

News



Views

February 2, 2011

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, February 6

8:45 am Turning Point Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11 am Traditional Worship
3:30 pm Nominating Comm. Mtg.
Youth Return from Mid-Winter
Mission Sunday

Monday, February 7

12 pm Al Anon
6 pm Beth Moore Bible Study

Tuesday, February 8

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

Wednesday, February 9

6 pm Elders
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 10

1:30 pm Pastoral Relations Comm.
6 pm Worship Band
6:30 pm Charis Ministry Team
6:30 pm Young Adult Gathering

Saturday, February 12

4:30 pm BBQ Dinner
6:30 pm Concert

Sunday, February 13

8:45 am Turning Point Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11 am Traditional Worship
4 pm K'Motion
4 pm Youth at Pam Morris'
Week of Ministry Begins

Recent Attendance

	8:45	11:00
1/30/11	76	101

February Sermon Themes: Vision, Values, Purpose

February 6

Passion for Mission — El Salvador Team

February 13

Week of the Ministry — Many Gifts, One Spirit

February 20

Christian Maturity — The Spirit Gives Us All We Need

February 27

Worship — How and Why



February 6

Mission Sunday

The El Salvador Team will give a presentation on their November trip at both services.

Notices and Reminders

Worship focus for Sunday is *El Salvador*; Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 10-11; Matthew 19:13-15; Matthew 25:34-36; I Corinthians 12:12-13.



Lectionary Readings for use in your daily practice of prayer and scripture. Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9
Matthew 5:13-20; I Corinthians 2:1-12



Pray for Our Missionaries

Judy Chang serving in Hong Kong.

Dr. Perry will be attending a continuing education day on Monday, February 7. He will be back in the office on February 8.

The **Nominating Committee** will meet on Sunday, February 6, at 3:30 pm in Room 13.



2011 ASP Mission Trip Deposit Deadline

Anyone wanting to participate in the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) mission trip **for youth and adults** needs to sign-up by turning in their \$150 non-refundable deposit to Chris Wrede or Rev. González **no later than February 13**. Questions? Contact Chris Wrede or Rev. González.



OOOPS! The **AGO Harpsichord Concert**, which will be presented by David Heinzman, was inadvertently included on the February calendar. Mark your calendar for March 15, instead. The congregation of First Christian Church is invited to the concert.

A Word from Lance, cont'd

we value those gifts. As this is Week of the Ministry, we will also acknowledge those who have responded to the call of ministry as vocation including our retired ministers. Another core value of Christ's church is to mature as servants and disciples of our Lord. On February 20, we will consider Christian maturity and that in the Holy Spirit we have all that we need. First Christian Church also highly values worship. And on February 27, we will explore how we worship and why we do so in certain ways. I look forward to this new focus for us in February. See you Sunday.

Spiritual Growth Group

Using the book, Making All Things New: An Invitation to the Spiritual Life by Henri Nouwen, Dr. Perry will be leading a spiritual growth group beginning February 14. Nouwen speaks of the way our lives are "filled." This small group experience will focus on building spiritual relationships, spiritual practices, reflection on Jesus' life, and listening to God. We will seek to identify what "fills" our lives and find more ways to open our hearts so that God can fill us. The class will meet in Room 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for six weeks beginning Monday, February 14. Class size is limited to 12 for discussion purposes. Each person will be responsible for purchasing their own book and reading it before the class begins (available on Amazon for \$11).

The class has room for 3 more people.

Please call or e-mail the church office by February 7, to register.

Who, what, where, when?



Congratulations to Dale & Anna (Hodges) Romanus

upon the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth May Romanus, on January 25, 2011. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19" long. Mary Alice is the proud big sister.

Young Adult Gathering

As Disciples across the country observe Young Adult Week, February 6-13, FCC's young adults are invited to a gathering on Thursday, February 10 at 6:30pm. This will be a time for fellowship and for sharing your hopes for the young adults of our congregation. The group will gather at the home of Jane Coleman, and dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Rev. González by Sunday, February 6.



BBQ Dinner & Concert



Plan to come on Saturday, February 12, for barbeque and all the fixin's! After dinner we will be blessed with the music of *Last Word* (Tim Whitehead, Brad Dean, Jennifer Dean, Phil Brigman), David Lee Heinzman, Travis and Kim Price, Eric Bron, Brook Hall and Zachary Dean. Dinner and the concert is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children. Tickets available in the church office or see a church Board member.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the coat drive! The coats will be greatly appreciated by those being served at St. Mary's Social Ministry. All together, with FCC and Winter Park Baptist Church, we collected 102 coats!

Thank you again,
Brie Carmo



Valentine Boxes for FCC College Students

DWM ladies will be packing the boxes on Sunday, February 6, after the 11:00 service. Lots of candy, home made goodie (individually wrapped or in small bags), and snacks are needed. Please put them in Room 6. Questions, call Sherry Hickman, Becky Ship-ton or Joy Roberts.

Parents Take Note: If you currently have a child(ren) in college, please call or e-mail Faith at the church office with their name and address information.

Rev. Amanda McCullough to Speak at the Charis Ministry Team

The next Charis Ministry Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2011, at 6:30 PM, in Room 12. Rev. Amanda McCullough has so graciously consented to talk with the Ministry Group about "Peers' Validation and Support." Amanda comes to First Christian after pastoring a church for several years in our community. She joined First Christian last year and has not been reticent about becoming a viable part of our church ministry. I was involved in a small group study with her earlier in the winter and was most impressed by her spiritual depth and commitment to our Lord. Amanda has just recently begun a basic unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at New Hanover Regional.

I am sure this evening's sharing will be very enlightening and those members present will take with them a lot of good thoughts on which to ponder as they go about their Charis ministry.

In Christ,
Margaret Jarman

More who, what, where, when?



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.

Lucille Allen
Garrett Anderson
Ann Boston
Zola Boston
Lee Bryant
Kathryn Emmart
Dave Ferris
Myra Ferris
Laura George
Amanda Koester

Duane Luse
Adam Mills
Alice Points
Phyllis Powell
Diane Richardson
Jacob Reinger
Jerry Roberts
Phyllis Snyder
Joanne Stout
Tim Whitehead

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.



Return of the Follies

It's been two years and the follies are returning! On Sunday, February 27, the stage will be set up and the microphones will be 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 be a part of the variety show.

Ten Members of FCC joined volunteers at the Salvation Army woodlot last Saturday. Thank you for giving of your time on a Saturday morning! Your presence and efforts have shown God's love to those in need in our community.

National Marriage Week

Did you know that February 7-14 is National Marriage Week? What a great time to take advantage of opportunities for honest relationship validation and enrichment. Noted marriage and family therapist and author David Mace once said *"One of the great illusions of our time is that love is self-sustaining. It is not. Love must be fed and nurtured, constantly reviewed. That demands ingenuity and consideration, but first and foremost, it demands time."* This year why not try something different? Instead of spending money on roses or candy, spend \$20 and take the Valentine Couple Checkup through Prepare-Enrich. Dr. Perry, Rev. Amanda McCullough, and Rev. González are trained in this program and will be glad to talk with you about your couple checkup.

You can find it at www.CoupleCheckup.com, and in honor of National Marriage Week beginning February 7, the cost is reduced.



February Book Club Selection

Our February book selection takes us to Dublin, Ireland for a family funeral gathering for a wayward brother, who drowned at sea. Anne Enright, the author, is known for reckless intelligence and savage humor. The book is The Gathering. Pick up a copy and meet with us on Tuesday, February 22, at 7:00 pm in the Church Parlor.

— Ann Respass

Special thanks to the "church mice" who weeded and mulched the Scripture Garden. It looks beautiful and ready for the new life that spring will bring.

More who, what, where, when?

Week of Compassion

February 20-27

Learning to share is tough for children, whose early understanding can be summed up as, "Mine!" We begin by taking turns with things in limited supply like crayons or skateboards, experience the immediate satisfaction of playing with someone else, and start to understand that sharing strengthens friendships. Teenagers experience the fun of shared jokes and the healing comfort of sharing broken hearts. As adults, we seek organizations that share our vision and perhaps a special someone to share the rest of our lives with. We come to know that sharing is bedrock to being fully human, and it brings incredible joy.

Soon, we will be invited to help people in achieving need through the Week of Compassion offering. By sharing our resources, combined with offerings from thousands of other congregations in eight denominations across the United States, we

- build homes, schools, medical clinics, and clean water and sewage facilities in villages devastated by earthquakes, floods, and poverty;
- bring safety, shelter, and food to refugees after often violent circumstances have made their hometowns uninhabitable;
- nurture stronger futures and self-sufficiency through health care, education, job training, and tools for livelihoods.

We are blessed that God is able to provide, when and where help is needed, through us. (*2 Corinthians 9:8-15*) In what may seem an amazing twist, we ourselves benefit from the sharing. Week of Compassion donors say:

- Giving just feeds my soul! This is what life is about—not collecting things, but helping people. Giving helps me appreciate what I have.

- As we see needs met, we are reminded how God takes care of us.
- Giving to Week of Compassion lets me put my hands on problems that need attention throughout the world.

Sharing because we have felt God's love invites God even more fully into our lives, which renews and transforms us. "Those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." (*1 John 4:16*) Sharing our love for God through Week of Compassion, we offer ourselves to others as they need us, imitating Christ's offering of his life for us.

In turn, we receive him more deeply into our own hearts, bringing indescribable joy. Giving changes so many things—for the receiver and for the giver. Please give generously through Week of Compassion: sharing resources, changing lives, bringing joy!

Mark Your Calendar for the Camp Caroline Work Days March 19 & April 16, 9 am - 3 pm

Please help us get ready for the 2011 camping season! Some items on the agenda include: install gutters, fix minor repairs, paint fence, paint cabin bathrooms with mold & mildew resistant paint, trim bushes, cut small limbs and other yard work, pressure wash buildings. Bring your paint brushes or rollers (we'll supply the paint), chain saws, hedge trimmers, hammers, pressure washer (don't forget water hose), etc. We'll have a continental breakfast and lunch. Please call Jane Allgood, 252-946-8840, let her know that you are coming so that we will have enough food prepared.

More who, what, where, when?

2011 Nominating Committee Named

Dear Friends,
In January of each year, as outlined by the church's current Constitution and Bylaws, a Nominating Committee is to be appointed by the Board Chair and approved by the Board. That process was finalized on January 23. Since the Committee will meet to begin the selection process for Active and Emeritus Elders and Deacons, Youth Deacons, and a Trustee on Sunday, February 6, those wanting to make suggestions of nominees for the offices need to contact one of the members on or before early afternoon, February 6. Duties and eligibility for the positions may be found in the very last section of the 2010-2011 Directory on pages 3-5. Remember that, if a person has served a term as Elder, Deacon or Trustee, he or she may not serve in the same or a different (meaning Elder, Deacon or Trustee) capacity for one year.

Members of the Nominating Committee are:

Charles Sanders – Elder
Jeannie May – Elder
Phyllis Powell – Deacon
Barry Jordan – Deacon
Marion Vernon – Deacon (Returning from 2010 Committee)
Pam Furr - Deacon
Brook Hall – Youth
Kenny Morris, III – Youth
Jeremiah Johnson – At-Large
Lucille Allen, At-Large, Chair

Please feel free to ask any questions that you have. Suggestions are welcome and encouraged. The aim is for each member to be fully aware of every aspect of church life.

Bonnie Brown
Board Chair – 791-8360

Spirituality of Children

Have you ever wondered how to talk to a child about God? Has a child ever asked you a question about God and you did not know how best to respond?

It is believed that children have an innate sense of the presence of God. Due to their age, however, they lack the appropriate language to help them identify and express it so it can be explored and strengthened. They need people in their lives who understand that they, although young, are spiritual individuals with the capacity to grow close to God. They need people in their lives to encourage them to explore, experience and wonder about God.

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. On Saturday, February 19, 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. Please sign up on the K'Motion board outside Room 16 by February 13.

In **February**, remember to bring **canned meats**—chicken, ham, Vienna sausages, Spam, etc.—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.

Prayer Concerns

Long Term Health Care Concerns

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

Our Sympathy to

- Charles Vaughan and family upon the death of his mother on January 30, in Johnson City, Tennessee

Church Family

- Steve Brooks, recovering at home from elbow surgery
- 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, hormone treatment for cancer
- Diana Wierse, recovering at home from knee surgery to repair torn ACL
- Jeanette Wolfe, Davis Healthcare Center, small stroke which has affected her speech

Friends and Family

- Jeff Grimes, Joanne Stout's nephew, cancer
- Luis Guardiola, Rev. González' cousin, deployed to Afghanistan
- Debbie Howard, attends a meeting at FCC, spinal fusion surgery on February 15
- 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 6

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Charles Vaughan, Glenn Brigman

Home-Bound Communion: Charles Sanders, Roger Bullock, Russ Smith

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 6 Bridgette Johnson & Ron Gore

Feb 13 Jamie Wrede & Sue Morris

Turning Point Kids

Feb 6 Kelly Ensign & Lindsey Tarrant

Feb 13 Andy & Nancy Black

Minister On-Call Schedule

Feb 4-5 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Feb 11-12 Rev. González 395-5594

Greeters

8:45 Feb 6 Steve & Dava Bright

Feb 13 Ralph George & Sam Rose

11:00 Feb 6 Cleve & Bunny Goodnite

Feb 13 Mable Cooke

Lay Reader

Feb 6 Vanessa King

Feb 13 Mike Brown

Sunday Door Lock-up

Feb 6 Thomas & Sue Hunley

Feb 13 John & Ann Respass

Budget Update

Budget through 1/30/11 \$237,026.00

Income 238,907.88

Income Over Budget \$1,881.88

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A Word From Lance

February is a very meaningful month for many reasons. We celebrate love on Valentine's Day. We also observe African American History during the month of February. For the Disciples of Christ it is also the month when we observe Week of Compassion.

This year in worship at First Christian in February we will also consider our vision, values and purpose. One of our core values is mission. We have been deeply involved in sharing the love of God locally and beyond throughout our history. On the first Sunday in February, we will celebrate our recent mission experience in El Salvador. We also strongly believe that each and every one of us is an important part of the body of Christ. There are many gifts, but one spirit. On February 13, we will consider how God has gifted us and how

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