

# News



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February 16, 2011 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Wilmington, NC

*Italics indicate non-FCC group*

### **Sunday, February 20**

8:45 am Turning Point Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11 am Traditional Worship  
12 pm Green Team Meeting  
Interfaith Guests Arrive  
5-7 Youth Host Interfaith  
**Week of Compassion Begins**

### **Monday, February 21**

*12 pm Al Anon*  
6 pm Beth Moore Bible Study  
6:30 pm Spiritual Growth Group

### **Tuesday, February 22**

6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ.  
*7 pm Carolina Vocal Arts Ensemble*

### **Wednesday, February 23**

6 pm Worship Team  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, February 24**

6 pm Worship Band

### **Saturday, February 26**

*No Narcotics Anonymous*

### **Sunday, February 27**

8:45 am Turning Point Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Youth Visit St. John's  
Episcopal Church & Lunch  
11 am Traditional Worship  
Interfaith Guests Depart  
5:30 pm Fellowship Supper &  
Follies  
**Week of Compassion Ends**

### **Recent Attendance**

	8:45	11:00
2/13/11	80	82



Finally,  
After Two Years, the  
**Follies Return!**



**5:30 pm Dinner**  
**6:15 pm the Show Begins**

The stage will be set and the microphones ready  
for the humor, talent,  
and gifts of FCC members and friends.

Dinner is covered dish. Bring a dish for your family  
and another to share.



Sign up in the welcome area to  
participate in the variety show.



## **Week of Compassion 2011**

***Sharing Brings Joy: To Us. To Others. To God.***

Offering envelopes will be in your bulletin Sunday, February 20  
and 27. This is a special offering "over and above" our regular  
giving. It is a great joy to be a part of this very tangible way of  
responding to the world's most critical human needs.

## Notices and Reminders

**Worship focus** for Sunday is *Spiritual Wisdom*; Psalm 112, 1 Corinthians 2:6-16.



**Lectionary Readings** for use in your daily practice of prayer and scripture.

Leviticus 19:1-2, Psalm 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Matthew 5:38-48



**Pray for Our Missionaries**

Monica & Tim Liddle serving in East Timor.

### Worship Team Meeting

February 23, at 6 pm in Room 6. Light refreshments will be served.



### Special All Church Breakfast: March 6, 9:45 am

Everyone is encouraged to come to breakfast during our Sunday School hour on Sunday morning March 6 at 9:45 am. This special breakfast has been initiated by our Sabbatical Team and is sponsored by our Elders. During breakfast our Elders will lead small group table discussions about what spiritually renewing things we can do while Dr. Perry is on sabbatical in 2012. Each table group will also have the opportunity to be a prayer group for Lent, praying for each other, our church, and our Stewardship Campaign that also begins March 6. Plan to come for this important time together.

### February Sermon Themes: Vision, Values, Purpose

#### February 20

Christian Maturity — Spiritual Wisdom

#### February 27

Worship — Worshipping God With Our Lives

## *A Word from Lance, cont'd*

Renewal periods are not vacations, but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for regaining the enthusiasm and creativity for ministry, for discovering what will make the pastor's heart sing." The first grant deadline is May 12, 2011.

Some may wonder where this idea came from. The sabbatical began in the university tradition when the university was part of the church. The professors, then called Doctors of the church, needed one year every seven years to become students again and refresh their spiritual calling. As the pace and demands of pastoral leadership has been better understood, the importance of sabbatical time for pastors has been affirmed. The idea is that every seven years, pastors need to become worshippers again in order to refresh their spiritual lives and renew their sense of leadership. The scriptures provide the foundation for sabbatical in the notion of Sabbath. As God rested on the seventh day, and at God's command, as God's people, we rest and worship on the seventh day.

I look forward to this time of rest, growth, and spiritual renewal, not only for me and my family, but also for our congregational family. Some of the grant funds are allocated for congregational renewal plans, and we have scheduled a special opportunity to discuss renewal plans at an all-church breakfast scheduled for March 6. I covenant with you these next few weeks and months to be in prayer together as we listen for God and imagine ways to be spiritually renewed as a church family. See you Sunday.

**THANK YOU!**  
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## **The BBQ Fundraiser and Concert**

on Saturday was a huge success. A total of \$3,291 was raised for the ministries of First Christian Church. Moreover, people from our congregation and the wider community gathered for great food and conversations in the Fellowship Hall, and enjoyed a worshipful concert in the Sanctuary. **Thank you** to everyone who made this possible: the cooks and their helpers, the clean-up crew, the musicians, and those providing the tech support needed for the concert. And thank you to Matt Dean for sharing your vision, your faith in God, and your continual love for your church. Because of you, we experienced the grace and presence of God on Saturday evening.

## **Dear Disciples Women and Church Family,**

I wanted to thank you for all of the hard work and love that went into the Valentine's Day boxes. I certainly appreciated it, as did some of my good friends! It is so nice to know that you are thinking of me, even when I'm away at school. Again, thank you so much for all of the delicious treats! With love and prayers, and wishing you all a happy Valentine's Day,

— Beth May

## **Dear FCC Members,**

I wanted to thank you all for the Valentine care package. It's always something to look forward to every year. Also, I wanted to thank all of the volunteers who put together the Valentine are package. All of us college kids appreciate what you do for us every Valentine's Day. Thank you!

Sincerely, Kyle Black

**Thank you, First Christian Church,**  
for the Valentine's Box. My friends and I really enjoyed it.  
— Allen King

## **Who, what, where, when?**

## **The Spiritual Life of Children**

**Saturday, February 19, 9:00 - 11:00 am**

If you are a parent, grandparent, or someone who works with children (in church or in your career), and you are hoping for ways to help the children in your life on their spiritual journey, there is a wonderful opportunity for you coming soon. Dr. Jonathan Kelley from the Presbyterian Counseling Center will be our guest to help us explore the Spiritual Life of Children. We will gather from 9am-11am in room 12. Childcare will be provided and we will offer breakfast foods and drinks. There will be a minimal cost of \$5/person. **To sign up, call the church office.**



## **FCC Green Team Interest Meeting**

There will be a meeting for the Green Team on Sunday, February 20, after the 11:00 service in Room 6. The Green Team will focus on promoting environmentally friendly approaches within the church. At this interest meeting, we will brainstorm goals and ideas for the coming year and the scheduling for recyclables pickup.

## **Mission Fund and Pay Pal**

Initiated by our Mission Team leaders and approved by our Stewardship Team, FCC now has a Pay Pal account connected to our Mission Fund! Check it out on our web page! If you have friends and extended family who love to help with tangible mission efforts, let them know! They can donate online and all proceeds go to our Mission Fund which supports Appalachia Service Project, Youth Mission Trips, and our El Salvador mission which includes child sponsorship for school.

## More who, what, where, when?



### Volunteer(s) are needed

to head up our annual Prayer Vigil beginning at 6 pm April 15, and ending at 6 pm April 16. Linda Reinger, who has done this before, will provide information and planning ideas. Please contact Becky Shipton or the church office if you would like to do this. The Youth have already signed up for the hard to fill hours of 1 am to 5 am.

### Wilmington AGO Hymn Festival

You are invited to attend and participate in a hymn festival entitled *Great Hymns of the Faith* presented by the Wilmington Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on **Sunday, February 20, at 4:00 pm in St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church, 612 South College Road.** David Heinzman is one of the presenters. Come and experience the uplift of enthusiastic congregational singing!

In **February**, remember to bring **canned meats** 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.*

### Estate Planning:

#### Couple's Estate Plan Provides Testament, Peace of Mind

Jack Moore and his wife, Jan, are passionate about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). A licensed minister at Bethany Christian Church in Houston and serving as needed throughout the Coastal Plains Area, Moore and his wife are putting their finishing touches on their estate plans so that their final giving will mirror their lives.

"Through the years, we have discussed leaving our estate, such as it is, to one local church or another," Moore said. "God has moved us around enough that eventually that option didn't seem like the best one. The [Christian Church] Foundation is the best alternative to seeing that our estate will be used to the glory of God and to further His work through the Disciples."

Their plan includes creation of a named permanent fund that will make distributions to several Disciples ministries.

"We are not really worried about our legacy," Mrs. Moore said. "Our small contribution will join others, large and small, and continue our work in God's name after we are gone."

Marilyn Fiddmont, Foundation vice president, has provided information and encouraged the Moores to get their estate plans in place. The Moores, like so many others who the Foundation works with, have a deep love for the mission of the church and want to express their faithfulness through a gift that will benefit the Christian Witness.

Their advice to others: "Get the process in motion quickly. Don't drag your feet. No one is promised tomorrow so put your affairs in order now." The unexpected benefit is peace of mind. It is good to know that a plan is in place and that our estate will be put to good use in Kingdom-building after we have moved on," said Moore.

## Prayer Concerns

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

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

### **Our Sympathy to:**

- Alan Anderson and family upon the death last week of his nephew, Casey McBride

### **Church Family**

- Wilma Briggs, fell last week, cut her head and broke her arm

### **Church Family**

- Ellie Duckett, participating in a clinical trial
- Dave Dutcher, seeking employment
- Briggs Ensign, recovering from heart surgery
- Ed Ferrier, Ann Boston's father, at Autumn Care for physical rehab
- Allan Huband, undergoing chemotherapy
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and tests
- Kim Sibbach, stage IV cancer, bone marrow biopsy on February 15
- Diana Wierse, recovering at home from knee surgery to repair torn ACL

### **Friends and Family**

- Maxey Bunch, Teresa Bullock's father, hospitalized in Washington, NC, with broken pelvis, pack pain, internal bleeding
- Jeff Grimes, Joanne Stout's nephew, cancer
- Luis Guardiola, Rev. González' cousin, deployed to Afghanistan
- Debbie Howard, attends a meeting at FCC, recovering from spinal fusion surgery
- Mollee, daughter of Jim & Kim Hummell, healthy delivery of 3rd child on February 4
- Frank Ridgeway, Sherry Hickman's father, recovering from a stroke, undergoing physical rehab
- Matthew Slaughter, Amanda King's fiancé, deployed to Afghanistan
- Kathy Wirkus, Alicia Luse's sister, undergoing radiation and chemotherapy
- Community of Puente Azul, El Salvador
- People of Haiti and Chile

## Serving February 20

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

Harry Griffin, Kathy Jordan

**Home-Bound Communion:** Mike Capps, Jeannie May, Jerry Roberts

### **Deacons**

Linda Reinger (captain), Brad Dean, Zach Dean, Alicia Luse, Andy Heath, Marion Vernon, Jeff Wierse

### **Communion Prep**

Andy Heath, Linda Reinger

### **Children Worship & Wonder**

Feb 20 Ailsa González & Lauren Perry

Feb 27 Bridgette Johnson & Chris Wrede

### **Turning Point Kids**

Feb 20 Steve & Pat Brooks

Feb 27 Jane Coleman & Julie Furr

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

Feb 18-19 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Feb 25-26 Rev. González 395-5594

### **Greeters**

8:45 Feb 20 Lauren Perry & Kenny Morris III

Feb 27 Jackie Nicholson & Jeannie May

11:00 Feb 20 Allan Huband

Feb 27 Sue Hunley

### **Lay Reader**

Feb 20 Nancy Cherry-Simcox

Feb 27 Lou Hargett

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

Feb 20 Sandy High

Feb 27 John & Jeannie May

### **Budget Update**

Budget through 1/30/11 \$252,318.00

Income 250,403.26

Income Short of Budget \$1,914.74

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### *A Word From Lance*

It may seem to be a bit early, but in the past few months I have been working with our Board, Pastoral Relations Committee, and Sabbatical Committee to plan my sabbatical for 2012. In 1980, our congregation developed and passed a sabbatical policy for our ministers. Following each seven years of ministry, the minister is given the opportunity to spend a maximum of three months in renewal time. I am applying for the Lilly Endowment Grant and the Louisville Grant, of which I may receive only one. Both grants require strong congregational involvement including congregational plans for their own renewal during the pastor's time away. According to the Lilly Foundation, "the grant provides opportunities for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of renewal and reflection.