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SALT & LIGHT
OUT OF THE BOX FOR HOMELESSNESS EVENT
5 PM FRIDAY, MAY 6TH – 8AM SATURDAY, MAY
7TH
FRONT LAWN OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

RALLY NIGHT!
MAY 4TH
MAY 11TH
MAY 18TH

CAROLINA QUARTET PERFORMANCE
7 PM SATURDAY, MAY 21ST
FCC SANCTUARY



FCC Children's May Activity

The children of FCC (Pre-K – 5th Grade) will visit the Simply Natural Creamery on **Sunday, May 15th**. We will leave at 3:30 pm and return at

5:30 pm. We will take a hayride and enjoy fresh, local ice cream. If your child plans to attend, please complete the registration using the link: <http://goo.gl/forms/2ERzMgxhVH>. See Adrienne Fornes with questions.

CWF LUNCHEON

Noon – Monday, May 9th, Cypress Glen

Everyone is invited to attend the last CWF Luncheon/Meeting of the CWF year. Cypress Glen will provide a delicious meal for only \$12. We will have a short program and many items of interest. Plan to attend and bring a friend. RSVP to Lee at 756-5787. See you there!

Thank you,
Lee Martin Adams, Circle Leader

CMF BREAKFAST MEETING

Family Life Center

Sunday, May 22nd, at 8am

CYPRESS GLEN LUNCHEON

Please plan to attend the Dutch-treat luncheon at Cypress Glen on **Monday, May 23rd, at noon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church members residing at Cypress Glen.

Jewelle Boone, Outreach Mission Team Chair

BACKPACK PALS THANK-YOU!

Thanks to all who helped with Backpack Pals this school year! Your donations and cash contributions and "packings" were greatly appreciated by the children we serve. Our packing sessions have been speedy and fun. We are making a difference in the classrooms of these children by relieving hunger and fostering a learning environment! You get an A+ See you in the fall!

Brandon, Judy, Sally & Wanda

In Search of Sunday School Teachers

The Christian Education Mission Team is looking for volunteers for Sunday School teachers for the grades K-2 and 3-5 classes beginning in September. The curriculum is developed for you ahead of time and is easy to use. You can choose to teach by grouping weeks, a month at a time, or in a rotation. Please contact Adrienne Fornes at 375-7590 or complete the survey at the link: <http://goo.gl/forms/XEgwRxJxUc>

Adrienne Fornes, Christian Ed Mission Team Chair

CAMP CAROLINE CMF RETREAT

3PM JUNE 3 – 11am JUNE 5, 2016

“Go Ye, therefore and make Disciples of All Nations”

Keynote Speaker: Rev. David Kays Timothy Christian Church, Ayden

Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS AND VISITS

IN ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/ FACILITIES

Scrappy Proctor, Nell Speight, and Maggie Smith

MEMBER / VISITOR CONCERNS

Jason Adams, Brayom Anderson, Dot Baverstock, Muriel Bennett, Sheron Bennett, Bobby Boone, Carlton Corbett, Nancy Corbett, Sylvia Corey, Della Dayson, Grace Eddings, Joanne Ellington, Erv Evans, Louis Gaylord, Bob Gurganus, Wanda Cox Harrington, John Heath, Robert Hill, Margaret Kittrell, Marilyn Lee, Louise McGinty, Melvin "Big Daddy" Moore, Carrie Oakley, Mardell Remick, and Raye Troutman.

Stephen & India West Silverthorne are 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), 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), Cynthia Caracci (Elizabeth Deasy's niece), Norma Casper (friend of Sandra Everett), Reg Coltrain (friend of the Manning's), Kristey Coulter (friend of Marsha Griffin), Sharon Cox (Wanda Harrington's cousin), 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), 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), Dale Harris (Sandra Everett's nephew), Myra Jane Harris (Sandra Everett's sister-in-law), Ruby Hodges (Joanne Ellington's sister), Lewis Keech (friend of Rebecca Chahid), Meg Lee (David Lee's stepmother; Nicolas Lee's grandmother), Carolyn Marshall (Gladys Chianello's sister), Tina Martin (Michelle Smith's sister), 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), Melissa Nelson (friend of Holly Jefferson), Parker (patient of Lana Warren), Julie Peaden (co-worker of Dawn Manning), Neva Peaden (friend of Lana Warren), 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), John Rose (friend of Judy Carlton), Max Scheetz (Donna Diehl's father), Kimberly Schlien (friend of Wanda Harrington), Mary Lee Smart (friend of Dawn Manning), 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), Mindy Tysinger (friend of Mary Marshall Heckstall), Kylie Ward (friend of the Bennetts), Kim Watson (friend of Don & Susan Edwards and Sandy Steele), 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:

Harry Richmond was called to Life Eternal on April 1st.

Billy Nisbet (Margaret Kittrell's brother) was called to Life Eternal on April 10th. Billy was 101 ½ years old.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

Need a Notary Public? I will be happy to notarize for any of our church members, free of charge. I will try to accommodate your schedule on short notice, but it would be helpful to have as much advanced notice as possible. Just call me at 252-714-3773.

Brenda Swain



SAVE THE DATE!

The Fine Craft and Art Sale and Bar-B-Q dates are on the calendar! Please reserve **November 18th** and **19th** for our fun(d)raising weekend events. It takes all of us to make the weekend a success!

Sally Wheeler & Judy Clark

Save the date!

Mid-Summer RALLY – July 13th

5:30-7:30 pm

We will have a meal and whole group activities.

More information to come!



Coming August 1-5, 2016

VBS –

CAVE QUEST –

AUG. 1ST -5TH

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!

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

As we navigate our way through the Easter season, we are in the midst of a sermon series that helps us think about how we can live and be more like Jesus. As our resurrected savior and Lord, Jesus is also our model for how to live and to treat others. So, we are trying to see things through his eyes and understand better how we can be like him. Up to this point, we have talked about three aspects of Jesus' life.

First, focus; Jesus came into this world to save the lost and to bring light into a world of darkness. And in order to accomplish his mission, he had to stay focused. And he did; he never wavered or got off track and as a result, he was able to say on the cross, just before he died, "It is finished." We too have a mission; our mission is to share the good news of the Gospel with the people we come into contact with and just like Jesus, in order to do that, we have to stay focused. So, what is our focus? We learn something about that in Philippians 3:10, where Paul tells us what his focus was. He said, this one thing I do, I want to know Christ and to experience the power of his resurrection in my life. That's our focus; to know Christ and the power of his resurrection in our lives. And if we stay focused on that, we can be effective witnesses of the Gospel and we can be more like Jesus.

Second, honesty; Jesus always told the truth, even when it was hard. He never exaggerated, or embellished the truth, he never shaded the truth or withheld the truth, and he never even told a little white lie to get himself out of jam. We do all of those things. Telling the truth, even though we like to think that we are honest people, is something we struggle with. But our goal, if we want to be more like Jesus, is to be more honest and to tell the truth even when it hurts and even when it leads to consequences. One of the things I told you in the sermon on honesty, is that eventually, the truth will come out and the consequences we face when that happens far outweigh the consequences that come when we just come clean on our own.

Third, forgiveness; forgiveness is essential in any relationship. And Jesus showed us the way to live forgiveness in our lives. He taught us that true forgiveness is to forgive people before they know they need it or ask for it or seek it. And then in John 13, he showed us what that looks like when he washed the disciples feet and told them that even though they were messy and stinky and grimy and muddy, he loved them unconditionally and would forgive them for all their faults. And then, he commanded them, and us to go out and do the same thing.

Over the next few weeks, we will continue to think about how we can become more like Jesus and how seeing life and other people through his eyes, makes a difference in how we live out our commitment as God's people in the world.

Grace and peace, **Reece**



Graduation Sunday – June 5

Are you or your child graduating from high school or college? Please notify the church office with the following information:

- Name
- School graduating
- Post –secondary plans, for high school students, if applicable
- Degree, for college graduates

Or complete the form at the following website:
<http://goo.gl/forms/Vv5WUbS0ZF>

IT IS TIME FOR CAMP!!!

The Outreach Mission Team is asking for donations to help send 4 deserving children to Camp Agape at Camp Caroline this summer. These 4 children are from Pactolus School. The fee for each child is \$200. We will use any extra money to purchase bath towels, a beach towel and personal grooming items for each child.

We will take them to camp and also go and pick them up.

You can send your donation into the office or put it in the offering plate - be sure to indicate that the money is for Camp Agape. We will need these donations in by the end of May.

Thank you for being so supportive in the past as I know you will again this year.

Outreach Mission Team

What if the Roof over your head... was made of Cardboard?



“Out of the Box for Homelessness”

WHO: Salt & Light Youth

WHEN: Friday, May 6th @ 5pm – Saturday, May 7th @ 8am

WHERE: First Christian Church front Lawn

WHY: To raise money & Awareness for Homelessness

How To Help:

**Sponsor a Youth! Join us! Make any Donation!
(See a Salt & Light member for details)**

Please consider joining forces with the Youth of FCC as we raise awareness and money for the homeless! Donations can be any amount, no donation is too small! Please see a Youth if you are interested in being a sponsor! We appreciate any and all support of this important outreach! 100% of our monies raised will go to support the Greenville Community Shelter!

Upon the Youth's arrival, they will take their three items that they have been allowed to bring with them and begin to assemble their cardboard box home for the night. They will decorate their boxes and each box will contain one fact about homelessness in the US. They will be fed a meal of soup, sandwiches, water and protein bars. Bob Williams, executive director of the Community Shelter will be speaking to the group at 7pm along with a former homeless person. We will have

fire pits, music and different activities for the Youth throughout the night – mainly a lot of fellowship time!

We are extremely proud of these Youth and all that they have accomplished and will continue to accomplish! They have hearts of servants and are a true blessing to work with!

Checks can be made payable to “First Christian Church” with “Out of the Box-Homelessness” on the memo line.



ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN MARCH 2016

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 192	
MONTHLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
Contributions: \$ 16,413.86	Contributions: \$ 53,256.58
Expenses: \$ 24,834.12	Expenses: \$ 67,049.47