

**Wednesday Night Fellowship**

March 8, 2017 5:45 pm

**Menu:** Meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert

**Program:** Lenten study

Led by Bill Carter

Reservations by Tuesday 3/7 **at noon**

Indicate # of people:

\_\_\_ Adults & children over 12

\_\_\_ Children age 3-11 (meal above)

\_\_\_ Children 3-11 (PBJ/applesauce)

\_\_\_ to go orders (reservation required)

Cost: this year all meals will be paid by donation. A minimum of \$6.50 is requested for anyone who can pay for the meal. Anyone who can pay extra either each week or as a lump sum donation to cover the costs of meals for those who are not able to pay are encouraged to do so. Thank you!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay online (thru QR code) or via website or pay at the door. To register tear off this tab and place in offering plate, call the office or go online.

Use this QR Code to access **online giving**.



Year-to-Date Operating Funds as of 1/31/17

Revenues	42,119
Operating Expenses	43,407
Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,289)

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**  
**MARCH 5-11, 2017**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**  
 9:15 Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship Service  
 4:30 youth activity  
 4:30 children's choir  
 5:30 children & youth snack supper  
 6:15 The Branch

**MONDAY, MARCH 6**  
 7:00 Women's Bible Study  
 7:00 Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7**  
 5:30 staff meeting  
 6:00 Trustees mtg.-conf. room  
 7:00 Church Council

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**  
 9:00 Intercessory Prayer Ministry-chapel  
 5:45 Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner and Program  
 6:15 youth  
 7:30 Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9**  
 6:00 Girl Scout Troop #978  
 7:00 East TN Intl. Folk Dancers-gym

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**  
 Sisters in Service-  
 A Contemporary Worship Event  
 March 11-12 at The Connexion in Sevierville, TN

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS for TODAY:**  
**USHERS:** David Denny, Art Eckerson, Jim Heaton, Mitch Robinson, Steve Love  
**GREETERS:** Art Eckerson, Donna Robbins, Sharon Cradic, Deborah & Marcus Grant  
**PRAYER:** Novice Gross **CROSSBEARER:** Macy Shell  
**ACOLYTE:** Avery Nelson **BEADLE:** Ellie Nelson  
**AUDIOVISUAL:** Ethan Morelock



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 Worship Guide & Church Life Information Bulletin  
 Welcome to 1st Church! We are glad you are here!  
 Please sign the red registration pad at one end of each pew.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**March 5, 2017**  
**Baptism of the Lord**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING**  
**PRELUDE** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Albin Whitworth  
**THE CANDLES OF LENT**  
**INVOCATION**  
**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 400  
**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God our Father, we confess that we have failed to live into Your promise of new life. We are eager to worship You and offer our praise,  
**People: but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear You calling our name.**

Leader: We sing our songs of praise in the sanctuary,  
**People: but our voices fall silent in the routine of daily living.**

Leader: We gladly rejoice in our own salvation,  
**People: but fail to share Your goodness and grace with others.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for living our lives safely and not being willing to discomfort ourselves for the sake of others.  
**People: Let the power of Your ever-present Spirit strengthen us to proclaim Your love and Your justice in our community and throughout the world.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The God who created you and shaped your life says this: "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.  
**All: In Jesus Christ, we are chosen, called, and forgiven. AMEN**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Acts 10:34-43

**MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF REFLECTION** "All Who Are Thirsty" Words on Screen

**OFFERTORY** "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Becky Slagel Mayo

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 95

**\*GOSPEL READING** Matthew 3:13-17

**ANTHEM** "Lord, Be With Us On This Day"

*Lord, be with us on this day,*

*And in Thy presence may we evermore adore Thee.*

*And Lord, be near and show Thy way,*

*That we may follow in the path You choose.*

*Lord, be with us on this day*

*As with a humble heart we raise our mortal voices.*

*And Lord, let us not go astray,*

*For we are ever filled with doubt and with temptation.*

*Help us, O Lord, to love and understand all Thy ways both great and small.*

*Lead us this day, O Lord, we humbly pray, so that we may heed Thy call.*

**SERMON** "Waking Up" Rev. Jane Taylor

**\*HYMN** "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" No. 420

**\*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary*

*Pure and holy, tried and true.*

*With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.*

**GO IN PEACE, GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, AND TAKE THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH YOU THIS WEEK TO SHARE WITH ALL YOU MEET.**

Jason's Deli will be hosting a fundraiser for Brother's Keeper on Monday, March 27, 2017 from 5:00-10:00 p.m. 15% of all proceeds will go towards Brother's Keeper to help us educate, engage, and empower our participants! On the day of the event, when ordering, remember to tell them you're there for Brother's Keeper to make sure your meal is counted for the cause! The goal is to have at least 250 people but hopefully even more who will eat there in support of this organization.

Chasing Snakes 10K Road Race and 4K Family Walk is coming up March 18! May the road rise to meet you at this 9th annual festive event to benefit Family Promise of Johnson City and help chase homelessness out of our community. This USATF certified course showcases downtown and Johnson City neighborhoods. The 4K is kid and dog friendly. Awards are made by a local potter and include the Leaping Leprechaun award for best St. Patrick's Day costume. See [www.chasingsnakes10k.com](http://www.chasingsnakes10k.com) for registration and details.

- During this season of Lent, the Sunday morning messages will focus on "Liturgy of the Ordinary" as we make our Lenten journey of praying, fasting, and giving, and journey to the cross with Jesus.
- The first (today) is WAKING UP...The Baptism of Jesus
- The second is MAKING THE BED...The Temptations
- The third is BRUSH YOUR TEETH...John 3:1-17
- The fourth is LOSING MY KEYS...The Woman at the Well
- The fifth is SITTING IN TRAFFIC...waiting waiting waiting...The Death and Resurrection of Lazarus
- Last (Palm Sunday) is CHECKING YOUR EMAIL...Jesus arrives in Jerusalem to complete His mission

March 5, 2017 Prayer Requests

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Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer list:**

Betty & Aldon Speer	Ralph & Joan Garland
Mary McClellan	Nancy Jewell
Kristy Hodge Pratt	Bobbie Wells
Grier Washam	Bernice Stephens
Barbara Marrs	Jo Ann Rorrer
Bonnie Marrs	Linda Stanley
Elizabeth Bailey	Susan Fields
Brian Milby	Elizabeth Powell
Kim Slade	Willie Hughes
Tony Gentry	Clare Warren & parents
Harold Greene	Lyndell Denny
Megan Smith & family	Alan DeWitt
Helen Holyfield	Howard Smith
Betty Gouge	Serena Crowder & family
Dot Woodby	Steven Smith
Jeff, Eleanor & Charlie Power	Phyllis Eorgan
Britten Olinger	Ruth Kapoor
	Freddie Tester

Coming up: Chili Fundraiser Luncheon on Sunday, March 19 after church to support sending 14 children and youth to the Montreat Worship and Music Conference June 25-July 1. Chili, cornbread, salad & dessert provided for a donation