

# News



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February 1, 2012    First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)    Wilmington, NC

*Italics indicate non-FCC group*

### **Sunday, February 5**

8:45 am Turning Point  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11 am Traditional Worship  
12 pm Pack Valentine Boxes  
CYF Return from Retreat  
Interfaith Guests Depart

### **Monday, February 6**

*12 pm Al Anon*  
6 pm Tuscaloosa Interest Mtg.  
6:30 pm Outreach Team  
6:30 pm Lectio Divina Group

### **Tuesday, February 7**

6 pm Circle Martha  
6:30 pm Gospel of Mark Group  
*7 pm CVAE*

### **Wednesday, February 8**

6 pm Elders Meeting  
6:30 pm Young Adults  
7 pm Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, February 9**

6 pm Worship Band  
6:30 pm El Salvador Interest Mtg.

### **Sunday, February 12**

8:45 am Turning Point  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11 am Traditional Worship  
4-5:30 pm K'Motion & The Vibe  
4:30 pm Youth

### **Recent Attendance**

	8:45	11:00
1/29/12	75	94



## **February at FCC**

### **Week of Compassion**

Celebrating and Supporting the Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Assistance Work of the Disciples  
February 19-26

### **Sunday, January 12**

Special Music of Guests Jamie & Renae Brame

### **Sunday, January 19**

9 am Breakfast with  
Guest Speaker Bruce Barkhauer  
11:00 am All Church Worship

### **January 22, Ash Wednesday**

6 pm Pancakes and Ashes  
Dinner and Creative Worship

### **The Bible's Good News About Living a Generous Life**

Wednesdays, February 29 through March 21  
5:30 pm Dinner, 6:30 pm Discussion & Learning

## Notices and Reminders

**Worship Focus** for Sunday is *The Spiritual Life: Bread of the Word*; Psalm 19:7-10, John 6:22-34



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

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

### Pray for Our Missionaries

Jeffrey Mensendiek serving in Japan.



### Valentine Boxes for Our College Students

We will pack our annual Valentines boxes for our FCC college students **after the 11:00 service on Sunday, February 5**. Also, everyone in the church is asked to bring cookies, popcorn, gum, candy, other sweets and snacks, etc. to fill the boxes. In the past we have had around 20 boxes that have been mailed.

**Please call/e-mail Faith with an up-to-date address for your college student.**

### Elders Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 6 pm in the Parlor

**Circle Martha** will meet Tuesday, February 7, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for their regular monthly meeting. The special program is "Aaron", auxiliary police dog, along with his handler, Bruce, to give a special demo. Aaron is trained in locating explosives and in other areas. Bring an appetizer to share and come on. Bring a friend too! Call Sherry Hickman, Faye Hodges or Becky Shipton if you have questions.

## *A Word from Lance, cont'd*

scientists but we did talk some about the new discoveries of the expanding of our universe and what that means for our understanding of God. Tuesday and Wednesday I spent time in prayer and thought about preaching themes for April and May and took some time to walk the Labyrinth at Avila. I also began planning a 7-week series on the book of Philippians which is our focus scripture for our congregational "sabbatical time" this spring and summer. On Thursday and Friday I was at Cedar Cross retreat with two Disciples pastors. We had read a book entitled "Listening for the Heartbeat of God" and we not only discussed that and other things we are reading, but we also talked about pastoral leadership and we laughed a lot! Cedar Cross also has outdoor prayer walking spaces and the weather was conducive to being outdoors most of the time. Saturday was a catch up day and Sunday I worshipped at New Hope Baptist Church in Raleigh where a college friend is pastor. And that afternoon I met a special Board chair appointed team of six of our members at a Disciples of Christ congregational leadership event called DARE to Lead held in Greenville.

This morning I am very aware of the importance and blessing of times of stepping out of routine, stress, busyness and stepping toward God and God's presence. We all need those times. As I walked out of the house I was reminded that the birds I hear chirping, the bright blue morning sky, the breeze I feel on my face, the trees I pass while driving to the church, are the same "God filled" spaces and moments I noticed in peaceful retreat settings. They are still God's creation and when I listen, God speaks just as clearly here as at Avila or Cedar Cross. And so as the thoughts and feelings are going through my mind to prepare for the day, what a joy it is to know that every place and every moment is where God is present and speaking. See you Sunday.

## Join a Small Group! Sign Up in the Welcome Area

### **Lectio Divina: Reading Scripture for Spiritual Formation**

Led by Kathy Jordan. **Begins February 6**, and will meet for 6 weeks. Will be held at the Jordan's home at 6:30 pm.

### **Financial Peace University**

Led by Andy Koester and Kenny Morris, Jr. Based on Christian values, and using a video presentation by Dave Ramsey, this group will learn how to get out of debt, stay out of debt and build wealth.

Cost - \$95 includes workbook, audio CD library, budgeting forms, envelope system, bonus CD, and lifetime membership.

**Free Preview: Tuesday, February 21, at 6:30 pm in Room 12**

**Group starts: Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 pm, in Room 12**

### **Centering Prayer: Listening for God**

Led by Dr. Perry. **Begins February 23**, and will meet for 7 weeks, at 10:30 am in the church parlor.

### **Serendipity Study of Philipians Recovering Our Joy**

Led by Millie Griffin, this group **will begin March 5**, and will meet for 6 weeks, at 6:30 pm in the church parlor.

### **God Speaks Your Love Language**

Learn how you can give and receive God's love through the five love languages: words of affirmation, quality time, gifts, acts of service and physical touch. Led by Russ and Carlotta Smith, this group **will begin March 20**, for 6-7 weeks, and will meet at the Smith's home at 6:30 pm.

### **The Bible's Good News About Living a Generous Life**

Led by Lance, Ailsa and others, this group will address the questions of what the Bible really says about stewardship! Dinner provided. **Begins February 29**, at 6 pm.

### **Stewardship Corner**

*The question can no longer be "What would God have me do with my money?" but must now be restated as, "How will I deal with that part of God's money over which I have been given secondary control?"*

Philip D. and Janet T. Jamieson

## Who, what, where, when?



### **Congratulations to Addison and Beth Palanza**

upon the birth of their daughter, Miller Marlene Palanza, on January 29, 2012. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz, and was 20 inches long. The proud grandparents are Harry & Millie Griffin.



### **February Book Club Selection**

Book Club will be reading Spanish Doors by Diana Renfro for our February Book. The book, written by a North Carolina author, tells the story of a young woman who believes she has lost everything when she is set up to take the fall for the death of a patient. She learns through her dying grandmother that her father, whom she believes to be dead, is alive and living in Spain. Travel must be done and forgiveness has to be learned before our heroine can cross the threshold of the newly opened Spanish doors into a new life.

Please pick up a book in the Church Library and enjoy this debut novel by a very entertaining storyteller. **We will meet on the fourth Tuesday night, February 28, at 7:00 in the Church Parlor** to discuss the book - to vent our liking or disliking of the story or the author! We always have a good time.

Please be aware of the fact that if you check out Spanish Doors from the library, it must be returned by the date of the book club meeting. All of the books must be returned the day after Book Club in the original set.

— Ann Respass

### **Bread Breakers 2012**

It is time to change groups for the February through May 2012 session. As in previous years, you remain enrolled in Bread Breakers UNLESS you have asked to be removed. You should expect to be contacted by your new group very soon. If you would like to JOIN the February to April session, please let us know or fill out the card in this Sunday's bulletin.

**The date of the first dinner is Friday, February 17.** Please contact Joy or Vanessa with any suggestions, comments or requests.

Vanessa King, 313-2513  
Joy Roberts, 392-4894

### **God's Work in You**

All of us have had influential people in our lives. Some people have been a beacon in our professional life. Others have helped us make major decisions, been examples of how to raise our children, or shown us how to be a true friend. Still others have been significant in our life of faith. Who in your life has made an impact in your life of faith? How did they do it? How did they express love and care and God's care for you?

Every day we have the opportunity to impact the lives of people around us. Every day we have the opportunity to live out our faith. Right now there are several opportunities in our congregation to shape the lives of our children and youth. Maybe God is calling you to ... facilitate the youth Sunday school class, be one of the teachers for the 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade class, help plan the Turning Point Kids sessions, or serve on the Christian Education team. If you would like to know more about these opportunities, please contact Nancy Cherry-Simcox.

## More who, what, where, when?

### Holiday Bazaar Gifts

The Holiday Bazaar raised \$9,778. The monies will be given toward the ministries of various organizations in Wilmington as follows:

- \$980 Tithe to FCC's general budget
- \$55 Purchase of magnets with FCC logo (that a vendor made for the bazaar) for Membership Team to give to new members
- \$1,500 Guardian ad Litem for scholarships for camp
- \$1,500 Interfaith
- \$1,500 WARM
- \$1,000 Kids Making It
- \$1,000 Camp Agape for camper fees
- \$1,243 Discretionary for other local needs to include food and gas cards for those in need
- \$1,000 - seed money for next fundraising event for local mission

The efforts put into this event will now reach homeless families, abused children, families with homes in dire need for repairs, and give youth a hope for a successful future, and send children to camp.

Thanks be to God!

### Tuscaloosa Bound

The Outreach Team will hold a meeting for those interested in a mission trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The trip is open to anyone 16 years old and older. The group will help with tornado relief efforts, which will include clean up and refurbishing of homes. **If you would like to know more about this trip, please attend one of the meetings on Monday, February 6, at 6:00 pm or Wednesday, February 15, at 6:00 pm.**

### Children & Youth Fellowship Groups

The children and youth fellowship groups continue their Sunday evening meetings. K'Motion (K-2nd grade) and The Vibe (3-7 grades) meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The parents of those in K'Motion and The Vibe will meet on Sunday, February 12 to continue plans for a new parents group that will get together while K'Motion and The Vibe meet. Psychologist Christina Stakely, who has been worshiping with us for several months, has offered to lead some parenting session and will be present at the meeting. The Youth Group (8-12 grade) meets each Sunday at 4:30pm. On January 29, they prepared dinner for our Interfaith guests and they will participate in a different kind of outreach in our community about once a month.

Bring **canned meats** (chicken, ham, Vienna sausages, Spam, etc.) in February for the Food Pantry.



**Put them in the Little Red Wagon.**

*Please do not bring items that have expired or are close to their expiration date. Thank you.*

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### Week of Compassion

You can change the world! Through your gifts to Week of Compassion your sharing brings joy:

- A family displaced by natural disaster or political unrest is grateful to receive food, shelter, and the comfort of a safe place to begin to rebuild their lives.
- A woman who has had to walk miles to carry potable water for her family smiles as she draws water from a clean well near her home.
- A child excitedly arrives for the first day of class at her village's new school.

**The Week of Compassion offering will be received February 19-26.**

### Volunteer with WARM

Our next WARM volunteer opportunity will be Saturday, February 25. WARM (Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry) uses volunteers to make basic home repairs for needy families and individuals. **Volunteers of all skill levels are needed, you just need the desire to help others!** If you are interested in volunteering that day please let Chris Furr know in person, by phone (392-0593), or by email ([dfurr1@ec.rr.com](mailto:dfurr1@ec.rr.com)). More details will be coming in future newsletters.

### Pancake Breakfast for WARM

A pancake breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 11, 7:30-11:00 am at the Trinity Methodist Church Family Life Center at 4008 South College Road next to Cape Fear Academy. The breakfast is provided on a donation basis with all proceeds benefitting WARM-Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry. These are held on the second Saturday of each month so watch for reminders in future newsletters!

### DARE to Lead

This past Sunday afternoon a group from our church attended a Disciples of Christ leadership event called DARE to Lead. DARE is part of the Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation. Hope Partnership is a collaboration of the following denominational General Units - Church Extension, Disciples Home Missions, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries as well as congregations, theological institutions, and other church ministries. Hope Partnership's purpose is: "to empower courageous leaders as they guide the Church into life-giving expressions of ministry for (a) new era of God's mission." God has always had a mission. And for the last 2000 years Christians have had to adapt and change their understandings and practices of ministry as the world has changed around them. Jesus also was in the business of changing lives and we know his ministry has changed the world. Hope Partnership recognizes that pastors and congregational leaders are not equipped to lead in our current climate of change and reality and the Hope leaders are poised to offer insight and experience to help congregations discern, assess, and step forward in mission and vitality.

I must say that in my 20 some years of pastoral life this is one of the best things I have seen from Disciples. Our team, (Barry Jordan, Nancy Cherry-Simcox, Margaret Jarman, Linda Reinger, Kathy Jordan, Ailsa and Lance) appointed by our Board chair, is taking a week to let all the information set in, to pray and to think about this opportunity. Ask them about it and look for more information to come.

— Lance

## Prayer Concerns

### **Long Term Health Care Concerns**

Helen Dunn, Linda Frost, Rosa Gaylord, Foye Marshburn, Betty Nash, Dick Oosterwyk, Betty Snook

### **In the Hospital**

- June Edwards, Cape Fear Hospital, knee replacement surgery

### **Church Family**

- Jill Archibald, scheduled for carpal tunnel surgery on February 9
- Steve Brooks, undergoing radiation and chemotherapy for throat cancer; contact Charlie & Marty Prickitt for updates
- Ellie Duckett, continuing cancer treatment
- Doris Eakes, recovering at home from surgery
- Allan Huband, continuing Parkinson's treatment
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment & continuing tests
- Phyllis Powell, recovering at home from knee replacement surgery
- Vivian Vaughan, at Davis Health Care Center for physical rehab following hip replacement surgery

### **Friends and Family**

- Barbara Ables, Roy Archibald's sister, lung cancer
- Ralph Arone, Sherry Johnson's uncle, cancer
- Barbara Blake, friend of Libby Stanton, recently diagnosed with lung cancer
- Daniel Boyd, Tena Perry's nephew, deployed to Afghanistan
- Phipps Dean, Brad Dean's father, bladder cancer
- Kevin Frawley, friend of Bill & Ann Boston, diagnosed with lung cancer
- Helen Johnson & family, associate director of Christmount, upon the death of her mother Hazel Johnson
- Aaron Martin, friend of Bill & Ann Boston, diagnosed with liver cancer
- Joe Martin, Bruce & Sherry Johnson's friend, throat cancer
- Daynlea Peele, Sherry Johnson's cousin, cancer
- Peggy Pridgen, friend of Bruce & Sherry Johnson, stage 4 lung cancer
- Jim Riley, Travis Prices' brother-in-law, deployed to Afghanistan for the 4th time
- Pam Sisson, daughter-in-law of Walter & Mary Sisson, diagnosed with lymphoma
- Ella Sue Stanton, Libby Stanton's mother, recovering at home from hospitalization
- Elsie Stocks, Dava Bright's mother, health issues
- Callie Watkins, Mable Cooke's sister, serious health issues, not doing well
- Wallace West, Shirley West's step-son, recovering at home from heart valve surgery

## Serving February 5

### **11:00 Communion Table Prayers**

Charlie Vaughan, Becky Shipton

**Home-Bound Communion:** Mike Brown, Kenny Morris, Sr., Millie Griffin

### **Deacons**

Linda Reinger (captain), Brad Dean, Zachary Dean, Nicole Holliday, Ellen Shepard, Marion Vernon

### **Communion Prep**

Phyllis Powell, Linda Reinger

### **Children Worship & Wonder**

Feb 5 Tena Perry & Chris Wrede

Feb 12 Glenn Brigman & Tricia Heath

### **Turning Point Kids**

Feb 5 Kelly Ensign & Lindsey Tarrant

Feb 12 Joy Roberts & Stacey Adam

### **Minister On-Call Schedule**

Feb 3-4 Dr. Perry

Feb 10-11 Rev. González

### **Greeters**

8:45 Feb 5 John & Jeannie May

Feb 12 Val Moreau & Sam Rose

11:00 Feb 5 John & Christie Reaves

Feb 12 Ann Boston

### **Lay Reader**

Feb 5 Ellie Duckett

Feb 12 Patsy Emmart

### **Sunday Door Lock-up**

Feb 5 Thomas & Sue Hunley

Feb 12 John & Ann Respass

### **Budget Update**

Budget through 1/29/12 \$212,405.49

Income 220,287.41

Income Over Budget \$7,881.92

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## *A Word From Lance*

Imagine the sense of God's peace that you sometimes get in worship in a moment of silence or when soft music is playing and you are in prayer before coming to the communion table. Imagine those rare but much desired moments sitting on your back porch or walking the beach when you sensed a oneness and gratitude for the presence of God in all creation. Imagine those blessed moments with trusted friends that erupt in laughter and thankfulness for those people with whom you share many stories and history.

Those were my experiences last week while on retreat. I spent Sunday night and Monday with my Pastor as Spiritual Guide group at Avila retreat Center in Durham. We prayed and worshipped together and we listened to each other talk a little about our current journey of the spiritual life. None of us are

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