

NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
NOVEMBER 1, 2017

PRAYER REQUESTS

All those affected by weather related events, Linda & Ed Baria, Rebecca Gildea in San Jose, CA., Jewel Jones, Karen, Family of Cheryl Walker, Family of Kevin McNeese, Underwood Family, Tommy Yancey, Family of C.E. Pruett, Debbie, P.J., DeMorris Gbadebo, Smoot Family, Davidson Family, Ginny with upcoming childbirth, Natalie Codgil, Brandy, Sarah, Dell & Travis, Linda Cheadle, Robin Brooks, 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, Pastor Sotello & Dee Long, , our Church Family, for our Church as we transition, our Christian brothers and sisters, those who are traveling, all those in our public safety services, our military services and our country's leaders.

From Pastor Keith

To serve in ministry for Christ is an honor. To serve as your interim pastor is a double honor. Thank you for allowing me to be your shepherd for the "in between times." I promise you my commitment to be the best pastor I can be.

Thanks to Caroline and Frances, I have already met John Roth, Sally Clayton, and Clara Benfield, each one of them unique saints and inspirations to me. They have wonderful stories of how God has used them in his service.

Everyone has a distinct story of life's journey and how we all got to Aiken, SC. To be honest with you, becoming a South Carolinian was never even a thought as I moved from Massachusetts to Georgia, but here Anna and I are, and we could not be happier that we have been led to this lovely little city. We are planning to move to Aiken as soon as we can get our lives in order and we want to live near the church so we can be an integral part of the church's life and activities.

In these "in between times," I want to be as much a part of your life as you will permit me. My cell number is (339) 224-2240. Call me... anytime of the day or night if I can be of help to you.

Thank you again for this privilege.

Pastor Keith and Anna

A DOUBLE BLESSING

As everyone should know by now, Pastor Keith Weekley has accepted the position as our Interim Minister. We are looking forward to his wealth of ministerial experience. He has been a minister for 61 years, having served many congregations and hopes to become involved with our people in times of joy and in times of concern. His personal interactive skills have been apparent from his very first visit to First Christian Church.

The second blessing came Sunday, October 22nd when Pastor Weekley and his wife Anna came forward to transfer their membership to our Church, from First Christian Church, Augusta, GA. We welcome you both and hope that your time with us will be one of joy as we travel the road to becoming better Christians together. WELCOME TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH!

PASTOR LONG'S CONSECRATION SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who attended this special service and a very special thank you to all of you who helped, by providing food for the reception. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

BEARS AND BOOKS

Lisa Wahlmeier used the donated money she collected, to purchase and deliver bears and books to the Ronald McDonald House in Augusta. Lisa took on this project and was able to see it come to a successful finish. We applaud you Lisa and thank you for your time, creativity and desire to help others.

APPRECIATION BANQUET FOR PASTOR SOTELLO AND DEE LONG

“On behalf of the Commission on Ministry, The Minister’s Wives and Husbands Fellowship and the RM Team, thank you so much for your generosity in your support of the Appreciation Banquet, honoring Rev. and Mrs. Long. Because of your kindness we were able to give them a celebration of love which they so justly deserved. I am sure you join me in saying that the two of them will forever be in our hearts.

Again thank you all so very much for your usual good cooperation.”

Pastor Deveta Smith Brown
Commission on Ministry Chairperson

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 4th, so we will all get to get Church at the correct time. Enjoy your extra hour!:

BOO! PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, October 29th
9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

Paul Wilson and Friends will be hosting a BOO (blueberry)! Pancake Breakfast. Regular pancakes will also be served. Good food and fellowship are guaranteed.

In order for this to happen, the Sunday School Class will begin at 8:30 AM in the Pastor’s Office. This will allow for the preparation of the breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY

Over the next several months, we will be working on a new Church Directory. If you have a picture of yourself that you would like to submit to Frances Finfrock or Caroline Hale, please do so. Or you may be approached by Frances asking if she can take your picture for the Directory. Thank you in advance for your help with this project.

EMERGENCY PROFILE INFORMATION SHEET

The Church is gathering emergency profile information for our members to be used in case of an emergency. All members will receive a form to complete. This information will be kept in the Church office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DWF Meeting, Thursday, November 2nd at 10am in Fellowship Hall
Regional Board Meeting Saturday, November 4th at 10am at Faithful Christian Church in Burton, SC
DMF Meeting, Saturday, November 11th, at 8am in Fellowship Hall
Elder's Meeting, November 14th at 5:00 at the church
Board Meeting, November 14th, 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, beginners class 3pm and advanced class 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Nov. 12, 2017 There will be a Congregational Meeting
following the Worship Service for the purpose of consideration of the
Church Budget for 2018 and the election of Church Officers

Nov. 19, 2017 The November Carry In has been moved to this date.
The Church will provide the turkey and we are to bring sides and desserts.

Nov. 25, 2017 Come for breakfast at 8 AM and stay to help decorate the Church for Christmas.
Everyone's help will be greatly appreciated.

ACTS donation for the month of November is beef stew/complete meal
Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!