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# The Voice



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## of First Christian Church

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**RALLY NIGHT RESUMES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> – 5:30PM**

**INSTALLATION OF BOARD OFFICERS,  
ELDERS, & DEACONS  
JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> – DURING WORSHIP**

**CHURCH CABINET RETREAT  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>  
10AM - 4PM**



**Carol & Keith Montgomery** – came forward during the Hymn of Invitation on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Your church family welcomes you!

We have also welcomed the following members in 2016:

**Jennifer Blizzard** ☪ **Jereme Blizzard** ☪  
**David Vaughn** ☪ **Dorothy Burkett** ☪ **Cindy Goff**  
☪ **Mike Goff** ☪

### **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 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.**

**MEALS ON WHEELS TRAINING SESSION  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 3PM—CHURCH PARLOR**

Everyone delivering Meals-on-Wheels in 2017 is required to attend this training session. New rules and regulations are going into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jewelle Boone, Outreach Mission Team Chair

**CYPRESS GLEN LUNCHEON**

Please plan to attend the Dutch-treat luncheon at Cypress Glen on **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at noon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church members residing at Cypress Glen.

Jewelle Boone

**RALLY NIGHT RESUMES!**

**JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> / 11<sup>TH</sup> / 18<sup>TH</sup> / 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> MENU: KFC (ORIGINAL & GRILLED) /  
MAC & CHEESE / VEGGIE / BISCUITS / DESSERT**

**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 January – May 2017 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).

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

Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017** – our next meeting.

**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.

**CYF MIDWINTER  
CAMP CAROLINE  
FEBRUARY 3 – 5, 2017**

Registration forms are available in the church office or from the church website [www.firstchristiangreenville.org](http://www.firstchristiangreenville.org). This event is for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

# CHURCH CABINET RETREAT

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> -- 10AM - 4PM

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

MINISTER

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC / ORGANIST / PIANIST

YOUTH DIRECTOR

CHURCH SECRETARY

2016 OFFICIAL BOARD CHAIR

2016 CMF / CYF PRESIDENTS

2016 CWF OFFICIAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

2016 MISSION TEAM CHAIRPERSONS AND CHAIRS-ELECT

2016 CHAIR OF ELDERS

2016 CHAIR OF DEACONS

A Dutch treat lunch (\$4.00) will be served.

### **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, Charles Godwin, Bob Gurganus, Wanda Cox Harrington, John Heath, Robert Hill, Marilyn Lee, Anne Mattox, Melvin "Big Daddy" Moore, and Virginia Scales.

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

#### OTHER CONCERNS

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), Norwood Bradshaw (co-worker of Alysia Bright & Crystal Gardner), 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), 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), Mary Edna Haislip (Dynita 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), 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), Rex Woolard (Sara Kleinknecht's uncle), Robin Wooten (friend of Dawn Manning) and Jackie Yongue (Bonnie Perkins' niece).



### **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



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

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and is looking forward to a Happy New Year. It is unusual for Christmas day and New Year's day to fall on a Sunday, but if you were able to come to church on one or both of those days, you experienced something that only happens once every six to eleven years (it varies depending on leap years). It is hard to believe that another year has gone by and now we find ourselves in 2017.

New Year's is always a time when folks make resolutions and new commitments and, as a pastor, one of my goals is to help encourage you to include church and God in those commitments. In light of that goal, we will begin a new sermon series on the second Sunday in January that will focus on the different ways that we celebrate Jesus. We will reflect on five ways that we do this – worship, fellowship, service, giving and missions. Each one of these aspects of the Christian faith presupposes being a part of local congregation that stresses unity.

I hope you will be present for these sermons and I hope that you will think seriously about beginning the New Year with a renewed commitment to our church and to your Christian journey. We have all sorts of opportunities available to help you do this; Sunday school, Bible studies, RALLY Night and, of course, Sunday worship. Take advantage of what we have here at First Christian Church. Best wishes on 2017.

Grace and peace,

Reece

**Please keep the following families in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Zachary Chahid was called to Life Eternal on December 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Della Dayson was called to Life Eternal on December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Louise McGinty was called to Life Eternal on December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Viola Rogers (Mona Hufford's mother and Brian's mother-in-law) was called to Life Eternal on December 24<sup>th</sup>.**



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> CYF Midwinter Retreat at Camp Caroline

February 27<sup>th</sup> Lifeline Screening – Family Life Center

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Chi Rho Retreat at Camp Caroline

### **BABY SILVERTHORNE**

India West Silverthorne and Stephen Silverthorne are the joyous parents of a baby boy, Brayden Lane, born December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Brayden weighed in at 8 lbs. and is 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Robin and Tim West. Proud great-grandparents are Judy and Billy West and Doris and Doug Reid.

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

January’s Sunday Salt & Light will meet on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, @ 5:30pm at the home of Jennifer and Jereme Blizzard! 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 January 8<sup>th</sup>!

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

WHAT: Sunday Night Salt & Light

WHEN: Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm

DINNER: TBA

WHERE: Jennifer & Jereme Blizzard  
4433 Lagan Circle, Winterville NC 28590

\*\*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



*And I said to the man who  
stood at the gate of the year:  
Give me a Light that I may  
tread safely into the unknown!  
And he replied: Go out into the  
darkness and put thine hand  
into the hand of God. That  
shall be to thee better than light  
and safer than a known way. . .*



Minnie Louise Haskins 1876-1957

This poem was quoted by King George 6<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas 1939.



## ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN NOVEMBER 2016

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 139

### MONTHLY

Contributions: \$ 27,125  
Expenses: \$ 19,447

### YEAR-TO-DATE

Contributions: \$ 204,917  
Expenses: \$ 237,441