

News



Views

May 18, 2011

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wilmington, NC

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Sunday, May 22

8:45 am Turning Point

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Interfaith Guests Depart

5-7 pm Youth

Monday, May 23

12 pm Al Anon

7 pm Quilters-by-the-Sea

Tuesday, May 24

6:30 pm Cabinet Meeting

7 pm Book Club

Wednesday, May 25

No Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 26

6 pm CMF Meeting

6 pm Worship Band

6:30 pm Young Adults

Saturday, May 28

7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, May 29

8:45 am Turning Point

9:45 am Sunday School

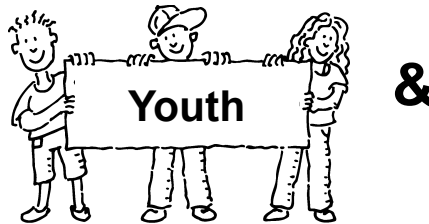
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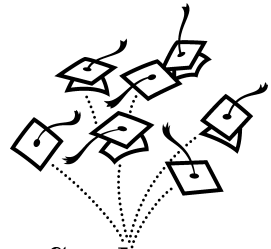
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June 5th Is



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Graduation

Sunday

A Blended Service at 10:45 am!

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates!

Julianne Black - Laney High School

Sean Bullock - Topsail High School

Brie Carmo - New Hanover High School

Brook Hall - New Hanover High School

Andy Heath - Hoggard High School

Kenny Morris III - Cape Fear Academy

Notices and Reminders

Worship focus for Sunday is *Forgiving Others*; Genesis 50:15-21, Matthew 18:15-22.



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

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Pray for Our Missionaries

Alison Stendahl serving in Turkey.



Read the Newsletter Online

Send an e-mail to the church office at fccwilm@bellsouth.net if you would like to receive the *News & Views* online.

The ***News & Views*** will not be published next week.

Cabinet Meeting: Tues., May 24, 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir will not rehearse on May 25.

May Sermon Series

May 22: Forgiving Others

May 29: The Healing Power of Forgiveness



Southeastern District Meeting at FCC

The quarterly meeting of the churches in the Southeastern District will be held here on **Wednesday, June 1, at 7 pm**. Mark your calendar and plan to greet, eat and fellowship with other members of our Southeastern District. The supper will be covered dish, so bring a dish or two to share.

The **church office will be closed** on Monday, May 30.

A Word from Lance, cont'd

control in some circumstances can gain us power, prestige, and wealth. Yet control never grants us meaning. Control closes us to the voice and light of God. When we're running the show, or at least when we think we are, there is no room for God.

This month as we are coming to the end of our ministry planning year and are approaching a new year, we are challenged to be especially attentive to God and God's guidance for our next year. Please be in prayer about God's leading in your life as part of FCC, and also pray for God's guidance for us as a faith community. During the month of June we will be appointing new leadership for our Ministry Teams and will begin planning for the 2011-2012 church year. We are already planning things such as: growing our small group ministry which will require group leaders to be trained; expanding how we live out our stewardship to include things such as "greener" planning and congregational participation with regards to our grounds; and discernment with regards to growth in the planning and implementation of worship in various ways throughout the year.

It's always good and yet a little frightening to attune ourselves to God. We never know what we will hear, what God will ask us to do, and where God will call us to go. But where else can we possibly want to be than where God wants us to be? See you Sunday.

Who, what, where, when?



Join the Fun at VBS

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

Safe Church Training

Sunday, June 5, from 4-6 pm

If you are planning to volunteer for any ministry this summer in which children or youth 18 years of age and under are present and have never gone through the Safe Church training, please attend this training. It is a requirement for all volunteers.



Congratulations to Our College Graduates

Jodi Campbell

University of NC at Wilmington with a degree in Social Work

Cameron Knell

Appalachian State University with a degree in Construction Management

Mallory Magelli

Barton College with a degree in Religion and Philosophy; going on to Vanderbilt University for a Masters of Divinity

Jeremy Roberts

University of NC at Wilmington with a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting; continuing at UNCW for a Masters in Accounting

Elyse Warner

Queens University in Charlotte with a degree in International Relations; going on to the Chinese University in Hong Kong for a Masters in Asian Politics

If your graduate has not been congratulated, please call or e-mail the church office so that he/she can be included in the next newsletter.

Bring **canned green beans** and **canned peas** in May for the Food Pantry.
Put them 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?

Dear First Christian Church:

Recently I had to apply for food stamps. I have been a hard worker all my life. I was hungry and this nice man at DSS opened a door and provided me with a care package from your church. I just want to express my gratitude and thanks. Warm regards!

Operation Colerain

Pastor Lula Brown of New Fellowship Christian Church in Williamston, North Carolina, is heading up Operation Colerain, an effort to assist storm victims in the Colerain community of Bertie County. The goal of the effort is to raise money for 50 new box spring-mattress sets, bed frames, sheets, pillows and bedspreads. Donors can give money for the purchase of the mattress sets (\$200 twin set with frame, \$225 full set with frame, \$250 queen set with frame) or donate the bedding items. All items must be new. The expected delivery date is the last week in June or July as soon as people move into their new homes. Week of Compassion has given an initial \$500 grant to aid in this effort. (Pastor Lula Brown, 7002 West Main St. Ext. Williamston, NC 27892).



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. Additional parking at the clubhouse by the front gate.

You Are Invited to a Dinner in Honor of Allan Huband

on Sunday, June 12, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, at First Christian Church.

The dinner is to celebrate Allan's contribution to Church World Service through his efforts as top CROP Walk fundraiser for 30 years!

The dinner is free, but donations will be accepted to benefit CROP/CWS. Contact Janet Magelli at 616-1342 with questions/comments.

Trustee Update

At the May 15 Board meeting, an update to our Endowment policy was approved. The update reflects our current practices regarding this permanent fund. Final approval for Endowment policy changes require two successive congregational meetings not less than one week apart. **The Board has scheduled these congregational meetings for June 12 and 26, immediately following each service.** Full copies of the policy indicating the changes have been placed on the small table outside the parlor.

Elder/Deacon Commissioning

On Sunday, June 5, during our Youth Sunday blended worship service, we will commission our new elders and deacons and will recognize a deacon emeritus. The elders and deacons, as servant leaders, will serve a three year term of leadership in worship, homebound communion, and other areas of service in our congregation. Deacon emeritus is an honorary recognition of long and dedicated service offered when someone is no longer able to serve actively in their respective role. Please be in prayer for these leaders as we commission and recognize them in worship.

Prayer Concerns

Long Term Health Care Concerns

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

Church Family

- Lucille Allen, recovering at home from hemolytic anemia
- Mable Cooke, Silver Stream, recuperating from shoulder replacement surgery
- J.C. Davis, recovering at home from hospitalization for dehydration and pneumonia
- Ellie Duckett, participating in a clinical trial
- Allan Huband, undergoing radiation treatment on his back
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and tests
- Becky Shipton, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery
- Diana Wierse, facing surgical procedure on her knee on Friday, May 20

Friends and Family

- Maxey Bunch, Teresa Bullock's father, ECU hospital, recovering from surgeries
- 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, long recovery from a lung infection
- Linda Maynard, NHRMC, Tammy Connell's mother, complications with pancreatitis
- Community of Puente Azul, El Salvador
- People of Haiti, Chile, Japan, tornado victims & flood victims

Serving May 22 & 29

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

May 22: Sue Morris, Harvey Jarman

May 29: Mike Brown, John May

Home-Bound Communion:

May 22: B. Reinger, Jeannie May, K. Morris

May 29: H. Jarman, M. Jarman, T. Whitehead

Deacons

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

Communion Prep

Kenny Morris III, Carlotta Smith, Chris Wrede

Children Worship & Wonder

May 22 Bridgette Johnson & Sue Morris

May 29 Jamie Wrede & Lauren Perry

Turning Point Kids

May 22 Jeff & Diana Wierse

May 29 Chris & Jamie Wrede

Minister On-Call Schedule

May 20-21 Dr. Perry 200-9507

May 27-28 Rev. González 395-5594

Greeters

8:45 May 22 Ralph George & Sam Rose

May 29 Lauren Perry & Kenny Morris III

11:00 May 22 Vivian Vaughan

May 29 Sue Hunley

Lay Reader

May 22 Glenn Brigman

May 29 Bonnie Brown

Sunday Door Lock-up

May 22 Jerry & Joy Roberts

May 29 Chris & Pam Furr

Budget Update

Budget through 5/15/11 \$351,716.00

Income 327,686.03

Income Short of Budget \$23,847.97

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A Word From Lance

“God often speaks to us at night, when we have let down our defenses and are quiet enough to hear (God’s) voice. When we try to take control of our lives, and perhaps the lives of some of the people around us, our eyes and ears are closed to God’s visions.”

– Madeleine L’Engle

Whether it’s in the quietness of night as the day ends or in the newness and light of the morning, our attentiveness to God requires our “letting go” of control. That’s hard for most of us to do. Sometimes the hardships of life require us to exert great strength and intention. In our competitive society we are also trained to “do it yourself” and “be responsible,” sometimes to the extent that we never really learn to work with and learn from others. Life today can lend itself to the need for control and our

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