

## This Week At FCC

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 pm	Co-ed Volleyball
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 pm	No Youth
<b>Thursday</b>		Church Office Closed
<b>Friday</b>		Church Office Closed

### Christmas Decorating– Today

Carolyn Frisbie and Joni Baker are in need of some volunteers to help decorate our Worship Center for Christmas **immediately after service today**. Many hands make light work.

### Jingle Jam Christmas Event– December 8th

Want a fun night for your kids while you do some Christmas shopping? Jingle Jam is a fun event for potty-trained preschoolers through 6th grade students on Friday, December 8th at First Christian Church! We will have snacks, a craft, games, songs and teaching from 6pm to 8pm.

#### Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to help at this event please sign up using the Yellow Connection Card. In the message for staff section on the back of the card please right "Jingle Jam Volunteer" and Josh Hale will get in touch with you. Areas to help: crowd control, craft, and snack. Talk with Josh Hale if you have any questions.

### Christmas Food Boxes– December 17th

**For food donations:** Bring items each week leading up to when we pack boxes on **Sunday, December 17th**. Please see bulletin insert for more information. If you plan on volunteering to pack the Christmas boxes **please sign up at the Information Table in the main hallway**.

### Live Nativity– December 15th-17th

If you would like to be a part of the live nativity this year, please sign up at the table in the lobby. For more information on this event, please speak to Jennifer Crowell (call or text 931-252-1243).

November 19, 2023

## OUR VISION AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Making Disciples in Cookeville, Putnam County, and to the ends of the earth.



### Current Sermon Series:

Welcome to Thanksgiving Sunday! Today's message will remind us that our God is truly worthy of our gratitude and praise. May you be strengthened and encouraged as we worship our awesome God together.

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## Message Notes 11/19/2023

### Finding Hope and Encouragement in Troubled Times

Brad Windlan First Christian Church

Learn more: [fcc-cookeville.org](http://fcc-cookeville.org)

#### REASON #1: God's Permanent Nature

**Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)** “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

#### REASON #2: God's Promises of Provision

**Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)** “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

#### REASON #3: God's Peace that Surpasses Understanding

**Philippians 4:7 (KJV)** “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

**2 Corinthians 4: 8-9 (NIV)** “We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”

#### TALK IT OVER

1. How can recognizing God's unchanging nature (Hebrews 13:8) bring hope and peace in the midst of life's uncertainties?
2. In what ways do we often prioritize worrying about material needs over seeking God's provision, as mentioned in Matthew 6:25-34?
3. How can we personally apply the "Life Is Hard, But God Is God" principle (based on 2 Corinthians 4:8-9) in our daily lives when facing anxiety and uncertainty?
4. Share a personal experience when you felt God's peace that surpasses understanding (Philippians 4:7).
5. How can we maintain a sense of gratitude and trust in God, even in the face of turmoil and potential conflict?

# Church Christmas Party

**On Sunday, December 17th, at 5:00 pm,** we will have a Church Christmas party and pack the Christmas food boxes. This will be a potluck dinner so please bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. Please sign up at the Information Table if you plan on attending.

## Christmas Food Boxes 2023

FCC Family and Friends,

This Christmas we are sharing the love of Christ with our community by collecting, packing, and delivering dinners to our elderly and/or disabled neighbors at Walnut Village. Our goal is to serve 80 meals over this holiday. The mission is to share, pray, and lift up our great Savior Jesus Christ while preparing and presenting those meals.

Please place your food items in the colored bins underneath the Information Table

Please note you are not limited in amount or type of items from the list to bring (You can bring any items at any time). Also, any and all monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please remember to memo "for food boxes".

### In need of:

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| - corn           | - instant potatoes                   |
| - green beans    | - packs of gravy                     |
| - spam           | - boxed dressing (chicken or turkey) |
| - canned chicken | - cake mix                           |
| - canned tuna    | - frosting                           |

*If you have any questions or are interested in helping to collect, sort, pack, and/or deliver, please contact*

**Steve Owens (call or text 931-319-7784).**

**Christmas Dates:** Pack Sunday, December 17th 5:00 pm  
Deliver Tuesday, December 19th 2:30 pm



## Christmas Poinsettias

You are invited to purchase, through the church, a poinsettia that will be a part of the Worship Center Christmas décor from December 3rd- 24th. After that, the poinsettia is yours to take home. These poinsettias can be designated in honor or memory of a loved one. We will share these names in the bulletin on December 24th.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please sign up at the table in the lobby. The cost is \$10.00 each. Please bring cash or a check, written to the church, by Sunday, November 26th.  
Memo "for poinsettias"

If you have any questions, please contact  
Joni Baker (513-319-3231).