



# *First Church*

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

**Rooted in Christ, Growing in Christ, Serving Christ.**

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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.**

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## ***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 Center next door.
- **The Nursery for Young Children** is located in the basement.
- **Large Print bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary at the info center.
- **Children's Activity Items** are available at the info center near the back of the sanctuary.
- **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 Sundays on T-102 FM at 10:15am
- **YouTube Livestream** - We stream our service live via our YouTube page @firstchurchofnewknoxville1014 at 9:00 am on Sundays.
- **Music** used with permission. CCLI License# 2403283
- **The \* invites** those who are able to please rise.

## ***Welcome to Worship at First Church***

### **Announcements & Greeting Time**

#### **\*Call to Worship** from Psalm 113

One: <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, you his servants;  
praise the name of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Let the name of the Lord be praised,  
both now and forevermore.

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

<sup>4</sup> The Lord is exalted over all the nations,  
his glory above the heavens.

All: <sup>5</sup> **Who is like the Lord our God,  
the One who sits enthroned on high,**

<sup>6</sup> **who stoops down to look  
on the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup> **He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap;**

<sup>8</sup> **he seats them with princes,  
with the princes of his people.**

**All:**     <sup>9</sup> He settles the childless woman in her home  
          as a happy mother of children.  
Praise the Lord.

Open The Eyes of My Heart

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You  
(repeat)**

**To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy**

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You  
(repeat)**

**To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy**

**Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You  
(repeat)**

CCLI Song # 2298355

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

**Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us**

**You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high  
(repeat from beginning)  
CCLI Song #117947**

**The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

**Children's Chat / Giving Back to God**

Offering: Mark Burd, Revive Ohio

**\*Scripture Reading** – Ephesians 1:15-23

(Page 1173 in the pew Bible)

**Message** – Saved, Sealed and Seated

**Vocal Choir** - Benediction

**\*Benediction & Dismissal**

### **Announcements**

#### **Today's Offering: Supporting Mark Burd & ReviveOHIO**

We want to welcome Mark and his wife Jill today to First Church.

Today's offering will support Mark Burd and the ministry of ReviveOHIO, an organization committed to igniting spiritual revival across Ohio. By partnering with local churches, ReviveOHIO works to help "Fulfill and Finish" the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18–20; Matthew 24:14).

Their mission is to train, equip, and mobilize the Body of Christ to share the Gospel and make disciples—consistently and effectively—using practical tools and biblical principles. Guided by a unified vision of One Church, One Message, One Life at a Time, ReviveOHIO brings churches and ministries together through week-long, weekend, and single-day outreach events. These events focus on community-centered discipleship and revival, fostering unity among believers and transforming lives with the power of the Gospel.

**Prayer List** – Serra Pax, Larry Longworth, Kevin Kruse, Jane Novean, Joann Kuck, Dick Elsass, Ted Lammers, Noah Hoelscher, Ken Cline, Bob Snyder, Robert Engel, Diane Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, Holly Brown, Sandy Hoelscher, Linda Kuck, Joann Feldwisch, Betty Kiefer, and Crystal Miller.

**Consistory Meeting Reminder** – On Monday, May 18, Spiritual Council will meet at 6 pm. The trustees will meet at 7 pm and Consistory will meet at 7:30 pm. Consistory members, your information packets are on the front pew.

**Last Day of Sunday School** – Today is the last scheduled day for Sunday School until the fall. Have a great summer great teachers and students.

**Adult Sunday School Update** – Pastor Joel’s Sunday School class will be cancelled today. They will resume next Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Nursery Help** – We are looking for helpers in the nursery during May and June. If you are able to cover one of these open Sunday, please let Shelby know in the church office. Your service is invaluable, and it allows parents to freely participate in our worship services, be spiritually fed, all while knowing their little ones are being loved and well cared for. The Nursery Ministry plays such a crucial role in our Sunday worship, and it would not be possible without the help of compassionate and committed volunteers like you. We hope you consider helping. **Open Sundays: May 31. June 7, 14 and 28.**

**VBS Needs – Just 15 Days Away!**

We are only 15 days away from VBS, and we are so excited to spend the week sharing the love of Jesus with the children in our community! As we get closer, there is an urgent need for help to make this week possible. **We are currently looking for two teachers for our 2nd Grade and 5th Grade classes, as well as several helpers to assist throughout the week.** If you are willing to serve in any capacity, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Tory Breitigan or Maria Kaiser as soon as possible if you can step in.



**VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Scan the QR Code to register your kids online!



**NK COMMUNITY VBS**  
**JUNE 1-5 FROM 9-11:45AM.**

We are also collecting gently used school supplies for the Mid-West Mission Project. As the school year wraps up, we encourage you to consider donating items instead of discarding them. New supplies are welcome as well. A list of items needed is available—thank you for helping us support this meaningful outreach!

NK COMMUNITY VBS

# SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We will be collecting gently used school supplies for Mid-West Mission Project at Vacation Bible School this summer.

- BINDERS
- BACKPACKS
- NOTEBOOKS
- PENS AND PENCILS
- MARKERS
- PENCIL CASES
- FOLDERS
- ETC.



INSTEAD OF GETTING RID OF YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT THE END OF THE YEAR, PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING THEM TO OUR MISSION PROJECT! YOU MAY ALSO PURCHASE NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO DONATE TOO! THANK YOU!!

If you have any questions contact:  
Maria Kaiser- 937-638-7985  
Tory Breitigan- 231-557-0260.



# VBS Cookies

**We need your help!**  
Our list of kids registered for VBS is growing quickly. Praise God!!!

If you are able to bake or purchase cookies, our kids and volunteers would greatly appreciate the sweet treat. Thank you for helping make VBS extra special!

It's  
that  
time  
of  
year!

## **This Week at First Church – May 17 to May 24**

### **SUNDAY**

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
- 8:00 am Sunday Morning Prayer – Min. Ctr. Conference Room
- 9:00 am Morning Worship – Guest speaker: Mark Burd
- 10:15 am Adult Sunday School – in Youth Room led by Stan R.
- 10:15 am Sunday School – Age 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 7:00pm Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study – Bambauer's House

### **MONDAY**

- 6:00 pm Spiritual Council
- 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting
- 7:30 pm Consistory Meeting

### **TUESDAY**

- 9:00 am Bible Study (The Bible Recap)– Youth Room
- 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (The Bible Recap)– Youth Room

### **NEXT SUN.**

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
- 8:00 am Sunday Morning Prayer – Min. Ctr. Conference Room
- 9:00 am Morning Worship
- 10:15 am Adult Sunday School – in Youth Room led by Stan R.

**Offering on May 10<sup>th</sup> - \$1,942.00**

**Attendance: 212**

Katie (Miller) Loehr, Young Life – \$1,537.00

General Operating Fund Pledges – \$320.00

Other Mission Gifts - \$20.00

Radio Ministry Fund Gifts - \$20.00

Elevator Modernization Gifts - \$20.00

Children's Ministry Fund Gifts - \$20.00

**Sunday School Offering - \$31.84**

