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of First Christian Church

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**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH @
7:30 PM SANCTUARY**

**COMMUNITY DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH
10:00AM -12:30PM**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
APRIL 16TH - 6:30AM
PRAYER LABYRINTH
BREAKFAST FOLLOWING
IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**HOOKERTON DISTRICT UNION MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH @ 6:15PM
PROCTOR MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN
CHURCH – GRIMESLAND**

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017 – 10:30am—Church Parlor
Program by Rev. Elizabeth Deasy
Faith, Fun, and Fellowship. Bring a friend!**

**LENTEN MEDITATION/LUNCHEON
SCHEDULE**

Please join us at noon in the Family Life Center:

Date
April 3

Speaker
Reece Jones

RALLY NIGHT DATES

APRIL 5TH / 12TH / 26TH

(NO RALLY ON THE 19TH)

5:30PM – SUPPER

\$5.00 – ADULTS

\$5.00 – CHILDREN 13 YEARS & OLDER

\$3.00 – CHILDREN 12 YEARS & YOUNGER

THERE IS A \$20 LIMIT FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES.

PRAYER MINISTRY GROUP

Monday, April 3rd – 10:30am

Monday, April 10th – 10:30am

Monday, April 17th – 10:30am

Monday, April 24th – 10:30am

We are gathering weekly in the Board room to pray by name for all those listed in the concerns of the church as well as other personal and global intentions. The facilitators, Brian Hufford and Rev. Elizabeth Deasy, welcome all who want to participate in this ministry of prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:30AM – CHURCH PARLOR

APRIL 12TH / APRIL 19TH / APRIL 26TH

CYPRESS GLEN LUNCHEON

Please plan to attend the Dutch-treat luncheon at Cypress Glen on **Thursday, April 13th, at noon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church members residing at Cypress Glen.

Jewelle Boone

DISCIPLE MEN'S (CMF) BREAKFAST

8am Sunday, April 23rd – Family Life Center

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

8AM – 4:30PM

HOST CHURCH: FIRST CHRISTIAN, WILSON

The 169th Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina Assembly to Include: Workshops, Business Session and All-Assembly Lunch.

The Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Sumney

Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II

The Thedford G. and Woodrow W. Sprinkle Lecturer

Registration forms are available in the narthex.

For more information contact valerie@ncdisciples.org or call (252) 291-4047 ext. 207. Website: ncdisciples.org

**2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 8-12, 2017 INDIANAPOLIS
REGISTER TODAY AT disciples.org/ga**



OUR STATEMENT OF CALLING

First Christian Church is called to share the word of God by living God's peace.

People who love God and each other

Emphasis on God through Jesus Christ

All are welcome

Compassion for all

Engage in building the community of faith through Jesus



REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS AND VISITS

IN ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/ FACILITIES

John Heath, Freda Kovalchick, Maggie Smith, Nell Speight, Bebe Tripp and Raye Troutman.

MEMBER / VISITOR CONCERNS

Jason Adams, Brayom Anderson, Dot Baverstock, Muriel Bennett, Sheron Bennett, Bobby Boone, Carlton Corbett, Nancy Corbett, Sylvia Corey, Crystal Gardner, Charles Godwin, Bob Gurganus, Wanda Cox Harrington, John Heath, Robert Hill, Marilyn Lee, Melvin "Big Daddy" Moore, Mardell Remick, and Virginia Scales.

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

OTHER CONCERNS

Audrey (friend of Karen Carraway), Sandra Allen (Karen Averette's niece), Carrie Anzelmo (Adrienne Fornes' mother), Val Barnhart (Marla Harrell's sister), Rhett Barrett (Wanda Harrington's cousin's grandson), Eric Batchelor (friend of Jennifer & David Lee and Mary & Harold Nau), Elias Belmadani (Donna Whitley and Kacem Sebti's grandson), Ashlynn Bennett (Sheron Bennett's granddaughter), Brenda Brown (Tim Manning's aunt), Becky Bundy (Dawn Manning's mother), Angie Byrne (friend of Lana & Chris Warren), Beth Ann Cole (friend of Sandy Steele), Blain Cargyle (friend of Deborah Price, brother-in-law of Sandra & Lester Everett), Kristey Coulter (friend of Marsha Griffin), A.E. "Bud" Cox (Wanda Harrington's uncle), Ed Diehl (Donna Diehl's husband), Carolyn Driver (friend of Wanda Harrington), Benton Edwards (friend of Marla Harrell), John Faulstich (Beth Anne Stork's father), Tom Feldbush (Leslie's father), Savannah Ferguson (Sheron Bennett's granddaughter), Lindsey Gardner (Traci Anderson's sister-in-law), Mary Edna Haislip (Dynita Gottschall's mother), Luke Haithcock (friend of Lasseter Wooten), Edwin Hall (Jim Hall's father), Marty Harrell (Marla's husband), Dale Harris (Sandra Everett's nephew), Chris Hill (friend of Chris Knight), Ruby Hodges (Joanne Ellington's sister), Lewis Keech (friend of Rebecca Chahid), Dottie Knight (Chris Knight's mother), Meg Lee (David Lee's stepmother; Nicolas Lee's grandmother), Susan Lillie (Lester Everett's cousin), Gloria & William McGraw, Mrs. Dallas McPherson (friend of Marla & Marty Harrell), Tina Martin (Michelle Smith's sister), Steve Milligan (friend of Marla Harrell), June Montgomery (Keith Montgomery's sister), William Henry Nuckolls (friend of Karen & Whit Brown; brother of Jack Nuckolls – Salt & Light), Barbara Pawlin (Dorothy Burkett's daughter), Neva Peaden (friend of Lana Warren), Doug Reid (Robin West's father), Newton Riggs (DeLane Knight's father), Martha Roberson (friend of Alysia Bright), Emily Robertson, Vini Rohrbaugh (Marla Harrell's brother), Logan Rumph (Theresa's grandson), Max Scheetz (Donna Diehl's father), Kimberly Schlienz (friend of Wanda Harrington), Mary Lee Smart (Wanda Harrington's cousin), Tim Summerlin (Muriel Bennett's son), Mindy Tysinger (friend of Mary Marshall Heckstall), Don Walter (friend of Sally & Howard Wheeler), Kylie Ward (friend of the Bennetts), Kim Watson (friend of Don & Susan Edwards and Sandy Steele), Zach White (D.H. Conley student), William Wood (friend of Marla Harrell), Caleb Woodley (friend of Nicholas Lee), Robin Wooten (friend of Dawn Manning) and Jackie Yongue (Bonnie Perkins' niece).

**RADIATE CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITY
SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND 3:30-5:30PM
POOL PARTY AT GREENVILLE AQUATICS &
FITNESS CENTER**



- May 5-6 Out of the Box for Homelessness Project
- June 3 Salt & Light Bus Trip to Busch Gardens
- June 21 Mid-Summer RALLY

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

As we reach the end of March, we also find ourselves approaching the end of our Lenten journey. With Palm Sunday and then Easter, we will complete another forty-day journey toward the cross. As we have done in previous years, our focus during Lent has been on making new commitments that will help us be better Christians and on listening to what God is saying to us about discipleship. Last week, the youth did a marvelous job of helping us think about being at a crossroads, and the important decisions that we all make a various times of our life. They couldn't have chosen a better Lenten message.

Over the first three weeks of Lent, we looked at the life and commitment of Moses and the example he sets for us about responding to God's call. We first talked about doing something new. After Moses left Egypt, he found for himself a comfortable life in the land of Midian, far from any of the worries he would have faced had he stayed. But God called Moses to do something new; to go back to Egypt and lead his people out of slavery. Next, we talked about doing something now. If God calls you to do something, do it now. Don't procrastinate, or put it off till tomorrow. We all know what happens when we put off till tomorrow what we should be doing today. Most of the time, it doesn't get done. And then on the third Sunday in Lent, we talked about the wilderness. Just as the Israelites had to go through the wilderness to get to the Promised Land, we too have to face our own personal wildernesses to get to the place God wants us to be. You can't go back; you always have to move forward. Lent is a time to make and keep the kind of commitments that Moses made.

I hope that this study of Moses has been helpful to your Lenten journey. Moses was not perfect; in fact none of the heroes of the Bible were. But Moses was committed and faithful. His commitment to lead the Israelites out of slavery was not easy; there were many obstacles and roadblocks that stood in his way, but he persevered and he did so with two promises that God made to him and continues to make to us. Whenever God calls us to do something new, God always gives us what we need to be successful and God promises us that God will be with us all the way through the journey. That is so important for us to remember as we make our way to the end of Jesus' journey to the cross in a couple of weeks. The examples of Moses and Jesus remind us that living our life as committed followers of Jesus Christ is never the easiest way to live, but it is always the best way to live.

**Grace and peace,
Reece**

6TH – 12TH SUNDAY “SALT & LIGHT”

April's Sunday Salt & Light will meet on Sunday, April 9th, @ 5:30pm at the home of Stacey & Jeremy Cook! 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 & fellowship! See you on April 9th!

WHO: All 6th-12th Youth

WHAT: Sunday Night Salt & Light

WHEN: Sunday, April 9th @ 5:30pm

DINNER: TBA

WHERE: Home of Stacey & Jeremy Cook

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

**Dawn & Tim Manning
Karen & Whit Brown**

**Avis & Stephen Wicher
Stacey & Jeremy Cook**

Jennifer & Jereme Blizzard



COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, April 15th, 2017
10:00am – 12:30pm



Come out and join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Bingo, Bouncy House, Crafts, great food and more!

We need everyone to help make this event Great! This is our “want list”:

Plastic Easter Eggs – put in box in front of Marilyn’s office

Lots of candy to go in the eggs – put in box in front of Marilyn’s office

10 dozen (confetti batter) cupcakes – no icing

Bingo prizes – gift cards, pies, brownies, keychains, small toys (Dollar Tree)

Volunteer to help that day! Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Deborah Price, Evangelism Mission Team Chair

FRESH FLOWERS FOR THE WOODEN CROSS



Please bring fresh flowers on Easter morning, April 16th, for our wooden cross. They can come from your yard, the roadside, your neighbor’s yard(!), florist, or the grocery store. Thank you!

Marla Harrell & Beth Anne Stork
Worship Mission Team Co-Chairs

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE APRIL 16TH AT 6:30AM PRAYER LABYRINTH

Please join us for our Easter Sunrise Service in the Prayer Labyrinth followed by breakfast in the Family Life Center.

HOOKERTON DISTRICT UNION MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 27, 2017 PROCTOR MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

505 RIVER STREET, GRIMESLAND

Dinner at 6:15 PM – \$8.00 per person

Menu: Spaghetti, salad, dessert, coffee and tea

Program begins at 7:00 PM

Van will leave FCC parking lot at 5:30pm.

**RSVP to FCC Church Office by Noon on Friday,
April 21st -- 756-3138**



ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN FEBRUARY 2017

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 117

MONTHLY

Contributions: \$ 16,805.87
Expenses: \$ 21,405.41

YEAR-TO-DATE

Contributions: \$ 38,826.34
Expenses: \$ 44,198.71