

News



Views

July 20, 2011

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, July 24

8:45 am Turning Point

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday, July 25

12 pm Al Anon

6:30 pm Worship Team

Organizational Change Mtg.

Tuesday, July 26

6:30 pm Mission Sun. Planning

7 pm Book Club

Wednesday, July 27

10 am Bazaar Work Day

6:30 pm Christian Ed. & Youth

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 28

1 pm Bazaar Work Day

6 pm CMF Meeting

6:30 pm Young Adult Gathering

Saturday, July 30

7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, July 31

8:45 am Turning Point

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Recent Attendance

8:45 11:00

7/17/11 81 89



Vacation Bible School August 1-5 8:45 am - 12:15 pm

VBS is for children three years old through those who have completed fifth grade. We are already taking registrations through our webpage, www.fccilm.org.

**Invite your friends and family to the
Shake It Up Café!**

Mission Sunday August 7



Hear the stories of our ASP Mission Team and our Youth who attended General Assembly in Nashville. They will lead worship at both services.



The Cape Fear Chordsmen

Will Be Our Special Guests at the Traditional Worship Service on Sunday. Plan to be here for this special time of worship and music!

Notices and Reminders

Worship focus for Sunday is *Celebrating Messiah*; John 7:37-44.



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

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Pray for Our Missionaries

Mary Jane & Don Westra serving in Zimbabwe.



Dr. Perry will be on vacation July 25-August 7.

Faith Dietrick will be on vacation July 22-28.

The **News & Views** will not be published next week.

Christian Men's Fellowship Meeting

We will have a CMF meeting on July 28, at 6 pm to start preparations for the CMF Fall Retreat (Sept 23-25) and our annual apple drive. All men of the church are invited.

— Jerry Roberts

Going to Summer Camp

Pray for Carlie Bhim and Abby Guevara as they join in fellowship, Bible study and fun with youth from across the State at the Sailing, Arts and Stars Camp at Camp Caroline July 24-29.

July Sermon Series: Celebrating God

In our sermon series we are exploring the biblical concept of celebrating God, centering on the notion of Sabbath and the feasts of the ancient Hebrew people.

July 24 Celebrating Messiah: Feast of Booths

July 31 Celebrating God Forever: Feast of Weeks

A Word from Lance, cont'd

Have you ever considered that our name implies that we aspire to form authentic disciples and be a disciple-deploying church? In what ways do you see us forming disciples? In what ways can we do that better? Do you feel like we are forward looking? If not how can we be? Or are we stuck looking back at the good old days? McLaren challenged us as Disciples of Christ to be a Luke 10 church that focused on “the simple joy of being part of God’s work,” in contrast to numerical success and physical buildings.” As I think about our congregation I can see where we are forming disciples through inviting all to cultivate a heartfelt as well as a well thought out faith. As I think about our Sunday School classes and our small groups that will begin in September, I can see where we are inviting people to engage one another in their faith journey and be challenged to grow. As I think about our summer mission work in Nashville and with ASP, and our local mission with Interfaith Hospitality Network and our food pantry, I can see how we are living out what we say we believe. But my guess is that we can do better. Some things need to be done the same way because they are working, but I believe we can always grow and that God is always calling us forward. What might God have in store for us as we begin a new church year? Pray about it. I look forward to hearing from you. See you Sunday.

September Board Meeting Date

The date of the September Board meeting has been changed to September 11.

Who, what, where, when?

VBS Decorations Needed

- Cellophane - clear and different colors
- Red and White checkered table cloths
- Stone Pattern, Brick Pattern, and Brown Bulletin Board Rolled Paper - found at Teacher's Aid Store
- Bistro Table and chairs
- Refrigerator Boxes
- Stove and/or Washer/Dryer box
- Cardboard boxes
- A-Frame chalkboard sign
- Chiminea
- Clay dishes and pots
- Whisk broom
- Burlap material
- Fake fruit and vegetables

Please put the items in Room 15 by July 26.

If you would like your items back, please put your name on the items.

Holiday Bazaar Workdays will be Wednesdays 10am - 2pm and Thursdays 1 - 4pm for the remainder of July. Focus is on repurposing those items that did not sell last year. No crafting ability is needed. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Ann Boston on her cell phone at 860-301-8707.



Bread Breakers Cookbook

Please send recipes from Bread Breakers meals to the church office so they can be compiled into the FCC Bread Breakers Cookbook. If you are not participating in Bread Breakers but want to submit a recipe or several recipes, please send them to the church office. Thanks to everyone who contributes.

—Jerry Roberts



Summer Children's Ministries

K'Motion

The children at FCC will continue meeting the second Sunday of the month for K'Motion this summer. K'Motion is for children Kindergarten through those who have completed fifth grade.

Wonderful Wednesdays

They are also invited to join in our Wonderful Wednesdays activities. Wonderful Wednesdays are four mid-week opportunities to get together with our FCC friends for fun this summer. The tentative schedule is:

- July 27: Movie at Mayfaire
- August 17: Activity with Interfaith guests

Wonderful Wednesdays are also open to pre-school aged children who are accompanied by an adult. Thank you, Maggie May, for helping us coordinate our Wonderful Wednesdays!

I just want to express how much it meant to me to have my church family make me feel so special during the church service honoring the graduates. Thank you so much for the sweat shirt and the delicious lunch. It made an already joyful milestone in my life even more memorable.

— Taylor Bright

General Assembly Resolutions

A list of the resolutions adopted at the General Assembly is available in the welcome area.

More who, what, where, when?

Safe Church Annual Orientation **for All Volunteers**

First Christian Church's Safe Church Policy requires **every trained volunteer** to sign a disclosure form and attend an orientation session **each year** in order to continue serving in ministries involving minors. The orientation is a brief process aimed to remind volunteers of procedures and the requirements for dealing with minors. Volunteers will also be asked to sign the annual disclosure form during orientation. (Forms will be handed out during orientation or can be accessed on the church's webpage, www.fccwilmington.com.)

If you were trained any time between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2011 we need for you to participate in the annual orientation. Please mark your calendar so you may attend one of the scheduled sessions, which will be held in the Fellowship Hall:

- Sunday, August 7 at 9:30am.
- Sunday, August 14 at **9:45am**
- Sunday, August 21 at 9:30am
- Sunday, August 28 at **9:45am**

Safe Church Training

Mark your calendar for the next Safe Church training on August 28 from 3-5pm. Our church policy requires training for everyone volunteering in ministries in which children or youth 18 years of age and under are present. This includes volunteers for Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Interfaith Hospitality, youth retreats, and mission trips with youth participants. Please call the church office by to sign up.

Awake To Your Purpose **NC Disciples Women's Ministries/Christian Women's Fellowship Retreat**

All women are invited to the DWM/CWF fall retreat, "Awake to Your Purpose," at Christmount on August 12-17, 2011. Imagine joining Disciples women from across the state in prayer, study and fellowship. Imagine being led by an intergenerational team of keynoters: Rev. JoAnne Verburg (Pastor of Covenant Christian Church, Cary, North Carolina), Allison Lundblad (college student from First Christian Church, Asheville, North Carolina), and Joann Williams (lay leader, Mr. Pleasant Chrstian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina). Imagine the beauty of the North Carolina mountains.

A Day Apart

Disciples women will continue to focus on the theme, "Awake to Your Purpose," at Camp Caroline on August 27, 2011, with keynoter Rev. Jolin McElroy, pastor of First Christian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. Women have the option of sleeping over Friday night and being led in fellowship, fun and vespers by Rev. Dr. Penny Ziemer and Ethel Ragland.

**For more information on either event,
please contact Rev. González.**



Bring **canned corn** in July 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

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

In the Hospital

- Dick Oosterwyk, NHRMC, being treated for an infection

Church Family

- LaNell Burn, outpatient vocal cord surgery on July 20
- Ellie Duckett, participating in a clinical trial
- Allan Huband, recovering from effects of radiation treatments
- Catherine Knell, on a mission trip to Ghana with college ministry group, July 17-29
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and tests
- Anna Hodges Romanus, having tests done
- Peggy Smith, having pacemaker put in on July 21
- Susan Watson, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery
- Diana Wierse, recovering from a second surgical procedure on her knee

Friends and Family

- Margaret Bright, Steve Bright's mother, continuing health problems
- Tami Estep, Jane & Ellie Duckett's granddaughter/niece, breast cancer
- The family of Alan Garrard, Heath Coffey's cousin, who passed away recently
- Luis Guardiola, Rev. González' cousin, deployed to Afghanistan
- Elsie Stocks, Dava Bright's mother, continuing health problems
- Callie Watkins, Mable Cooke's sister, recovering at home from a stroke
- Community of Puente Azul, El Salvador
- People of Haiti, Chile, Japan, tornado & flood victims

Serving July 24

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Tim Whitehead, Kenny Morris, Sr.

Home-Bound Communion: Duane Luse, Bill Reinger, Ellie Duckett

Deacons

Matt Archibald, Julie Furr, Faye Hodges, Charles Manning, Bryan & Courtney Young Hickman

Communion Prep

Julie Furr, Sue & Thomas Hunley

Children Worship & Wonder

Jul 24 Ailsa González & Kelly Ensign

Jul 31 Jamie Wrede & Andy Heath

Turning Point Kids

Jul 24 Jeff & Diana Wierse

Jul 31 Chris & Jamie Wrede

Minister On-Call Schedule

Jul 22-23 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Jul 29-30 Rev. González 395-5594

Greeters

8:45 Jul 24 Jeannie May

Jul 31 Val Moreau & Brie Carmo

11:00 Jul 24 Cleve & Bunny Goodnite

Jul 31 Mable Cooke

Lay Reader

Jul 24 John May

Jul 31 Jerry Roberts

Sunday Door Lock-up

Jul 24 Steve & Pat Brooks

Jul 31 Charlie & Marty Prickitt

Budget Update

Budget through 7/17/11 \$20,555.37

Income 21,198.18

Income Over Budget \$642.81

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A Word From Lance

Last Monday night in worship at our church's General Assembly in Nashville, the preacher was Brian McLaren. After many years as a pastor of a large non-denominational church, McLaren is now a noted author and activist in the emergent church, social justice and church planting movements. It's always interesting to hear a non-Disciple preach at our assemblies. People from the outside can be more objective and usually have an interesting view of our faith. McLaren said, "As your name implies, you want to form authentic disciples of Jesus Christ. As a disciple-forming church, you also aspire to be a disciple-deploying and disciple-multiplying church." Then using Luke 10 and the sending out of the 70 carrying no purse or bag or sandals, he challenged we Disciples "to constantly be looking forward to the future, rather than being 'consumed by the unclean spirit of nostalgia.'"

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