

News



Views

September 7, 2011 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, September 11

No Turning Point
9:15 am Fellowship Breakfast
& Sunday School Kickoff
9:45 am Child. Worship & Wonder
11:00 am All Church Worship
12 pm Board Meeting
4 pm K'Motion & The Vibe

Monday, September 12

12 pm Al Anon
6:30 Outreach Team Meeting
6:30 pm Cabinet

Tuesday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 14

10 am Bazaar Work Day
6 pm Elders Meeting
6:30 pm Lectio Divina Group
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 15

10:30 am Love Wins Group
1 pm Bazaar Work Day
1:30 pm Silver Bees
6 pm Worship Band

Saturday, September 17

7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, September 18

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Sunday School
9:50 am Safe Church Annual Orient.
10 am CWW Greeter Training
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Recent Attendance

	8:45	11:00
9/4/11	86	68



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CAMP CAROLINE RETREAT**

***ONE FAMILY,
ONE IN THE SPIRIT***

Save the date! — October 14-15.

See inside for details.

September 11, All Church Worship Service!

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 *Remembrance, Healing & Hope*; Psalm 131, Matthew 6:25-34



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

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114

Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Pray for Our Missionaries

Susan Valiquette and Scott Couper serving in South Africa.



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

Safe Church Annual Orientation

Sunday, September 18, at 9:50 am in the Parlor.

Children Worship & Wonder

Training for New & Returning Greeters

Sun., September 18, at 10:00 am in the Parlor after the Safe Church Annual Orientation.

A Word from Lance, cont'd

deployed to dangerous places. We have been praying and we have been struggling for several years about how to respond to acts of terror. We worry a lot these days about safety.

On Sunday we will listen to the scriptures and Jesus' words on worry. We will consider what it means for us to remember that day and what we have learned since then. We will reflect on the healing that has occurred and the brokenness that still exists in the world. And we will recall and look toward the future, considering that our hope is in God. I hope you will plan to be here for this special time of worship. Don't forget this Sunday is an All-Church worship Sunday so we have breakfast at 9:15 and one service at 11:00. See you Sunday.

Thursday Morning Study Group Begins September 15

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.**

Who, what, where, when?

Rose Saurenman completed reading through the entire Bible on September 4, 2011. She began on Easter, April 24, 2011.

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.

A Thank You Note From Nicole Braman

I want to let you know how thankful I am to you and all of the Church members who have been so kind and generous to me and my family. How can I ever repay you? Thank you so much in this time of need.

Love Nicole and family

The church family has come through once again to help those in need. How proud we should be helping a young family get a new start. We have provided them with beds, living room furniture, kitchen furniture, small appliances, dishes, and linens.

— Ann Boston

PS: Nicole and family are still in need of the following items: two dressers, vacuum, coffee table, and a few lamps. She says her apartment is looking like a home.

Camp Caroline Hurricane Damage

Hurricane Irene blew through Camp Caroline with force snapping and uprooting several trees. The water surge caused water to come in most of the cabins, up to 24 inches, maybe a little higher in some. It will be several days before the camp is able to get all electricity turned back on. **In the meantime, they need volunteers.** People are needed with chainsaws to help with the limbs and downed trees. Help is also needed cleaning the cabins that sustained water damage. The cabins will also need to be power washed and the insides will have to be sanitized. If you would like to help please call Jimmy Elks at 252-661-0411 to arrange a time to come and get more detailed information of what needs to be done first. Our church sponsored Director’s Cabin had 18 inches of water in it. We had two members go last Saturday to help and some people are trying to go this Saturday, September 10. If you are interested please call the church office.



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OCTOBER 14-15, 2011***

FRIDAY NIGHT

- Check-in from 7:30-8:30 pm
- Games/movie night in Cowell Hall (Bugaloo)

SATURDAY

- Morning watch/scavenger hunt/goofy games/sailing/free time/ afternoon worship
- Program ends at 2 pm; stay as long as you want



REGISTRATION

- ___ \$20/person for Friday night and Saturday, 4 years old and under free
Includes lodging, breakfast and lunch
___ \$8 for Saturday only — includes lunch

**** Registration Deadline Is Friday, September 30**

- Make check payable to First Christian Church and put "retreat" on the memo line.
- Put check and registration form in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

TRANSPORTATION

- ___ Interested in carpooling? — Friday
___ Interested in carpooling? — Saturday
___ Interested in riding church bus — Departure at 7 am Saturday, room for 14 people

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel/Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

More who, what, where, when?

College Ministry

Did you know that First Christian supports a ministry for college students at UNCW and Cape Fear? The United Christian Campus Ministry (UCCM) is an ecumenical ministry of the United Methodists, Presbyterians and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for the campuses of UNCW and Cape Fear. First Christian Church members helped start the ministry and have served on the board since its beginning over thirty years ago. Most recently, Millie Griffin and Janet Magelli have served on the board in the two positions reserved for First Christian, but both will conclude their service as of the end of the year. If you are interested in serving with UCCM, please contact Janet Magelli or Rev. González.

If you would like to learn more about the ministry, please consider attending the fundraiser brunch on October 22, during which students will share their experience with the ministry. The brunch will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Family Life Center.

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.



Just Read It! Anyone up for a little friendly competition?

Some of you have asked how you stand in our challenge to read through the bible. Rose Saurenman is leading the way, having read all sixty-six books of the Bible. She is an encouragement to us all as she has done this many times before. Vanessa King and Jeannie May are tied for second with twenty-one books of the Bible read. Way to go!

While this is not a race, it is encouraging to know of people who are making their way through the scriptures. If you have not begun to Just Read It, it is never too late to start. If you started and lost your steam, now is a great time to try again. You know you want to do this. Reading plans are available by our Bible books in the welcome area. Please continue turning in your cards as you finish each book. We want to celebrate with you!

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, Dick Oosterwyk, Betty Snook, Jeanette Wolfe

Church Family

- Sara Brown, undergoing tests for numbness in hands and legs
- Ellie Duckett, began a new chemotherapy treatment last week
- Doris Eakes, recovering at home from hospitalization for blockage between liver and pancreas, and surgery to insert a stent
- Allan Huband, recovering from effects of radiation treatments
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and tests
- Kathy Viveona, heart catheterization on 9/7
- Diana Wierse, continuing physical therapy on her knee

Friends and Family

- Barbara Ables, Roy Archibald's sister, lung cancer
- Daniel Boyd, Tena Perry's nephew, deploying to Afghanistan on October 1
- 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
- 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 11

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Bonnie Brown, Harry Griffin

Home-Bound Communion: John May, Bill Reinger, Becky Shipton

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 11 Bridgette Johnson & Chris Wrede

Sep 18 Glenn Brigman & Kelly Ensign

Turning Point Kids

Sep 11 Kelly Ensign & Lindsey Tarrant

Sep 18 Joy Roberts & Stacey Adam

Minister On-Call Schedule

Sep 9-10 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Sep 16-17 Rev. González 395-5594

Greeters

8:45 Sep 11 Lauren Perry & Jim Pettigrew

Sep 18 Don & Valerie Hartsell

11:00 Sep 11 Patsy Emmart

Sep 18 Trudē Rennick

Lay Reader

Sep 11 Patsy Emmart

Sep 18 Chris Furr

Sunday Door Lock-up

Sep 11 Ellen Shepard

Sep 18 Bill & Ann Boston

Budget Update

Budget through 8/28/11 \$68,517.90

Income 63,557.49

Income Short of Budget \$4,960.41

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A Word From Lance

There are lots of articles being written and lots of events planned for the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. You may be planning on attending some of them or watching some on television. Our own Steve Field and the Carolina Vocal Arts Ensemble will be presenting a patriotic program on Saturday night which I'm sure will be outstanding.

I believe it is appropriate for us as the church to remember as well this Sunday in worship. As people of faith, we have particular questions and struggles whenever acts of violence and hatred are enacted upon us and others. We all were affected and we all have struggled in our faith with that infamous day and the aftermath of ten years of war. Some of us, too, have loved ones who have served in the military during these years of war and have been

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