Gary (B. Deskins) 11/1**  
Cantrell, James (C. Bartley) 10/23  
Carlson, Kevin (R. Wells) 11/30  
Carte, Dave & Sherry (J. Gibson) 9/24  
Carter, Zac (K. Harrison) 2/17  
Childers, Pauline (C. Bartley) 9/25  
Clark, Bill (P & K Corbin) 8/27  
Clark, Jimmy (J. Gibson) 9/10  
Clark, Sharon (J. Gibson) 9/24  
Coburn, Ernie (K. Harrison) 9/10  
Coleman, Barbara (C. Bartley) 6/6  
Coleman, Gail (G. Justice) 11/21  
Coleman, Jami (D. Branham) 8/21  
Cox, Sharon (B. Deskins) 9/3  
Daniels, Danny Joe (P. Corbin) 4/24  
Darby, Keith (B. Mayfield) 11/19  
Darko, Jill (J. Hall) 9/20  
DeKlerk, Ann (R. Wells) 11/30  
**Deskins, Gerald (B. Deskins) 11/1**  
Deskins, Tim (J. Brown) 10/1  
Dockery, Melissa (G. Van Hoose) 3/6  
Eddington -Cook Family (LaBreche)  
Edmonds, Charles (G. Van Hoose)  
Elswick, Jeremiah (L. Compton)  
Elswick, Miah (L. Compton) 9/17  
Epling, Deborah (S. Huffman) 4/21  
Estep, Burma (G. Justice) 2/17  
Fields, Regina (B. Sweaney) 9/16  
Fink, Aggie (S. LaBreche) 10/15  
Flannery, Kellie (L. Compton) 9/3  
Gilliam, Mike & Michelle (H. Brown)  
Gilliam, Nancy (H. Brown) 10/4  
Grigsby, Bryan (J. Robinson) 7/18  
Hall, Eddie (J. Hall) 7/18  
Harris, Patty (M. Little) 11/25  
Hearn, Carolyn (G. Van Hoose) 10/8  
Heilbron, Tom (H. Brown) 7/3  
Hicks, Robert (S. LaBreche) 10/25  
Howard, Linda (G. Justice) 4/16  
Howard, Marsha (K. Baird) 11/16  
Huebner, Ashlee (M. Huebner) 1/22

Huebner, Ben (M. Huebner) 1/8  
Hunt, Billie (G. Justice) 6/4  
Ison, Barbara (S. Huffman) 5/3  
Jennings, Sue (S. LaBreche) 10/15  
Johnson, Jaclyn (B. Deskins) 8/20  
Justice, Bridget (G. Van Hoose) 3/222  
Kanne, Linda & Jerry (J. Brown)  
Kehoe, Sara Walters, (K. Corbin) 11/7  
Kidd, Ryan & Angela (S. DeLong) 9/18  
Kruckow, Rich (K. Harrison) 3/28  
Lawson, Amanda (R. Wells) 5/21  
LaBreche, Dennis (S. LaBreche) 4/16  
Lowe, Sandy (J. Perry) 6/27  
Lucas, John & Family (S. DeLong)  
Lucas, Suzy (S. DeLong) 10/2  
Martin, Doug (M. Brown)  
Martin, Lori Nichols 12/11  
McCoy, Diane 12/18  
McNamee, Mary Ann (M. Thompson)  
McDaniels, Brynnix (D. Gibson) 8/22  
McDonough, Theresa (M. Huebner)  
Miller, Mary (J. Harrison) 10/1  
Minix, Margaret (R. Brown) 7/30  
Newsome, Chester (D. Ratliff) 3/16  
Norris, George (J. Gibson) 9/10  
Owens, Jeannine (G. Van Hoose) 7/15  
Page, John (S. Huffman) 5/10  
Pauley, Lucy (L. Davis) 8/6  
Prater, Gomer (B. Baird) 10/1  
Puckett, Debbie & Gary (Thompson)  
Ratliff, Grant (A. Byers) 9/18  
Ratliff, Lida (D. Ratliff) G -Granddaughter)  
Richardson, Zach (K. Harrison) 9/3  
Robbins, Pam (K. Harrison) 10/11  
Robinson, Jo Nell (B. Robinson)  
Rose, Gary (G. Justice) 8/23  
Rungjzl, Sae Lim (B. Robinson) 8/20  
Runyon, Glenda (G. Justice) 9/5  
Rutherford, John (S. Sharp) 3/7  
Ryan, Mike (G. Trimble) 10/1  
Salyers, Chip (G. Van Hoose) 9/17  
Seticoili, Ryan 1/1 (M. Huebner)  
Settles, Christian (L. Davis) 8/27  
Shearer, Robert Boo (B. VanHoose) 8/26  
Slone, Timmy (T. Slone) 9/24  
Spradlin, Mary (S. DeLong) 10/11  
Steitz, Pat (M. Huebner) 3/19  
Stewart, Gary (C. Bartley) 10/23  
Stewart, Janice (S. Huffman) 5/15  
Stratioti, Mark (P. Corbin) 8/20  
Sullivan, Kristin (L. Davis) 9/26  
Sullivan, Kathleen (L. Davis) 8/27  
**Summers, Chuck (J. Robinson) 11/2**  
Swiney, Jason (G. Justice) 7/11/23  
Tackett, Michelle (K. Corbin) 4/24  
Talley, Sharon (R. Wells) 10/10  
Taylor, Kendra (S. Sharp) 10/7  
Thomas, Reba (P. Corbin) 9/29  
Thornsbury, Danny (K. Corbin) 12/2  
Turner, James & Jeweline (H. Brown)  
Zoellers, Dave (G. Van Hoose) 3/15  
Warburton, Betty (K. Harrison) 6/4  
Williams, Patty 1/1 (M. Huebner)  
Yates, Dereck (J. Robinson) 4/14

### SYMPATHY

The Family of Jim Pigg

### OTHER

The Hungry in our community  
Those dealing with drug addiction  
People of Ukraine  
Civility  
Flood & Tornado Victims  
Victims & Families Affected by Violence  
Preschool Director & Teacher  
People of Mayfield & surrounding area  
People of Maui  
Hurricane Survivors & Victims  
Israel



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**Come Worship With Us!**

**Sunday School at 10:00 am**

**Sunday Worship Service at  
11:00 am**

**Wednesday Night Vespers at  
6pm**

*We are called to love God,  
To love Others,  
and to lead Others to Jesus  
Christ.*

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