

News



Views

April 6, 2011

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, April 10

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

Monday, April 11

12 pm Al Anon
6 pm Cabinet
6:30 pm Spiritual Growth Group

Tuesday, April 12

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

Wednesday, April 13

6 pm Elders Meeting
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 14

6 pm Worship Band
6:30 pm CACS Team

Friday, April 15

6 pm Prayer Vigil Begins

Saturday, April 16

6 pm Prayer Vigil Ends
8 am - 4 pm Quilters Workshop
7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, April 17

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
2:30 pm Youth Hide Eggs
3:00 pm Egg Hunt & Cookout
Palm Sunday

Recent Attendance

	8:45	11:00
4/3/11	64	89



Holy Week and Easter at First Christian Church

Prayer Vigil April 15, 6:00 pm - April 16, 6:00 pm

Sign up in the welcome area to be a part of this meaningful experience.

Palm Sunday Worship April 17

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Service
3:00 All-Church Egg Hunt and Cookout
at Old McFaye's Farm

Maundy Thursday April 21

7 pm Lord's Table Tableau and Holy Communion
Featuring soloist Elizabeth Field

Easter Sunday Worship April 24

6:30 am Sunrise Service at Hugh McRae Park
8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship
Featuring our Chancel Choir with soloist Elizabeth Field, and the Hallelujah Chorus

Notices and Reminders

Worship focus for Sunday is Psalm 130 and John 11:1-45.



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

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Pray for Our Missionaries

Barbara and Zoltan Szucs serving in Hungary.



Rev. González will be out of the office through April 14.

Called Board Meeting

Sunday, April 10, 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Just Read It

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1) Starting Easter Sunday, the Christian Ed Team is asking the congregation as a whole, even the children, to start reading through the Bible. There will be outlines available for those of you who may want something to guide you through. Let us grow as a congregation as we become one with God.

We ask you to start saving your empty cereal boxes for our display. Please put them in Room 15. The display will allow you to write your name on a card and place it in the corresponding box to let us know which book of the Bible you have read, or Bible verse that you memorized.

Thanks,
Jamie Wrede, Chair
Christian Education Team

A Word from Lance, cont'd

Maundy Thursday this year will be a night of gazing on the Last Supper scene, as we hear the story of the Last Supper according to John's gospel. Following communion all who choose can be a part of the washing of feet in remembrance of Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet. Then on Easter Sunday morning we will begin by gathering at Hugh McRae Park in the Gazebo area at 6:30am and as the sun rises we will praise the Lord for the resurrection power of God. Then at 8:45am we will hold our Turning Point worship service in the sanctuary. At 9:45am we will gather in Sunday School to encounter God's word and at 11:00am our Traditional service will feature our chancel choir and conclude with the Hallelujah chorus.

Whatever your Lenten practice has been, its purpose is to prepare our hearts for God in the now and to prepare us for our celebration of resurrection on Easter Sunday. I look forward to these special and meaningful times of worship and prayer with you. See you Sunday.



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.**

Who, what, where, when?

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.

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.



April Book Club Selection

Spring is here! Our Book Club has to be part of it, so we are reading Tulip Fever by Deborah Moggach. The book is really a thriller, not a story about flowers. But it does take place in 17th Century Amsterdam and promises to change the way you look at a painting by Vermeer or Rembrandt!! It should be interesting. Pick up a copy in the Church Library and join us on the 4th Tuesday night, April 26, at 7 o'clock in the Parlor to talk. We have a great time. — Ann Respass

24 Hours of Prayer at FCC

On the eve of Palm Sunday, from 6pm on Friday, April 15, to 6pm Saturday, April 16, First Christian Church will offer 24 hours of uninterrupted prayer. The community is encouraged to come join us in this spiritual endeavor. Come find a meaningful way to deepen your spiritual insight around this holy season.

Participants will pray silently for as long a time as they desire. Hosts will be here at all times to assist you.

With all that is going on in our world, our nation, and our community, your 30 minute presence is the best way to immerse yourself in the season of Lent. We encourage everyone to come and join us. This will be a low-key event. I hope that many of you will find this an opportunity to expand your spiritual experiences.

— Amanda McCullough

The Message of Easter is an outdoor drama presented by Piney Grove Baptist Church in Williamston, NC. We will take the church van on Friday, April 22, to go see it. We will leave the church at 3:30pm and stop for dinner on the way. If anyone is interested in joining us, please let me know. My hope is to get a van full of people and enjoy fellowship together. Thanks!

— Jamie Wrede, 251-8448

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?



Everyone's Invited to the Egg Hunt & Cookout



at Old McFaye's Farm
on Palm Sunday, April 17, at 3:00 pm

The egg hunt for children 5th grade and younger will begin at 3:00 pm followed by a cookout for everyone. 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.

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.**

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.

Prayer Concerns

Long Term Health Care Concerns

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

In the Hospital:

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

Church Family

- Michelle Allen, outpatient ankle surgery on 4/6
- Samuel Allen, surgery at NHRMC on 4/8
- Ellie Duckett, participating in a clinical trial
- Ed Ferrier, recovering at home
- Allan Huband, taking a cancer treatment pill
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and tests
- Jim Richardson, recovering at home from dehydration caused by a virus
- Bernie Stumborg, recovering from a heart catheterization on 4/4
- 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 10

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Glenn Brigman, Tim Whitehead

Home-Bound Communion: Margaret Jarman, Kenny Morris Jr., Fern Huband

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 10 Bridgette Johnson & Lauren Perry

Apr 17 Jamie Wrede & Chris Wrede

Turning Point Kids

Apr 10 Joy Roberts & Stacey Adam

Apr 17 Andy & Nancy Black

Minister On-Call Schedule

Apr 8-9 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Apr 15-16 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Greeters

8:45 Apr 10 Lauren Perry & Kenny Morris III
Apr 17 Jackie Nicholson & Jeannie May

11:00 Apr 10 Kenny Morris, Sr.
Apr 17 Patsy Emmart

Lay Reader

Apr 10 Nancy Manning
Apr 17 Darrell McHaney

Sunday Door Lock-up

Apr 10 Mike & Pam Morris
Apr 17 Kenny & Vicki Morris

Budget Update

Budget through 4/3/11	\$305,840.00
Income	<u>296,648.63</u>
Income Short of Budget	\$9,191.37

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A Word From Lance

The season of Lent has been such a meaningful one for our First Christian church family. We have had prayer groups meeting for several weeks. We have a spiritual growth group that has been a real blessing for those involved. Our Healing Service was a special time of prayer and worship for all who participated. And in just a few weeks the season of Lent reaches its peak as we move into Holy Week and Easter.

I hope you will plan to be a part of our special times of worship and prayer. If you have never been a part of our Prayer Vigil give it a try this year. In the hush of quiet, our sanctuary is a beautiful space to listen for God and lift up our lives to our Lord. On Palm Sunday we will wave palms in both services in remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entry in to Jerusalem.

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