

First Church Of God  
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**January Family Night Meals**  
**\$3.00 for adults - \$1.00 for children**  
**(\$10.00 max. per family)**

Date	Tables Set-up By	Meal Prepared By	Menu	Clean-up	Security
3	Ed Crawford Scott Jewell	Doris Crawford Stacy Jewell	Soup Sandwiches Pudding	Doris Conklin Ed Crawford	Dale Brown
10	Dave Cunningham	Dave & Connie Cunningham	Sandwiches Chips Costco Cookies	Pat Shoaf Shirley Racan Kay Edinger	Ed Crawford
17	Boyd West Skip LeViere	Brenda West Chris LeViere	Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Ice Cream	Leslie Quinn Boyd West Skip LeViere	Dr. Roy Kerry
24	Barry Freed Rodney Dwyer	Mary Chandler	Pizza Salad Costco Cake	Paula VanHorn Joyce Bucci Betty Strohecker	
31	Ed Crawford Scott Jewell	Doris Crawford Stacy Jewell	Creamed Turkey over Biscuits Cookies – Sign-up Sheet	Doris Conklin Ed Crawford	Lobo Mitro



# JANUARY



	<b>1</b> <b>NO</b> Volleyball	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Soup Meal <b>6:45 PM</b> Children's Classes, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study	<b>4</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Discipleship Team Meeting <b>6:45 PM</b> EOB Team Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Un-decorate the Church <b>9:00 PM</b> Prayer Time
<b>7</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Coffee & Donuts <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Morning Worship	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Volleyball	<b>9</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Snowman Paint Night	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Sandwiches Meal <b>6:45 PM</b> Children's Classes, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Worship Team Meeting <b>6:45 PM</b> Fellowship Team Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Movie Night – "God's Not Dead"	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 PM</b> Prayer Time
<b>14</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Coffee & Donuts <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Morning Worship	<b>15</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Volleyball	<b>16</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Ladies' Night Out	<b>17</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Ham Meal <b>6:45 PM</b> Children's Classes, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study	<b>18</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Property Team Meeting	<b>19</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Movie Night – "God's Not Dead 2"	<b>20</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Men's Small Group <b>9:00 PM</b> Prayer Time
<b>21</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Coffee & Donuts <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Morning Worship	<b>22</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Volleyball	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Pizza Meal <b>6:45 PM</b> Children's Classes, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study	<b>25</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Coordinating Team Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 PM</b> Prayer Time
<b>28</b> <b>8:45 AM</b> Coffee & Donuts <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> Morning Worship	<b>29</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Volleyball	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Creamed Turkey over Biscuits Meal <b>6:45 PM</b> Children's Classes, Youth Group, and Adult Bible Study			

## JANUARY - WORSHIP SCHEDULES

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PREACHER</b>	<b>WORSHIP LEADER</b>	<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	<b>PRAISE TEAM</b>	<b>SOUND &amp; VIDEO</b>
7	Pastor Phil Conklin	Barry Freed	Kala Cunningham	Kala Cunningham Doris Conklin Boyd West	Dave Cunningham Beth Freed
14	Pastor Phil Conklin	Cliff Kaufman	Donna Jones	Autumn Heinz Donna Jones Barry Freed	Fred Ziegler Lisa Zeigler
21	Pastor Phil Conklin	Barry Freed	Boyd West	Connie LeViere Lami Ziegler Boyd West	Dave & Connie Cunningham
28	Pastor Phil Conklin	Cliff Kaufman	Cliff Kaufman	Kim Kaufman Doris Conklin Barry Freed	Fred Ziegler Beth Freed

### **JANUARY - MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>DONUT SCHEDULE</b>	<b>SECURITY TEAM</b>
7	Kathy Rugh Jackie kushner	Jen Parks Austin Ziegler	Donna Wright & Dorothy Myers	Alan Fabritius Jacob Pentz Ron VanHorn Dale Brown	Ron & Paula VanHorn	Ron VanHorn Lobo Mitro
14	Connie LeViere Keaira Cunningham	Brenda West Heather Pisano Markae Pisano	Jacob & Michelle Pentz	Dale Pritchard Stephen Shafran Dale Brown Ed Crawford	Fred & Sharon Tritt	Dale Pritchard Alan Fabritius
21	Cindy Hunter Jodi Hall	April Haswell Ethan Ziegler	Gail McClymonds & Leslie Quinn	Fred Tritt Bill Snyder Skip LeViere Stephen Shafran	Dale & Beverly Brown	Skip LeViere Dr. Roy Kerry
28	April Haswell Lisa Zeigler	Jen Parks Meagan Myers Hunter Tritt	Joyce Bucci & Betty Strohecker	Mark Shaner John Hall Doug LeViere Cody Ziegler	Ron & Paula VanHorn	Doug LeViere Brad LeViere



## THANKS TO THE CHURCH FAMILY!!!

*\*\*\*Thank you to ALL who donated used clothing for the homeless! Kim Kaufman*

*\*\*\*Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful plant, cards, thoughts, and prayers during the loss of my mom. Thank you to Pastor Phil for his hospital visits to my mom, Nancy Rugh. Thank you, John & Kathy Rugh and Family.*

*\*\*\*Dear Church Family, Wow, Greg and I do not even know how to start thanking all of you for all the blessings you have shown us in the past couple of months. We are truly humbled by everything, from the prayers, visits, food, and cards - to the taking care of Greg while I was in the hospital and first came home - the trips to the doctors for both of us, and the care & concern for me. A special thank you to Bill Challis for finally getting the caretakers coming to take care of Greg. He tiredly made phone calls and got it started for us. The financial assistance that came just when we needed it most. What an awesome God we serve! I am sure there are so many more blessings that escape my mind right now but we THANK YOU for those also. All of you are truly a blessing to us and we cannot imagine having gone through all of this without you. May God richly bless each and every one of you for all you have done. Love in Christ, Amy & Greg Fittinghoff*

*\*\*\*The ladies' group would like to thank you for donating items for the men's homeless shelter in Beaver Falls. We were able to present a nice donation to Tanis Fox at the party. And thank you to ALL who came out for our Annual Ladies' Christmas Party. We had a wonderful time playing games provided by Mary Chandler and listening to Tanis Fox talk about her ministry with "Table of Grace". You couldn't leave the party without a sense of "How can I better be the hands and feet of Christ?"*

*\*\*\*Dear Ladies of First Church of God, Thank you so much for inviting me to speak at your Christmas party. I had a lot of fun. I really appreciated the \$100 and will use it for gas for all my deliveries. All of the items collected will be so appreciated by many. Some are going to the men and women's shelter this week. Also I am sharing some with the homeless woman you brought to my attention. The rest of the items will be shared between Beaver Falls and for the homeless in Northside Pittsburgh. Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support of "Table of Grace".  
Tanis Fox*

*\*\*\*My Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the beautiful plant. And I want to thank Pastor Phil for his visit. I really needed that. In His Love,  
Dorothy Myers*

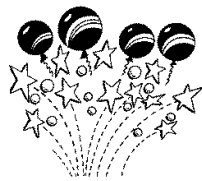
*\*\*\*PRAISE THE LORD! We had 202 in attendance on Christmas Sunday!*



**\*2018\***

### **Un-decorating the Church**

Please come out on Saturday morning, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to help us put away all the Christmas decorations.



### **Milestone Celebration**

*We would like to celebrate the following "Milestone" with a card shower during the month of January. Please bring in your cards and place them in the box in the narthex.*

*Joyce Buccí will be celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.*



### **Needed for 2018 VBS**

Old sports magazines are needed for VBS this Summer - football, baseball, tennis, golf, volleyball, etc. Please see Kim Kaufman.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Joyce Bucci
- 4 Ray Meals
- 5 Brenda West
- 7 Destinee Wawrzynski
- 8 Carson Freed
- 14 Heather Coulter
- 15 Dylan Johns
- 20 Kaitlyn Jeannette
- 21 Cindy Hunter
- 21 Braxton LeViere
- 23 Jean Swick
- 23 Cullen Tritt
- 26 Larry Chandler
- 28 Savanna Hogan
- 28 Sharon Tritt
- 29 Robyn Hall

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jeff & Carrie Boots
- 22 John & Kathy Rugh



### **Ladies' Night Out**

Ladies are invited to our "Pen & Journal" Night Out on Tuesday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We are asking everyone to bring a writing pen for a "pen exchange". Please wear something **WHITE** and join us as we talk about different types of "Journaling". Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway to attend.



### **January Craft**

We are planning another ladies' craft night on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to make "log" snowmen. Please sign up by the sample in the narthex. We can only take the first 20 ladies. The cost is \$15.



### **Cookies Needed**

Volunteers are needed to make cookies for the homeless. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway if you can help out. The cookies are needed on Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> so they can be packaged up and passed out on Sunday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> in Pittsburgh. About 400 cookies are needed so if 15 to 20 people can donate 2 or 3 dozen simple cookies each that would be appreciated. Please see Kim Kaufman with any questions.

### **2018 Tithing Envelopes**

Your 2018 tithing envelopes are available out on the pew in the front narthex. If you do not see your name and would like to receive envelopes, please see Church Financial Secretary – Connie LeViere.



### Drama Team

A Drama Team will soon be starting up and we would love for you to have a part. If you are interested in drama and skits - watch the upcoming bulletins for a start-up meeting and plan to come out and see what is happening!

### Church Photo **Directory**



### Pictorial Directory

It is that time again in the life of the church to put together a new Pictorial Directory! We will be working with Life Touch again and every portrait appointment will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and a free church pictorial directory. Please set March 23 – 25, 2018 (Palm Sunday Weekend) aside and plan to set up an appointment to have your photo taken. We need you to be a part of our directory! **If you will be out of town that weekend PLEASE see Michelle Pentz for a photo card to take with you to have your picture taken where you are so that you can still be in our directory!!!** Please see Michelle Pentz or Chris LeViere with any questions!





## **Back by Popular Demand...**

"Movie Nights" are coming your way. The production staff and snack shack staff are working together to do a couple of movies January – March. There will be a monetary donation accepted for the setup/clean up staff.

**January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

**"God's Not Dead"**

When an atheist philosophy professor plans to forgo "dusty arguments" in the class, he insists the new students declare that "God is dead." Unable to do this a student is challenged to defend his faith and prove to the class that God's Not Dead.

**January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

**"God's Not Dead 2"**

When a high school history teacher is asked a question about Jesus in class, her reasoned response lands her in deep trouble. The ensuing epic court case could expel God from the classroom and the public square once and for all.

Both movies come with high recommendations from our very own Siskel and Ebert as a must see of the season. Both movies will move you to remember to stand firm in your beliefs and will help to start your New Year off on the right foot.

Snacks will be served prior to and during the movies - tips appreciated.  
Hope to see you there!

### **What's This All About' Explanations**

\*\*\*The monthly birthday basket is sponsored by the Discipleship Team. Everyone with a birthday in that month can go up front during the birthday song in the morning worship service and receive a small gift (lollipop, pencil, etc.). Any money that is donated during this time is saved for the Christ Birthday Offering every December.

\*\*\*The "Milestone Card Showers" are sponsored by the Fellowship Team and we celebrate the following birthdays: 50 - 60 - 70 - 75 - 80 - 85 - 90 - 95 - 100. And we also celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries. Please let Chris LeViere know if you have one of these milestones coming up to be sure it is celebrated!

\*\*\*Our "Welcome Center" is taken care of by Doris Conklin and she is available before every Sunday service to take your prayer requests and announcements for the morning service. The Welcome Center is under the direction of the Worship Team. **To place your prayer requests in the weekly bulletin - please call the church office.**

\*\*\*The "Penny Banner" that is handed out each month is awarded to the Children's Sunday School Class that collects the most pennies during the Sunday School offering that month. The penny money is used to purchase whatever is needed for the children such as swings, balls, etc. This is sponsored by the Discipleship Team. Pennies are not collected for the penny banner during for the summer months and the month of December.