



First Church

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Christ, Serving Christ.

**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 & Bibles** are available at the info center near the back of the sanctuary.
- **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, please rise.

Welcome to Worship at First Church

Announcements & Greeting Time

***Call to Worship from Psalm 105:1-11 & 42-45**

- All:** ¹ Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
 make known among the nations what he has done.
- ² Sing to him, sing praise to him;
 tell of all his wonderful acts.
- ³ Glory in his holy name;
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- ⁴ Look to the Lord and his strength;
 seek his face always.
- One:** ⁵ Remember the wonders he has done,
 his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,
- ⁶ you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,
 his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.
- ⁷ He is the Lord our God;
 his judgments are in all the earth.
- ⁸ He remembers his covenant forever,
 the promise he made, for a thousand generations,
- ⁹ the covenant he made with Abraham,
 the oath he swore to Isaac.

¹⁰ He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant:
¹¹ “To you I will give the land of Canaan
as the portion you will inherit.”

All: ⁴² For he remembered his holy promise
given to his servant Abraham.
⁴³ He brought out his people with rejoicing,
his chosen ones with shouts of joy;
⁴⁴ he gave them the lands of the nations,
and they fell heir to what others had toiled for—
⁴⁵ that they might keep his precepts
and observe his laws.

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died
Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one

**God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings**

**And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored
And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me**

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Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings
Praise forever to the King of Kings**

CCLI Song # 7127647

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

**I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree**

**His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone**

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore**

**For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God**

**Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King**

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God**

**He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night**

**And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face
(repeat)**

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God
(repeat 2x)**

**Oh Lord oh Lord our God
(repeat)**

CCLI Song #7037787

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Children's Chat/ Giving Back to God

Offering: Right to Life of Shelby County

Adventure Bible Presentation

***Scripture Reading** – Romans 1:1-7

(Page 966 in the pew Bible)

Message – It All Starts with Jesus

In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.**

**My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save,
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand,
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

*Benediction & Dismissal

Announcements

Prayer List – Adam Miller, Paul Maurer, Mary Schroer, Larry Longworth, Joyce Alexander, Tom Fledderjohann, Mary Metzger, Cameron Wilkerson, Kevin Kruse, Joann Kuck, Dick Elsass, Noah Hoelscher, Robert Engel, Holly Brown, Diane Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, Sandy Hoelscher, and Betty Kiefer.

Adventure Bible Sunday – Today, our 2nd graders will receive their own Bibles during morning worship. We pray you grow closer to Jesus as you begin reading and learning more about Him and His love for you.

Sunday School and Confirmation classes start today. Parents, if you have students going to new classrooms this year, please bring your kids to their new classroom following the church service. Here are the Sunday school rooms and age groups for each class.

- The **Pre-K** room is directly behind the sanctuary. Kids entering the Pre-K class must be fully potty trained to begin Sunday school.
- The **K - 1st Grade** room is located at the southwest corner of the main floor.
- The **2 - 3rd Grade** room is located at the southwest corner of the second floor.
- The **4th-6th Grade** room is located off the north side of the balcony.
- **Confirmation** students meet in the Ministry Center big room.

Parents, please remember for safety reasons we do not release Sunday school students to the parking lot or out to the road. We are asking all parents to come into the church to pick up your children.

The Rose on the Altar this morning is in honor of Terry & Sally Wissman who are celebrating 58 years of marriage on September 14. *Happy Anniversary!*

New Wednesday Night Small Group – Please join us Wednesdays at 6 pm. This new study will use the Essentials of Faith Bible study from RightNow Media. The first series is taught by Franci Chan and answers the question “What is a Christian?”

Here is the description from RightNow Media: “Ask any group what it means to be a Christian, and we will hear different answers. But what unifies us? What are the basic characteristics of our faith that every Christian affirms? In this six-session series, Francis Chan will lead us in an exploration of key concepts common to all Christians through the centuries. No matter what divides us, we are united by these truths about the God we worship and our relationship with him.”

Awana Update - Awana is less than a month away. The first night is scheduled for **Wednesday October 7th**. We will meet most Wednesdays from 6-7:15 pm in the Social Room. Scan the QR code to register.

Awana is a midweek children’s ministry for Pre-K through 6th Grade students. We challenge students of all ages to grow in their faith through bible memorization, large group lessons, and fun games. This is the fifth year we have run the Awana program. It has had a tremendous impact on our children and our community. We look forward to what God will do in year 5!



We need your help! Awana requires an amazing team of adult volunteers. **We are looking for a 2-3 more people to help.** Please contact the church office or Pastor Joel if you are interested in learning more about how you can volunteer and make a kingdom impact in our community!

New Adult Sunday School Class begins September 27 - Stan Reineke will lead a class through a nine week study by Dr. Adrain Rogers called *Grounded in Truth*. The study will provide answers to important questions to strengthen your faith. God gave us the truth in his unchanging Word. It can be trusted!

The class will meet in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings at 10:15. All are welcome to join!

A Quick Word About Phone Numbers & Staying Connected

We know it can sometimes be frustrating when you need to get in touch with someone in our church family and realize that their cell phone number isn't listed anywhere. Because of privacy concerns, the church office cannot give out personal cell phone numbers without permission from the individual.

There is an easy solution! The Realm Connect app includes a church directory where members can choose to have their contact information—including their cell phone number—listed. If you have Realm and have given permission for your cell phone number to be displayed, you can be found in the directory.

If you haven't downloaded Realm Connect yet, call the church office at 419-753-2446 or email us at firstchurchnk@nktelco.net. We will need to send you an invitation to create your Realm account. It's a convenient way to stay connected with our church family, receive announcements, prayer requests and access the directory.

Thank you for understanding and for helping us respect everyone's preferences.

Historical Society choir! Practice will be this Sunday, the 13th at 4pm. We will meet in the Methodist Church Sanctuary. Every one of all ages are welcome. This will be a causal singing of familiar Patriotic songs. The Historical Society Open House is Sunday, September 27. The choir will sing at 1pm. Questions ask Sue Becher

St. Mary's Street Repaving Project – Parking on St. Mary's Street may be temporarily unavailable during the repaving project. The elevator & ramp may still be accessed through the alley between our church building and Ministry Center building. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

This Week at First Church – September 13 to September 20

SUNDAY

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group – MC Youth Room
8:00 am	Sunday Morning Prayer – MC Conference Room
9:00 am	Morning Worship – with The Lord's Supper
10:15 am	Adult Sunday School – Social Room
10:15 am	Sunday School for Pre-k through 6 th Grade
10:15 am	Confirmation (7 th & 8 th) – Ministry Center
7:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study – Bambauer's House

TUESDAY

9:00 am	Adult Bible Study – MC Youth Room
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WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study <i>"Essentials of Faith"</i> – Heritage Room
7-8:30 pm	Youth Group

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Offering on August 30th - \$1452.00

Attendance: 141

General Operating Fund Offering - \$1,352.00

General Operating Fund Gifts & Pledges – \$100.00

JOIN US FOR

90's WORSHIP NIGHT

OCTOBER 25TH

6:00 PM

BRING
A FRIEND!



200 W. Bremen St.,
New Knoxville, OH



Sermon Notes

It's All About Jesus! – Romans 1:1-7

Intro: Paul, an _____ saved by _____

- Acts 9:1-6, 15-16
- His ministry was mainly focused on proclaiming the Gospel to the _____

The Big Idea: The Gospel is _____ us, but it is not _____ us.

- The Gospel is all about _____.
- The Gospel _____ us as we put our trust in him.

What is the Gospel of God?

- The Gospel is _____ Him.
 - o The Good News of what God did through his Son Jesus Christ.
- The Gospel is _____ Him.
 - o It was revealed by the _____
 - o It was fully revealed in _____
- It's All About Jesus!
 - o He is the _____
 - o He is the _____

The Gospel Transforms God's People

- God's people are _____
- God's people are called to the _____
- God's people are _____
- God's people are _____

My Notes: _____
