

News



Views

August 31, 2011 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, September 4

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday, September 5

12 pm Al Anon
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6

6 pm Circle Martha
6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ.
6:30 pm Gospel of Mark Grp.
6:30 pm Spiritual Direction Grp.
7 pm Vocal Arts Ensemble

Wednesday, September 7

10 am Bazaar Work Day
10:30 am Circle Mary
6:30 pm Lectio Divina Group
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 8

1 pm Bazaar Work Day
6 pm Worship Band

Saturday, September 10

7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, September 11

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Recent Attendance

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| 8:45 | 11:00 |
| 8/28/11 | n/a 127 |

All Church Worship Service! **September 11, 2011** **Theme: Remembrance, Healing & Hope**



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: Teacher*, Psalm 15; Matthew 5:1-11



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

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Pray for Our Missionaries

Elena Huegel serving in Chile.



The **church office will be closed** on Monday, September 5.

Safe Church Annual Orientation

The Annual Orientation, scheduled for August 28, has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 18, at 9:50 am in the parlor.

Children Worship & Wonder Greeters

CWW Greeters will meet for training on Sunday, September 18, at 10:00 am in the parlor following the Safe Church Annual Orientation. The training is for new and returning greeters.

Thursday Morning Study Group

In preparation for a sermon series in October, Dr. Perry will be offering a weekly group study of the recent bestseller, Love Wins by Rob Bell. Noted author Brian McLaren said, "In Love Wins, Rob Bell tackles the old heaven-and-hell question and offers a courageous alternative answer. Thousands of readers will find freedom and hope and a new way of understanding the biblical story - from beginning to end." We will read and discuss the book together, meeting weekly at 10:30 am in the Parlor. Call the church office to sign up.

A Word from Lance, cont'd

whose life was broken and poured out for our forgiveness.

Bread Breakers is a place where you can meet people, share laughter, and enjoy life. Our Bread Breakers groups are informal gatherings of 8- 10 people in homes to share a meal. There is no program or agenda and each person brings a dish. Groups meet once a month for about three months, then they are mixed up and you get to know a whole new group of people. I hope you will plan to be a part of this important relationship building ministry of our church. I know our family has enjoyed it! See you Sunday.

More Bread Breakers Info

- Begins the 3rd week of September.
- **Even if you participated in Bread Breakers last year, please sign up for the 2011-2012 year.**
- Sign-up cards will be in the Sunday bulletins again on Sunday.
- Call Joy Roberts at 392-4894, if you have questions.

Who, what, where, when?

FCC Retreat at Camp Caroline!

Mark your calendars for October 14-15 for FCC's first all-church retreat to Camp Caroline! Our children love the camp, several of our adults enjoyed it when they were young, and now we all have a chance to experience what they all talk about. Registration information will be in the newsletter and Sunday bulletins soon!

Special Thanks

Special thanks to our Property Team and all the volunteers who came out Sunday afternoon to clean up the church. We had lots of debris in the parking lot, one tree that fell and broke our fence, and we lost one Crepe Myrtle. We were blessed to have enough help to get the grass mowed, the roof cleared, the trees removed and the parking lot cleared. Thank you!

September Board Meeting

Sunday, September 11, immediately following the All Church Worship Service.

September Cabinet Meeting

Monday, September 12, 6:30 pm in Room 6

The Baby Shower for Susan Ship-ton McKenney has been rescheduled for **Saturday, September 3**, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Parlor at First Christian Church.

Carolina Vocal Arts Ensemble,

Stephen Field, Director, will present a concert honoring the heroes and victims of 9/11, "Let Freedom Ring," on Saturday, September 10, at 8:00 pm at Winter Park Baptist Church. Tickets are \$15, and can be purchased at www.carolinavocalarts.org or by calling 910-960-SING (7464). The concert will feature patriotic favorites, the Cape Fear Brass Works brass ensemble, and soloists Elizabeth Field and Julie Freeman.

Update from

Fernando and Brenda Morales

Our friends Fernando and Brenda Morales called the office last week. Fernando and Brenda were with us for about a year while Fernando completed a Clinical Pastoral Education Residency at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in 2008-2009. Following his residency Fernando took a position as a hospice chaplain in Florida. During their time here Fernando and Brenda became beloved members as they participated in the choir and other ministries of our church. It was a blessing to hear how Fernando and Brenda have found a church home at Deltona Christian Church. Fernando wanted our congregation to know how much they miss Bread Breakers, their Sunday School class and all their friends here. They also said they look forward to seeing some of us at our General Assembly which will be held in Orlando in 2013.

More who, what, where, when?

**CROP Hunger Walk
October 9, 2011**

“We walk because they walk.” For years, Church World Service’s CROP Hunger Walks have used this statement to describe what happens in a Hunger Walk. It is a statement of solidarity. It is a statement that takes seriously the people in our world who typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water and fuel, and to take goods to market. It is a statement aptly describing who we are as the people of God. In 1 Corinthians 12:26 Paul wrote, “If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.”

How will you join in solidarity with brothers and sisters around the world who remain hungry at their tables? How will you join in solidarity with those here in Wilmington? You can sign up to walk in the CROP walk starting this Sunday at the table in the welcome area. You can sponsor an FCC walker. You can pray for those coordinating the hunger relief efforts. You can pray for those who are hungry. We walk because they walk. For more information, contact Bridgette Johnson.



**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.

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| Calisa Benhoff | Barry Jordan |
| Dava Bright | Vanessa King |
| Steve Bright | Alicia Luse |
| Pat Brooks | Mason Maillard |
| Sara Brown | Deloris McHaney |
| Amy Capps Richardson | Pam Morris |
| Mable Cooke | Beth Palanza |
| Elle Edwards | Joy Roberts |
| Linda Frost | Elizabeth Shipton |
| Julie Furr | Marion Vernon |
| Millie Griffin | Elyse Warner |
| Nicole Holliday | Babs Welker |

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.

**Bring your favorite canned soup in
September 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

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
- Margaret Respass, recovering at home from hospitalization for respiratory problems
- 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 September 4

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Duane Luse, Becky Shipton

Home-Bound Communion: Chris Furr, Millie Griffin, Kenny Morris, Sr.

Deacons

Barry Jordan (captain), Nancy Black, Andy Koester, Amanda Koester, Christie Reaves, John Reaves

Communion Prep

Nancy Black, Barry Jordan, Phyllis Powell

Children Worship & Wonder

Sep 4 Tena Perry & Tricia Heath

Sep 11 Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast

Turning Point Kids

Sep 4 Bill & Linda Reinger

Sep 11 Kelly Ensign & Lindsey Tarrant

Minister On-Call Schedule

Sep 2-3 Rev. González 395-5594

sep 9-10 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Greeters

8:45 Sep 4 Val Moreau & Sam Rose

Sep 11 Lauren Perry & Jim Pettigrew

11:00 Sep 4 Joy Roberts

Sep 11 Patsy Emmart

Lay Reader

Sep 4 Ellie Duckett

Sep 11 Patsy Emmart

Sunday Door Lock-up

Sep 4 John & Jeannie May

Sep 11 Ellen Shepard

Budget Update

Budget through 8/28/11 \$61,666.11

Income 57,687.66

Income Short of Budget \$3,978.45

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A Word From Lance

A few years ago we reinstated a ministry in our church called Bread Breakers. Besides Sunday School and small groups, it is one of the best ministries our church has to help build relationships among our members and worshippers. Of course, we are like most churches and we love to eat together. We do this because we have discovered something. We have discovered what families already know – it's around a table that life is shared, that the basic need for sustenance is affirmed, and that relationships are built and maintained. It's around tables that laughter is shared, and life is enjoyed.

Eating together has theological implications for people of faith. It was the Passover meal that reminded the Israelites of God's deliverance. It is the Lord's Supper that reminds Christians that God's love has come in Jesus Christ

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