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CYF MIDWINTER—CAMP CAROLINE
FEBRUARY 3RD-5TH

HUFFORD-POLLARD WEDDING
3 PM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
RECEPTION FOLLOWING IN FAMILY LIFE
CENTER - ALL ARE INVITED!

CHILDREN'S (PRE-K - 5TH GRADE) LUNCH
AND PJ MOVIE PARTY
NOON-2PM SUNDAY, FEB. 12TH - FLC

YOUTH LOCK-IN
6PM FRIDAY, FEB. 17TH THRU
10AM SATURDAY, FEB. 18TH



Aisha Chahid – came forward during the Hymn of Invitation on January 15th and was baptized on January 22nd.

Mallie Blizzard – was baptized on January 22nd.

Jackson Blizzard – was baptized on January 22nd.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 – 10:30am—Church Parlor
Start or continue a tradition of Fun, Fellowship, and Faith.
Bring a friend!

Donna Whitley will be speaking on the book, How God Changes Your Brain, by Andrew Newberg, M.D.

Cypress Glen Luncheon

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

Jewelle Boone

Prayer Ministry Group

All are invited to attend the Prayer Ministry Group on Tuesday mornings at 9:00am in the Board Room at First Christian Church. We are gathering weekly 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 new ministry of prayer.

RALLY NIGHT DATES

February 1st / 8th / 15th / 22nd

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.

2017 RALLY NIGHT MEAL SIGN-UP

The February – May 2017 dates are listed on the easel in the narthex. Please sign up to do a meal or call the Church Office (756-3138) to get your name/group on the list.

Disciple Men's (CMF) Breakfast

8am Sunday, February 26th – Family Life Center



March 1st

March 3rd – 5th

March 4th

Ash Wednesday Service

Chi Rho Retreat at Camp Caroline

Yard Sale



BRING A FRIEND!

February 12th will be Bring a Friend Sunday! Right before Valentine's Day, give your friend, relative or neighbor a piece of your heart—your church!

Invite them to Sunday school and Church. Share how important God and FCC are to you.

Register them in the narthex and pick up a special name tag for them to wear so everyone can greet them.

Try to arrive early so you can show them around and introduce them to your church family!

Deborah Price, Evangelism Mission Team Chair

It's That Time of Year Again!
The Annual Children & Youth Fundraising

YARD SALE!!!

March 4th! 6am-11am



Start cleaning out your closets, attics, and garages! We will begin accepting donations in the Family Life Center on Sunday, February 19th. If you need assistance bringing your items to the church, please contact Adrienne Fornes (252) 375-7590.

Want to help? We are in need of pricers, set-up, take down, customer assistance, cashiers, and most of all...DONATORS!!

Thank You!

A big "Thank You" to everyone who shared in any part of the Christmas activities, and especially to Peggy Corbitt for the two beautiful new wreaths that graced the building and for refreshing the ribbons on the wreaths on the doors going into the Narthex.

Marla Harrell



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

Freda Kovalchick, Scrappy Proctor, Mardell Remick, Nell Speight, Maggie Smith, Bebe Tripp and Raye Troutman.

MEMBER / VISITOR CONCERNS

Jason Adams, Brayom Anderson, Dot Baverstock, Muriel Bennett, Sheron Bennett, Bobby Boone, Vera Congleton, 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, 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), 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), Ferguson (Sheron Bennett's granddaughter), Lindsey Gardner (Traci Anderson's sister-in-law), Mary Edna Haislip (Dyrita Gottschall's mother), 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), Roy Jarvis (friend of Marsha Griffin), 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), June Montgomery (Keith Montgomery's sister), 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 Schlien (friend of Wanda Harrington), Mary Lee Smart (Wanda Harrington's cousin), Tim Summerlin (Muriel Bennett's son), Mindy Tysinger (friend of Mary Marshall Heckstall), 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), Robin Wooten (friend of Dawn Manning) and Jackie Yongue (Bonnie Perkins' niece).



Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers:

Bonny Feldbush (Leslie's mother) was called to Life Eternal on December 28th.

Christine Campbell (Jennifer Blizzard's grandmother) was called to Life Eternal on December 31st.

Anne Mattox was called to Life Eternal on January 5th.

Nicole Doty (Marla Harrell's niece) was called to Life Eternal on January 18th.

Cliff Edwards was called to Life Eternal on January 19th.

Vera Congleton was called to Life Eternal on January 23rd.

Rick Adams (Ed's son) was called to Life Eternal on January 24th.



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

By now, all of us are into the New Year and I hope that if you made some New Year's resolutions, you are off to a good start. Last month, I encouraged you to include in your resolutions some commitments to church and to your spiritual life. In my effort to help you with that, we began a new sermon series on the five different ways that we celebrate or connect with Jesus. And all of these sermons have revolved around the truth that we are all members of the body of Christ, and we all have a part to play in the life of the church. The first sermon focused on worship and how important it is that we worship together on a regular basis. In fact, worship is the most important thing we do as the church; everything else flows out of corporate worship of God. It is, therefore, important that we are intentional and consistent in our worship.

The second practice or core value we focused on was fellowship. Yes, worship is crucial, but so is finding a smaller fellowship group in the church to connect with. Whether it is Sunday school, or Bible Study, or the prayer group, or CWF or CMF, being part of a smaller group that meets more than just from 10:45 to 12:00 on Sunday morning is vital to our spiritual maturity and growth as disciples. Not only do these groups help us grow spiritually, but they also connect us with other people, they provide a network of support, they allow us to experience the presence of Christ in a special way, and they serve as a gateway into deeper involvement in the life of the congregation.

This coming week, will talk about service. As part of the body, we all have opportunities to use our gifts serving God and serving others. I encourage you to be present for this sermon as it builds on what we have been doing for the last few weeks. As always, the purpose of everything we do is to further the message and ministry of Jesus Christ in the world. That task is not easy, and it requires a lot of individual commitment and hard work; but it also requires the commitment of a larger group, the body of Christ as represented in the people of First Christian Church. Don't ever forget, that each one of us is uniquely qualified and gifted to play our part in the work of God in the world.

Grace and peace,

Reece

LIFE LINE SCREENING

We are pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on **Monday, February 27th**, in our Family Life Center. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to:

1. Blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke
2. Abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta
3. Hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease
4. Atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk
5. A bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers.

NOTE: There are two complimentary screenings available for our church members. Please contact Marilyn in the church office (756-3138).

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ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN DECEMBER 2016

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 183

MONTHLY

Contributions: \$ 51,776
Expenses: \$ 25,623

YEAR-TO-DATE

Contributions: \$ 256,743
Expenses: \$ 263,064