

News



Views

August 3, 2011

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, August 7

8:45 am Turning Point
9:30 am Safe Church Orientation
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday, August 8

12 pm Al Anon

Tuesday, August 9

6:30 pm Cabinet Meeting

Wednesday, August 10

10 am Bazaar Work Day
6:30 pm Elders Prayer Mtg.
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 11

1 pm Bazaar Work Day
6 pm Worship Band

Friday, August 12

5-9 pm Field Studio Recital

Saturday, August 13

*10 am - 1 pm Vocal Arts Ensemble
3-7 pm Divine Wisdom Church
Pastor Anniversary
No Narcotics Anonymous*

Sunday, August 14

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Safe Church Orientation
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4-5:30 pm K'Motion

Recent Attendance

	8:45	11:00
7/24/11	69	106
7/31/11	76	69

Mission Sunday August 7



Hear the stories of our
Appalachia Service Project Team, and
our Youth who attended
General Assembly in Nashville.
They will lead worship at both services.

August Sermon Series Exploring Jesus' Life

August 14
Jesus' Eating Habits

August 14
Jesus the Healer

August 21
Jesus the Prophet

August 28
Jesus the Prophet

September 4
Jesus the Teacher

Notices and Reminders

August 7 is Mission Sunday. The Youth and ASP Teams will be leading worship at both services. Romans 12:1-8



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

Genesis 34:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Pray for Our Missionaries



John Campbell-Nelson serving in Indonesia.

Dr. Perry will be on vacation through August 7.

Rev. González will be attending a Continuing Education Retreat August 8-11.

The **Cabinet** will meet on Tuesday, August 9, at 6:30 pm in Room 13.

Best Wishes, David!

It is with much regret that we share the news of David Heinzman's resignation as our Organist/Accompanist as of August 14. David has accepted a position at St. John's Episcopal Church as Music Director.

We thank you, David, for sharing your musical gifts so joyously during your time at First Christian. Your presence and leadership in worship have been a true blessing, and will be missed greatly. We wish you the very best in this new calling and pray God's continued blessings on your life and ministry.

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time, so God is with us even today in the problems we face. Mphonyana, in particular, could testify to this as she was hospitalized after falling and suffering burns from hot water she was carrying. She has made a full recovery and although small in stature, she has a big heart for Jesus!

Later that afternoon our SU meeting was blessed by the presence of Mr. Waza. Ntate Waza is the high school coordinator for Scripture Union in Lesotho and he was spending a week visiting schools in the southern part of the country. He organized and led the SU Camp in December and is greatly loved by the SU kids. The group members were delighted to see him again and he will be leading a training session here for student leaders at the end of the month. He has borne much fruit through his labors in reaching out to the young people of Lesotho.

Jesus says in the remaining words of John 15:8 that by bearing fruit you will be "showing yourselves to be my disciples." While telling others we are disciples is well and good, I'm always mindful of that old adage, "Actions speak louder than words." Even better, we could remember that old grade school tradition of "Show and Tell"!

Mark Behle is a missionary with the Lesotho Evangelical Church. He is a mathematics teacher at Masitise High School, Lesotho, Africa.

Who, what, where, when?



This Year's Holiday Bazaar Theme Is *Going Green*

We will be reusing, repurposing, and recycling old things and using lots of things found in nature. Proceeds from this event will be going toward all of our local mission efforts. The FCC Church Mice are already busy and would appreciate a donation of any of the following:

- Old Christmas Cards
- 3 to 6 inch pottery plant pots
- sea shells
- 527 craft glue
- old wooden picture frames (5x7 to 8x10)
- Buttons of all sizes and colors
- small kitchen utensils (peelers, measuring spoons, cork screws, etc)
- 6 to 8 inch Styrofoam balls
- artificial fall flowers
- old jewelry (beaded necklaces, broken or single earrings, etc)
- large clear storage containers
- gallon Ziploc bags
- heavy cotton fabric remnants
- glue sticks
- straight pins
- tacky glue
- gently used small ornaments
- feathers (duck, peacock, turkey etc)

If you would like to help or just enjoy some fellowship, **we are meeting in the Fellowship Hall Wednesdays at 10 am and Thursdays at 1 pm.** Thank you for your help and support. If you have any questions or comments please contact Ann Boston.

Dick Oosterwyk has moved to Apex to be near his daughter, Terre. His new address is:
Rex Rehab & Nursing Care Center of Apex
Richard Oosterwyk, Room 318
911 Hughes St
Apex NC 27502



Don't Miss the Final Activities for Children This Summer!

K'Motion

will meet Sunday, August 14, from 4-5:30 pm.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Our final Wonderful Wednesday event will be August 17. An e-mail will be sent out with more information about this day.

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!

Dear Friends at First Christian Church,

Thank you all so very much for all you did for Mom [Aileen Harris] and us during the last several years. The food brought the day after the funeral was wonderful and enjoyed by everyone. The DVD of the service turned out very well. The ministers did an excellent job and the organist was wonderful. Everything was just like Mom wanted. Thanks for your prayers and friendship. I'm looking forward to seeing Mom again and am so glad she is with the Lord and happier than she's ever been before!

Lots of love,
Cathy New



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.

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.**



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.

More who, what, where, when?



**You're Invited to
Allan Huband's
90th Birthday Party!**

Saturday, August 20, 2011

From 2-5 pm

in the Fellowship Hall
at First Christian Church

No gifts, please. Your presence is your gift.

**After 34 Years of Shaping Lives
Chris Furr Is Retiring**

Join Us for a Retirement Party

Friday, August 19, 2011

from 6:30-8:30 pm

in the Fellowship Hall at
First Christian Church

Lay Academy:

An Invitation to Spiritual Enrichment

Lay persons face the challenging task of interpreting the richness of the church's faith in a complex world. The Lay Academy provides the education to carry out that ministry more effectively. This program will help develop those called to discipleship into an informed, knowledgeable laity. While the courses provide solid academic content, the focus of the program is ministry in life. All lay persons are invited to be a part of this exciting adventure.

Fall 2011: Lay Person's Understanding of
Church History

Cost: \$150 plus text book, payable at
the first class

Location: Barton College, Hines Hall, Rm 208

Instructor: Rev. Mark Benson, Sr. Minister at
Gordon Street CC in Kinston, NC

Time: Saturdays, from 9 am to noon

Dates: September 10 & 24
October 8 & 22

Upcoming Courses

Winter 2012: Lay Person as Spiritual Leader

Spring 2012: Lay Person's Understanding of
Church and Worship



**If You See Any of These
Folks, Wish Them A
Happy Birthday!**

Take a few minutes to share your best wishes with the members of our church family who have birthdays this month.

Kyle Black
Bill Boston
Steve Brooks
Mike Brown
Betty Davis
Zach Dean
Larry George
Abigail Guevara
Cathy Hargett
Catherine Hill
Zach Howell
Allan Huband

Fern Huband
Thomas Hunley
Catherine Knell
Jo Mills
Pam Morine
Reid Morine
John Reaves
Margaret Respass
Fred Sanders
Caroline Shepard
Stacy Sibbach
Neil Stout

*If we missed anyone, we are truly sorry.
Please let someone on the Membership
Team know, and you will be added to the
birthday list.*

Prayer Concerns

Long Term Health Care Concerns

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

Church Family

- LaNell Burn, recovering at home from vocal cord surgery
- Ellie Duckett, participating in a clinical trial
- Nicole Holliday, remembering her Daddy who would have been 44 years old last week
- Allan Huband, recovering from effects of radiation treatments
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and tests
- Anna Hodges Romanus, having tests done
- Susan Watson, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery
- Diana Wierse, recovering from a second surgical procedure on her knee

Friends and Family

- Barbara Ables, Roy Archibald's sister, lung cancer
- 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
- Joe Martin, friend of Bruce & Sherry Johnson, throat cancer
- Jon Rhodes, 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
- 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 7

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Kenny Morris Jr., Andy Black

Home-Bound Communion: Fern Huband, Charlie Vaughan, Chris Furr

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 7 Bridgette Johnson & Tricia Heath

Aug 14 Ailsa González & Ron Gore

Turning Point Kids

Aug 7 Kelly Ensign & Lindsey Tarrant

Aug 14 Joy Roberts & Stacey Adam

Minister On-Call Schedule

Aug 5-6 Rev. González 395-5594

Aug 12-13 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Greeters

8:45 Aug 7 Shawn & Michelle Allen

Aug 14 Steve & Dava Bright

11:00 Aug 7 Allen Huband

Aug 14 Vivian Vaughan

Lay Reader

Aug 7 Charles Vaughan

Aug 14 Bill Boston

Sunday Door Lock-up

Aug 7 Andy & Nancy Black

Aug 14 Thomas & Sue Hunley

Budget Update

Budget through 7/31/11 \$34,258.95

Income 37,859.41

Income Over Budget \$3,600.46

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Global Ministries

By this God is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.
John 15:8

When school is in session there is a church service on Sunday mornings for the boarding students. About once a month or so students lead the service and this month our Scripture Union group led the order of worship and hymn-singing, offered prayers, read the scripture, received the offering, and shared a message during the sermon time.

The scripture the students chose was the story of the birth of Jesus in Matthew 1:18-25. Mphonyana and Bokang both spoke on these verses. Their names are quite appropriate for the text as they mean "Small Gift" and "Praise! Give thanks!" respectively. As God was with both Joseph and Mary during their difficult

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