

## NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

MAY 1, 201

### PRAYER REQUEST

Eliza Cave, Jennifer Curry, Laura and Alec Lee, Lea Jones, Susan, Tim, Clovis Summers & Family, Penny Childers, Rena Mae Hedeman, Jim Baily, Sally Donovan, Andrea & Rex Lutz, Genny & George Fansmith, Shan Ochrenyk, Susan Poster Ullmann, Mildred Ellis, Helen Ozment, Mary Ann Mitchell, Natalie Lawrence and Family, Mary Wilkenson Family, John Roth and Family, Margaret Logan, Sabrina, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Ray Cook & Family, Wanda Doleshall, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Connie Moomjy, Clara Benfield, Sally Clayton, 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, our military services and our country's leaders.

### WELCOME GOD'S "GIFT" OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Halleluiah! Jesus is risen and ascended to heaven where He ever lives to make intercession for the saints – His brothers and sisters in Christ! Who are Jesus brothers and sisters? We who believe the Jesus is the Son of God and receive him as Lord. He has given us the greatest gift in all the world - the gift of the Holy Spirit to abide in our hearts. The Holy Spirit is in us to lead and guide us in the God-kind of life! Jesus said to the gathered disciples after His resurrection, *“Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’*” Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? If so, give God thanks and spend time listening to what the Holy Spirit says to your heart. If not, say to the Lord, I receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thank God for the precious gift! Come to worship and listen to the recordings of the upcoming post-resurrection messages on the Holy Spirit! If you miss a message, you can hear it on our website at [www.firstchristian-aiken.org](http://www.firstchristian-aiken.org)

God's love,  
Pastor Sotello Long

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPOTLIGHT

Our General Assembly in Indianapolis July 8-12, 2017 will feature the election of the nominee for General Minister and President. Teresa (Terri) Hord Owens is the dean of students at the University of Chicago Divinity School and pastors First Christian Church, Downers Grove, IL.

### WELCOME TO NEW FCC MEMBERS

Since our last Newsletter, we have welcomed into our Congregation, Earnestine Goggans and Keshia Bery. Earnestine joined on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and Keshia Bery was baptized and joined on Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. What a joyous time it is to have these two wonderful ladies become members of First Christian Church (DOC).

Paula Jones, who joined our Church January 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be baptized on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We always look forward to such a meaningful experience.

## **DISCIPLES WOMEN FELLOWSHIP (DWF) TEA**

**Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall**

The DWF will be hosting a Tea for ALL the women of the Church. Please plan to attend and bring your own favorite tea cup or coffee mug. If you have any questions, please contact Elsie Smith or Judee Mitchell.

### **“THANK YOU”**

Paul Wilson shared with the Wounded Warrior organization and our Church, proceeds from the sale of his jewelry. The jewelry he makes has been enjoyed and worn by many, around the country. We greatly appreciate Paul's work.

Buzzy Cheadle prepared and served a meal and presented the program for the District 3 Disciples Men Fellowship Meeting, held at our Church on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>. The menu and program elicited rave reviews.

Linda Honeycutt has been producing our weekly bulletins. For this we are very grateful and appreciative.

Don Pruett is very faithful in his weekly preparation of the Communion, preparing the Sanctuary for our Worship Service and the cleaning of the sidewalks. We appreciate your devotion to these tasks.

Earnestine Goggans made our Easter experience special with her contribution of a variety of muffins, cake and specially packaged Easter candy for our “Fellowship 15” experience.

### **GAME NIGHT AT FCC**

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall**

We are looking forward to gathering for this event. Snacks will be served and a variety of games will be played. If you have a game you would like to play, please bring it with you and be prepared to explain it to others. We are expecting to have fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Jones.

### **“FELLOWSHIP 15”**

**Sunday Mornings, 10:35 to 10:50 AM in the Fellowship Hall**

Come to Church on Sunday mornings a little early and join in fellowship with some refreshments. This is a good time to get to meet and catch up with someone you may not have been able to talk with in a while. On Carry-In Sundays, due to a lack of space, refreshments will not be available, but the fellowship can still occur.

## **MAY CARRY-IN**

Our May Carry-In has been changed to Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> (third Sunday of May) because Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday. Hope to see you on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **CHURCH OFFICE**

The Church Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have a special need, please call Frances Finfrock or leave a message on the Church phone which will be checked daily.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

DWF Meeting, Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in Fellowship Hall  
DWF Tea, Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm in Fellowship Hall  
SC Regional Board Meeting, Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in FCC Sanctuary  
Board Meeting, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm at Millie Clark's Home  
DMF Meeting, Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8am in Fellowship Hall  
Game Night, Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall  
Carry-In, Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, in Fellowship Hall, following Worship Service,  
Crafting Group meets every Thursday at 10am in Classroom 1  
Choir Practice, Thursdays at 4 pm in Sanctuary  
Tai Chi, Thursdays, at 4:30pm and 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall  
General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), July 8-12,  
Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN

Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS) donation for the month of May is soup. Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!