

NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

JUNE 1, 2016

PRAYER REQUEST

The Leslie Sandefur Family, The Family of Carol Evans (Woody's Sister), John Roth, Nicholas Fansmith, Tom Gaffney, Wanda Doleshall, Jean Hunt, Ken Wahlmeier, Jim Brown, Jeff Henson, James L., Andre McCartney, Ray Carter, Steve Lyons, Grant Haffner, Jim Bailey, Sabrina, Dorthea, Selma Devich, George Tuttle, Katrina Palen's husband, Charles Brackett, Bob Maroni, Robert, Lauren Brown, Beverly Burke, Nancy Cappi, Nancy Tappe, Charlie, Gary Phillips, Louie, Sandra Polk, Jerry Sheets, Brenda, Jake Crouch, Margaret Pruet, Kevin Dunphy, Brittany Riley (Eliza's granddaughter in Abu Dhabi), Lynn Robinson, Joan Stuckart, Nicole Brackett (Ray Cook's granddaughter-in-law), Mike Kler, Clara Benfield, Sally Clayton, Dot Rucker, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Zack and Paige Herron (Campus Ministries in Philippines), Susan and Michael Wargo, Connie Moomjy and always remember to pray for your Church Family, Pastor Sotello and Dee Long, our Christian brothers and sisters who are traveling, all those in our public safety services, military services and our country's leaders.

A FATHER'S DAY REFLECTION – FROM PASTOR

It's been a year and a half since my dad passed. I remember his love for my mother, my sisters and I. He made sure that he fulfilled his role to provide for the family. I still hear his baritone voice resonating with the words..."I love you son!"

Dad was also passionate about baseball. He played as a teenager in the Negro Baseball League with the Birmingham Black Barons. I recall some of the stories of his experiences. He played with the likes of Charlie Pride, yes, the famous country singer and with the great baseball pitcher, Satchel Page. Dad was one of the few batters to at least hit a foul ball off of "Satch" – before striking out!

Father's Day offers us an opportunity to give thanks and appreciation for our fathers, dads and father figures who positively influenced our lives. Do take the time to participate in some remembrance of your father or a significant father figure during the month – especially on Father's Day!

*What can you say to someone who has always been
One of the most essential parts of your world
Someone who took you by the hand when you were little
and helped to show you the way?*

*What do you say to someone who stood by to help you grow
Providing love strength and support
So you could become the person you are today?*

*What can you say to let him know that he's the best there is
And that you hope you've inherited some of his
wisdom and strength?*

*What words would you say if you ever got the chance?
Maybe you just say, I love you Dad
And hope he understands.*

"I love you, Dad!"

TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND

Written by Janet Morris

I'm writing to tell you about my friend Leslie Sandefur, a long time and devoted member of First Christian Church. Those who got to know Leslie will remember this "warm fire" person, that person you could be close to and you would feel loved and cared about.

She served many positions in the Church: Secretary of the Board, outstanding leader of the Disciple Women's Fellowship and choir member. The position she took most serious was that of being an Elder. Serving at the table, Leslie offered beautiful and meaningful prayers. She prayed for and visited the sick. She fulfilled her duties as an Elder by not only "talking the talk but walking the walk."

The world lost a wonderful person, we lost a good friend and the Church lost a dedicated person. However, those of us who knew and remember Leslie are blessed. May the Lord bless us and keep us until we are reunited with Leslie and all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT: A.E.D. DEMONSTRATION

Pat Wilson (certified by the National Safety Council) has graciously agreed to show us how to operate the Church's AED (Automated External Defibrillator). There will be a showing (not a class) of how to use the AED on June 22nd, 2016, at 2:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that all of us at least know how to use the AED. All the Congregation should attend this demonstration!!!!!!!

SOUTHEASTERN CHILDREN'S HOME

Mark your calendar! On Sunday, August 28th at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary, Robert Kimberly, Exec. Director of SECH, will be sharing with us an updated program concerning The Southeastern Children's Home. The last time Mr. Kimberly spoke to us, the program was extremely informative and moving in regards to their services to help distressed children and families. Often the children have never experienced the normalcy of a family life.

JUNE 12, 2016 CARRY-IN MEAL

DWF will be sponsoring a Pie and Bake Auction during our June Carry-In. Donations of baked goods will be gladly accepted for the Auction. Proceeds will be donated to The Center for African American History, Arts and Culture (Black History Museum) here in Aiken. Bring your check books and be prepared to give generously!!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall, Mondays and Fridays at 9-10 AM and Thursdays at 5:30 PM
DWF Meeting Thursday, June 2, at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall
Disciple Women Leadership Conf., June 3-4 at Poplar Hill CC, Cross, SC
DMF Meeting, Saturday, June 11, at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall
Carry-In Meal, Sunday, June 12, following Worship Service
FCC Elders Meeting, Tuesday, June 14, at 5:15 PM in Pastor's Office
Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 14, at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice on Thursdays, 3:30 PM in Sanctuary

ACTS is requesting donations of peanut butter for the month of June. Please leave your donation in the Church Office. Thank you for your support.

