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**CHI-RHO RETREAT @ CAMP CAROLINE
OCTOBER 6TH – 8TH**

**CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS TAKEN
BY APPOINTMENT
OCTOBER 10TH – OCTOBER 14TH**

**HOMECOMING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
LUNCHEON FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**OPERATION INASMUCH BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH @ 8:30AM**

**HOOKERTON DISTRICT MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH – 6:15PM
PROCTOR MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**TRUNK OR TREAT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH – 4-6PM**



Sandra Warren came forward during the Hymn of Invitation on September 24th. Welcome, Sandra!

PRAYER MINISTRY GROUP

Please join each Tuesday morning in October at 10:30am 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.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
10:30AM – CHURCH PARLOR
OCTOBER 11TH/OCTOBER 18TH /OCTOBER 24TH**

RALLY Night – OCTOBER 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH



We will have Bible studies for grades K-2nd, 3rd – 5th, and 6th – 12th. We will also have an adult Bible study led by Rev. Reece Jones.

Dinner will be served at 6:00pm.

Spiritual activities begin at 6:45pm.

Choir rehearsal at 6:45pm.

CYPRESS GLEN LUNCHEON

Please plan to attend the Dutch-treat luncheon at Cypress Glen on **Thursday, October 19TH, at noon**. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church members residing at Cypress Glen.

Jewelle Boone

CMF BREAKFAST MEETING

Our next Disciples Men (CMF) meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 22nd, at 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center**. Come enjoy breakfast and that special FCC fellowship.

Brian Hufford, CMF President

6th – 12th Sunday “Salt & Light”

October's Sunday Salt & Light will meet, **October 8th @ 5:30pm** at First Christian Church in the FLC! 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 and fellowship! See you tonight!

WHO: All 6th-12th Youth

WHAT: Sunday Night Salt & Light

WHEN: Sunday, October 8th @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

DINNER: TBA

WHERE: First Christian Church (Family Life Center)

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

Dawn & Tim Manning

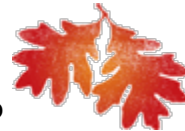
Stacey & Jeremy Cook

Karen & Whit Brown

Jennifer & Jereme Blizzard



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017

10:30 AM, CHURCH PARLOR

DON'T BE AFRAID OF A NEW EXPERIENCE

Program: Care Mission with Jeanette

Caution: Faith, Fun, and Fellowship available to all.

BACKPACK PALS

We have been serving children in need from Elmhurst Elementary with our Backpack Pals outreach for six years. We have heard from the Guidance Counselor the positive impact this program has had in the children's school behavior and attendance. Twelve small snacks can transform a restless hungry child into a child ready to listen and learn.

Please consider a monetary donation dedicated to Backpack Pals - our pooled resources do make a difference! Checks can be made payable to FCC with "Backpack Pals" on the memo line. Thank you!

OUTREACH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Children throughout the world long to know that they are loved. First Christian Church is joining with churches from many countries to provide over 12 million shoeboxes for boys and girls in more than 100 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 15, 2017**. 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 cardboard boxes are available this year. In addition, Samaritan's Purse has made new, sturdy "official boxes." Marilyn has purchased a few of these. They are available for sale at **\$2.25** each and are located in her office on the Samaritan's Purse bookcase.
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.
Do not pack liquids, candy, or toothpaste.
4. **Donation.** Use the donation envelope attached to the brochure to include **\$9** 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 12, 2017**. Place these on the shoebox table.

Other options:

You can purchase gift items and place them in the appropriate box in the narthex. You can also donate cash to Marilyn or Lee to be used to cover the cost of shipping or for shoebox items.

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 13-19, 2017, please contact Oakmont at 756-1245.

Thank you for sharing the power and heart of God by showing love to a child. This year marks 24 years of sharing God's Greatest Gift.

Lee Martin Adams, Outreach Mission Team



- November 4th Belk Charity Day Sale – 6am-10am
November 5th Salt & Light Fundraiser—FLC
November 10th-11th Fine Craft and Art Sale



- November 19th Committee of 144 Luncheon
November 26 Soup Supper, then Hanging of the Greens

CAMP CAROLINE WORK-DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 8AM–3PM

Lunch is provided as well as snacks and water throughout the day. Please call Jane at 946-8840 or Casey to let us know how many will be attending.

2017 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We will begin this year's Stewardship Campaign, *Journey to Generosity*, on Sunday, October 1st, with a Stewardship Moment and a sermon by Reece. Pledge cards will be available following the service or mailed to those who are not present. Stewardship moments will continue on October 8th and October 15th. We are asking that pledge cards be returned by Wednesday, October 18th, either by mail or by placing them in the offering plate on a Sunday morning. Thank you!

Tom Gottschall

KNITTING GROUP AT FCC

Some church members have expressed an interest in learning to knit. Elizabeth Deasy will facilitate a knitting class beginning in October. Both beginner and experienced knitters are welcome.

The first meeting is Friday, October 6th, 6:30-8:30pm. All are most welcome.



Children's Fellowship Group First Christian Church DOC Greenville, NC

Radiate Children's Fellowship (Pre-K thru 5th grade) will meet on October 8th from 3-5:30pm at Briley's Farm. We will enjoy a hay ride, visiting the animals, and enjoying the various activities available on the farm. The cost of the Radiate children to participate will be covered by the church.

Check your email to RSVP.

Please plan ahead: Radiate Children's Fellowship will gather the 2nd Sunday of each month for fellowship and outreach. Mark your calendars as your children will not want to miss these exciting events!

Next up: November 12th: Holiday Outreach Project 12-2pm in the FLC.

TRUNK OR TREAT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH 4:00 – 6:00PM

Dear Church Family,

We are gearing up for Trunk or Treat! We need your help!

We need:

1. Volunteers to do trunks --- they can be anything from scary to a beach scene or a whale! Provide candy at your trunk.
2. Donate candy and cupcakes for cake walk.
3. Volunteer to run a booth or activity.
4. Work in the kitchen.
5. Bring friends and neighbors.

Please see me ASAP to sign up! This is a Fun Day for all!

Deborah Price, Evangelism Mission Team Chair

It's coming...our 10th Annual



November 10 - 11, 2017
Friday, 9:30 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Saturday, 9:30 a.m. — 2 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, Lunch

Bring your Friends, Eat and Shop!

***To pre-order Brunswick Stew, call Melrose Moore at 902-5190.**

\$4/pint \$8/quart

WORSHIP & WONDER STORYTELLER TRAINING

Calling all congregation members who want to “get involved” with our younger children. **A Worship and Wonder Storyteller training session is being held at Hooker Memorial Christian Church on Friday, November 17th (5-9pm) & Saturday, November 18th (9am-5pm). We must have a minimum of two people sign up.**

The cost is \$120 for Early Bird Deadline of November 3, 2017. Please note: Our church will reimburse half the fee (\$60) for those who register by November 3rd.

The cost is \$150 after Early Bird Deadline.

If this is something that YOU would be interested in, please type this address into your internet browser.

<http://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/cww-training-schedule>

Scroll down to Hooker Memorial Christian Church and click on online or mail

Note: FCC will provide the required book for the first two Early Bird registrants.

Who are the trainers leading these events?

Children Worship & Wonder Trainers have completed training in Young Children and Worship and most are also certified Godly Play storytellers. They have participated in Children Worship & Wonder Training of Trainer events conducted by staff of Disciples Home Missions.

All trainers are experienced storytellers and have helped to set up at least one Children's Worship Center in a local church.

What will the training involve?

You will learn the theological rationale behind Children Worship & Wonder and develop a basic understanding of the approach. You will see the story telling and other components of the worship service demonstrated.

You will receive help in developing your own story telling skills and have opportunities to practice telling stories and leading other parts of the children's service of worship. You will learn ways to involve other

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adults in children's worship and receive help in setting-up a children's worship center for your church.

Requirements

Note: FCC will provide this book for the first two Early Bird registrants (a \$30 value).

You must purchase the book Young Children and Worship by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome W. Berryman, and bring it with you to each session. The book can be ordered from Worship Woodworks, (888) 689-6757, www.worshipwoodworks.com. You can also order the book through many commercial bookstores. In order to participate in the training you will need to read at least the introduction of Young Children and Worship. In order to do Children Worship & Wonder, it is good to have at least 2 people in your congregation receive the training.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of participating in this meaningful training to help guide the younger children in our congregation.

Marla Harrell, Worship Mission Team Chair



Heads up and Shout out for Help!



It's that time of year again and the Worship Mission Team would like to give you all the dates of upcoming events in the life of the church, so you'll have plenty of notice and be able to plan your schedules accordingly:



Hanging of the Greens (and the soup supper that precedes it) - Sunday, November 26th

The Christmas Cantata will take place during Worship on Sunday, December 17th

We will have BOTH our regular Sunday Worship Service AND our traditional Christmas Eve Service on Sunday, December 24th

We also are asking for people to prayerfully consider becoming members of the Worship Mission Team. We lost 2 key members of our team when Kurt & Beth Anne Stork moved to Pennsylvania this summer and would love to have at least a couple of people join our team. There are so many ways to get involved! Won't you please join us?

Marla Harrell, Worship Mission Team Chair

REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS AND VISITS

IN ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/ FACILITIES

Eleanor Bunting, Freda Kovalchick, Mardell Remick, Nell Speight, Maggie Smith, Bebe Tripp and Raye Troutman.

MEMBER / VISITOR CONCERNS

Jason Adams, Brayom Anderson, Dot Baverstock, John Bazzle, Muriel Bennett, Sheron Bennett, Bobby Boone, Dorothy Burkett, Carlton Corbett, Nancy Corbett, Sylvia Corey, Fannie Croom, Lester Everett, Crystal Gardner, Charles Godwin, Bob Gurganus, Wanda Cox Harrington, Howard Lee, Marilyn Lee, 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), 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 & 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), Kristey Coulter (friend of Marsha Griffin), Ed Diehl (Donna Diehl's husband), Carolyn Driver (friend of Wanda Harrington), Benton Edwards (friend of Marla Harrell), Tom Feldbush (Leslie's father), Savannah Ferguson (Sheron Bennett's granddaughter), Lindsey Gardner (Traci Anderson's sister-in-law), Warren Goff (Dawn Manning's grandfather), 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), 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), , 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), Stan Walter (Marilyn Lee's brother), Kylie Ward (friend of the Bennetts), Billy West (Tim's father & Robin's father-in-law), Zach White (D.H. Conley student), Irene Wicher (Stephen Wicher's mother), William Wood (friend of Marla Harrell), Caleb Woodley (friend of Nicholas Lee), Lynn Yarborough (Karen Carraway's cousin) and Jackie Yongue (Bonnie Perkins' niece).

Blain Cargile (friend of Deborah Price, brother-in-law of Lester Everett) was called to Life Eternal on Wednesday, September 20th. Please keep these families in your prayers.

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

I hope everyone has gotten off to a good start with our new church year. Traditionally the beginning of September is the time when all our programs get back in gear. We have Rally Night every Wednesday which includes Bible Study for adults as well as activities for the children and youth. We also have a Wednesday morning Bible Study at 10:30 which has really taken off this year. We are having the largest numbers of participants that we have had. I would encourage you to try it out. And, then, of course, Sunday school has started back as well. We have worked hard to provide as many options for both adults

and youth as we can. I want to encourage you, if you haven't already done so, to take advantage of the opportunities.

This is also the time of year when we enter into a time of discernment concerning stewardship opportunities in our church. When people hear the word stewardship, the first thing that comes to mind for a lot of folks is money. Oh no, they are going to spend three or four weeks asking me to give money to the church. In one sense, that is true. This is the time of year when we ask folks to think and pray about how God would have them support the church financially. Giving financially is a sign that one is trying to be obedient to God's will in their lives. But, at the same time, stewardship has to do with giving of one's time, talents and presence. To talk about stewardship and leave those things out would be inconsistent with the Biblical understanding of giving.

So, I want to encourage everyone over the next few weeks to think about how they can give to this congregation. Think about the financial aspect of that; in fact, every church member will receive a pledge card that will allow them to make a yearlong commitment to the church. That is important, because our budget is based on the amount of financial support we expect to come from the budget. But also use this time to think about how you can give of yourself. Think about places of service that interest you and that are consistent with your gifts. And make some commitments about your presence in church. So much of our growth as Christians is connected to how often we gather together with other believers in worship, Bible study and fellowship.

Grace and peace,
Reece



ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN AUGUST 2017

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 92

MONTHLY		YEAR-TO-DATE	
Contributions:	\$ 23,729	Contributions:	\$ 167,564
Expenses:	\$ 26,429	Expenses:	\$ 193,963