

# News



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January 5, 2011

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Wilmington, NC

*Italics indicate non-FCC group*

## **Sunday, January 9**

8:45 am Turning Point Service

9:45 am Sunday School

11 am Traditional Worship

4-5:30 pm K'Motion

5-7 pm Youth

## **Monday, January 10**

*12 pm Al Anon*

## **Tuesday, January 11**

5:30 pm Mission Team Leaders

6:30 pm Cabinet

6:30 pm Financial Peace

University Preview

*7 pm Vocal Arts Ensemble*

## **Wednesday, January 12**

6 pm Elders

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

## **Thursday, January 13**

6 pm Worship Band

## **Saturday, January 15**

*7 pm Narcotics Anonymous*

## **Sunday, January 16**

10 am Fellowship Breakfast

11:00 am Blended Worship

3:30 pm Trustees

4 pm Stewardship Team

5-7 pm Youth

### **Recent Attendance**

Dec 24: 5 pm-157; 11 pm-141

8:45 11:00

12/26 68 40

1/2/2011 83 115



## ***January Sermon Series*** ***Habits of the Heart***

January 9: Finding a Spiritual Practice

January 16: Legacy Sunday

January 23: Sharing Spirituality

January 30: Spiritual Conversations

## **Legacy Sunday** **January 16**

10:00 am Fellowship Breakfast  
with Special Guests Jamie and Renae Brame

11:00 am Blended Worship

## Notices and Reminders

**Worship focus** for Sunday is *Finding a Spiritual Practice*; Matthew 6:31-33, Psalm 19:7-10.

### What Goes Up, Must Come Down

The decorations in the sanctuary and outside the church will be taken down Saturday, January 8, beginning at 9 am. Volunteers will be needed to take down as well as pack up the greenery and other decorations.

— Becky Shipton, Worship Team

### Worship Team Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, at 6 pm, in Room 6. Light refreshments will be served.

### Financial Peace University Preview Tuesday, January 11, at 6:30 pm

If you are unsure about the class, plan to attend this free preview. Materials will be ordered after the preview.

### Please Note Directory Changes:

- **Lucy Lee** no longer has a cell phone. Please use the landline to contact her.
- **Jamie Wrede** has a new e-mail address: [jamie.wrede@yahoo.com](mailto:jamie.wrede@yahoo.com)

### January Board Meeting Date Changed

Board members with E-addresses have already received this notice. However, for Board members or church members who are planning to attend the January Board meeting, please mark your calendars for January 23, the fourth Sunday, this month. The meeting will follow 11 am Worship. Lunch will be provided. Meeting details will be sent, later. Please feel free to call me, at any time, with suggestions, questions or concerns.

Bonnie Brown, Board Chair  
791-8360; 790-5800

## *A Word from Ailsa, cont'd.*

include the entire world in the gift of the good news.

Traditionally in Puerto Rico, children receive a visit from the Wise Men the night of January 5. They fill shoe boxes with grass, maybe fill a bowl with water, and set it by their bed for the camels that will carry the Wise Men and their gifts to their bedside during the night. The Wise Men, being wise, are usually practical in their gift-giving, leaving one or two simple, unwrapped gifts. I remember many cold January nights looking for the best blades of grass for the camels that would come visit me. I remember being excited that these Wise Men who saw Jesus would also come see me. I remember feeling special that the same Wise Men who gave gifts to the Christ child would think to give a gift to me. The whole experience made me feel connected to that story in Matthew's gospel, like I was part of that story, though I could not explain how.

Thanks to a Christmas present from my sister, I have the shoe box ready and plan to go out Wednesday evening to help Krysia find the best blades of grass in our yard. I hope this tradition will help her feel connected to the good news of this mysterious story of God. ¡Feliz Día de los Reyes!

Bring **canned corn** in January  
for the Food Pantry.



Put it in the  
**Little Red Wagon.**

*Please do not bring items that have expired or are close to their expiration date. Thank you.*

## Who, what, where, when?



### **Congratulations to Shawn**

**and Michelle Allen** upon the birth of their son, Samuel Parker Allen, on December 20, 2010. He weighed 6 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Please be in prayer for him as he is still in the NICU at NHRMC.

### **Clear Out the Clutter!**

#### **Donate to the Youth Yard Sale**

**Please do not bring computers, computer monitors, TVs, shoes or intimate apparel.**

If you need help transporting your donation to the church, please call Vicki Morris, Youth Team chair, at 762-8054.

**Donations will be accepted until  
6 pm on January 7.**

### **Winter Coat Drive**

Brie Carmo, one of our youth, is organizing a winter coat drive to benefit those in need in our community. The idea for the coat drive has been prompted by her concern for homeless individuals and others in our community who do not have adequate protection from the cold weather we have been experiencing. Please bring your donations January 16 & 23. The coats will be distributed through the social ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Good Shepherd House.

### **Our January Book Club Selection** is

The Known World by Edward P. Jones. This is yet another book about slavery, but this one has so many superlatives attached to it, that it must be magnificent! "In a daring and ambitious novel, Jones has woven a footnote of history into an epic that takes an unflinching look at slavery in all of its moral complexities." Pick up a copy in the Church Library and join us on Tuesday, January 25, in the Church parlor at 7:00 pm. — Ann Respass

### **Advent Conspiracy Offering for Camp Caroline**

As we focused on exchanging consumption for compassion this Advent and Christmas season, many of us tried new and creative approaches to worship more fully, spend less, give more and love all. Our special offering on Christmas Eve was an opportunity for us as a congregation to redirect our spending this year in way that would compassionately affect our world through the camp and conference programs for children, youth and adults at Camp Caroline. Let us celebrate that we will be sending \$1,975.28 for the heating and air conditioning units at the camp.

### **Dear First Christian Church Family,**

Our family greatly appreciates your thoughtfulness in the generous gift you gave us this Christmas season. We feel blessed to be a part of this Christian community and look forward to a new year in ministry with you.

— Ailsa Guardiola González

### **Dear Members of FCC,**

Thank you so much for the nice gift at Christmas. It is a pleasure working for you, and thank you for the opportunity. May God's blessings be upon each of you in 2011.

In Christ's Love,  
Myrtle Sanders

### **Dear First Christian Church,**

Many thanks for your wonderful Christmas gift. I greatly appreciate your kindness, and look forward with anticipation to all that God has for us in the coming year.

Blessings,  
Faith Dietrick

**More who, what, where, when?**



*Please Join Us  
for a  
Bridal Shower Honoring  
Amy Capps  
Saturday, January 15, 2011  
from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at  
329 Azalea Drive, Wilmington*

*Amy is registered at  
Bed, Bath & Beyond,  
and Target.*



**If You See Any of These  
Folks, Wish Them A  
Happy Birthday!**

Take a few minutes to share your best wishes with the members of our church family who have birthdays this month.

Helen Dunn	Bridgette Johnson
Grace Linden Ensign	Jackson Johnson
Lawson Edwards	Georgia Meece
Sharon Fritz	Mike Morris
Libby George	Glenda Pettigrew
Mary Anne Guin	Myrtle Sanders
Brook Hall	Kim Sibbach
Sherry Hickman	Teresa Warner
Sue Hunley	

*If we missed anyone, we are truly sorry. Please let someone on the Membership Team know, and you will be added to the birthday list.*



**How Much Wood Can FCC  
Chop?**

EVERYONE is invited to join the group from FCC going to the Salvation Army woodlot to help cut, stack, and deliver wood.

**When: Saturday, January 15**

**Where: 7 am Meet for Breakfast at Jimbo's  
7:30 am Leave for Woodlot**

If you have questions, contact Rev. González.

**Annual Performance Evaluations**

Annual performance evaluations will be presented to our ministerial team during the month of January. Any member of the congregation wishing to offer comments regarding the performance of our Senior Minister, Lance Perry, over the last twelve months may do so to one of the members of the Pastoral Relations Committee. All comments will be kept in strictest confidence. Committee members are as follows: Glenn Brigman at 798-8342; Duane Luse at 256-0751; and Jeannie May at 632-6949.

Performance evaluations for the rest of the staff will be performed in January and February. If you have any comments, please direct them to the appropriate person(s) as follows:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Reviewer</u>
Rev. Ailsa González	Dr. Perry
Faith Dietrick	Dr. Perry
Myrtle Sanders	Mike Brown
Tammy Connell	Linda Reinger for Nursery
Tammy Connell	Alan Anderson for Cleaning
Jennifer Brooks	Linda Reinger
John Lanier	Alan Anderson
Robert Register	Alan Anderson
Steve Field	Nancy Manning, Chair Music Committee
Travis Price	Nancy Manning, Chair Music Committee

## Prayer Concerns

### **Long Term Health Care Concerns**

Wilma Briggs, Helen Dunn, Rosa Gaylord, Foye Marshburn, Betty Nash, Betty Snook, Jeanette Wolfe

### **Church Family**

- Samuel Allen, still in the NICU at NHRMC
- Ellie Duckett, participating in a clinical trial
- Dave Dutcher, seeking employment
- Briggs Ensign, recovering from heart surgery
- Allan Huband, undergoing chemotherapy
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and tests
- Lory Scholberg, recovering from a fall
- Kim Sibbach, stage IV cancer, receiving experimental treatment at Chapel Hill
- Diana Wierse, facing knee surgery on Jan 7
- Jeanette Wolfe, David Healthcare Center, small stroke which has affected her speech

### **Friends and Family**

- Marcia Brown, Barbara Capp's niece, recovering from a severe auto accident
- Dwight Buck, Cathy Hills' son-in-law, undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia
- Camielle Bunch, friend of Dot Bryant, cancer
- Danielle Chapman, niece of Tricia Heath, shoulder surgery on December 15
- Marcus Gregory, friend of Wayne Howell, recovering from major surgery
- Wayne Fanelli, severe case of pancreatitis
- Jeff Grimes, Joanne Stout's nephew, cancer
- Addison Palanza, Beth Griffin Palanza's husband, recovering from back surgery
- Matthew Slaughter, Amanda King's fiancé, deployed to Afghanistan
- James Stroud, Cathy Hill's nephew, surgery and radiation for cancer of neck
- Michael Wetherington, Youth Minister at FCC Williamston, injured in a car accident, two broken legs and a broken arm
- Community of Puente Azul, El Salvador
- People of Haiti and Chile

## Serving January 9

### **11:00 Communion Table Prayers**

Sue Morris, Harvey Jarman

**Home-Bound Communion:** Jerry Roberts, Chris Furr, Margaret Jarman

### **Deacons**

Barry Jordan (captain), Jane Coleman, Brook Hall, Andy Koester, Amanda Koester, Kenny Morris III, Carlotta Smith, Chris Wrede

### **Communion Prep**

Andy & Mandy Koester, Phyllis Powell

### **Children Worship & Wonder**

Jan 9 Ailsa González & Chris Wrede

Jan 16 Bridgette Johnson & Kelly Ensign

### **Turning Point Kids**

Jan 9 Bill & Linda Reinger

Jan 16 Jeff & Diana Wierse

### **Minister On-Call Schedule**

Jan 7-8 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Jan 14-15 Rev. González 395-5594

### **Greeters**

8:45 Jan 9 Jackie Nicholson & Jeannie May  
Jan 16 Ron Gore & Tonya House

11:00 Jan 9 Kenny Morris Sr.  
Jan 16 Patsy Emmart

### **Lay Reader**

Jan 9 Harry Griffin

Jan 16 Barry Jordan

### **Sunday Door Lock-up**

Jan 9 Barry & Kathy Jordan

Jan 16 Alan & Barbara Anderson

### **Budget Update**

Budget through 1/2/2011 \$206,442.00

Income 203,261.30

Income Short of Budget \$3,180.70

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### FCC Wilmington

#### Staff

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of Christian Education and Youth  
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Travis Price, Turning Point Music Director  
David Heinzman, Organist/Accompanist  
Myrtle Sanders, Financial Secretary  
Tammy Connell, Nursery Attendant  
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### *A Word from Ailsa*

While many people have begun to put away their Christmas decorations, I am looking forward to introducing another Christmas tradition to my daughter, Krysia. This week, on January 6, she will observe for the first time El Día de los Reyes (or the Day of the Kings or Three Kings Day). Since the third or fourth century, Christians have extended the celebration of Jesus' coming into the season of Epiphany, observed on January 6. Epiphany is a word derived from the Koine Greek meaning "appearance" or "manifestation." It is a time to commemorate the manifestation of Christ into the world. For the church in the West, the focus has been on the revelation of Jesus to the Wise Men in the second chapter of Matthew's gospel. This meeting between the Wise Men and Jesus is quite significant, and many consider it a message of God's desire to

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