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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH!
JULY 31ST – AUGUST 4TH**

**BACKPACK PALS PACKING EVENT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH**

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH**

**BACK PACK PALS PACKING EVENT
"SUMMER STYLE"**

The 2017/18 School Year is right around the corner! Hunger and the need for nutrition never take a vacation. Please help us get our bags ready for the start of the year. We will start with packing 600 bags on **Sunday, August 13th** and continue on the 20th if we have not finished on the 13th - proving – "That where there are few, we can still do the work of many!"

PRAYER MINISTRY GROUP

We are gathering each Tuesday morning in August at 10:30am 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.

CYPRESS GLEN LUNCHEON

The next Dutch-treat luncheon at Cypress Glen will be held on **Thursday, September 14th, at noon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church members residing at Cypress Glen.

Jewelle Boone

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Will not meet in July or August

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Will not meet in July or August

CMF BREAKFAST MEETING

Sunday, August 27th, at 8am – Family Life Center

Salt & Light



“River Day Kick-Off”

WHO: Salt & Light (rising 6th-12th)

WHAT: River Kick-Off

WHEN: Sunday, August 27th

WHERE: Steele's River House

We will leave FCC at 1:00pm and travel to The Steele's River house for an afternoon of boating, swimming, and lots of FUN! We will have an early dinner and return early evening!

More information, contact Dawn Manning @ 252-531-2164 or dawnbm20@yahoo.com

CONTACT NUMBERS WHILE REECE IS ON SABBATICAL (JULY & AUGUST)

Please use these numbers for any emergencies, hospitalizations or important FCC family news:

Church Office: 756-3138

Bryan Averette (Eldership Chair) 902-9065

Brian Hufford (Personnel Chair/Board Chair-Elect) 561-6508

Whit Brown (Official Board Chair) 717-7930



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



"Maker Fun Factory"

Vacation Bible School

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too! We'll help kid's discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life! So bring your imagination and dancing feet for a great week of bible adventures!

WHO: Ages 3 – 5th Grade (There will be a nursery provided for ages 3 and under)

WHEN: July 31st – August 4th

WHERE: FCC Family Life Center

TIME: 5:30 – Dinner 6:00-8:15 – VBS

Registration forms can be found in the narthex, the church office,
or on our church website at www.firstchristiangreenville.org or the
following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/s794hriXsgFhgWQ92>

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

We are getting an early start this year! There is a tub in the narthex for shoebox donations as well as a handout of gift suggestions. Please start shopping the sales. We are planning a Packing Party this fall (more details on that later). These shoeboxes are shipped to needy children around the world. If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks can be made to First Christian Church with "Shoebox Project" on the memo line. You can place these in the offering plate or give to Lee Adams or Marilyn Lee.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

Sunday, August 27th

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



REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS AND VISITS

IN ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/ FACILITIES

Freda Kovalchick, Mardell Remick, Nell Speight, Maggie Smith, Bebe Tripp, & Raye Troutman.

MEMBER / VISITOR CONCERNS

Jason Adams, Brayom Anderson, Dot Baverstock, Muriel Bennett, Sheron Bennett, Bobby Boone, Eleanor Bunting, Dorothy Burkett, Carlton Corbett, Nancy Corbett, Sylvia Corey, Fannie Croom, Lester Everett, Crystal Gardner, Mary Gaylord, Charles Godwin, Bob Gurganus, Wanda Cox Harrington, Robert Hill, Marilyn Lee, Melvin "Big Daddy" Moore, Harold Nau, Virginia Scales, and Brenda Swain.

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

OTHER CONCERNS

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 & Mary & Harold Nau), Elias Belmadani (Donna Whitley and Kacem Sebti's grandson), Ashlynn Bennett (Sheron Bennett's granddaughter), Becky Bundy (Dawn Manning's mother), Angie Byrne (friend of Lana & Chris Warren), Beth Ann Cole (friend of Sandy Steele), Blain Cargile (friend of Deborah Price, brother-in-law of Sandra & Lester Everett), Kristey Coulter (friend of Marsha Griffin), 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), Janie Griffin (Marsha's mother), Mary Edna Haislip (Dynita Gottschall's mother), Luke Haithcock (friend of Lasseter Wooten), Edwin Hall (Jim Hall's father), Jean Hall (Jim Hall's mother), 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, 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), Martha Sheriff (Karen Carraway's cousin), Mary Lee Smart (Wanda Harrington's cousin), Tim Summerlin (Muriel Bennett's son), Todd Swain (Brenda's son), Mindy Tysinger (friend of Mary Marshall Heckstall), Teresa Van Oordt (Sandy Steele's sister) Don Walter (friend of Sally & Howard Wheeler), Stan Walter (Marilyn Lee's brother), 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), Lynn Yarborough (Karen Carraway's cousin) and Jackie Yongue (Bonnie Perkins' niece).

Please keep the following families in your thoughts and prayers:

A.E. "Bud" Cox (Wanda Harrington's uncle) was called to Life Eternal on July 16th. John Tilley (Anne's husband) was called to Life Eternal on Thursday, July 20th.

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 and Pactolus School. We need Backpacks, marbled front composition books, 3-ring binders, notebook paper - college rule and wide rule, pencils, pens, crayons, pencil boxes, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, 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 beginning **Sunday, August 6th through Sunday, August 20th**. This will allow us to get the items to the students before the first day of school - August 28th. Monetary donations (make checks payable to FCC with "Back to School" on the memo line) can also be made and we will do the shopping.

Deborah Price, Outreach Mission Team

A BABY BOY!

John Brian Hufford was born June 28th. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz., 20-1/2" long. Proud grandparents are Mona and Brian Hufford.



September 6th
September 10th

RALLY Night Resumes
Sunday School Kick-off Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE!



The Fine Craft & Art Sale is on the calendar! Please reserve November 10th and 11th for our fun(d)raising weekend event. It takes all of us to make the weekend a success.



ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN JUNE 2017

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 119

MONTHLY

Contributions: \$ 12,682.81
Expenses: \$ 23,196.00

YEAR-TO-DATE

Contributions: \$ 119,811.26
Expenses: \$ 144,098.40