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ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN JANUARY 2016

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 161

168th regional assembly

Christian church (disciples of Christ)in nc
Greenville Convention Center

April 22-24, 2016

Registration deadline is March 31st, 2016

For more information, contact jewelle boone @ (252)752-4422

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Chi rho Spring retreat
CAMP CAROLINE
MARCH 4th-6th

YOUTH SUNDAY @ FCC
MARCH 6TH

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Friday, March 25th @

7:30 PM SANCTUARY

COMMUNITY DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH
10:00am -12:30pm

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE/BREAKFAST
6:30 am @FCC (Prayer Labyrinth)
LENTEN MEDITATION / LUNCH
MARCH 7TH – Mike Goff
MARCH 14TH – Skipper McLawhorn

WEDNESDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY – 10:30am
MARCH 9th & 16th



COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, March 26th
10:00am – 12:30pm

Please plan to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt (beginning at 10:30am), Easter Story, Bingo, Horse & Cart Rides, Bouncy House, Crafts, great food and more surprises! A box will be



located in front of the church office for donations of candy for the eggs, jelly beans(10 bags of traditional colors) and plastic eggs, Please let Christy Reynolds know if you would be willing to make a batch of cupcakes without icing or baked items for bingo prizes.

Christy Reynolds (cwreynolds@gmail.com)

REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS AND VISITS

IN ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/ FACILITIES

Scrappy Proctor 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 and Raye Troutman.

India W. Silverthorne 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), 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), Janie Griffin (Marsha Griffin’s mother), 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 Moye (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:
Floyd Read was called to Life Eternal on Sunday, February 21st.

6th – 12th SUNDAY “SALT & LIGHT”

March's Sunday Salt & Light will meet on Sunday, March 13th @ 5:30pm at the home of Avis & Stephen Wicher! 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 March 13th!!

WHO: All 6th-12th Youth

WHAT: Sunday Night Salt & Light

WHEN: Sunday, March 13th @ 5:30pm

DINNER: TBA

WHERE: Avis & Stephen Wicher 3404 Wyneston Rd. 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

CWF MEETING

DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 14th, 2016

TIME: 10:30AM

LOCATION: Church Parlor

SPEAKER: Sandy Steele

We will also take time to assemble the bags for our Regional Assembly project. Many hands are needed. Feel free to bring supplies. All are invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Until our beloved Marilyn returns in good health, FCC is in need of office volunteers to answer the phone, take messages, and greet people during the morning hours. Please contact Sandy Steele at (252)531-5156 or msteele15@suddenlink.net if you have an extra morning during the week.



April 10th

Salt & Light Youth Group

April 10th

PK-5th ECCATS Party

April 22-24th

Regional Assembly

RALLY NIGHT

MARCH 2ND/9TH/16TH

5:30PM – SUPPER

\$5.00 – ADULTS

\$5.00 – CHILDREN 13 YEARS & OLDER

\$3.00 – CHILDREN 12 YEARS & YOUNGER

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6TH: THERE IS NOW A \$20 LIMIT FOR FAMILIES (IMMEDIATE).

We are in need of volunteers for the March 16 Rally Night meal and for April/May meals. Rally Night has been cancelled for March 23 (Holy Week) and March 30 (spring break).

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

We are now in the middle of the Lenten season and I hope that you are taking advantage of this time to reflect on your spiritual journey and to think about where you are in your relationship with God through Jesus Christ. I am preaching a sermon series on the last words of Jesus, some of the things that Jesus said as he hung on the cross. Last words are important. At our first Lenten lunch, I shared some of the words of some famous people. This list included presidents and actors and sports figures, as well as others. And while they were all different, there were two main types of comments.

The first type was characterized by words from people who see this life as all there is and who believe that what matters is just having fun while you are here. After all, if this is the extent of our existence, then why not do whatever you want. The other type of comments came from people who seemed to understand that our time on this earth is only a small part of our existence; after leaving this world, we go into eternity. Christians believe that those of us who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior go to spend eternity in the presence of God. The last words of people who understand this were words that spoke of helping people, living a good life and being content with what comes next.

The question I asked both at the lunch and during the first sermon in the series was, if you knew this was your last day on earth, what would you say; what would be your last words? The last words of Jesus were words of encouragement, acknowledgement of God's presence and provision, and realization that with his death and resurrection, life would be victorious over

death and evil. Our last words, as well as our everyday words and the lives we live, should be representative of our commitment to God. As we continue the sermon series, we will explore the way in which Jesus' last words did that very thing.

I hope you will continue to be involved in the Lenten activities over the next few weeks. Come to the Lenten lunches on Mondays at 12:00 and be here to worship with us on Sunday. On Easter Sunday, we are beginning a new tradition at FCC. We will have a Sunrise service at 6:00 at the Labyrinth. This will be a yearly service that we hope will develop into a very special tradition for our church.

Grace and peace,

Reece

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.

EASTER LILIES

To decorate the church for Easter, lilies can be purchased in memory or in honor of someone. **Please fill out the form below and turn into the church office by Monday, March 7th (last day to order) with \$12.50 for each plant ordered. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church.**

Person Ordering: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

of plants: _____ x **\$12.50** = Total _____

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