

From Your Pastor

Recently, I met a friend for lunch. Typically, I make it a point to arrive early. That day was no exception. However, just as I was heading out, I encountered someone needing assistance outside the church. We met on the steps.

As we spoke, I tried to focus on being attentive to the person in need. Even though I was aware that every moment made me later and later for my lunch meeting, I did my best not to let my impatience show.

At lunch, I shared the experience with my friend, who completely understood. He mentioned running into similar situations at his church.

He said, "I recognize that I cannot always solve someone's problems; sometimes, I can't make much of a difference at all. But I can always give the gift of dignity and be present in the moment with the person." This was an encouraging reminder for me.

The holiday season provides us with various opportunities to help those in need. Often, we find ourselves face-to-face with someone who requires assistance. In these moments, let us remember that each person is made in God's image and has been fearfully and wonderfully made.

Blessings,

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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday School

Sundays at 9:15 am

There are Bible study classes for all ages! Visit cbcfc.org/about/sunday-school/ for a list of classes.

Media Center

Come take advantage of the resources your church library has to offer! Open Sundays 8:30am - 10:20am Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12pm; 2pm - 4pm

Family Life Center

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday | 8am – 8pm

Wednesday | 8am – 2pm and Friday | 8am – noon

The fitness calendar can be found on our website at

cbcfc.org/calendar/fitness/

Monday Night for College & Young Adults

Small Group......7-8pm.... cturner@cbcfc.org for info

Wednesday Night LIFE

Pre-K thru 5th grade..... 6-7:30pm..... Children's Space 6th-12th grade..... 7-8:30pm..... Youth Space

Wednesday Night for Adults

<u>Preschool Worship Workers</u>

December 15 Debbie Crowder, Pam Nodine, Diane Johnson, Melinda Waddell

December 22 Lindsay Holt, Hannah Holt, Taylor Smith, Martha Johnson





NORTH KNOXVILLE WARMING CENTER DEC 15 - JAN 15



Help care for our vulnerable neighbors on bitterly cold nights!

To help prevent death and frostbite, Fountain City United Methodist Church will be an emergency warming station when the temperature is predicted to drop below 25 degrees. Sign up to be a volunteer using the QR code or by contacting FCUMC at 865-689-5175 or spiritefountaincityumc.org

Family Info

In the hospital

David DeBusk - Parkwest Dan Wilson - UT

A thank you note from Judy and Rick Buhl has been received and is on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.



Angels of Hope



Delivering Christmas blessings to families impacted by Hurricane Helene

If you would like to help, please bring gift cards to Walmart or Ingles to the church office no later than Monday, December 16

To sign up for regular updates on how you can help, please email your name and number to disasterreliefecbcfc.org

Weekly Record

<i>V</i>	Required	Received	<u>Last Year</u>	
12/8/24		\$42,977.42	\$22,325.56	
YTD	\$310,384.62	\$271,479.27	\$247,169.68	
Morning Worship328				
Sunday School 275				
Christmas Missions Offering Goal: \$20,000				
Give	n:		\$19,168	



Upcoming Events



Lord's Supper - Sunday, December 29 in worship Sunday School will not meet

Sunday Morning Worship

December 15, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Prelude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Kerr

Welcome to Worshipers Rev. Ande Myers

Hymn No. 103 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

Celebrating 30 Years of Toy Store

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *LOVE* Mitch Mitchell

Hymn No. 125 Angels We Have Heard on High

Offertory Prayer Mark Jones

Offertory O Holy Night arr. Raney

Jubilation Ringers

Scripture Reading & Prayer Luke 1:39-45 Mallory Thomas

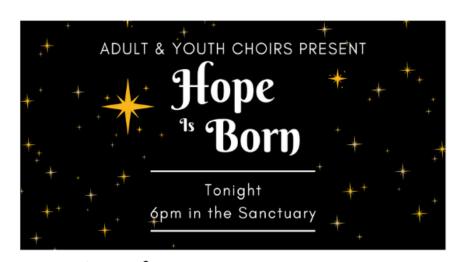
Choral Worship Gesu Bambino arr. Hayes

Message Blessed Is She... Rev. Ande Myers

Hymn No. 85 Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming

Benediction

Postlude People, Look East, the Time Is Near arr. Kerr



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