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RALLY NIGHT!
OCTOBER 5TH, 12TH, 19TH AND 26TH

CHURCH WORKDAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH – 9AM - UNTIL

HOMECOMING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

OPERATION INASMUCH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
8:30AM-BREAKFAST
OUTREACH ACTIVITIES WILL FOLLOW MEAL

HOOKERTON DISTRICT UNION MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH – 6:15PM
AT HOOKER MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

TRUNK OR TREAT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH – 4-6PM
CHURCH WORKDAY
COFFEE & DONUTS WILL GREET YOU!

The Property Mission Team is planning a church workday on **Saturday, October 8th, beginning at 9am** and going until we complete the projects. Areas where we will be working are the kitchen, storage room in FLC, pressure washing the sidewalks, putting pine straw out front, and raking stones in the back. We need as many volunteers as possible to pitch-in. Please mark **October 8th, 9am** on your calendar!

Jason Arnold, Property Mission Team Chair

CYPRESS GLEN LUNCHEON

Please plan to attend the Dutch-treat luncheon at Cypress Glen on **Thursday, October 20th, at noon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church members residing at Cypress Glen.

Jewelle Boone, Outreach Mission Team Chair



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016

10:30 AM, CHURCH PARLOR

SPEAKER: REV. ELIZABETH DEASY

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL LADIES

DON'T BE AFRAID TO INVITE A FRIEND!

REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS AND VISITS

IN ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/ FACILITIES

Joanne Ellington, Freda Kovalchick, Scrappy Proctor, Nell Speight, Maggie Smith, and Bebe Tripp

MEMBER / VISITOR CONCERNS

Jason Adams, Brayom Anderson, Dot Baverstock, Muriel Bennett, Sheron Bennett, Bobby Boone, 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, Mardell Remick, Virginia Scales 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), Val Barnhart (Marla Harrell's sister), 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), 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), 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), Jim Rostar (friend of Dawn & Tim Manning; father of Jimmy Rostar), Max Scheetz (Donna Diehl's father), Kimberly Schlien (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), and Jackie Yongue (Bonnie Perkins' niece)

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers:

Eugene Bleiler (Kurt Stork's uncle) was called to Life Eternal on September 14th. Grace Eddings was called to Life Eternal on September 16th.

Margaret Kittrell was called to Life Eternal on September 24th.

ANONYMOUS GIFT

An anonymous gift of 4 additional hearing devices has been given to the church. These are very much appreciated during our worship service. See Bob Gurganus if you need one.

We would also like to thank Bob for monitoring the sound booth. He gives freely of his time and talents. Please thank Bob personally when you see him.

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

I am excited that we have gotten our new Sunday school year off to a good start. So, far, our classes have been well attended. Mike Goff's new class has attracted quite a few new folks and continues to have great attendance. In addition to Mike's class, I lead a class for parents who have children at home, and Brian Hufford continues to lead the Fellowship class, which meets in the Board room. I want to encourage all of our members to consider coming and trying out one of these classes. We learn so much from one another in a Sunday school setting as we study the Bible together and listen to each other's stories and experiences. The same could be said for our Bible Studies. On Wednesday morning, we meet in the parlor to study the Gospel of John, and on Wednesday night we meet and study the book of Acts. Please come and try it out. I think you will enjoy it and benefit greatly from being in fellowship with other church members as we try to discern what God is saying to us in the Bible.

During worship on Sunday mornings, we have been thinking together about what is one of our core values – people invite other people to come to church. This discussion has led us so far to think about the importance of seeing people and listening, listening to others and listening to the voice of God. We will be talking in future weeks about inviting and welcoming people. This is also the time when we begin our stewardship campaign for the year. I know that people shy away from talking about money in church, but stewardship includes so much more than just giving money; it is just as much about how we give of our time, our gifts and presence. And when we have a view of stewardship that involves all aspects of our lives, it does make it a little easier to think about the financial aspects. This coming week, October 2, the sermon will focus on three biblical principles about money that God provides us with in order to help us develop a better understanding of stewardship and finances. I hope you will be here for that.

We really do have a lot going on at FCC. But in order to take advantage of what we have, you have to be present. I want to encourage everyone to be present, not just on Sunday mornings, but for all the other things we have going on – Sunday school and Bible study, the upcoming Trunk or Treat, the prayer group that meets on Tuesday mornings, the Fine Craft and Art Sale, Operation Inasmuch and everything else we have available. Being involved and being present is what enables us to live out our core values and God's call in our lives.

Grace and peace,

Reece

6TH – 12TH SUNDAY “SALT & LIGHT”

October's Sunday Salt & Light will meet on Sunday, October 9th, @ 5:30pm at the home of Karen & Whit Brown! 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 October 9th!!

WHO: All 6th-12th Youth

WHAT: Sunday Night Salt & Light

WHEN: Sunday, September 11th @ 5:30pm

DINNER: TBA

WHERE: Karen & Whit Brown 726 Butterfly Ct., Winterville NC

****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

CMF Breakfast Meeting

Our next Disciples Men (CMF) meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 23rd, at 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.** Come enjoy breakfast and that special FCC fellowship.

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Please join us for Trunk or Treat, **Sunday, October 30th, 4-6 pm.** There will be games for the whole family, FCC dessert walk, fabulous trunks with treats, and a hotdog dinner with those famous fried Oreos. Admission is 3 canned goods to be donated to the Food Bank. Hope to see you there!

If you would like to donate a baked good for the FCC dessert walk, please contact Christy Reynolds at 252-367-6644 or cwreynolds@gmail.com). We are looking for a variety of items: cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, cupcakes, or breads. Please package cupcakes, brownies, and cookies in smaller quantities, 6-8 on a plate or bag. Thank you in advance for your delicious donations!

Christy Reynolds
Evangelism Mission Team Chair



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! All proceeds will go toward Outreach to assist with the church budget.

Sally Wheeler & Judy Clark

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.

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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



OUTREACH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Children throughout the world long to know that they are loved. First Christian Church is joining with churches from eight different countries to provide over 9 million shoeboxes for boys and girls in more than one hundred countries through "Operation Christmas Child" sponsored by Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse.

To participate, please get a copy of "How to pack your shoebox gift" brochure from the shoebox table in the Narthex on **Sunday, OCTOBER 23, 2016**. After that, pack a box by following these five steps:

1. **Shoebox.** Use a standard size shoebox or a shoebox size plastic container. Wrap the top and the bottom of the box separately. Pre-printed boxes are not available this year.
2. **Boy or Girl?** Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. **Cut the appropriate label** from the brochure. **Mark** the correct age. **TAPE** the label on the top of your box.
3. **Fill with gifts.** Use the Gift Suggestions List.
4. **Donation.** Use the donation envelope attached to the brochure to include **\$7** to help cover shipping and other costs. If you pay online, you can follow your box to its final destination. Use www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.
5. **Return** your filled box by **Sunday, November 13, 2016**. Place these on the shoebox table.

In addition, please pray for the success of this project. If you would like to volunteer to help at the local level at Oakmont Church during November 14-21, 2016, please contact Oakmont.

Thank you for sharing the power and heart of God by showing love to a child. This year marks 23 years of sharing God's Greatest Gift.

Lee Martin Adams, Outreach Mission Team

HOMEcoming 2016

Homecoming is just around the corner! It is **Sunday, October 16th**, so please mark your calendars. Now is the time to get ready to invite friends and family and prepare to enjoy this wonderful time of church fellowship at FCC. Please do your part to make this a Homecoming to remember!

Membership Mission Team



November 12 th	Greenville Brushstrokes Art Show – FLC
November 13 th	Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due
November 17 th	Cypress Glen Luncheon
November 18 th -19 th	Fine Craft and Art Sale and Bar-B-Q



**First Christian Church – Grifton NC
Holiday Bazaar**

Saturday, November 5, 2016

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

**Crafts, Baked Goods, Holiday Décor and Lots
More**

**Hot sausage biscuits and coffee will be for sale
Free admission**

**To rent a table for \$25 or if you have questions,
contact Vicki Kennedy at
252-524-4798**



ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN AUGUST 2016

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 149

MONTHLY

Contributions: \$ 18,549
Expenses: \$ 21,951

YEAR-TO-DATE

Contributions: \$ 143,440
Expenses: \$ 173,426