

News



Views

November 9, 2011 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, November 13

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 pm Traditional Worship
12:30 pm Worship Planning Team
Interfaith Guests Arrive
4-5:30 pm K'Motion & The Vibe

Monday, November 14

12 pm *Al Anon*
6:30 pm Sabbatical Comm. Mtg.

Tuesday, November 15

6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ.

Wednesday, November 16

6 pm Jonah Group/Pretty In Pink
7 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 17

6 pm Worship Band

Friday, November 18

6-9 pm True Colors Inventory

Saturday, November 19

9 am - 12 pm True Colors
Extended Session
12-2 pm Elders Retreat
7 pm *Narcotics Anonymous*

Sunday, November 20

**Dedicate Christmas Boxes and
Thanksgiving Baskets**

8:45 am Turning Point
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 pm Traditional Worship
12 pm Board Meeting
Interfaith Guests Depart
4 pm K'Motion and The Vibe Pack
Thanksgiving Boxes

Recent Attendance

8:45	11:00
11/6/11	TBA 74



Thanksgiving Baskets for Guardian ad Litem Families

Will be dedicated in worship on November 20.



Operation Christmas Child

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A Night of Thanks

7 pm, Tuesday, November 22
6:45 pm Coffee, juice and holiday breads in
the welcome area



Advent Breakfast

Sunday, November 27

9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall

Notices and Reminders

Worship Focus for Sunday is *Awake to God*; Psalm 119:97-105, Matthew 25:1-13.



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

Judges 4:1-7, 14-25; Psalm 123

I Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Pray for Our Missionaries

Carlos Madrazo serving in East Timor.



Were You Unable to Attend the First El Salvador Interest Meeting?

That's okay. There's another meeting on **Wednesday, November 16, in Room 6**. We are looking forward to a trip in November 2012. The exact dates have not been set at this time. We will be doing a medical mission and need both medical and non-medical volunteers. There is a job for everybody!! We are in conversation with Hillyer Memorial Christian Church in Raleigh, Central Christian Church in Lebanon, Indiana, and First Christian Church in Topeka, Kansas. Each of these congregations has expressed an interest in forming a partnership with us for this mission trip. Come to one of the interest meetings and find out what all the excitement is about. If you have any questions you may contact Lance Perry or Kenny Morris, Jr.

CROP Walk Update

All donations are now in. The total amount raised by FCC walkers is \$2,887.

A Word from Ailsa, cont'd.

is a sign and reminder of the fresh beginning offered by a new day. Yesterday is done. Now something new waits. I breathe in and out, taking in the wonder and hope of this new light. What will God be up to today?

Several years ago, I was introduced to a resource by Phyllis Tickle on praying the Divine Hours. The Divine Hours or fixed-hour prayer is the ancient Christian tradition of praying at set times of the day. The resource includes prayers and scripture reading for the morning, midday, evening and night. People who practice this discipline pause at these times of day, every day, for prayer. While I have not followed this practice in a disciplined way for a couple of years now, I still recall the concluding prayer for the morning prayer as I begin a new day. As the sun rises and the day begins the prayer assures me that I have nothing to do with the fact that I have woken up and there is breath in my lungs — and this is a good thing. Everything from here on out depends on God.

“Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought me in safety to this new day: Preserve me with your mighty power, that I may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all I do direct me to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.”

[The Divine Hours: Prayers for Autumn and Wintertime by Phyllis Tickle. New York: Doubleday. 2000]



Mark Your Calendar

Our Interfaith guests arrive this Sunday, November 13. To volunteer, call Millie Griffin at 686-1393.

Who, what, where, when?



Thanksgiving Baskets For Guardian ad Litem Families

First Christian once again has the opportunity to share God's blessings with Guardian ad Litem families. **Please bring canned goods**—particularly those associated with the traditional Thanksgiving meal—and put them in the basket in the welcome area. You may also choose to help with a **monetary donation** to purchase the turkeys and other perishable foods. A "Turkey Box" is on the table in the welcome area for these donations. Please make your check out to First Christian Church and note that it is for Turkey Baskets.

The Guardian ad Litem program trains volunteers to be advocates for abused and/or neglected children in the courts. These volunteers will deliver the Thanksgiving baskets to the families they serve.



Operation Christmas Child

is a program of Samaritan's Purse which provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift. **Boxes are available in the welcome area** along with a brochure with gift ideas and a list of items not to be included. Labels for the boxes (indicating age and gender) are on the back of the brochure. Please read the instructions for packing. If you have any questions, please contact Patsy Emmart at 791-1713.

**Thanksgiving Baskets and
Operation Christmas Child boxes
will be dedicated Sunday, November 20.**

Getting Dirty for Jesus Saturday, December 3

First Christian Church will volunteer with WARM (Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry) on Saturday, December 3. This is a great opportunity to do locally what our ASP teams do each summer. We can expect to help finish projects that involve painting, installing storm doors, putting down vinyl flooring, etc. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chris Furr by phone, 392-0593, email at dfurr1@ec.rr.com, or in person by Sunday, November 20 and complete a Volunteer Bio form. Chris has copies of the form, or you may print one from the WARM web site, www.warmnc.org. There will be a job for everyone regardless of skill level!



Church Workday Saturday, November 19 8 am to 12 Noon

A Church workday is planned for November 19, from 8 am until 12 noon. If you are able to assist please bring potato rakes or cultivators, spading forks, shovels, wheelbarrows and other tools which can help to get the weeds and grass out of the playground mulch areas. Please plan to come and help out. Thanks.

— Alan Anderson, Property Chair

Bring canned fruit in November 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?

Sabbatical Update

Plans are being made for next summer for Dr. Perry's sabbatical and for our congregation's time of renewal. Reflection and renewal are the common themes for the pastor and the congregation during these times. For both pastor and congregation the goals are "intentional exploration and reflection, gaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry, and discovering what makes the heart sing." Your Sabbatical Committee will be meeting next week with Rev. Larry Williams. Larry is a retired pastor, retreat leader, and Shalem Institute trained spiritual director. Larry will be leading our church's spring congregational retreat May 18-19, 2012, at Fort Caswell retreat center and will also be coming back mid-summer for a one day retreat and to preach on Sunday. Our Sabbatical Committee will be talking and praying together with Rev. Williams to discern the direction of our spring and mid-summer retreat times together. If you have any questions feel free to contact our Sabbatical Committee (Duane Luse, Chris Furr, Margaret Jarman, Carlotta Smith). More information to come!

Holiday Bazaar a Great Success

Thank you for all of your support in making this year's event spectacular! The unofficial total is \$8,500. We have a few items left for sale and will be taking them to another venue on November 30, More information on this will be available next week. A special thank you to Carolina Farmin' for their food donation. Please stop by their establishment and give them a big thank you. God is certainly blessing our efforts to help our community. Information about the quilt raffle will be available next week.

—Ann Boston and the Bazaar Team

Dear Friends at FCC,

The women in the Priscilla Shirer Bible study on Jonah invite you to join them in "making a difference" in our community. Priscilla encouraged us to make a difference in our community by become actively involved, reaching out to serve God in some way, as a group. The Bible study was directly connected to and began after the tremendous loss of our precious, young, beautiful, vibrant Kim Sibbach, who died of breast cancer six months ago. Our desire was to work through our grief together, and "do SOMETHING" about this great loss.

Pretty In Pink Foundation recently opened a regional office here in Wilmington. Their mission is to provide financial assistance to those throughout North Carolina who have been diagnosed with breast cancer, and who are uninsured or underinsured and need financial assistance. Joy Wade, program manager in the Wilmington office, will be sharing more about Pretty in Pink Foundation and how God led her to become involved in the organization through Kim Sibbach and her family. It's a journey only God could have orchestrated!

We're asking that all who attend wear pink for the evening (including the men!). And, bring a pair of scissors with you. You will not be sitting idly listening. You are going to actively participate in helping Pretty In Pink Foundation during your visit. It should be a fun evening. Invite your friends and come and have fun!!

We will be meeting in the church parlor on November 16, at 6 pm. Questions? Call Millie Griffin at 540-0216 or 686-1393. Please come and hear Joy's presentation. You are not obligated to participate, just to listen and learn of opportunities! Hope to see you there!

Prayer Concerns

Long Term Health Care Concerns

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

Our Sympathy To

- Phyllis Powell, Linda Powell Reinger, Kim Powell Pierce, Frankie Powell and their families upon the death on Sunday of her mother-in-law/grandmother, Emma Gray Powell

Church Family

- Sara Brown, scheduled for a procedure to help the numbness in her hands and legs
- Betty Davis, being treated for depression
- Ellie Duckett, continuing chemotherapy treatment
- Doris Eakes, beginning natural treatments for cancer
- Linda Frost, recovering from a heart attack at Trinity Grove
- Allan Huband, continuing cancer treatment
- Ned Lavengood, recuperating at home
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and continuing tests
- Margaret Respass, recovering at home from hospitalization for asthma and anemia
- Susan Watson, recovering from outpatient knee surgery
- Diana Wierse, continuing intensive physical therapy on her knee

Friends and Family

- Barbara Ables, Roy Archibald's sister, lung cancer
- Daniel Boyd, Tena Perry's nephew, deployed to Afghanistan
- Kevin Frawley, friend of Bill & Ann Boston, diagnosed with lung cancer
- Luis Guardiola, Rev. González' cousin, deployed to Afghanistan
- Mildred Hickman, Sherry Hickman's mother-in-law, continued difficulty adjusting to living at Champions
- Daniel Kennedy, Greg Kennedy's father, dementia has progressed causing additional issues and concerns
- Aaron Martin, friend of Bill & Ann Boston, diagnosed with liver cancer
- Joe Martin, Bruce & Sherry Johnson's friend, throat cancer
- Linda Maynard, Tammy Connell's mother, recovering at home from heart attack
- Peggy Pridgen, friend of Bruce & Sherry Johnson, stage 4 lung cancer
- Ella Sue Stanton, mother of Libby Stanton, hospitalized with esophagus problems, undergoing tests
- Elsie Stocks, Dava Bright's mother, health issues
- Callie Watkins, Mable Cooke's sister, recovering at home from a stroke
- Kathy Wirkus, Alicia Luce's sister, undergoing additional chemotherapy
- Community of Puente Azul, El Salvador
- Natural disaster victims around the world

Serving November 13

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Bonnie Brown, Kathy Jordan

Home-Bound Communion:

Kenny Morris Jr., Ellie Duckett, Mike Morris

Deacons

Faye Hodges (captain), Julie Furr, Charles Manning, Bryan Young Hickman, Courtney Young Hickman

Communion Prep

Robbin Capps, Bryan & Courtney Young Hickman

Children Worship & Wonder

Nov 13 Glenn Brigman & Ron Gore

Nov 20 Bridgette Johnson & Sue Morris

Turning Point Kids

Nov 13 Andy & Nancy Black

Nov 20 Steve & Pat Brooks

Minister On-Call Schedule

Nov 11-12 Rev. González

Nov 18-19 Dr. Perry

Greeters

8:45 Nov 13 Ralph G., Ron G., David Sharratt

Nov 20 John & Jeannie May

11:00 Nov 13 Allan Huband

Nov 20 Vivian Vaughan

Lay Reader

Nov 13 Nancy Manning

Nov 20 Darrell McHaney

Sunday Door Lock-up

Nov 13 Kenny & Vicki Morris

Nov 20 Maurice & Patsy Emmart

Budget Update

Budget through 11/6/11 \$130,184.01

Income 115,863.69

Income Short of Budget \$14,320.32

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A Word from Ailsa

I have to admit I am not a big fan of the fall time change. At first it seems like a good thing. The weeks prior to turning the clock back I think about how wonderful it will be to have an extra hour of sleep. But, that is just for one night. Following that point, I know the days will be getting shorter and night will come sooner. I am not a fan of the fall time change, because I really like daylight! I love parting the curtains and opening the blinds to let the sunlight brighten every corner of my house. I like for there to be light after coming home from work, and I appreciate when it is light enough outside to go for a walk after dinner.

Mornings, though, are my favorite. I especially enjoy seeing the morning light creep in the house as night turns to dawn and dawn turns to day. There is nothing else like it. For me, it

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