

News



Views

April 27, 2011

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, May 1

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Congregational Meeting
10 am Fellowship Breakfast
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12 Noon Congregational Meeting
2 pm Field Studio Recital
5-7 pm Youth at the Heath's

Monday, May 2

12 pm Al Anon

Tuesday, May 3

6 pm Circle Martha
7 pm Vocal Arts Ensemble

Wednesday, May 4

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

Thursday, May 5

1:30 pm Silver Bees
6 pm Worship Band

Saturday, May 7

Elders Spring Retreat
7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, May 8

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
3 pm Violin Recital
4-5:30 pm K'Motion

Recent Attendance

	8:45	11:00
4/2411	66	145
Sunrise	115	



JUST READ IT.

**Don't miss it!
Now is your chance to
Just Read It.**

Details inside.



**All-Church
Fellowship Breakfast**

Everyone's invited to breakfast
at 10 am on Sunday, May 1, in the Fellowship Hall.

**Annual Congregational Meetings will be held
following each service on May 1.**

Line item budgets are available in the welcome area.

Notices and Reminders

Worship focus for Sunday is Luke 24:13-35.



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

Psalm 16; Acts 2:1-14a, 22-32

1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Pray for Our Missionaries

Carlos Madrazo serving in East Timor.



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 1, following both services

The purpose of the meetings is to approve the 2011-2012 budget. All members are eligible to vote. Line item budget proposal available in the welcome area.

Disciples Men Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 14, 8:00-11:00 am

All proceeds will benefit the FCC General Fund. Y'all come!

We Have Enough

The Bible books display in the welcome area is complete, so we don't need any more cereal boxes. Many thanks to all those who brought boxes.

Update on Lucille Allen

As many of you know, Lucille is receiving chemotherapy treatment for hemolytic anemia at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill. As she is quite weak and on complete bed rest, **she has requested no visitors and no calls.** If you would like to send her a card the address is:

Lucille Allen, Room 4306
c/o UNC Hospital
101 Manning Dr
Chapel Hill NC 27514

A Word from Ailsa, cont'd.

astounded, and probably feeling a bit of confusion and awe. Now what? What were they to do with this good news? The answer comes pretty quickly in most of the accounts: GO. TELL. DO.

Jesus' followers are told to make disciples, baptize and teach (Matthew 28). They are told, "Feed my sheep" (John 21). They are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to share the wondrous work of God's justice, compassion and love through their words and actions. GO. TELL. DO.

During the month of May, you are invited to ask yourself in what ways God specifically calls you to go, tell, do. Perhaps you look at the needs of the world and are overwhelmed. Perhaps you look at the ministries of First Christian and do not know where to start. I hope the words of pastor and theologian Howard Thurman can help: "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

We are a resurrection people, come alive through the victory of life over death; come alive through the power of God's spirit in us. God invites us. God commands us. Go, tell, do, from the place inside of you that gives you life.

A survey will be provided in Sunday's bulletin to help you begin to connect what makes you feel alive with ministries at First Christian. We hope everyone finds a way to serve, and ask you to write in areas/ministries you are passionate about that may not be included. The information from the survey will be shared with our Ministry Team leaders as they prepare for the 2011-2012 ministry year.

Who, what, where, when?



VBS Volunteers Needed

Summer is coming soon. First Christian and St. John's Episcopal Church are preparing for our combined Vacation Bible School on August 1-5. We are looking for volunteers to help guide our children through the exciting week at the "Shake It Up Cafe." Please let Rev. González know how you can help:

- **Before VBS:** Pray for VBS, help decorate, help with publicity, prepare craft packages, paint backdrops
- **During VBS:** Lead/help with one of the stations—craft, snack, music, science, recreation, Bible story; take pictures and prepare power point, be a group guide, help with setup, help with cleanup, greet and register participants
- **After VBS:** Help take down decorations

2011-2012 Proposed Budget

This budget will be presented for congregational approval on Sunday, May 1.

1. Christian Education	\$2,600.00
2. Nursery	100.00
3. Worship	5,000.00
4. Membership	375.00
5. Evangelism	390.00
6. Stewardship & Finance	277,728.00
7. Youth	4,200.00
8. World Outreach	12,000.00
9. CACS	7,200.00
10. Property	46,500.00
11. Hospitality	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$356,293.00

Copies of the line item budget are available in the welcome area.

Just Read It!

Join others at FCC who will read through the Bible over the next year. Bible reading plans are available in the narthex/welcome area at the Bible book display next to the water fountain. The reading plans offer suggestions for reading the Bible in ninety days or in a year (you can do it in six months by doubling up on the year plan). You will also find a book mark to help you keep your place. Please fill out the yellow "I've Read It!" cards and place them in the corresponding Bible book box as you finish each book of the Bible.

"Just Read It" is for people of all ages. Children who can read are encouraged to read Bible verses and even memorize them. Parents of children who cannot read or are still learning to read are encouraged to read with them. There are blue "I've Read It" cards to indicate the Bible verse you have read or memorized for you to put in the corresponding Bible book box.

May Circle Meetings

Circle Martha will meet on Tuesday, May 3, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Circle Mary** will meet Wednesday, May 4, at 10:30 am in the Parlor. Ladies, please bring your Blessing Boxes. If you have a Blessing Box and cannot make it to Circle, put your box in Room 6, the Woman to Woman Sunday School Room. Thanks, Sherry Hickman, DWM President

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.

More who, what, where, when?

Christmount: Week of Wonder May 29 - June 3, 2011

Week of Wonder is a mission opportunity for adults to come to Christmount, help prepare for the summer, and watch the wondrous transformation of the grounds from the ravages of winter and spring into the beautiful place that campers and conferees have come to know and love, a place where lives are changed for Christ. For more information or to register for this mission opportunity, go to www.christmount.org/weekofwonder.html.



Summer Camp for Children and Youth

CAMP Summer is coming, and there are great opportunities for you to attend camp in June and July! Children as young as Kindergarten are eligible to attend one of our Regional camps at Camp Caroline. For the youngest children, Uno camp (K-1 grade) is the perfect first-time camp experience. Children attend with a parent and stay one night. Older elementary children have the option of a three day or week-long camp. Camps are also offered for middle and high school students, which include a unique camp for eighth graders. The camp schedule and registration forms are available on the Youth board and on the K'Motion board. First Christian pays ½ the camp fee for church members. **Please turn in forms and fee (check made out to FCC) to Rev. González by May 15.** Contact Rev. González, if you have any questions.



Bicycles to Give Away

A man and a woman's bike are available for anyone that would like to have them. Please call the church office at 762-1389.



Please Join Us for a Bridal Shower Honoring Amanda King

*Saturday, May 7, 2011
from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at
329 Azalea Drive, Wilmington*



It's Time to Celebrate!

We would like to invite our church family to a party at the Magelli home



to celebrate

Mallory's graduation from Barton College!

on Friday, May 20, starting at 6:30 pm
1004 West Butternut Court, Wilmington NC
910-793-0138

Additional parking at the clubhouse
by the front gate.

Family Day at Camp Caroline

Gates Open 9am-5pm; Worship 10am

Join us on May 21 for our first Family Day at Camp Caroline. In appreciation for everyone's support throughout the year we have opened the gate and invite everyone to come and enjoy a fun filled day at camp on us. Pack a lunch and load the vans! We'll provide the ants (just kidding), sailboats, canoes and pool. Don't forget to bring your bathing suit and sun screen. The canteen will be open as well. Worship will include a thanksgiving for all of the recent projects undertaken at Camp Caroline and recognition of the many donors who have made them possible. You will also meet Jimmy Elks, our new Associate for

Prayer Concerns

Long Term Health Care Concerns

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

In the Hospital:

- Lucille Allen, UNC Hospital/Chapel Hill, undergoing mild chemotherapy for hemolytic anemia — Lucille has requested no calls and no visitors. Check with the church office for updates.
- Mable Cooke, Cape Fear Hospital, shoulder replacement surgery

Church Family

- Ellie Duckett, participating in a clinical trial
- Aileen Harris, recovering at home from a bulging disc in her back
- Allan Huband, taking a cancer treatment pill
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and tests
- Kim Sibbach, chemotherapy for bone marrow cancer; call Vicki Nester on her cell phone before visiting.
- Diana Wierse, recovering at home from knee surgery to repair torn ACL

Friends and Family

- Maxey Bunch, Teresa Bullock's father, broken pelvis, pack pain, internal bleeding
- Family of David & Trey Doolittle, father and son killed by a drunk driver as they rode their bikes
- 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, going through 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
- Tonya Thompson and family upon the death last week of her aunt
- Jimmy White, Alen White's father, pancreatic cancer
- Community of Puente Azul, El Salvador
- People of Haiti, Chile and Japan

Serving May 1

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Mike Capps, Jeannie May

Home-Bound Communion: Bonnie Brown,
Harry Griffin, Glenn Brigman

Deacons

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

Communion Prep

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Children Worship & Wonder

May 1 Bridgette Johnson & Andy Heath

May 8 Jamie Wrede & Tricia Heath

Turning Point Kids

May 1 Jane Coleman & Julie Furr

May 8 Millie Griffin & Joy Roberts

Minister On-Call Schedule

Apr 29-30 Rev. González 395-5594

May 6-7 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Greeters

8:45 May 1 Val Moreau & Brie Carmo

May 8 Shawn & Michelle Allen

11:00 May 1 Mable Cooke

May 8 Allan Huband

Lay Reader

May 1 Courtney Young-Hickman

May 8 TBA

Sunday Door Lock-up

May 1 Duane & Alicia Luse

May 8 Bill & Linda Reinger

Budget Update

Budget through 4/24/11 \$328,779.00

Income 313,070.63

Income Short of Budget \$15,707.37

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A Word from Ailsa

Now what? This is a question I often feel rise in me once an event I have greatly anticipated is over. Now what? Maybe some of you are asking that same question this side of Easter. For six weeks we waited and prepared. Some of us used all the discipline we could muster to keep our Lenten commitments, having given up something we love. One of my good friends gives up watching TV every year and every year laments not being able to witness the excitement of March madness. So, besides digging into chocolate and sitting to watch our favorite TV shows, now what? What are we to do this Eastertide?

I believe that following Jesus' resurrection, the gospels show the disciples asking this same question. An amazing and extraordinary thing has taken place. They are surprised and

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