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**MID-SUMMER RALLY NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH – 5:30PM**

**HOOKER DISTRICT UNION MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 27TH AT 6:15PM
RED OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH!**

JULY 31ST – AUGUST 4TH

PRAYER MINISTRY GROUP

We are gathering each Tuesday in July at 10:30am (except July 4th) in the Board room 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 ministry of prayer.

CYPRESS GLEN LUNCHEON

The next Dutch-treat luncheon at Cypress Glen will be held on **Thursday, September 14th, at noon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church members residing at Cypress Glen.

Jewelle Boone

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Will not meet in July or August

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Will not meet in July or August

CMF BREAKFAST MEETING

Will not meet in July, but will meet on August 27th



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



A BABY GIRL!

Carys Lily Warren was born Monday, June 5th. Her parents are Lana and Chris. Her big sister is Madison and her big brother is Rhys. As Lana said, "We couldn't be more in love with our sweet girl."

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Van will leave our parking lot at 5:30pm.

RSVP to our church office (756-3138) by Monday, July 24th.



2017 DISCIPLE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

AUGUST 10-13 – WINSTON-SALEM

Registration forms are available in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Fine Craft & Art Sale is on the calendar! Please reserve November 10th and 11th for our

fun(d)raising weekend event. It takes all of us to make the weekend a success.





Tiffany and Mark Turner – came forward on April 30th.
They have two precious children: Emily –
5 years old and Evan – 2 years old.

Morgan Miller – came forward on June 4th. Morgan was
baptized on June 18th.

Katherine Norris and John Bazzle – came forward
on June 4th.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

We are getting an early start this year! There is a tub in the narthex for shoebox donations as well as a handout of gift suggestions. Please start shopping the sales. We are planning a Packing Party this fall (more details on that later). These shoeboxes are shipped to needy children around the world. If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks can be made to First Christian Church with “Shoebox Project” on the memo line. You can place these in the offering plate or give to Lee Adams or Marilyn Lee.

NEW PEWS AND PEW CUSHIONS

In her will, Mable G. Turnage (Betty Lou Howard’s mother) provided the funds for the six new pews and pew cushions. These are given in memory of her husband, Harvey W. Turnage and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Galloway.

CONTACT NUMBERS WHILE REECE IS ON SABBATICAL (JULY & AUGUST)

Please use these numbers for any emergencies, hospitalizations or important FCC family news:

Church Office: 756-3138

Bryan Averette (Eldership Chair) 902-9065

Brian Hufford (Personnel Chair/Board Chair-Elect) 561-6508

Whit Brown (Official Board Chair) 717-7930

REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS AND VISITS

IN ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/ FACILITIES

Freda Kovalchick, Nell Speight, Maggie Smith, Bebe Tripp and Raye Troutman.

MEMBER / VISITOR CONCERNS

Jason Adams, Brayom Anderson, Dot Baverstock, Muriel Bennett, Sheron Bennett, Bobby Boone, Eleanor Bunting, Dorothy Burkett, Carlton Corbett, Nancy Corbett, Sylvia Corey, Fannie Croom, Lester Everett, Crystal Gardner, Mary Gaylord, Charles Godwin, Bob Gurganus, Wanda Cox Harrington, Robert Hill, Marilyn Lee, Melvin “Big Daddy” Moore, Mardell Remick, Virginia Scales, and Brenda Swain.

Stephen & India West Silverthorne are serving in the U.S. Army at Ft. Bragg, NC.

OTHER CONCERNS

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), Becky Bundy (Dawn Manning’s mother), Angie Byrne (friend of Lana & Chris Warren), Beth Ann Cole (friend of Sandy Steele), Blain Cargile (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), Janie Griffin (Marsha’s mother), Mary Edna Haislip (Dynita Gottschall’s mother), Luke Haithcock (friend of Lasseter Wooten), Edwin Hall (Jim Hall’s father), Jean Hall (Jim Hall’s mother), 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, Tina Martin (Michelle Smith's sister), Steve Milligan (friend of Marla Harrell), 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), Martha Sheriff (Karen Carraway's cousin), Mary Lee Smart (Wanda Harrington's cousin), Tim Summerlin (Muriel Bennett's son), Todd Swain (Brenda's son), Mindy Tysinger (friend of Mary Marshall Heckstall), Teresa Van Oordt (Sandy Steele's sister) 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), Lynn Yarborough (Karen Carraway's cousin) and Jackie Yongue (Bonnie Perkins' niece).

MARY ELIZA WARD JONES SCHOLARSHIP

The Mary Eliza Ward Jones Scholarship was awarded on Sunday, June 4th, to Hannah Rostar who will be attending Campbell University this fall.

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

As most of you know, I will begin a two-month sabbatical on July 1. I wanted to provide everyone in the congregation a copy of the letter that was sent to the General Board so that you can be fully informed about what I is happening. I look forward to returning in September.

Thank you for the opportunity to take my sabbatical during the months of July and August. As of July 1, I will have completed almost five and a half years of ministry at First Christian Church, Greenville, years that have been a blessing to my family and me. When I was called here in March of 2012, one of the agreements was that I would be given a two-month sabbatical after 5 years of service. While there is never a perfect time to do this, our Personnel Committee determined that the best time would be during the summer when there is less going on at church. During this time, Mike Goff will be leading worship on Sunday and preaching; and the elders will be responsible for pastoral care issues. I look forward to this two-month time of rest and renewal.

The following are my goals for my two months away:

- **Professional:** time to read in the area of church growth and evangelism (within the context of the mainline church); time to visit other congregations on Sunday and speak with other pastors to see what they are doing to attract and add new members.
- **Spiritual:** time to attend worship in various congregations without the responsibility of leadership; time to focus on my own spiritual life without the constant responsibility that comes from being spiritually responsible for others.
- **Personal:** time to spend with my spouse and family; time to travel visiting extended family or other places; time to do projects around the house; time to simply rest and renew, free from church responsibilities.

During the sabbatical, I will be released from all responsibilities in the church except in the event of a member's death. In that case, I would return to conduct the funeral.

Again, thank you for this opportunity.

Grace and peace,
Reece



“Maker Fun Factory”

Vacation Bible School At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too! We'll help kid's discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life! So bring your imagination and dancing feet for a great week of bible adventures!

WHO: Ages 3 – 5th Grade (There will be a nursery provided for ages 3 and under)

WHEN: July 31st – August 4th

WHERE: FCC Family Life Center

TIME: 5:30 – Dinner 6:00-8:15 – VBS

Registration forms can be found in the narthex, the church office,
or on our church website at www.firstchristiangreenville.org or the
following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/s794hriXsgFhgWQ92>



ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN MAY 2017

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 116

MONTHLY

Contributions: \$ 18,480.66
Expenses: \$ 26,393.36

YEAR-TO-DATE

Contributions: \$ 97,128.45
Expenses: \$ 120,902.40