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The Voice

of First Christian Church

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**DON'T TAKE A
VACATION
FROM CHURCH**



Graduation Sunday – June 4

PRAYER MINISTRY GROUP

We are gathering each Tuesday in June 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

Please plan to attend the Dutch-treat luncheon at Cypress Glen on **Thursday, June 15th, at noon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church members residing at Cypress Glen. We will not meet in July or August, but will pick back up in September.

Jewelle Boone

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Will not meet in June, July or August

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Will not meet in June, July or August

CMF BREAKFAST MEETING

Will not meet in June or July, but will meet on August 27th

2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY JULY 8-12 – INDIANAPOLIS

REGISTER TODAY AT disciples.org/ga



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



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 19 Mid-Summer RALLY

VBS – MAKER FUN FACTORY JULY 31 – AUGUST 4TH

WHERE KIDS DISCOVER THEY ARE LOVINGLY CRAFTED
BY GOD

Please consider volunteering your time and talents in the weeks preceding VBS and during VBS. It takes many volunteers to make VBS a magical week for the children. More information about how you can help is coming soon!

2017 DISCIPLE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AUGUST 10-13 – WINSTON-SALEM

Registration forms are available in the narthex.

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.



A BIG THANK-YOU!

On behalf of the Salt & Light Youth Group, we would like to say "Thank You" for all of your support for our Outreach Mission project "Out of the Box for Homelessness". Through many generous donations, support and prayer, we had a very successful event. We are truly blessed by each of you and are very thankful for this strong community of faith that we are a part of here at First Christian Church!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH – 3 - 4PM OAKMONT BAPTIST CHURCH 1100 RED BANKS RD.

Have you ever wondered what happens after you pack your Shoebox? V.J. Kenny from the Ukraine will be at Oakmont to tell you how a Shoebox changed his life! **Please see the insert in your bulletin for more details.** RSVP to Lou Crawford by May 30th at 347-5011 or OCCEASTERNNCTEAM@GMAIL.COM.



The following have recently been called to Life Eternal. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers:

Patsy McPherson (friend of Marty & Marla Harrell) – May 13th

Jerry Drum (Alice Quiggins' brother) – May 16th

Nelson Cooper (friend of Seth Brown and Tim Manning) – May 19th

John Heath (Bea's husband) – May 20th

Brenda Brown (Tim Manning's aunt) – May 22nd

REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS AND VISITS

IN ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/ FACILITIES

Freda Kovalchick, Nell Speight, Maggie Smith, Bebe Tripp and Raye Troutman.

MEMBER / VISITOR CONCERNS

Jason Adams, Brayom Anderson, Dot Baverstock, Muriel Bennett, Sheron Bennett, Bobby Boone, Carlton Corbett, Nancy Corbett, Sylvia Corey, Crystal Gardner, Charles Godwin, Bob Gurganus, Wanda Cox Harrington, Robert Hill, Marilyn Lee, Melvin "Big Daddy" Moore, Mardell Remick, Brenda Swain.

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), 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 and 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 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), 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 Harrel), 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 Schlien (friend of Wanda Harrington), 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), 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), Robin Wooten (friend of Dawn Manning) and Jackie Yongue (Bonnie Perkins' niece).

The Mary Eliza Ward Jones Scholarship will be awarded on Sunday, June 4th, here at First Christian Church.

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

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day Weekend. I want to thank Brian Hufford for preaching and leading worship while I was away on vacation. As I said last month, summer is coming and Memorial Day is traditionally the beginning of summer. Once again, I want to remind you to try and stay as connected as you can over the next several months. I know that people will be travelling and enjoying their vacations, but remember, it is important not to forget to stay connected to your church family as well.

This coming Sunday, June 4th, is one of my favorite Sundays of the year. It is Graduation Sunday. This is the day when we recognize those in our congregation who have graduated from high school. This year we have three fantastic young people who are graduating from three different Pitt County high schools – Hannah Rostar from D.H. Conley, Allen Stork from North Pitt and Shelby Jones from J.H. Rose. All three have had stellar academic careers, and will go on to do great things in life. I want to encourage everyone to try to be here this Sunday to support them. Our children are the future of our church, and as a congregation, it is important for us to do all we can to nourish them and support them as they move through life.

Another important event to put on your calendar is Vacation Bible School. Although it is still two months away, the planning will begin soon, and everyone is needed to help get us ready. VBS is one of our most meaningful outreach events every year. While we bring in many of our own children, we also bring in many children from outside our church who have made it a tradition to come to our VBS. It is a great week and one where every single church member from FCC can get involved. Please be in prayer about helping out this year; you may get a call from someone asking you to help, but I want to encourage you to be proactive and volunteer. There are places for you to serve during VBS, and there are ways that you can help us prepare in the weeks leading up to Vacation Bible School.

**Grace and peace,
Reece**

**First Christian Church (DoC), Sunday, June 4th, 2017
Graduation Sunday**

Shelby Claudyne Jones – JH Rose High School
Daughter of Claudy and Reece Jones
Manhattan College

Hannah Elizabeth Rostar - DH Conley High School
Daughter of Lynda and Jimmy Rostar
Campbell University

Allen Forrest Stork – North Pitt High School
Son of Beth Anne and Kurt Stork

Marshall:
Linda MacLaine Jones – DH Conley High School
Daughter of Claudy and Reece Jones

Brice Marie Edwards – Bachelor of Science in Accounting
Magna Cum Laude
North Carolina State University

Ashleigh Wainwright Ware – Masters of Science in Marriage
and Family Therapy with Distinction
East Carolina University

“Out of the Box for Homelessness”

Jackson Blizzard	Hutch Manning
Cameron Bowen	McKinley Manning
Caitlin Brown	Channing Mitchell
Bryson Brown	Jack Nuckolls
Landon Brown	Emma Piner
Turner Cook	Hannah Rostar
Ava Griffin	Matthew Rostar
Dearing Jones	Cooper Smith
Ethan Jones	Dennis Smith
MacLaine Jones	Eason Warren
Gabe Kott	Graham Wicher
Taylor Kott	Hayes Wicher
Nick Lee	

Jennifer & Jereme Blizzard, Karen & Whit Brown, Stacey & Jeremy Cook,
Bernie Kott, Dawn & Tim Manning, Lynda & Jimmy Rostar, Avis & Stephen
Wicher

Thank you FCC! Your unwavering support of Salt & Light is a true
inspiration to everyone involved! Thank you to Zachary Cleghorn and
Michael Galbreath for sharing your uplifting and eye-opening life journeys.

Thank You Bob Williams and the Community Crossroads Center of
Greenville, NC – “We pray that this Outreach can touch someone and
make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate!”

THANK YOU's

Garris Evans Lumber Co.	Jeff Fornes	Lowes Home Improvements
Manning Masonry	David Cox	Academy Sports
DPI/Gabrielle Boyd	Bostic Sugg	Greenville TV & Appliance



ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN APRIL 2017

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 182

MONTHLY

Contributions: \$ 23 473 50

YEAR-TO-DATE

Contributions: \$ 77 063 79

Expenses: \$ 24,610.04

Expenses: \$ 94,464.14