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Serving Schedule

August 2, 2026

Responsive Reader

Gary Croy

Communion Prayer

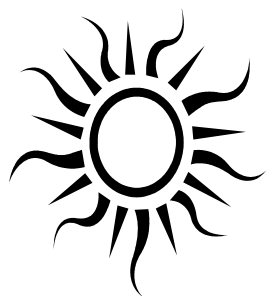
Steve Fowler

Offertory Prayer

Pat Fowler

Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson



Serving Schedule

August 16, 2026

Responsive Reader

Jan Duffy

Communion Prayer

Megan Garland

Offertory Prayer

Kay Gilbreath

Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson



Serving Schedule

August 23, 2026

Responsive Reader

Pat Fowler

Communion Prayer

Jack Childress

Offertory Prayer

Kim Wagganer

Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson



Our Christian condolences go out to Jack Maxwell and family upon the death of his nephew Guy Martin.

Serving Schedule

August 9, 2026

Responsive Reader

Melody Ducote

Communion Prayer

Kathy Richardson

Offertory Prayer

Mark Richardson

Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson

Sunday School Perfect Attenders for July

Kay Gilbreath

Mary Grobe

LaVerne Matthews

Gene Roberts

Eva Kay Smith



Serving Schedule

August 30, 2026

Responsive Reader

Clark Garland

Communion Prayer

Jack Maxwell

Offertory Prayer

Megan Garland

Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson



Guy Martin

By: Steve & Pat Fowler

Rex Gorman

By: Gleta Gorman



Upcoming Opportunities

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

NO First Sunday Fellowship Brunch

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 10:

4:00 p.m. Daycare Board Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13:

5:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18:

NO Senior Fellowship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship



SCHOOL WILL BE BACK IN SESSION SOON!

Poplar Bluff and other surrounding schools will be back in session in August.

Students are excited and many times don't pay attention to traffic. Please watch out for them and decrease your speed. Give bus drivers plenty of room to turn and decrease your speed when following a bus. Remember when the stop sign on the bus is out don't try to pass. Our children/grandchildren are so precious, let's do our part to keep them as safe as we can.

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ATTENDANCE REPORT July 5, 2026	ATTENDANCE REPORT July 12, 2026
ATTENDANCE:	ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP58	TOTAL WORSHIP84
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	SUNDAY SCHOOL:
Homebuilders 5	Homebuilders 5
Men's Class4	Men's Class 2
Total.....9	Total.....7
ATTENDANCE REPORT July 19, 2026	ATTENDANCE REPORT July 26, 2026
ATTENDANCE:	ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP 59	TOTAL WORSHIP78
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	SUNDAY SCHOOL:
Homebuilders..... 4	Homebuilders.....5
Men's Class..... 1	Men's Class2

A Generous People

Over the past several weeks, our church family has walked together through our **Generous** sermon series. We have watched a widow place two small coins into the offering, a woman break an alabaster jar worth a year's wages, and Jesus remind us that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. Scripture has shown us the same truth: **generosity is love made visible.**

One of the great discoveries of the Christian life is that generosity is never merely about money. It is about the heart. Every act of generosity is a quiet declaration that Jesus is worth more than whatever we are holding in our hands. Every time we give our time, our encouragement, our forgiveness, or our resources, we proclaim that Christ, not our possessions, is our greatest treasure.

The early church understood this well. Their generosity was not simply admired. It became one of the defining marks of the Christian faith. Long before church buildings or public influence, believers became known for open hands and open hearts because they had first encountered the extravagant grace of God.

The Scottish theologian Thomas Chalmers once wrote, "*The love of money is expelled by the love of something better.*" What a beautiful reminder that Christian generosity is not produced by guilt or pressure. It grows naturally wherever Christ becomes our highest affection.

As our **Generous** series comes to an end, may its lessons continue long after the final sermon. Let us remain a people who give freely because we have first received freely. May our homes, our conversations, our church, and our community all bear witness to the generous heart of God through us.

As we look ahead to the ministry God has entrusted to First Christian Church and the opportunities before us, perhaps the most important question is not, "*Did I enjoy this series?*" but "*How will I live differently because of it?*" What has God been teaching you about generosity? How might He be inviting you to give more freely of your time, your gifts, your encouragement, or your resources? May we each prayerfully ask the Lord to make us more like Himself, for our God is a generous God.

As the Scriptures remind us, "**A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.**" (Proverbs 11:25)

Jesus Is Enough,
Pastor Jason

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laugh at our-

selves for we

shall never

cease to be

amused.





Remember in Prayer

At Home

J. Dexter Busby, Lonnie Green,
Cathy Haggerty, Jr. Stacy,
Mark Yarbrow

Kings Daughters and Sons

Nursing Home, Bartlett TN

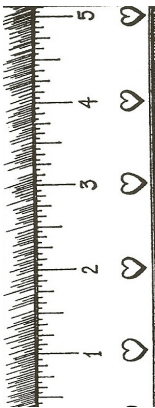
Vince Halferty, Room #221

(Names will remain on our

Prayer Concern list until the

Church Office is notified to

remove them.)



The true

measure of

loving God

is to

love God

without

measure?

- St. Bernard

Looks who's having a

Birthday in

AUGUST



Kim Waggoner

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Kathy Richardson

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Cathy Clanahan

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