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**NEW MEMBERS' LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH – NOON
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**BACKPACK PALS PACKING EVENT
SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH – NOON**

**REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY, APRIL 22 – SUNDAY, APRIL 24
GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER**

**BELK CHARITY DAY SALE
SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH, 6AM -10AM**



The following came forward during the Hymn of Invitation:

Jennifer and Jereme Blizzard – February 7th
Their children, Mallie and Jackson will be baptized soon.

David Vaughn – February 7th

Dorothy Burkett – February 14th

Cindy and Mike Goff – March 20th

CWF

All are invited to attend the next CWF Meeting in the church parlor at 10:30am on **Monday, April 11, 2016**. Mary Alice Yarbrough will be presenting an excellent program. Plan to attend and bring someone with you.

In addition, bring or send your Blessing Box/Offering. These will be turned in at the Regional Assembly. Checks are made payable to CWF.

Lee Martin Adams, Circle Leader

THERE WILL BE NO CMF BREAKFAST MEETING IN APRIL.

NEW MEMBERS' LUNCHEON

The Membership Mission Team is hosting a New Member Luncheon in the Family Life Center following worship on **April 10th**. This is for members of FCC who have joined 2014-2016. Invitations will be sent.

Bonita Batts, Membership Mission Team Chair

REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS AND VISITS

IN ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/ FACILITIES

Scrappy Proctor and Nell Speight

MEMBER / VISITOR CONCERNS

Jason Adams, Brayom Anderson, Dot Baverstock, Muriel Bennett, Sheron Bennett, Bobby Boone, Carlton Corbett, Nancy Corbett, Sylvia Corey, Della Dayson, Joanne Ellington, Erv Evans, Louis Gaylord, Bob Gurganus, Wanda Cox Harrington, John Heath, Robert Hill, Margaret Kittrell, Marilyn Lee, Louise McGinty, Melvin "Big Daddy" Moore, Carrie Oakley, Mardell Remick, and Raye Troutman.

Stephen & India West Silverthorne are serving in the U.S. Army at Ft. Bragg, NC.

OTHER CONCERNS

Sandra Allen (Karen Averette's niece), Dawn Bayles (Michelle Smith's cousin), Val Barnhart (Marla Harrell's sister), Edna Boone (Jewelle Boone's mother-in-law), Norwood Bradshaw (co-worker of Alysia Bright & Crystal Gardner), Evelyn Brooks (friend of Alysia Bright), Brenda Brown (Tim Manning's aunt), Becky Bundy (Dawn Manning's mother), Angie Byrne (friend of Lana & Chris Warren), Cynthia Caracci (Elizabeth Deasy's niece), Norma Casper (friend of Sandra Everett), Reg Coltrain (friend of the Manning's), Kristey Coulter (friend of Marsha Griffin), Sharon Cox (Wanda Harrington's cousin), Nicole Doty (Marla Harrell's niece), Tara Driver (friend of Wanda Harrington), Benton Edwards (friend of Marla Harrell), Savannah Ferguson (Sheron Bennett's granddaughter), Janie Griffin (Marsha Griffin's mother), Mary Edna Haislip (Dynita Gottschall's mother), Edwin Hall (Jim Hall's father), Alex and Josh Harrell (Marsha Harrell's stepsons), Marty Harrell (Marla's husband), Dale Harris (Sandra Everett's nephew), Myra Jane Harris (Sandra Everett's sister-in-law), Ruby Hodges (Joanne Ellington's sister), Lewis Keech (friend of Rebecca Chahid), Meg Lee (David Lee's stepmother; Nicolas Lee's grandmother), Carolyn Marshall (Gladys Chianello's sister), Tina Martin (Michelle Smith's sister), Anthony Mayberry (student of Beth Anne Stork), Patrick Milligan (Marsha Hall's brother), Hazel Mills (Wanda Harrington's cousin), June Montgomery (Keith Montgomery's sister), Melissa Nelson (friend of Holly Jefferson), Parker (patient of Lana Warren), Julie Peaden (co-worker of Dawn Manning), Neva Peaden (friend of Lana Warren), Doug Reid (Robin West's father), Martha Roberson (friend of Alysia Bright), Emily Robertson, Lillie Rodgers (friend of Sally & Howard Wheeler), Vini Rohrbaugh (Marla Harrell's brother), John Rose (friend of Judy Carlton), Max Scheetz (Donna Diehl's father), Kimberly Schlienz (friend of Wanda Harrington), Mary Lee Smart (friend of Dawn Manning), Tim Summerlin (Muriel Bennett's son), Sally Tarkington (friend of the Mannings), John Tilley (Anne's husband), Jay Tripp (Judy Carlton's son-in-law), Mindy Tysinger (friend of Mary Marshall Heckstall), Kylie Ward (friend of the Bennetts), Kim Watson (friend of Don & Susan Edwards and Sandy Steele), William Wood (friend of Marla Harrell), Rex Woolard (Sara Kleinknecht's uncle), and Jackie Yongue (Bonnie Perkins' niece).

Jean Eber (Marla Harrell's mother) was called to Life Eternal on March 27th. Please keep the Eber and Harrell families in your thoughts and prayers.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Fine Craft and Art Sale and
Bar-B-Q dates are on the calendar!
Please reserve **November 18th**
and 19th for our fun(d)raising
weekend events. It takes all of us
to make the weekend a success!

Sally Wheeler & Judy Clark

BACKPACK PALS

Backpack Pals are always in need of donations of individual serving size, ready-to-eat items for the Elmhurst Elementary Children that we serve. Please remember them when you are making your weekly shopping list. It's one way we can share our resources with others.

Brandon, Judy, Sally & Wanda

BACKPACK PALS PACKING EVENT! APRIL 17TH – FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Please plan to stay a few minutes after the service on Sunday, April 17th, to pack bags for Backpack Pals. We can share our resources and our physical energy to fill many bags to feed the 62 children we serve each weekend. This simple act of packing bags proves our commitment to helping those in need. It is also a way to share our love. Afterwards, you may find your own lunchtime meal to be most enjoyable knowing that someone else has been fed.

Brandon, Judy, Sally & Wanda

6th – 12th Sunday “Salt & Light”

April's Sunday Salt & Light will meet on **Sunday, April 10th @ 5:30pm** at the home of Dawn & Tim Manning! This will be an awesome night, so make plans to attend! Bring a friend, a healthy appetite and an open mind!!! Be ready to grow spiritually through new relationships and fellowship! See you on April 10th!!

WHO: All 6th-12th Youth

WHAT: Sunday Night Salt & Light

WHEN: Sunday, April 10th @ 5:30pm

DINNER: TBA

WHERE: Dawn & Tim Manning 805 Brickyard Ct. Greenville, NC

****If you need transportation, please let us know – don't miss out****

Dawn & Tim Manning

Avis & Stephen Wicher

Karen & Whit Brown

Stacey & Jeremy Cook

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all your support with Community Day on March 26th! We appreciate all the donations, volunteers, and hope that everyone had a FUN time!

Evangelism Mission Team

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Until our beloved Marilyn returns in good health, FCC is in need of office volunteers to answer the phone, take messages, and greet people during the morning hours. Please contact Sandy Steele at (252)531-5156 or msteele15@suddenlink.net if you have an extra morning during the week.

BELK CHARITY DAY SALE

Please plan to attend the Belk Charity Day Sale on **Saturday, April 30th, 6am-10am**. Purchase a ticket for \$5.00 and you will receive \$5.00 off your first purchase. For best selection, you can reserve your items beginning **April 3rd**. FCC directly benefits from this sale.

FROM OUR MINISTER . . . CELL: (252) 883-4495

With Easter being early this year, we have just concluded a wonderful and challenging Lenten season and worshipped together on Easter Sunday. But the Easter Season is actually just beginning. Also known as Eastertide, this season lasts 50 days, beginning on Easter Sunday and ending on Pentecost Sunday. Although many of us grew up in traditions where Easter was just one day, in actuality, it a season of six Sundays in which the resurrection of Jesus continues to be the focus of our worship and spiritual growth. I would encourage all of us to experience these next six weeks with that context in mind.

I also want to encourage us to consider continuing whatever it was we either gave up or took on during Lent. A couple of years ago, one of our Lenten luncheon speakers shared with us his thoughts on this very idea. Paraphrasing his words, he said that if we give something up, or take something on for forty days, it becomes easier to continue doing it after Lent is over. And I think that makes a lot of sense. Usually, during Lent, we give up things that are either bad for us or that get in the way of us focusing on things that are important; or we take on something that we should be doing anyway. If that is the case, then why not continue whatever it is that you focused on during Lent. It seems to me this will enhance our spiritual growth and our relationship with God.

During the Easter season, those six Sundays leading up to Pentecost, my sermons will focus on some of the great lives God's faithful people in the Bible and how their examples can be a source of inspiration and motivation for us. When we study the lives of people like Moses, and Joshua and Joseph and others, we learn more about what it takes to live lives of faithful service to God. We learn that none of these great saints were perfect; far from it, but they were committed to God and to doing what He had called them to do even when things got tough or when they made mistakes. I hope all of you can be a part of these services and think with us as we explore the lives of faithful people.

Grace and peace,

Reece

UP
COMING
EVENTS

May 21st
June 22nd

Carolina Quartet Performance in Sanctuary
Mid-Summer RALLY Night

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

Prayers 🌀 Cards 🌀 Calls 🌀 Delicious Food 🌀
Office Volunteering 🌀 Texts 🌀 Visits 🌀 Gifts

How can I ever thank you for all your love and support? You have made my journey through this health challenge bearable. Thank you so much!

Love,
Marilyn

CYPRESS GLEN LUNCHEON

Please plan to attend the Dutch-treat luncheon at Cypress Glen on **Thursday, April 21st, at noon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church members residing at Cypress Glen.

Jewelle Boone
Outreach Mission Team Chair

1 68TH REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN NC
GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER
APRIL 22-24, 2016**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31ST, 2016*
TO REGISTER, GO TO WWW.NCDISCIPLINES.ORG

***We have been recently notified that your registration will be honored past the deadline date. Please do not miss out on this amazing event!**



ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN FEBRUARY 2016

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 159

MONTHLY

Contributions: \$ 22,281.28
Expenses: \$ 23,001.49

YEAR-TO-DATE

Contributions: \$ 36,842.72
Expenses: \$ 42,215.35