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# The Voice



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**CYF MIDWINTER – CAMP  
CAROLINE  
FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>-7<sup>TH</sup>**

**FCC YARDSALE  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
6:00AM-11:00AM**

**BEAN BAG TOSS TOURNAMENT  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
2:00PM TOURNAMENT**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING  
BIBLE STUDY – 10:30AM  
FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup>**



***ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN DECEMBER 2015***

**AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 188**

**LENTEN LUNCHEONS**  
**FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**  
**5:30PM MEAL**  
**6:30PM SERVICE (SANCTUARY)**

**DWM/CWF SAFETY KITS SERVICE**  
**PROJECT**

The Disciples Women's Ministry/Christian Women's Fellowship of North Carolina request your support in a Service Project of Compassion to provide hygiene necessities for men and women rescued from Human Trafficking situations. Kits will be brought to the Regional Assembly in April and then distributed between Third Street and Eastern NC Stop Human Trafficking of Greenville, NC. Please help by providing any of the following items: bar of soap, wash cloth, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, small hair brush, comb, disposable razor, and life savers. These items can be placed in the box located in the church narthex. Deadline for collection is Sunday, March 13, 2016. If you prefer to donate, checks made payable to CWF and cash can be given to Anne Brewer or Lee Martin Adams. Many thanks for your support.

**REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS AND VISITS**

IN ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/ FACILITIES

Scrappy Proctor, Floyd Read, and Nell Speight

MEMBER / VISITOR CONCERNS

Jason Adams, Dot Baverstock, Muriel Bennett, Muriel Bennett, Sheron Bennett, Bobby Boone, Carlton Corbett, Nancy Corbett, Sylvia Corey, Della Dayson, Elizabeth Deasy, Joanne Ellington, Louis Gaylord, Bob Gurganus, Wanda Cox Harrington, John Heath, Robert Hill, Marilyn Lee, Louise McGinty, Keith Montgomery, Melvin "Big Daddy" Moore, Carrie Oakley, Mardell Remick, Roy Smith, and Raye Troutman.  
India West is 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), Rachel Bixby (friend of Sally Wheeler), 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), Reg Coltrain (friend of the Mannings), Sharon Cox (Wanda Harrington's cousin), Jean Dornemann (friend of Claudy & Reece Jones), Nicole Doty (Marla Harrell's niece), Tara Driver (friend of Wanda Harrington), Jean Eber, (Marla Harrell's mother), Benton Edwards (friend of Marla Harrell), Charles Edwards (Becky Edwards' father), Savannah Ferguson (Sheron Bennett's granddaughter), Charles Griffin (Marsha Griffin's father), Mary Edna Haislip (Dynita Gottschall's mother), Edwin Hall (Jim Hall's father), Marty Harrell (Marla's husband), Ruby Hodges (Joanne Ellington's sister), Meg Lee (David Lee's stepmother; Nicolas Lee's grandmother), Carolyn Marshall (Gladys Chianello's sister), Tina Martin (Michelle Smith's sister), Ann Mays (friend of Carolyn Strother and Donna Diehl), 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), Mitzi Moyer (friend of Dawn Manning), Melissa Nelson (friend of Holly Jefferson), Parker (patient of Lana Warren), Julie Peaden (co-worker of Dawn Manning), Neva Peaden (friend of Lana Warren), Shamus Phillips (Donna Diehl's grandson), Gary Pollard (Lisa Oakley's uncle), 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), Max Scheetz (Donna Diehl's father), Kimberly Schlien (friend of Wanda Harrington), Mary Lee Smart (friend of Dawn Manning), Janet Sneed (Sandra Everett's aunt), 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), Kylie Ward (friend of the Bennetts), William Wood (friend of Marla Harrell), Rex Woolard (Sara Kleinknecht's uncle), and Jackie Yongue (Bonnie Perkins' niece).

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers:  
Roy Smith was called to Life Eternal on January 26<sup>th</sup>  
Betty Lou Howard's brother Harvey Turnage was called to Eternal Life on January 28<sup>th</sup>

## **6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY “SALT & LIGHT”**

February's Sunday Salt & Light will meet on Sunday, February 14th @ 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 and fellowship! See you on February 14<sup>th</sup>!!

**WHO:** All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Youth

**WHAT:** Sunday Night Salt & Light

**WHEN:** Sunday, February 14th @ 5:30pm

**DINNER:** Spaghetti, Salad, Bread and s'mores for dessert

**WHERE:** Stacey & Jeremy Cook 321 Joseph St. Greenville, NC 27858

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

Dawn & Tim Manning

Avis & Stephen Wicher

Karen & Whit Brown

Stacey & Jeremy Cook

Josh Gentry

## **CWF MEETING**

**DATE:** MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2016

**TIME:** 10:30AM

**LOCATION:** Church Parlor

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Amanda Hines

All are invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

## **CYF MIDWINTER CAMP CAROLINE**

**FEBRUARY 5 - 7, 2016**

Registration forms are available in the narthex or from Rev. Josh, Youth Director. This event is for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades.



March 6<sup>th</sup>

Youth Sunday

March 13<sup>th</sup>

Salt & Light Youth Group

March 25<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday Service

March 26<sup>th</sup>

Community Day

March 27<sup>th</sup>

Easter Sunrise Service @ FCC

## **DISCIPLE MEN'S (CMF) BREAKFAST**

We will meet at 8am on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, in the Family Life Center. All men of the church are invited.

## **RALLY NIGHT**

**FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> / 10<sup>TH</sup> / 17<sup>TH</sup> / 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:30PM – SUPPER**

**\$5.00 – ADULTS**

**\$5.00 – CHILDREN 13 YEARS & OLDER**

**\$3.00 – CHILDREN 12 YEARS & YOUNGER**

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>: THERE IS NOW A \$20 LIMIT FOR FAMILIES (IMMEDIATE).**

## **2015 RALLY NIGHT MEAL SIGN-UP**

The January – May 2016 dates are listed on the easel in the narthex. Please sign up to do a meal! Call Sandy Steele (531-5156) or DeLane Knight (714-4091).

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

Hopefully, everyone is off to a good start in the New Year. As I mentioned in the Newsletter last month, a lot of us will make New Year's Resolutions and hopefully, if you did, you are following through and having some success in doing things differently this year. And if you have struggled already keeping your resolutions, don't give up. Keep moving forward, trusting that God will give you the grace and strength you need in order to be successful.

Although the New Year has just begun and we have recently come through Advent and Christmas, it won't be long until the Lenten season begins. In fact, Easter is early this year and Ash Wednesday, which signifies the beginning of Lent, is February 10<sup>th</sup>. So, not long after you receive the February Newsletter, it will be Lent. Every year, I try to provide you with a short introduction to the Lenten season. As you have heard me say in previous years, Lent is a time for us to prepare for Easter through reflection on where we are in our relationship with God and what it is we need to do in order to better live into the commitments we make as followers of Jesus Christ.

One of the ways I try to help you do this is through the sermons that we hear during worship. Last year, we preached through the book of Proverbs and looked at how the wisdom of God speaks to the way we live and treat others. This year, we are in the midst of a sermon series on the parables of Jesus that will take us up through the first part of Lent, and then we will transition into a new series that will lead us up to Easter. I see a discussion of Jesus' parables as a great way to get us thinking about important Lenten questions. In his parables, Jesus sought to teach those who had a heart for his word, to understand better how we live our everyday lives in the light of his life, death and resurrection.

As always is the case, I encourage you take advantage of the worship and study opportunities available during the Lenten season. In addition to Sunday worship, we will have weekly Lenten lunches on Mondays that will feature a different speaker each week. Also, the Wednesday night Bible Study is finishing up the almost two year study on the Gospel of John and as we reach the end, we will be focusing on the last few days of Jesus' life, on his death and on his resurrection. Please take advantage of all these opportunities that are made available in order to help you experience a meaningful Lenten season.

Grace and peace,

Reece

Dear Friends,

The Youth and Children have already started 2016 off on a wonderful foot, with many great things to look forward to, as the year goes on. We are excited for the rest of 2016, as our Youth and Children will continue meeting throughout the year on Wednesdays for Rally Night, as well as the second Sunday in the month with Youth and now Children having activities. Moreover, I am so proud of our youth, as they recently participated in some great mission and outreach at the Third Street Community Center here in Greenville. There are definitely positive outlooks for our journey into 2016! Come Join us!!!

Reverend Josh Gentry  
Youth Minister FCC

*"It is the present living generation that gives character and spirit to the next. Hence the paramount importance of accomplished and energetic teachers in forming the taste the manners and the character of the coming age."*

— Alexander Campbell

## HAVE A HEART! OUTREACH MISSION TEAM

We are collecting items for Riley's Army! They need donations to help to make Care Packs that they give to young people having cancer treatments. We would like to have all donations in by Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a box in the Narthex for you to place the items. Below is a list of items they need for older children. Thank you for helping with this Outreach Project. Many of the items can be found at the Dollar Tree.

We will give the items to Riley's Army on February 15<sup>th</sup> in memory of Georgia Godwin.

Adult Coloring Books, Color pencils, markers, pencil sharpener, word finds, cross word puzzles, books, Deck of Cards, Card games(Uno, Go Fish, etc), Travel Board games, (checkers, chess), Arts & Crafts Kits, Nail Polish, socks, blankets, bright fun pillowcases

# SALT & LIGHT

As we reflect on the first year of “Salt & Light” @ FCC, we are each overcome with so many different emotions. We are thankful that this vision has become a reality and that so many have embraced this chance to further their walk with Christ! We use three different Youth Models that focus on Spiritual Growth, Relationships and Fellowship. Through our monthly meetings, fellowship, outreach and fundraising, we were blessed with some incredible opportunities in 2015! We are looking forward to what 2016 has in store! As a congregation, we challenge you to engage these youth, the future of FCC! They are incredible young people with so many different talents and hearts of servants!

A quick recap of 2015:

- \*\*Monthly Meetings: February, March, April, May, September, October, November & December
- \*\*Message of Easter Trip
- \*\*Community Day Volunteers
- \*\*Youth Sunday
- \*\*Weekend Retreat @ the Albemarle Sound
- \*\*Kayak Kick-off on the Pamlico River
- \*\*Operation In As Much (Stop Hunger Now Rice Bagging)
- \*\*Fall Festival Volunteers
- \*\*Corn Maze
- \*\* Buddy Bench Project in collaboration with our local Girl Scout Troop
- \*\*Served BBQ plates @ the CMF BBQ
- \*\*Christmas Caroling
- \*\*Christmas Family Sponsor
- \*\* Salt & Light T-shirts
- \*\*Fundraisers – Bean Bag Toss, Yard Sale, Spaghetti Luncheon, Potato Bar @ FCAS

Thank you for your continued prayer and support and for allowing us to work with these Youth! And a big Thank You for the many donations that allowed us to do so many awesome things!

In Christian Love-

Dawn & Tim Manning  
Karen & Whit Brown

Josh Gentry

Stacey & Jeremy Cook  
Avis & Stephen Wicher

# 8th ANNUAL BEAN BAG TOSS TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Sunday, February 21st

WHERE: Family Life Center

COST: \$15.00

TIME: 2:00pm

(Sign-Up Begins at 1:30 & Ends @ 1:50)

\*\*\*All proceeds will go to benefit Children & Youth Mission/Evangelism Projects\*\*\*

\*\*Co-Ed Blind Draw Tournament\*\*

\*\*We hope that you will join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship—All Are Welcome\*\*  
Bring a finger food to share!!



## 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 Christ



