

## NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

JULY 1, 2017

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Earnestine Goggans, Clay Backus, Family of Lula Haney, DeMorris Gbadebo, Pat Wilson, Barbara & Richard McKnight, Bryan Riley, Allene Riley, Don Cone, Jim Bailey, Theresa Munroe, Eileen Snow, Robin Brooks, Lisa Cottongim, Vernon Giddings, Persons attending the General Assembly, Laura and Alec Lee, Helen Ozment, Mary Ann Mitchell, Tom Harmon, Natalie Lawrence and Family, John Roth and Family, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Ray Cook, Judy Ledford, 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.

### NEWS FROM THE PASTOR

I write as I prepare to travel to NC for our family reunion June 30 – July 1. We are hosting the reunion and I give props to my retired mother, Ella; my “school principal in training” niece, Latoyha and her husband, Demetrise; my wonderful wife, Dee; and especially the “prime minister” coordinating the reunion, my sister, Cynthia and her husband Rafael! This is our family reunion on my father, Carl Long’s side of the family. It is the Woodard Family Reunion which includes the following branches: Boulware; Griffin; Mayfield; Mays; McCoy; and Woodard. My family is in the Griffin line.

Pray for us as Dee and I along with Eliza Cave and Jim and Judee Mitchell will participate in the gathering of our larger church family at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indianapolis, IN. Look forward to hearing our highlights when we return with first-hand accounts of the hopeful confirmation of our new General Minister and President, Teresa “Terri” Hord Owens and other insightful news.

May you enjoy the fellowship and remembrance of family and the support of our church family in ways that let you know that you are lifted in prayer and loved! Live in the assurance that we are in Christ’s family because of our faith in Jesus!

I pray for you in agreement with the payer of the Apostle Paul – “giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, **in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.** (Colossians 1:12-14)

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

The General Assembly for the US and Canada will be held in Indianapolis, IN, from July 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The theme is “One”. “One” relates to 1 John 7:20-21a; “ I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one.” Jim Mitchell and Eliza Cave will be our representatives. Judee Mitchell and Dee Long will be attending and representing the Region. Pastor Long will be present as the South Carolina Regional Pastor and Pastor of our Church.

### OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Welcome to Laura Kraft who officially joined the church on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Laura moved here from Denver, CO to be closer to her daughter and son-in-law.

### GUEST MINISTER

Our guest minister for July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> is minister Rosa Rice Orr, who has been with us once before. She was very well received during her last visit and shared with us an excellent sermon.

Pastor Long will be attending a Family Reunion and the General Assembly in Indianapolis, IN, during his absence.

### “ANOTHER THANK YOU”

A big thank you to Millie Clarke on behalf of our Congregation. Millie is responsible for a card ministry. She sends greeting cards, as appropriate, to our Congregation. She also is the one who wraps all of the plastic ware we use during our carry-in meals.

But most importantly, she has been taking excellent care of her brother (John Roth) who is our Board Chairman and is homebound.

Even though we haven’t seen much of you lately, we love you greatly appreciate your efforts in support of First Christian Church. Thank you.

### **DWF BAKE SALE**

Thank you to all who contributed items for sale and to those who bought the “goodies.” The DWF collected \$270.00 which will be sent to the Aiken Black History Museum.

### **DWF “TRASH AND TREASURES” SALE**

This annual event will be held in September. Although we do not have a specific date set, we are in dire need of donations. Items may be left in classroom #3. If leaving items please try to put them in or near their appropriate box, as boxes are labeled by category. Please see Susan if you have any questions or need additional information.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

DWF Meeting, Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Fellowship Hall  
DMF Meeting, Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8am in Fellowship Hall  
Carry-In Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall following Worship Service  
Elders Meeting, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:15pm in Pastor’s Office  
Board Meeting, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in Fellowship Hall  
Crafting Group meets every Thursday at 10am in Classroom 1  
Choir Practice, Thursdays at 4 pm in Sanctuary  
Tai Chi, Thursdays, at 5:30pm (advanced) and Fridays at 3:30pm (beginners) in Fellowship Hall

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