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**SALT & LIGHT
OUT OF THE BOX FOR HOMELESSNESS
EVENT
5:30 PM FRIDAY, MAY 5TH – 8AM
SATURDAY, MAY 6TH
FRONT LAWN OF FIRST CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

**RALLY NIGHT!
MAY 3RD
10TH
17TH**

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 – 10:30am—Church Parlor
Program: Jeanette's Vision by Jeanette Whitehurst
Please join us for Faith, Fun, and Fellowship and an
opportunity to catch the vision. Bring a friend!**

**RALLY NIGHT DATES
MAY 3RD / 10TH / 17TH
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.**

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



“Out of the Box for Homelessness”

WHO: Salt & Light Youth

WHEN: Friday, May 5th @ 5:30pm – Saturday, May 6th @ 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 Community Crossroads Center!

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. We have two speakers lined up for the evening:

Michael Brandon and Zach Cleghorn – both formerly homeless We will have a prayer service at our labyrinth, 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!



Sunday, May 21st, 2017 Salt & Light will be volunteering @ the Exceptional Community Baseball League (ECBL) from 3pm-6pm. This will be a great afternoon of service and fun with some of our favorite FCC members!

REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS AND VISITS

IN ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/ FACILITIES

John Heath, Freda Kovalchick, Maggie Smith, Nell Speight, 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, John Heath, Robert Hill, Marilyn Lee, Melvin "Big Daddy" Moore, Mardell Remick, 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), 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), 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), Savannah Ferguson (Sheron Bennett's granddaughter), Lindsey Gardner (Traci Anderson's sister-in-law), Mary Edna Haislip (Dynita Gottschall's mother), Luke Haithcock (friend of Lasseter Wooten), 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), 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), 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 Schlienz (friend of Wanda Harrington), Mary Lee Smart (Wanda Harrington's cousin), Tim Summerlin (Muriel Bennett's son), Mindy Tysinger (friend of Mary Marshall Heckstall), 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).

Grandpa Brown (Seth Brown's grandfather) was called to Life Eternal on April 17th. Please keep the Brown family in your thoughts and prayers.

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

I can't believe that we have come through the Lenten season and now find ourselves in the midst of Easter. Yes, Easter is a season, not just one day. It is known as Eastertide and will end of Pentecost Sunday, June the 4th. As I have alluded to over the last several weeks, I do hope that you were able, during the Lenten season, to make some new commitments and to think about ways that you can grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. But if you didn't, it is never too late to start.

If you are like me, you probably have a tendency sometimes to put things off till tomorrow. But, if you are like me, you have also discovered that the more you put things off, the less chance you have of ever doing them. So, even though Lent is over, it is not too late to either take on or give up something that will help you be a better Christian. Perhaps one of the things we can all do is reflect on how fear can get in the way of our ministry. Last week, we started a new sermon series dealing with some of the fears that do that very thing. Last week we looked at the fear of rejection; this week we will discuss the fear failure, and next week the fear of the future, which can include the fear of death. As I said last week, there is a normal element of fear that comes with being human;

but when fear becomes the consuming aspect of our life, it can cause all kinds of problems.

I hope you will make an effort to be present for these sermons, and I hope you will make an effort to be present in worship moving forward as we begin the summer. Traditionally, in every congregation that I have been a part of, as a member or as a pastor, there has been a drop-off in attendance. And that makes sense. The weather is warmer, the children are out of school, and it is the vacation time of year. But I want to encourage you not to just take the summer off from church. When you think about three months, and the way not being involved in church for three months can affect your spiritual life, it becomes apparent that being gone all summer can make a difference. So, stay connected, stay involved and stay in touch.

**Grace and peace,
Reece**



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



ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN MARCH 2017

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 152

MONTHLY

Contributions: \$ 14,763.95
Expenses: \$ 25,655.39

YEAR-TO-DATE

Contributions: \$ 53,590.29
Expenses: \$ 69,854.10