



# *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.**

**September 6, 2026**

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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 65

- One:    <sup>1</sup> Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;  
          to you our vows will be fulfilled.  
          <sup>2</sup> You who answer prayer,  
          to you all people will come.  
          <sup>3</sup> When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
          you forgave our transgressions.  
          <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those you choose  
          and bring near to live in your courts!  
We are filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.
- All:     <sup>5</sup> You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,  
          God our Savior,  
          the hope of all the ends of the earth  
          and of the farthest seas,  
          <sup>6</sup> who formed the mountains by your power,  
          having armed yourself with strength,  
          <sup>7</sup> who stilled the roaring of the seas,  
          the roaring of their waves,  
          and the turmoil of the nations.

One: <sup>8</sup>The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;  
where morning dawns, where evening fades,  
you call forth songs of joy.

<sup>9</sup>You care for the land and water it;  
you enrich it abundantly.  
The streams of God are filled with water  
to provide the people with grain,  
for so you have ordained it.

<sup>10</sup>You drench its furrows and level its ridges;  
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

**All: <sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your bounty,  
and your carts overflow with abundance.**

**<sup>12</sup>The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;  
the hills are clothed with gladness.**

**<sup>13</sup>The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with grain;  
they shout for joy and sing.**

**Hymn No 58 – This Is My Father's World**

**Hymn No 74 – Majesty**

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

**Children's Chat**

**Offering / Giving Back to God**

Offering: Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Offertory: General Operating Fund

Offertory Hymn: No. 625 Doxology

**\*Scripture Reading – Colossians 3:22-24**  
(Page 1017 in the pew Bible)

**Message – A Theology of Work**

**Hymn No 43 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

## **\*Benediction & Dismissal**

### **Announcements**

**Prayer List** – The family Ted Lammers, 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.

**The Rose on the Altar** is in honor of Tim & Anne Hegemier who will celebrate 50 years of marriage on September 10<sup>th</sup>. *Happy Anniversary!*

**Our Daily Bread Booklets** – NEW booklets are available at all entrances, at the info center and the church office. Please take one for yourself and one or more to give to someone you know. Large print booklets are also available at the info center and church office only.

**The Historical Society** would like a community choir to present some Patriotic songs to kick-off their Open House on Sunday, September 27. They are asking for vocal volunteers from throughout the community. It will be a very casual singing of familiar songs that will need very little practice. Please share the news with someone you know that likes to sing. Additional information regarding practice time will be released soon! Questions contact Sue Becher 419-733-2480 or Paul Bambauer 614-499-3524

**New Wednesday Night Small Group** – begins this week, September 9 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 now scheduled to begin **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 few 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!



## **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](mailto: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.*

## **This Week at First Church – September 6 to September 13**

### **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                            |
| 10:15 am | Adult Sunday School – Social Room          |

### **TUESDAY**

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| 9:00 am | Adult Bible Study – MC Youth Room     |
| 7:00 pm | Women's Bible Study - Ministry Center |

### **WEDNESDAY**

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| 6:00 pm   | Adult Bible Study "Essentials of Faith" – Heritage Room |
| 7-8:30 pm | Color Wars                                              |

### **NEXT SUN.**

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|---------|--------------------------------------------|
| 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<sup>th</sup> Grade  
10:15 am Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) – Ministry Center  
7:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study – Bambauer's House

**Offering on August 30<sup>th</sup> - \$1,862.00**

**Attendance: 192**

Keith & Amy Melugin, Heart of Hispaniola - \$1,667.00

General Operating Fund Gifts & Pledges – \$165.00



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