

News



Views

March 30, 2011

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, April 3

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Called Cong. Meeting
9:45 am Discovery Class
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12 pm Called Cong. Meeting
5 pm Spring Fling

Monday, April 4

12 pm Al Anon

Tuesday, April 5

6 pm Circle Martha
6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ.

Wednesday, April 6

10:30 am Circle Martha
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 7

1:30 pm Silver Bees
6 pm Worship Band

Friday, April 8

Camp Caroline Work Day

Saturday, April 9

Camp Caroline Work Day
7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

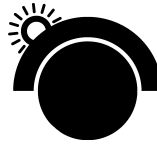
Sunday, April 10

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Discovery Class
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12 pm Called Board Meeting
5-7 pm Youth

Recent Attendance

	8:45	11:00
3/27/11	n/a	144

24-Hour Prayer Vigil



Begins: 6 pm, Friday, April 15

Ends: 6 pm, Saturday, April 16

"But the Lord is in His holy temple;
let all the earth be silent before him."

Habakkuk 2:20

Noise bombards us every day, all day long and into the night. Traffic, lawn mowers, loud voices, soft voices, screaming voices, laughing and crying voices, phones ringing, computer humming, printers printing, TV and radio noise and the noise goes on and on and on.

Are you tired of noise? Would you like a break from all the noise; even a short break—30 minutes? A break to refresh your mind and spirit? A place you can go that will only cost you the gas to get there? I know the perfect place! Our church sanctuary or chapel beginning Friday evening April 15. at 6:00 through Saturday evening April 16, at 6:00 for our 24-Hour Prayer Vigil.

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Called Congregational Meeting
Sunday, April 3, Immediately Following Both Services

Notices and Reminders

Worship focus for Sunday is *Light Has Come*; Psalm 146 and John 9:1-41.



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

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14, 13-17; John 9:1-41

Pray for Our Missionaries



Mark Behle serving in Lesotho.

Rev. González will be out of the office on vacation April 3-14.

The **church office** will close at 12 pm on Friday, April 1.

The **Youth Lock-In** scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled.

Due to the abundance of delicious foods and desserts served at FCC in recent weeks, quite a few dishes are waiting to be picked up. Please check to see whether your dish is in the kitchen.



Locking Up

Sunday lock-up volunteers, please be sure to check all lights and doors and switch with someone if you cannot be here on your Sunday! **Members**, if you unlock a door please make sure there is someone around who can lock it behind you. Thank you!



Eggs and Treats

We are in need of plastic eggs and wrapped candy for the egg hunt. If you would like to donate these items, **please put them in the kitchen by Sunday, April 10.**

A Word from Ailsa, cont'd.

preacher, Rev. Mark Opgrand, which invited us to read the Bible from cover to cover. “You know you want to do this,” he said. “You know every believer wants to be able to say that they have done this.” His invitation offers us a starting point for imagining our future together. I hope that between now and Easter Sunday (when we will kick-off our Bible reading adventure together) you will consider accepting this invitation. Knowing the story of scripture is important for us as people of faith. It is the story of the God in whom we profess faith; the story of God’s saving works, grace, and love; it is our story—the basis of our identity and the guide for our future.

Actually, the search to answer our essential questions of identity and purpose is happening already as our Stewardship Team begins putting a budget together to present to the Board for the new year. Maybe we have not really thought about it this way before, but knowing what we are called to do, our purpose for being church, and why we do what we do are important as we go through this process. Therefore, I offer you another invitation. Please be in prayer for us to seek God in this process. Our church and the world are in a different place than we have been before. Be in prayer for us to be open to new possibilities and trust that even when things are not as they used to be, we are in God’s hands and God is working yet.

Who, what, where, when?



Mission Accomplished

On Friday, March 25, and in the weeks preceding, our church family worked together to buy food, cook, serve and deliver plates during our Chicken On A Mission fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who participated! Around \$3,000 was raised for the mission trips of First Christian, which include a team going to work with the Appalachian Service Project this summer, the youth attending General Assembly in July, and the next El Salvador mission.

Work on Wilmington

8 am - 12 pm Saturday, April 16

To join the FCC work team, sign up on the mission board outside Room 12, or contact Ann Boston (762-6725) or Rev. González.

Join helpful hands from across our great city and volunteer on Saturday, April 16.

Camp Caroline

Workday Rescheduled

Our workday for Camp Caroline has been rescheduled for Friday & Saturday April 8-9. We sponsor the Director' Cabin and it has extensive water damage from the rains we had last November. Contact Jerry Roberts if you can help.

Regional Business Meeting

Saturday, April 9, 10 am

at Southwood Christian Church

The purpose of the session will be to review Regional finances, the Capital Campaign, the Design Committee's work, and other matters of interest to the Region. The session will not be taking any votes, but will be reviewing information in preparation for the 2012 Regional Assembly.

24-Hour Prayer Vigil (con't)

Evening is my favorite time to participate in this prayer vigil. Imagine walking into the dimly lit sanctuary. Candles are glowing on the communion table, beckoning you to come forward and take communion if you wish. Sit down in one of the pews and look around you. The sanctuary looks and feels different than it does on Sunday mornings. The candle light brings comfort as shadows dance from their flickering light. Be still...listen. Wood creaking and settling. Quiet. Settle back in the pew. Relax. Talk to God. Listen for Him to speak to you. Be still and know God.

All you need to do to experience this quiet, peaceful time is sign up on our Prayer Vigil chart. The chart is divided into 30 minute segments for prayer participants and 2 hour segments for host/hostess participants.

Want more than 30 minutes of quiet time with God? Just sign up in 2 slots on the chart. Has somebody already signed in at the "only time I can come"? That's ok, too. Write you name in the same slot and come on! More than one person can be in the sanctuary praying at the same time.

Quiet, peaceful, spiritual, tranquil, soothing, relaxing, inspiring, hope, joy, renewal—
24- Hour Prayer Vigil.

Hope to see you there ~ Kathy Jordan

In **April**, remember to bring **Ramen**



noodle soup 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.

From the Board Chair

Nominating Committee Presents Report to the Board

During Sunday, March twentieth's General Board Meeting, Nominating Committee Chair, Lucille Allen, gave the report of her Committee's important work. Their nominees, all of whom received unanimous Board approval, will be voted upon during April third's Called Congregational Meeting.

Elders:

Mike Brown
Ellie Duckett
Myrtle Sanders
Mike Morris
Becky Shipton
Kenny Morris, Sr.
Andy Black

Deacons:

Matt Archibald
Charles Manning, Jr.
Julie Furr
Bill Boston
Vanessa King
Alan White
Christie Reeves
John Reeves
Nancy Black
Jeanne Owen
Thomas Hunley – Preparation only
Sue Hunley – Preparation only

Deacon Emeritus

Jim Richardson

Youth Deacons

Erin Bullock
Nicole Holliday
Zach Dean
Lauren Perry

Trustee

Darrell McHaney

I am grateful to members of the Nominating Committee: Lucille Allen, Chair; Jeannie May; Charles Sanders; Marion Vernon; Phyllis Powell; Barry Jordan; Pam Furr; Jeremiah Johnson; Kenny Morris, III and Brook Hall for their dedication to duty on behalf of First Christian Church.

—Bonnie Brown, Board Chair – 791-8360

Vote on Sabbatical Plan, April 3

Duane Luse outlined the Sabbatical Grant Committee's plan for Senior Minister, Lance Perry's Sabbatical during the Summer of 2012 during the March twentieth Board Meeting. Important questions were asked and answered. The Board has approved the plan. Members of the congregation will have the opportunity to ask questions and vote on the plan during the April third Called Congregational Meeting.

Questions may be addressed to any member of the Sabbatical Grant Committee: Margaret Jarman, Russ Smith, Duane Luse or Dr. Perry.

Bonnie Brown, Board Chair

Called Board Meeting, April 10

Board Members, please plan to attend the Called Board meeting following 11 AM Worship, April 10. The Stewardship and Finance Team will present the 2011-2012 Budget proposal. The Board must approve the proposal prior to its presentation to the congregation.

Bonnie Brown, Board Chair

More who, what, where, when?



Everyone's Invited to the Egg Hunt & Cookout



at Old McFaye's Farm
on Palm Sunday, April 17, at 4:00 pm

The egg hunt for children 5th grade and younger will begin at 4:00 pm followed by a cookout for everyone at 5:30 pm. Children will enjoy games, feeding the animals, riding the pony, and a hay ride. Flyers will be available in the welcome area with directions and a map to Old McFaye's Farm.

Hot dogs will be provided. Please bring side dishes such as baked beans, coleslaw, chili, salads, condiments and deserts (contact Faye Hodges at 602-7845 with what you plan to bring).

Christmount Discovery Weekend for Women: June 3-5, 2011

All women are invited for a time of relaxation, spiritual renewal, fellowship, and meaningful worship.

Keynote speaker Carol Anderson-Shores will captivate you with her "Timeless Truths from Women in the Bible—Good Things to Know When the Ground is Shifting Under Your Feet." Carol's presentation combines one act plays, great speaking, rich content and generous waves of laughter.

Registration fees include lodging in the Guest House for two nights, conference fees, and Friday supper through Sunday breakfast.
Single: \$244.50, Double: \$181.25
Triple: \$160.25, Quad: \$149.75.

If you are interested in attending, contact
Kathy Jordan at airsho60@ec.rr.com.



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.

David Brown	Marguerite Powell
Philip Brown, Jr.	John Respass
John Bryan	Jim Richardson
Briggs Ensign	Jeremy Roberts
Kelly Ensign	Faye Rowe
J.K. Hall	Rachel Scott
Wyatt Johnson	David Sharratt
Shane Jordan	Callie Tarrant
John May	Shirley West
Charlie Prickett	Colin 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.

Belk Charity Event: April 16 Shopping Passes Still Available

See Ann Boston or Chris Wrede to purchase.

- Attend the Private Shopping Extravaganza at any Belk store between the hours of 6 am to 10 am at any Belk Store.
- Proceeds from this event will go to our ministries — upgrade lighting for the stained glass windows, replace Styrofoam plates with durable plastic, initiate recycling and energy conservation solutions, etc.
- This is a win/win/win event. You sell a ticket and FCC keeps the \$5, the purchaser gets his/her \$5 back on their purchase and Belk gets people in their stores.

**OUR GOAL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY IS
TO RAISE AT LEAST \$1,000 DOLLARS.**

Prayer Concerns

Long Term Health Care Concerns

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

Our Sympathy to:

- Tena Perry and family upon the death on Saturday of her nephew, Clint Boyd

In the Hospital:

- Kim Sibbach, NHRMC, undergoing chemotherapy for bone marrow cancer. Please call Vicki Nester on her cell phone before visiting.

Church Family

- Hugh Cason, recovering at home from surgery to put in a pacemaker
- Ellie Duckett, participating in a clinical trial
- Ed Ferrier, recovering at home
- Ailsa Guardiola González, recovering from surgery to remove an ovarian cyst
- Allan Huband, taking a cancer treatment pill
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and tests
- Diana Wierse, recovering at home from knee surgery to repair torn ACL
- Paul Wierse, broken shoulder

Friends and Family

- Maxey Bunch, Teresa Bullock's father, broken pelvis, pack pain, internal bleeding
- Tami Estep, Jane & Ellie Duckett's granddaughter/niece, breast cancer
- Alison Grimes, Jeff Grimes' wife, recurrence of cancer
- Jeff Grimes, Joanne Stout's nephew, cancer
- Luis Guardiola, Rev. González' cousin, deployed to Afghanistan
- Katie, niece of Nancy & Andy Black, facing a long recovery from a lung infection
- Bill Law, Jane & Ellie Duckett's nephew/cousin, major surgery for esophageal cancer
- Matthew Slaughter, Amanda King's fiancé, deployed to Afghanistan
- Jimmy White, Alen White's father, pancreatic cancer
- Kathy Wirkus, Alicia Luse's sister, undergoing radiation and chemotherapy
- Community of Puente Azul, El Salvador
- People of Haiti, Chile and Japan

Serving April 3

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Roger Bullock, Charles Sanders

Home-Bound Communion: Charlie Vaughan, Harvey Jarman, Jeannie May

Deacons

Joy Roberts (captain), Erin Bullock, Teresa Bullock, Pam Furr, Pam Morine, Lauren Perry, Will Pridgen

Communion Prep

Pam Furr, Pam Morine, Phyllis Powell

Children Worship & Wonder

Apr 3 Ailsa González & Sue Morris

Apr 10 Bridgette Johnson & Lauren Perry

Turning Point Kids

Apr 3 Kelly Ensign & Lindsey Tarrant

Apr 10 Joy Roberts & Stacey Adam

Minister On-Call Schedule

Apr 1-2 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Apr 8-9 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Greeters

8:45 Apr 3 Ralph George & Sam Rose

Apr 10 Lauren Perry & Kenny Morris III

11:00 Apr 3 Joy Roberts

Apr 10 Kenny Morris, Sr.

Lay Reader

Apr 3 Kenny Morris, Sr.

Apr 10 Nancy Manning

Sunday Door Lock-up

Apr 3 Chris & Jamie Wrede

Apr 10 Mike & Pam Morris

Budget Update

Budget through 3/20/11 \$298,194.00

Income 287,007.61

Income Short of Budget \$11,186.39

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A Word from Ailsa

Who are we? Whose are we? And what are we called to be and do? These are essential questions for us as individuals and as a community of faith to revisit and prayerfully consider on a regular basis. As we go through our day, each of us wants to feel and know that we have a purpose, that what we do matters, and we want to enjoy what we are a part of. The same is true of our church community. What is our purpose for being? Why do we gather together? What is the reason we do what we do?

As we think about our future and make decisions and plans for it, we must consider, even struggle, with these questions. Sometimes finding answers seems overwhelming and we do not know where to start. On Sunday, we heard an inspiring message from our guest

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