

First Christian Church(Disciples of Christ)
2810 E. 14th Street, Greenville NC 27858
Phone: 252 / 756-3138
Mail: PO Box 2366, Greenville NC 27836-0366

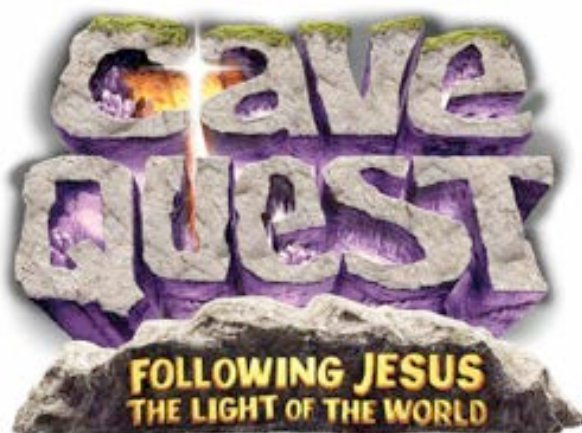
fccpastor@embarqmail.com
fccadmin@embarqmail.com

The Voice

of First Christian Church

Rev. Reece Jones, Minister
Volume XII, Issue 8

Marilyn Lee, Editor
August 2016



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 1ST – 5TH
5:30PM – 8:30 PM

BACKPACK PALS PACKING EVENT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST – NOON

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH – DURING WORSHIP

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLOWOUT!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH—FOLLOWING WORSHIP



Theresa Rumph came forward during the Hymn of Invitation on Sunday, July 24th. She is the mother of Gabrielle Boyd and grandmother of Dana, Sarah, and Elizabeth Boyd. Welcome, Theresa!

CYPRESS GLEN LUNCHEON

Please plan to attend the Dutch-treat luncheon at Cypress Glen on **Tuesday, August 16th, at noon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church members residing at Cypress Glen.

Jewelle Boone, Outreach Mission Team Chair



Breakfast Meeting – August 28th

Our next Disciples Men (CMF) meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 28th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center**. Come enjoy breakfast and that special FCC fellowship.

Brian Hufford, CMF President



September 7th

September 11th

November 18th-19th

RALLY Night resumes

Sunday School Kickoff Breakfast

Fine Craft and Art Sale and Bar-B-Q



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

COMMITTEE OF 144 UPDATE!

As of July 25th, we have received \$10,038 from our “Committee of 144” Fundraiser held on June 5th. We still need \$362 to come in. If you have not yet paid, please send a check to First Christian Church, PO Box 2366, Greenville NC 27836-0366.

Thank you very much for making our first Committee of 144 a huge success!

Waighty Scales and David Vaughn



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

Scrappy Proctor, Nell Speight, Maggie Smith, and Bebe Tripp

MEMBER / VISITOR CONCERNS

Jason Adams, Brayom Anderson, Dot Baverstock, Muriel Bennett, Sheron Bennett, Bobby Boone, Vera Congleton, Carlton Corbett, Nancy Corbett, Sylvia Corey, Della Dayson, Joanne Ellington, Erv Evans, Elizabeth Gaylord, Bob Gurganus, Wanda Cox Harrington, John Heath, Robert Hill, Margaret Kittrell, Marilyn Lee, Louise McGinty, Melvin "Big Daddy" Moore, 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), **Elias Belmadani** (Donna Whitley and Kacem Sebti's grandson), **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), **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), **John Faulstich** (Beth Anne Stork's father), **Bonny Feldbush** (Leslie's mother), **Savannah Ferguson** (Sheron Bennett's granddaughter), **Lindsey Gardner** (Traci Anderson's sister-in-law), **Janie Griffin** (Marsha Griffin's mother), **Mary Edna Haislip** (Dynita Gottschall's mother), **Edwin Hall** (Jim Hall's father), **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), **Dottie Knight** (Chris Knight's mother), **Gloria & William McGraw**, **Carolyn Marshall** (Gladys Chianello's sister), **Tina Martin** (Michelle Smith's sister), **Patrick Milligan** (Marsha Hall's brother), **Hazel Mills** (Wanda Harrington's cousin), **June Montgomery** (Keith Montgomery's sister), **Melissa Nelson** (friend of Holly Jefferson), **Julie Peaden** (co-worker of Dawn Manning), **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**, **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), **Dodson Tippet** (Sally Wheeler's brother-in-law), **Jay Tripp** (Judy Carlton's son-in-law), **Mindy Tysinger** (friend of Mary Marshall Heckstall), **Teresa Van Oordt** (Sandy Steele's sister), **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).

Carrie Oakley was called to Life Eternal on June 2nd. Please keep the Oakley family in your thoughts and prayers.

Louis Gaylord, Jr., was called to Life Eternal on July 16th. Please keep the Gaylord and Scales families in your thoughts and prayers.

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

One of the most important outreach activities we engage in every year is Vacation Bible School. I call it outreach because it is one of the ways that we reach out to our community. Every year, we have tons of kids who come from other churches or from no church at all. And during the week, they will hear stories about a God who takes care of them, hears their prayers, forgives them and love them unconditionally. As an outreach program, then, it provides an opportunity for everyone in our congregation to be involved. Even if your kids are grown or even if you don't have a specific role to play in VBS, you can still come and be a part of this wonderful event.

Hopefully, this newsletter will also be available while there is still time for you to help with the setup. During the last week of July, Adrienne Fornes and the other folks involved in VBS leadership will be at church working in the Family Life Center. If you have an opportunity to come by, I would encourage you to do that. The finished product will look great, but it won't look great by itself. It is only through the dedicated commitment and hard work of our church members before it even starts that VBS exists.

VBS also signifies the end of the summer in a lot of ways. A few weeks later, we will begin the new church year. Sunday school will kick off again as well as RALLY Night, and both the Wednesday morning and evening Bible studies. On Wednesday morning, we are going to be in the Gospel of John and on Wednesday night, we are working through the Book of Acts. We are also going to have a new Sunday school opportunity in the fall. Mike Goff, who is a retired Disciples pastor and member of our church, will be teaching a new class that will focus on Jesus and the Gospels. Mike is fantastic teacher and great communicator. I will continue to lead the class for parents who have children at home. I want to encourage those who have not been involved in Sunday school to take advantage of these options for Bible study.

We will also kick off our children and youth programs. We have activities for both the younger and older groups on Wednesday night and on certain Sundays, Salt and Light meets with the older youth and the younger ones also have planned activities. If you have children, this is one of the best ways to get them involved in church and to begin teaching them the importance of making a commitment early to a local congregation. I hope you have a great rest of your summer.

Grace and peace,

Reece

“CAVE QUEST”

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 1ST – 5TH

Get your hard hats out, your flashlights shining bright, and your heart ready for an amazing week where our “FCC Underground Adventure” will let kids learn to follow Jesus – the Light of the World! Come out to Cave Quest and join us for great Bible stories, crafts, games and songs! It’s our prayer that VBS will allow God’s love to come to life like never before...touching lives, changing hearts and drawing kids and adults alike closer to God!!

WHO: Ages 3 – 5th Grade

(There will be a nursery provided for ages 3 and under)

WHEN: August 1st – 5th

WHERE: FCC Family Life Center

TIME: 5:30 – Dinner 6:15-8:15 – VBS

Registration forms can be found in the narthex, the church office or on our church website at www.firstchristiangreenville.org

Go to <http://goo.gl/fors/3ptHWHXmbiBc4h1> for a registration form.

OUTREACH NEWS . . .

BACK TO SCHOOL!

It is almost that time of year! Once again we want to collect school supplies to help needy students at the Community Crossroads Center (formerly Greenville Community Shelter) and Pactolus School. We need Backpacks, notebooks, notebook paper - college rule and wide rule, pencils, pens, crayons, pencil boxes, colored pencils, erasers, and other school supplies you would like to pick up. Backpacks are a big need.

Please bring these items to church and place them in the box in the narthex by **Sunday, August 21st**, so we can get the items to the students before the first day of school - August 29th. Monetary donations can also be made and we will do the shopping.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be Sunday, August 28th.

Deborah Price
Outreach Mission Team



BACKPACK PALS PACKING EVENT AUGUST 21ST – FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Please plan to stay a few minutes after the service on Sunday, August 21st, to pack bags for Backpack Pals. We can share our resources and our physical energy to fill many bags to feed the 50 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

Blessing of the Backpacks!

Sunday, August 28th

Bring your backpacks to church for a special blessing during the children's message. You will also receive a small reminder of God's faith in your ability to succeed this school year.



Back to School Blowout!

Sunday, August 28th following the worship service. We will have lunch, play games, and have fun! Bring your swimsuits and a towel!

**DWM RETREAT AT CHRISTMOUNT
AUGUST 12-14, 2016**

Retreat Itinerary

Friday, August 12, 2016
 3pm Registration Opens (lobby)
 5pm Relaxation Activity (second floor)
 6pm Dinner
 7:15pm Evening Session (Conference Room)
 8:30pm Social Hour (options)
 Movie Night (Conference Room)
 Greeting Cards (Assembly Hall)
 Board Games (Second Floor Library)
 Conversations for Strength (Porch Rockers)
 Coloring Therapy (Fireside Rockers w/Table)

Saturday, August 13, 2016
 7am Hiking (Christmount Grounds)
 8am Breakfast
 9am Devotion (Conference Room)
 9:15am Business Session
 10am Group Photo Session
 (please bring a DWM/CWF or Church T-Shirt)
 10:30am Study Session
 11:30am Group Breakouts (Locations TBD)
 12pm Lunch
 FREE TIME
 Enjoy Black Mountain's 34th Sourwood Festival

Workshop Offerings (Assembly Hall for those remaining on site)
 1:30pm Woman-to-Woman
 2:45pm It's In Your Hands
 6:00pm A Tea Party Dinner (wear your districts colors)
 "The Top Ten List for Christian Women"
 7:15pm Basket Party
 8pm Social Hour (repeat options)

Sunday, August 14, 2016
 7:30am Morning Prayer
 8am Breakfast
 9am Closing Worship

Itinerary details maybe found in program book upon you arrival

The NC Disciples Women's Ministries
Annual Fall Retreat
 held at
Christmount Retreat Center
 222 Fern Way, Black Mountain, NC
 August 12-14, 2016

For All Disciples Women!



THE TEA PARTY DINNER
 Saturday at 6pm
Wear Your District Colors and Prepare for Joy!

Albemarle-Purple	Central-Red
Coastal Plains-Green	Hookerton-Yellow
Mill Creek-Pink	Pamlico-Blue
Southeastern-Orange	Western-Brown
PDC-White	Guests-Black



Your DWM Cabinet
 serve as your facilitator

Sponsored by
The NC DWM Cabinet
 FMI Contact: Rev. Valerie
valerie@nodisciples.com
 Mobile: 336.303.21



Don't forget to bring/send your
 basket for our Basket Party.
 knows...you could be a Winner!



NC DWM Retreat Registration

August 12-14, 2016

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ City/Zip _____
 Church _____ Email _____
 District _____ First time? Yes No

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration begins at 3:00 on Friday, August 12

___ Registration Fee \$25.00
 ___ Registration received at Christmount after Monday, July 29 Fee \$30.00

HOUSING

All housing is non-smoking. Please rank your choice of housing (1st, 2nd, etc.). Housing requests will be honored on a first received, first served basis. Reservation form must be received for each roommate. Your reservation will be confirmed only when this form is received in the Christmount Office with deposit. **NO reservations will be made by phone.**

Roommate(s) _____

Do you have difficulty walking? Yes No

Special health needs:

Guest House Motel Rooms

(per person for weekend; linens provided, 2 queen beds)

Beds

- Single \$198
- Double \$ 99
- Triple \$ 66
- Quad \$ 49.50

Group Lodge – 32 Bunk

- (per person for weekend)
- \$52 (with linens)
 - \$42 (without linens)

Davis Hall (half bath in each room; shower

on hall)

2 Watson Cottages (min. 4 people, max. 6; no linens) weekend)
 (per person for weekend)
 (without linens)

\$57

for weekend)

RV Park (per site for up to 2 adults)
 \$28 (without linens)

\$52

linens, min. 3 persons)

Room 1 Double Bed (cost per room for

\$62 (with linens)

\$52

Rooms with Single Beds (cost per person

\$38 (with liner

Cabins (bunk beds, no

\$44

NOT lodging at Christmount; Facility Fee \$17.00 (must be paid)

MEALS

Check with your group and be sure you all sign up for the same meals if you are riding together.

Meal reservations and changes must be made by August 1.

Friday: Supper _____ \$13.50 (FRIDAY SUPPER MUST BE SENT IN WITH FORM. NON-REFUNDABLE)

Saturday: Breakfast _____ \$9.50 Lunch _____ \$11.50 Dinner _____ \$13.50

Sunday: Breakfast _____ \$9.50

___ I am not eating any meals at Christmount.

Special dietary needs:

Make check payable to Christmount. Mail registration form, registration fee, cost for 1/2 weekend lodging and \$13.50 if you plan to eat supper on Friday to:

CHRISTMOUNT

222 FERN WAY

BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC 28711

Phone (828) 669-8970 FAX (828) 669-6301



ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN JUNE 2016

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 144

MONTHLY

Contributions: \$ 16,077
 Expenses: \$ 20,846

YEAR-TO-DATE

Contributions: \$ 107,605
 Expenses: \$ 133,266