

NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

May 1, 2016

PRAYER REQUEST

The Roy McNichols' Family, Tom Gaffney, The David Bjorneboe Family, Elsie Smith, Emma Grace Maroni, Andre McCartney, Ray Carter, Steve Lyons, Grant Haffner, Jim Bailey, Sabrinia, Dorteia, Selma Devich, Milton Summerall, George Tuttle, Katrina Palen's husband, John Roth, Charles Brackett, Bob Maroni, Robert, Lauren Brown, Carol Evans (Woody's sister), Stan Selby, Reverend John Townsend, Beverly Burke, Nancy Cappi, Nancy Tappe, Arnie Saunders, Charlie, Gary Phillips, Al Budnick, Louie, Sandra Polk, Jerry Sheets, Brenda, Jake Crouch, Ryan Durant and Family, L. Wayne Stuart, Margaret Pruet, Hillman Family (granddaughter, husband and great-grandson of Wanda Doleshall), 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, Jean Hunt, Sally Clayton, Leslie Sandefur, Dot Rucker, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Zack and Paige Herron (Campus Ministries in Philippines), Jill Malone, 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.

PRAYING FOR YOU!

(John 17:20-21) and is, right now, interceding for you (Romans 8:33-34) with the prayers of the God's people who are praying for you! So pray for one another and pray for me! There is power in prayer!

*"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."* (John 17:20-21)

*Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who I am praying for you. Best of all. Jesus prayed for you while in the flesh here on earth then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.* (Romans 8:33-34)

Let this song be our prayer for all who God lays on our hearts to pray for!

**May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You!**

*May the good Lord bless and keep you whether near or far away  
May you find that long awaited golden day today  
May your troubles all be small ones and your fortunes ten times ten  
May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again  
May you walk with sunlight shining and a bluebird in every tree  
May there be a silver lining back on every cloud you see  
Fill your dreams with sweet tomorrows never mind what might have been  
May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again*  
[Songwriters: FREDERICK VAUGHN © Universal Music Publishing]

Pastor Sotello Long

"A SECOND WIND" PENTECOSTAL SPECIAL OFFERING – MAY 15 , 2016

Pentecost celebrates the birthday of the Church. A Second Wind of the Holy Spirit works through you and other Disciples to keep the new church movement on course. To celebrate, 10% of our undesignated offering on May 15<sup>th</sup> will be donated to the Christian Church (DOC) Pentecost Special Offering. We will no longer be inserting the special donation envelopes in the bulletin, but you will still find the flyer that explains the offering. The Pentecost offering has been designated to be used "toward starting 1,000 new churches in 1,000 ways."

### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

The Aiken "Pray for America, National Day of Prayer" celebration will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016, from 12-1 PM at the City of Aiken Municipal Building (Prayer session only). On the same day, 6:45-8 PM at H. Odell Weeks Center, there will be prayer, scripture, music, and singing. For more information, call 803-640-6489.

### **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

First Christian Church (DOC) has been invited to participate in Aiken's Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 12 pm. Any Veterans that would like to ride in the Parade to represent FCC, please contact Judee Mitchell.

### **WOMEN'S DISCOVERY RETREAT JUNE 3-5**

Women's Discovery Retreat will be held June 3-5, 2016, at Christmount. Renae Brame will be the keynote speaker on the theme "Enjoying God Every Day." Details for the event are posted on the Christmount Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

### **JOSHUA MESSICK & FRIENDS**

Joshua Messick will be performing at AECOM Center for the Performing Arts, located at 126 Newberry Street, Aiken, SC on May 13, 7pm.

Joshua Messick, a resident of Asheville, NC, is a National Hammered Dulcimer Champion and has established himself as one of the nation's leading hammered dulcimer artists. Creativity flows with dynamic passion as he weaves progressive, cinematic stylings & modern techniques into traditional melodies, original compositions and powerful improvisations. He will appear with guest artists Donna McClary-Derrick, James Kylen, and Ryan Knott (Percussion & Cello).

For advance tickets call 803-648-1438 or visit [www.aikenplayhouse.us](http://www.aikenplayhouse.us). Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$20 at the door, students \$12, and children (12 and under) \$10.

### **MAY CARRY-IN MEAL**

The May carry-in has been moved to May 15<sup>th</sup>, following the Worship Service. Please mark your calendars.

### **PLEASE CONSIDER**

We have received a donation of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) which is located in the Fellowship Hall. This machine is used during life threatening cardiac emergencies. It is to everyone's advantage to know how to use it. We are blessed to have Pat Wilson (certified by the National Safety Council) who is willing to conduct demonstrations and teach us how to react in an emergency until first responders arrive. Please let Caroline know if you are interested in attending a demonstration.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall, Mondays and Fridays at 9-10 AM and Thursdays at 5:30 PM  
DWF Meeting Thursday, May 5, at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall  
National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 5  
Choir Practice on Thursdays, 3:30 PM in Sanctuary  
FCC Elders Meeting, Tuesday, May 10, at 5:15 PM in Pastor's Office  
Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 10, at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall  
DMF Meeting, Saturday, May 14, at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall  
Regional Church Board Meeting, Saturday May 14, 10 AM, New Hope CC, Burton, SC  
Carry-In Meal, Sunday, May 15, following Worship Service

ACTS is requesting donations of jelly for the month of May. Please leave your donation in the Church Office. Thank you for your support.

