

**NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

All those affected by weather related events, family of Tonya Swearingen, Karen, Alma Watkins Family, Linda & Ed Baria, Rebecca Gilden in San Jose, CA., Georgia Shaw, Jewel Jones, Cheryl Waller, Linda Cheadle, Robin Brooks, Helen Ozment, Mary Ann Mitchell, Alec Lee, 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, Sabrina, traveling mercies for San Cave-Riley, , loss of family pets, for our Church as we transition, our Church Family, our Christian brothers and sisters who are traveling, all those in our public safety services, our military services and our country's leaders.

**AN UPDATE FROM PASTOR LONG**

This message includes my contact info so we can keep in touch for updates on our transition and offer an example of how one of the several ministries of Disciples Home Missions (DHM) serves us through your faithful membership.

We have our home on the market and are staying with our good friends, the Shanklins, in Fishers, IN, while we research potential homes. You were in our prayers especially during the news of Hurricane Irma. We were traveling to Charleston on Sept 11 when Irma hit Atlanta. Dee was flying American Airlines and got stranded at the Charlotte, NC, airport overnight. I was on a Delta flight and arrived home after midnight due to several cancellations. We are thankful that Hurricane Irma did not cause any extensive damage in SC.

For our sister congregations in Florida and others along Irma's direct path, DHM works with Week of Compassion to coordinate long-term recovery efforts through our Disciples Volunteering ministry led by Minister Josh Baird. For more details about how this works feel free to contact me. Here is my new info: Sotello V Long, President, Disciples Home Missions, 1099 North Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Email: [svlong@dhm.disciples.org](mailto:svlong@dhm.disciples.org) Phone: 317-713-2684

To paraphrase Psalm 75:6-7 (KJV) - Promotion does not come from the east, west or south – Look up! It comes from God!

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all! (2 Cor 13:14)*

## **RECONCILIATION OFFERING**

The Reconciliation Offering will be on October 1<sup>st</sup>. This Offering “is used to fund our Church’s mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.

Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ’s witness in the world showing that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!

## **DWF “TRASH AND TREASURES” SALE**

Our sale last Saturday was a huge success! We raised \$1,850.75. Thanks to everybody who donated items and helped with the sale.

## **PULPIT SUPPLY MINISTERS**

Here is a list of upcoming Pastors and Chaplains who will be preaching from the pulpit:

October 1<sup>st</sup> Chaplain Irene Albritton

October 8<sup>th</sup> Pastor Sotello Long

October 15<sup>th</sup> Rev. Ronald J. Degges

## **NEWS FROM ACTS**

ACTS is starting a new ministry to provide vehicles for employed individuals who are struggling financially and need an automobile or truck to get to work. They are in need of reasonably reliable vehicles that would otherwise be traded in or sold. Donating a vehicle to this ministry will not only be spiritually rewarding but many times donating the vehicle is more attractive financially than other available options. ACTS will donate these vehicles to prequalified individuals. If you have a vehicle to donate or are interested in learning more about the donation process please contact the ACTS Car Ministry Representative Nat Gifford at (203) 449-4005.

ACTS has also started a Bicycle Program for people who can't afford a vehicle and are needing transportation.

## **NEWS FROM LISA WALMEIER**

Lisa Wahlmeier had challenged her friends, family and our Congregation to a "Cuddle Bear Challenge". The purpose of this effort was to raise money for the purchase of books and bears for the Ronald McDonald House of Augusta. She was able to raise \$375.00. Thank you to all who participated and thank you Lisa for your idea.

## **COMMUNION BREAD**

If you are interested in learning how to make the Communion bread, that we use each Sunday, please contact Caroline Hale at 803-642-6363, by October 9<sup>th</sup>.

This may be a way that you can help your Church and find spiritual meaning in the task as the bread represents the body of Christ. Any questions, please call Caroline

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

DWF Meeting, Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10am in Fellowship Hall

Carry-In, Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> following Worship Service (Pastor Long's return)

Elder's Meeting, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 at the church

Board Meeting, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm in Fellowship Hall

DMF Meeting, Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8am in Fellowship Hall

Consecration Service, Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 11am in Sanctuary

DMF District 3 Meeting, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Belvedere

Crafting Group meets every Thursday at 10am in Classroom 1

Choir Practice, Thursdays at 4 pm in Sanctuary

Tai Chi, Thursdays, beginners class 3pm and advanced class 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

ACTS donation for the month of October is grits, cereal and/or oatmeal. Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!