

News



Views

August 24, 2011 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, August 28

8:45 am Turning Point

9:45 am Safe Church Orientation

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

3-5 pm Safe Church Training

4 pm K-6th Grade Pool Party

Interfaith Guests Depart

Monday, August 29

12 pm Al Anon

6:30 pm Deacon Meeting

7 pm Quilters by the Sea

Tuesday, August 30

8 am - 4 pm Quilters Workshop

6:30 pm FPU Preview

7 pm Vocal Arts Ensemble

Wednesday, August 31

10 am Bazaar Work Day

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 1

1 pm Bazaar Work Day

1 pm Silver Bees

6 pm Worship Band

Saturday, September 3

7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, September 4

8:45 am Turning Point

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Recent Attendance

8:45 11:00

8/21/11 100 91

All Church Worship Service!

September 11, 2011

Theme: Remembrance, Healing and Hope



Worship

Come for Breakfast at 9:15 am!

Sunday School Promotion

and Guest Speaker,

Randy Johnson, from the

Christian Church Foundation.

Gather for Worship at 11:00 am

Special Music by

Our Chancel Choir and Worship Band

Notices and Reminders

Worship Focus for Sunday is *Exploring Jesus' Life: Prophet*;
Psalm 119:137-144; Luke 19:1-10



Lectionary Readings to use in your daily practice of prayer and scripture.
Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Pray for Our Missionaries

Judy Chan serving in Hong Kong.



The September Board Meeting Date

has been changed to September 11.

August Sermon Series

Exploring Jesus' Life

August 28: Jesus the Prophet

September 4: Jesus the Teacher

CMF Meeting For August

Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) will meet on Monday, August 29, at 6 pm. If you are planning on attending the CMF Fall Retreat, please try to attend this meeting or let me know that you are going so we can get a true headcount. Select on the registration form: Group Lodge (w/wo linens optional), no dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch Saturday, no dinner Saturday, no breakfast on Sunday. \$20 registration fee before 9/16, \$25 registration fee after 9/16. We will be helping with worship so if you are willing to read scripture, offer a prayer or participate in any other manner please let Lance know. — Jerry Roberts

A Word from Lance, cont'd

grain and the cycle of hunger continues. According to an article last week by ACT Alliance, in Ethiopia today the elderly have even stopped eating so that the children will have more food.

I sometimes am tempted to think, "Wow, rain will be enough," in places like these. Rain is a blessing, but it's not enough. God's people are responding. Organizations like Food for the Hungry are providing emergency food packs and our own Week of Compassion through ACT Alliance is trucking in water to fill tanks in communities. More and more organizations are working for sustainable, long term solutions by digging wells and forming cooperatives where people can make money through small businesses. We have similar problems right here in Wilmington. Families are caught in cycles of bad choices which means no one will hire them; the wage earner is hurt or leaves and the other parent cannot make enough to make ends meet; or the person is on a fixed income and a major repair must be done to their home or they have an unexpected illness and can't pay for their medication.

Our own Mission Team here at FCC has been talking about where we can focus this year in our own community. Look for more information soon about ways you can be a part of emergency as well as long term solutions to hunger, homelessness and recovering from disaster. Rain is a blessing, but it's not enough. God's people must respond. See you Sunday.

Who, what, where, when?

Pool Party Kick-off

K'Motion and the 4-6th grade group will have a pool party kick-off on **Sunday, August 28 at the home of John and Jeannie May**. The party will begin at 4 pm and hamburgers will be served. Families are asked to bring a side dish to share.

Last Chance for

Safe Church Annual Orientation

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.

Sunday, August 28, at 9:45am - Parlor

Safe Church Training

August 28, 3-5 pm

Our church policy requires training for every-one 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 sign up.

Address Change

Rose Saurenman's room number is 623A.



Please Join Us for a Baby Shower

for Susan Shipton McKenney

Saturday, August 27
from 2:00 - 4:00 pm
in the Parlor at

First Christian Church

Hosted by Dot Bryant, Jane Coleman and
Nancy Manning.

It's girl, and Susan is
registered at *Babies "R" Us*

Bread Breakers will be starting up the 3rd week of September. **Even if you participated in Bread Breakers last year, please sign up for the 2011-2012 year.** Bread Breakers is an opportunity for members of the church to meet and fellowship together once a month in small groups of about 8 people. Members choose in whose home they will meet each month for a covered dish meal. **Sign-up cards will be in the Sunday bulletins on Sunday.** Call Joy Roberts at 392-4894, if you have questions.

FCC Church Family Retreat

Our Membership Team is sponsoring a church family retreat at Camp Caroline October 14-15. You can come Friday evening and spend the night or you can hop on the church bus Saturday morning and come for the day. We will have access to the sailboats, the pool, and will be planning family games, a movie night for Friday night, Saturday activities, time on the pier, and we will gather for worship at the point. Mark it on your calendar and plan to come! More details soon!

More who, what, where, when?

Outreach Ministry Needs for a Family of 6 in Our Church

(Children: 2 girls ages 10 + 5 and 2 boys ages 8 + 3)

- Kitchen table and chairs (6)
- double bed
- single bed - already have one rollaway and 2 cots
- coverlets for twin and double bed
- linens for bed and bath, pillows
- box fans
- dishes, glasses, silverware
- small appliances- toaster oven, microwave
- pots and pans
- TV/vcr/dvd, radio alarm clock
- dressers, night stand

If you have items to donate, call Ann Boston at 762-6725. Please leave a message if she is not available, and she will call you back. Thank you.

VBS News

A couple of weeks ago, you read about the success of our joint VBS with St. John's Episcopal Church, the 100 children from the two churches and wider community that participated, and the \$350 they brought in offerings for First Fruit Ministries of Wilmington. What you did not read about were the people who gave toward the expenses of the week. People from both churches had some concern over the cost of VBS. There were more children than last year, and they saw all the materials for crafts, science experiments, and the food for snacks. Everyday someone asked, "What is this going to cost?"

Thanks be to God for the love and generosity of individuals from FCC, St. John's and a member of the Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets in our church each day. Together these individuals gave monetary donations totaling \$400. Volunteers also donated materials they purchased, so their expenses were not reimbursed. As a result, the cost of VBS for each church was \$230.05.



Bring **cornbread mix** (add water only) in August 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

- Margaret Respass, NHRMC CCU, respiratory problems

Church Family

- Ellie Duckett, began a new chemotherapy treatment last week
- Allan Huband, recovering from effects of radiation treatments
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and tests
- Dick Oosterwyk, at Rex Rehab in Apex after hospitalization for infection and surgery to insert renal stent
- Diana Wierse, continuing physical therapy on her knee

Friends and Family

- Barbara Ables, Roy Archibald's sister, lung cancer
- Tami Estep, Jane & Ellie Duckett's granddaughter/niece, breast cancer
- Kevin Frawley, friend of Bill & Ann Boston, diagnosed with lung cancer
- Luis Guardiola, Rev. González' cousin, deployed to Afghanistan
- Aaron Martin, friend of Bill & Ann Boston, diagnosed with liver cancer
- Joe Martin, friend of Bruce & Sherry Johnson, throat cancer
- John Rhodus, Jeannie May's brother-in-law, prostate cancer
- Linda Phelps, friend of Bruce & Sherry Johnson, recovering from surgery
- Peggy Pridgen, friend of Bruce & Sherry Johnson, lung cancer
- Elsie Stocks, Dava Bright's mother, continuing health problems
- Joy Knox Tatka, debilitating back 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 August 28

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Sue Morris, Millie Griffin

Home-Bound Communion: Duane Luse, Kathy Jordan, Andy Black

Deacons

Bill Boston (captain), Erin Bullock, Vanessa King, Lauren Perry, Will Pridgen, Joy Roberts

Communion Prep

Lauren Perry, Will Pridgen, Joy Roberts

Children Worship & Wonder

Aug 28 Bridgette Johnson & Chris Wrede
Sep 4 Tena Perry & Tricia Heath

Turning Point Kids

Aug 28 Steve & Pat Brooks
Sep 4 Bill & Linda Reinger

Minister On-Call Schedule

Aug 26-27 Dr. Perry 200-9507
Sep 2-3 Rev. González 395-5594

Greeters

8:45 Aug 28 John & Jeannie May
Sep 4 Val Moreau & Sam Rose
11:00 Aug 28 Ann Boston
Sep 4 Joy Roberts

Lay Reader

Aug 28 Nancy Cherry-Simcox
Sep 4 Ellie Duckett

Sunday Door Lock-up

Aug 28 Sandy High
Sep 4 John & Jeannie May

Budget Update

Budget through 8/21/11	\$54,814.32
Income	<u>53,776.16</u>
Income Short of Budget	\$1,038.16

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A Word From Lance

Rain is a blessing, but it's not enough. I heard a report this morning on the radio by Food for the Hungry. They were talking about the hunger problem in the Horn of Africa, namely Ethiopia. During the first part of the rainy season a few months ago there was no rain and the drought has been devastating on crops. However, right now the blessing of rain is coming and there is some hope for crops in a few months. As I listened further I understood better. Part of the long term problem is that most of the 4.5 million farmers, or 85% of the population in the south and east, do not have cash income or bank accounts. And so when there is a drought, in order to survive they have to sell their long term assets which might be a donkey or cow. Then when the rains come and there is a harvest, they don't have the animal to plow the ground or carry the

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