

NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
JANUARY 1, 2018

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bill Carroll, Marya Moultrie, David Beveridge, Hung Do, Bob and Marilyn Sullivan, The Cheadle and Wahlmeier Families, Eliza Cave. Theresa Murray, Jared Creech, Denise Peters, Cindy Whaley, Dave, Todd Etheridge, The Family of Bob Jolley, Family of Vernon Gibbons, Elizabeth and Pat Paterniti, Kim, Susan, Bill Kerrigan, Family of Don Lemons, Chuck Wiess, Diane Warren, Mike, Todd Etheridge, Family of Chris and Vivian Johnson, Mary Jackson, Mrs. Allene Riley, those seeking employment, victims of natural disasters and Our Church as we transition, our public safety services, military services and our country's leaders.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR: Linda & Ed Baria, Jewel Jones, Linda Cheadle. Wanda Doleshall, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Ray Cook, John Roth, Millie Clarke & Family, Sabrina, Natalie Lawrence & Family, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Connie Moomjy, Clara Benfield, Sally Clayton and our public safety services, military services and our country's leaders.

FROM PASTOR KEITH

These are great days for First Christian Church. There is a renewed spirit of excitement all around us. Maybe it is the residue of the wonderful Christmas season we have just been through. Maybe it is because we have a better grasp of our calling to share the love of Christ in our neighborhoods and around our lovely city. Maybe it is because of the increase in our attendance at worship. Maybe it is because of the great experiences of learning and fellowship in our Sunday school class. Just maybe it is a combination of all these, given to us as gifts of the Holy Spirit. Whatever the reason, I am grateful for it as I am grateful for you.

This promises to be a wonderful year for us. I am excited to be a part of this church. I believe God has his hands on us and that we are ready to follow the Holy Spirit into the great days ahead.

I want to challenge you to share your faith with everybody you meet and, as you do, share with them the great secret of First Christian Church. Invite them to "Come see." Just as the shepherds invited their fellow shepherds to "Come see the Christ child."

Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor, even if it is only for a little while. Happy New Year!

Pastor Keith and Anna

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2018

The Church Board decided to keep the elected Church Officers in place as a carryover from 2017. Please note the following listing, along with vacancies that are present. If you are interested in filling any of the vacant positions, please submit your request to Buzzy Cheadle. Job descriptions are available, beginning on Page 3 of the Constitution, and can be obtained through the Church Office.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Board Chair	Buzzy Cheadle	Committee Chair Persons:	
Vice Chair	*Vacant	Christian Education	*Vacant
Board Secretary	Susan Poster Ullmann	Evangelism	*Vacant
Church Clerk	Frances Finfrock	Membership	*Vacant
Financial Secretary	Caroline Hale	Missions and Bene-	
Treasurer	Jim Mitchell	volence	DWF
Trustees	Buzzy Cheadle	Property	Buzzy Cheadle
	Don Pruett	Stewardship	Finance Com.
	*Vacant	Worship	Judee Mitchell
Elders	Ida Bassi	Disciple Women's Fellowship	
	Buzzy Cheadle	Eliza Husser Cave	
	Jim Mitchell		
	Don Pruett	Disciple Men's Fellowship	
Diaconate	Elsie Smith	Buzzy Cheadle	
	Millie Clark		
	Frances Finfrock		
	Scott Finfrock		
	Robin Brooks		
	Judee Mitchell		
	Caroline Hale		
	*Vacant		

NEW CHURCH SECRETARY

We are pleased to announce that beginning January 8, 2018, Judy Ledford has been hired as our new Church Secretary. WELCOME to this new task Judy. There were three candidates who applied for the job, all over qualified for the position and very interesting. After all were interviewed, Judy was selected. THANK YOU to the two other candidates.

Caroline Hale, who has been our Church Secretary for 10 years, desired to resign. She will be continuing to do many other things around the Church.

If you haven't met Judy yet, please try to do so either in Church or by visiting the office.

A personal note from Judy:

Hello Church Family,

I'm very excited for the opportunity to serve as part time secretary for our church beginning January 8.

I was born and grew up in the Augusta area. When I married, I moved away and lived in the mid west for over ten years. My only child, Doug, was born in Illinois. Now he and his two children live in Sugar Hill, GA, near Atlanta. I have a sister in Keysville, GA and a number of cousins in Columbia County.

It was great coming home again, but I didn't stay in Augusta long. I fell in love with Aiken and decided to make it my residence in 2003. God led me here, I am sure.

I love our church family and look forward to working with all of you.

In Christ's Love,
Judy Ledford

EMERGENCY PROFILE INFORMATION FORMS

There are still quite a few of you who have not submitted your Emergency Profile Information forms. The completed forms will be kept in the Church Office to only be referenced in case of an emergency. There is limited information which is asked for and there is nothing personal except you name, address, phone numbers, location in, your home, of medications you are taking, who to contact in an emergency and information regarding any pets in your home. If there is something you do not care to share, just leave that portion blank.

Caroline will be handing out forms to those do not have theirs on file. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

CRAFTING GROUP

If you haven't heard, the Crafting Group will now be meeting on Mondays, 10-11:30 AM in the Library (Classroom #1). If you have any questions, please contact Frances Finrock.

END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

Yearly Giving Statements for 2017 will be going out the first part of January, 2018. If you have any questions concerning this, please contact our Financial Secretary, Caroline Hale.

TRI-DEVELOPMENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Disciple Women's Fellowship hosted a Christmas Party, with entertainment by the Mountain Dulcimers of Aiken, lunch by the DWF and a visit from Santa. The guests of the party were the two Tri-Development crews that take care of our yard work and cleaning the interior of our two buildings. Fun was had by all. While sitting on his knee, Elsie Smith even got to ask Santa for a new Lexus for Christmas. THANK YOU to all who helped and for everyone else, be sure to mark your calendars for next year, so you can join in the fun that you missed this year.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

On Sunday, December 17th, Jenny Davis joined our Congregation. We are delighted to have her with us and hope that our Church will nourish and fill her spiritual needs. Her parents, Harold and Linda Collins, were in attendance to witness Jenny's joining. If you have not met Jenny, please do so and welcome her.

TRASH & TREASURES BOUTIQUE

Our first Trash & Treasures Boutique sale will take place on January 20th from 9am to 12pm in Classroom 3. If you would like to donate any items please see either Judee Mitchell or Susan. In lieu of all large T&T sale in September, we will be having smaller ones on the third Saturday of each month. In September we will be holding a larger sale and will be selling individual tables.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DWF Meeting, Thursday, January 4th at 10am in Fellowship Hall
Elder's Meeting, Tuesday, January 9th at 5pm at the church
Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 9th at 6pm in Fellowship Hall
DMF Meeting, Saturday, January 13th at 8am in Fellowship Hall
Carry-In, Sunday, January 14th following the Worship Service
Trash & Treasures Boutique, Saturday, January 20th from 9am-2pm in Classroom 3
Crafting Group meets every Monday 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 January is grits, oatmeal or another kind of cereal.
Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!