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Please remember to turn your clocks back
one hour before retiring on Saturday night,
November 5th!

FINE CRAFT & ART SALE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
10AM-7PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
10AM-3PM

CMF CHICKEN BAR-B-Q
SAT. NOVEMBER 19TH – 11AM-2PM

HANGING OF THE GREENS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
5:30PM – SUPPER
7:00PM – SERVICE



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016

10:30 AM, CHURCH PARLOR

PROGRAM: Mary Alice Yarbrough

**GREAT FRIENDS, GREAT FELLOWSHIP,
GREAT PROGRAM!**

DISCIPLE MEN'S (CMF) BREAKFAST

We will not meet in November or December. Please mark your
calendar for **Sunday, January 22nd, 2017** – our next meeting.

BELK CHARITY DAY SALE!
SATURDAY, NOV. 5TH, 6AM -10AM

Please purchase your ticket for this event. It's only \$5.00 and you will receive \$5.00 off your first purchase! Our church keeps all the proceeds from presold tickets. Please see Marilyn for your ticket.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
11 A.M. – 2 P.M. \$8 PER PLATE
Benefiting Operations and Missions of FCC

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, Jerry Clark, Vera Congleton, Carlton Corbett, Nancy Corbett, Sylvia Corey, Della Dayson, Charles Godwin, Bob Gurganus, Wanda Cox Harrington, John Heath, Robert Hill, Holly Jefferson, Marilyn Lee, Louise McGinty, 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), Francis Bell (friend of Howard & Marilyn Lee), 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), 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), 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), 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), 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), Max Scheetz (Donna Diehl's father), Kimberly Schlienz (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), Aubrey Wooten (DeLane Knight's uncle), Robin Wooten (friend of Dawn Manning) and Jackie Yongue (Bonnie Perkins' niece).

Joanne Ellington was called to Life Eternal on October 3rd.

Jim Rostar (friend of the Mannings, father of Jimmy Rostar) was called to Life Eternal on October 8th.

It's coming...our 9th Annual



November 18 - 19, 2016
Friday, 10 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Original, Handmade Fine Craft and Art Items
Jewelry, Glass, Ceramics, Wood, Fabric
Bakery and Gourmet Foods
Fudge
Brunswick Stew
Wonderful Holiday Gifts!

Friday & Saturday - Light Breakfast
Friday - Lunch and Supper

Saturday - Chicken BBQ Plates - \$8

Bring your Friends, Eat and Shop!

6TH – 12TH SUNDAY “SALT & LIGHT”

November's Sunday Salt & Light will meet on Sunday, November 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 & fellowship! See you on November 13th!!

WHO: All 6th-12th Youth

WHAT: Sunday Night Salt & Light

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

DINNER: TBA

WHERE: Avis & Stephen Wicher -- 3404 Wyneston Rd., Greenville

****If you need transportation, please let us know – don't miss out****

Dawn & Tim Manning

Karen & Whit Brown

Jennifer & Jereme Blizzard

Avis & Stephen Wicher

Stacey & Jeremy Cook

Emma Brothers

SAVE THE DATE!

Following worship on **Sunday, November 27th**, we will hold a Backpack Pals packing event. Food will be bagged for the 60 students at Elmhurst Elementary School. Please plan to help!

Brandon, Judy, Sally & Wanda

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

As we enter into the holiday season, we also enter into one of the most important times of the Christian year – Advent and Christmas. Since this is a time of year when we seem to be a bit more sensitive to our worship life, I thought it would be appropriate to share with you something that I have been thinking about and that our Worship Mission Team discussed at their last meeting.

One of the aspects of our Sunday morning worship is the Passing of the Peace. Congregations from different denominations, who practice a more reverent and formal type of worship, usually include this as part of their weekly worship. This is an ancient practice that, although simple in nature, has profound theological implications. When we extend our hand to another person and speak words like, peace be with you, we are identifying with Jesus, who extended peace to the point that it led to his own death and in the process made peace with humanity.

Recently, in a Wednesday night Bible study, the way in which we as a congregation include the Passing of the Peace in our worship came up. There were a lot of people who offered their thoughts, but one of the things that was consistent with them all was the belief that this is something that needs to be done with a bit more reverence than the way we currently do it. After bringing these suggestions to the Worship Mission Team, they unanimously agreed. So, what does this mean practically?

One thing it doesn't mean is that we should stop being friendly. It doesn't mean that there is anything wrong with saying hello to the people around you. But it does mean that the Passing of the Peace is something that should be done with those around you rather than using it as an opportunity to go to the other end of the sanctuary to say hello to a person you haven't seen since the previous Sunday. We do recognize that fellowship is an important part of our worship, and we are thinking about options to provide more organized ways either before or after worship do that.

Ultimately, it comes down to the kind of worship we are fostering at First Christian Church. We are more formal, and that is what draws most of the people who come to worship with us. Worship starts when the pastor first comes to pulpit and doesn't end until the benediction. In between, everything we do should support our worship style and substance, and I, along with the Worship Mission Team and many of our congregation, agrees that the suggestions provided here are the best way to accomplish that goal. Thanks for being a vital part of First Christian Church.

Grace and peace, *Reece*

OUTREACH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes are due **Sunday, November 13, 2016**. Please tape a label on each box indicating boy or girl and appropriate age. Be sure to include a check for \$7 per box for shipping. If you want to track your box, follow the directions given on the brochure. This is the last year that candy and toothpaste can be included. Thank you for supporting this project and providing hope and love for a child.

Lee Martin Adams, Outreach Mission Team

VISIONING CONFERENCE CALL FOR NC DISCIPLES WOMEN

Tuesday, November 1st – 7:00pm

Saturday, November 12 – 9:00am

DWM Conference Call Number: 605-475-4350

Access Code: 7115252

This call will focus on DWM/CWF plans for 2017 in an effort to enhance each woman's experience in worship, study, service, outreach, and fellowship. This call is for ALL Disciples Women. Call in and help us prayerfully navigate our future!

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.

CYPRESS GLEN LUNCHEON

Please plan to attend the Dutch-treat luncheon at Cypress Glen on **Thursday, November 17th at noon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church members residing at Cypress Glen.
Jewelle Boone, Outreach Mission Team Chair

RALLY NIGHT DATES!

NOVEMBER 2ND

NOVEMBER 9TH

NOVEMBER 16TH

NO RALLY ON NOVEMBER 23RD (Thanksgiving week)

NOVEMBER 30TH



“WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.”

WINSTON CHURCHILL

If you have not already done so, please return your 2017 pledge card to the church by
November 6th.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?
With Branches of cedar, the tree of royalty and
With wreaths & garlands of pine & fir, whose leaves are ever living

After worship on **Sunday, November 20th**, we need your help to prepare for this year's Advent season. We have jobs for all: fluffers of wreaths, garland & bows; hanging of wreaths; sorting of Chrismons; carriers of boxes; preparing the tree.

Worship Mission Team

HONOR (CHRISTMAS) CARDS

will soon be available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or in the church office during the weekdays. Cards are \$5.00/ea. or 5 for \$20. All proceeds benefit the Community Crossroads Shelter.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The 2016 Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 4th, following the worship service.** The agenda items will be the approval of the 2017 Operating budget and the election of church officers for 2017.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH . . .

- **Operation Christmas Child – Shoeboxes are due Sunday, November 13th.** These are easy and fun to do. Please see the detailed article in this newsletter.
- **Christmas Tag Tree** will be up by Sunday, November 20th. These gifts will go to Pactolus School students and participants of the Creative Living Center. Each tag will list the name of the recipient on the back along with three or four gift suggestions. Please purchase ALL gifts listed. Fill out the perforated bottom portion of the tag and leave in the box. We need to know who took the tags. **The gifts need to be back to the church by Sunday, December 11th.** If you do not want to shop, give the tag and money (for Pactolus gifts) to Deborah Price.
- **Gifts for the 145 Foster Children in Pitt County** (Foster Children’s Holiday Cheer Fund) can be placed in the big box in the Narthex (**new, unwrapped gifts**) beginning November 6th. **The gifts are due back to the church by Sunday, December 11th.**
- **Community Crossroads Shelter Honor (Christmas) cards** are available for sale in the Narthex or the church office. All proceeds will directly benefit the Community Crossroads Shelter (formerly Greenville Community Shelter). \$5/each or 5 cards for \$20.
- **Food Bank of Eastern and Central North Carolina** – please place your nonperishable food items in the big basket in the Narthex.
- Last, but not least: **Hope Lodge** – Some of the needs are: waterless hand sanitizer, 23 watt light bulbs, white copy paper, WHITE bath and hand towels, white washcloths, individually wrapped snacks, hand soap in pump bottles, WHITE twin sheet sets, Clorox wipes, phone cards, canned goods. As always, there is a need for toilet paper, WHITE dishtowels, napkins, paper towels, plastic knives, forks and spoons, WHITE twin blankets, Zip-lock bags – all sizes as well as grocery/gas/pharmacy gift card, restaurant gift cards and Bingo prizes.

I am sure there is something on this list you can bring to church and put in the big bucket in the narthex to help with this project.

Deborah Price and Jewelle Boone, Outreach Mission Team



- December 4TH – Annual Congregational Meeting following church
- December 11TH – Cantata during Worship
- December 14TH – RALLY Night Christmas Party
- December 24th – Christmas Eve Service – 5:30pm



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



2016 Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be purchased to decorate the church for Advent. They may be given in honor or in memory of someone.

Please complete this form and turn into the church office by **Sunday, November 20th**. **Checks can be made payable to FCC.**

Person Ordering: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

of plants: _____ x \$10.00 = Total _____

Mail to: First Christian Church P.O. Box 2366, Greenville NC 27836-0366

I will be e-mailing you under separate cover Marla's Baked Goods solicitation write-up that appears in the hard copy of the newsletter.



ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN SEPTEMBER 2016

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 122

MONTHLY		YEAR-TO-DATE	
Contributions:	\$ 30,390	Contributions:	\$ 173,830
Expenses:	\$ 21,006	Expenses:	\$ 194,587



Calling all Bakers and Candy Makers at First Christian Church Greenville!!!



I NEED YOU!

As has happened over the past couple of years I will be reaching out to you to ask you to bake or make something to be sold at our Bake Sale to be held at the Fine Craft and Art Sale on the weekend of November 18th and 19th.

Please prayerfully consider what you enjoy making and would be happy to contribute to our sale. I'll be placing phone calls to people starting at the beginning of the month. OR if you'd like to reach out to me and let me know what you're willing to provide, I'd be delighted to hear from you.

Please give me a call at 252-916-4109 or shoot me an email at mjh11505@embarqmail.com. I'll even send you an email or letter reminding you of what you promised me the week before the actual sale.

In my experience as the Bake Sale coordinator for the past couple of years I've found that certain items sell really well. So here are some ideas of what we could use:

Individual slices of cake	Individual "tarts" (any flavor)	Fruit Pies
Cut out cookies	"Puppy Chow"	Rice Krispy Treats
Brownies	Individual sized loaves of bread (banana nut, pumpkin, etc.)	Different varieties of cupcakes
Layer Cakes	Gingerbread cookies	Pumpkin Pies
Bundt Cakes	Chocolate Chip Cookies	Sweet Potato Pies

Thanks in advance for helping us with this worthwhile and fun fundraiser for the church and I look forward to speaking to you soon!



THE BAKE SALE LADY— Marla Harrell

