

**NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)**  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2018**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Anna Weekley, Diane Warren, Jane Williams, Bassi Family, Paul and Pat Wilson, Michelle King, Mitzi Brownlee, Pam Jones, Forrest Roberts, Tijuana Harrison, Dennis Dillinger, Connie Santee, Brenda Wilson, Bob Peters, Linda, Freddie Jones, Richard O’Krosky, Jack Burke, Cato Family, Ralph and Nancy Hale, Roger Ozmet, Tasha, Family of John McCain, Al & Maxine Wilson, Sarah Moyer, Diane’s sister, Dara Cobb Lewis, Kim, Ruby Hurt, Carter Family, Family of Don Boyer, Diane and Burt Schumacher Family, Toole Family, Lisa Wahlmeier, Bassi Family, Jane Williams, those affected by natural disasters, and encouragement for those in need.

**CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:** Selma Devich, Brad Kerr, Dr. Walter Allen, Jewel Jones, Neal Mitchell, Wanda Doleshall, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Sandy Gullickson, Millie Clarke, Connie Santee, Eliza Husser Cave, Bill Carroll, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Connie Moomjy, Clara Benfield, Sally Clayton, Pastor Keith Weekley, Pam Owen, Ryan O’Rourke, Sabrina, Anna Weekley, Ray Cook, those seeking employment, our public safety services, military services, our country’s leaders, and those who are traveling.

**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND LIVING LEGENDS BANQUET**

The Living Legends Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at Holley Hill Christian Church. The Regional Conference will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> at New Hope Christian Church.

**THE CHURCH FAMILY**

Per Wikipedia (the free on-line encyclopedia), and in the context of human society, a *family* (from Latin: familia) is a group of people related either by consanguinity (by recognized birth), affinity (by marriage or other relationship), or co-residence (as implied by the etymology) to include persons in a specific household,' thus inclusive of members of an estate or household, including relatives. Members of an immediate family may include spouses, parents, brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters. The aforementioned is a formal definition of family, however when we add a descriptor such as “*church*” only to say “*church family*” the communications take on a much broader and deeper meaning. A church family is an entity of perhaps like-minded people that have on focus of praising and worshipping The Lord as well as serving others. Having a “*church family*” is invaluable in society.



Our **Church Family** will:

- Pray for one another
- Be here to provide comfort and support (Agape, Philios)
- Offer Christian/Biblical advice, both solicited and unsolicited
- Support and help individuals to find and accept Christ as Lord and Savior
- Share their experiences for the good
- Sacrifice and give for the good of others
- Visit and encourage one another in/out of the “*church family*”

As a thoughtful exercise, you may continue to add to the above listing any actionable characteristics of a “*church family*” that you deem to be representative. Are you able to add at least 3 additional characteristics of the “*church family*?” Please proceed. Enjoy, appreciate, and build-up the *church family*. Our *church families* enable us go out into the world, “And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.” Luke 6:31.

Submitted by,

- *H. Bryan Riley*

### **RECONCILIATION SPECIAL OFFERING** **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

You will have the opportunity to support this special offering on September 30<sup>th</sup>. This offering is used to fund our Church’s mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing 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. Prayerfully consider your participation in this special offering. Thank you.

### **NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS AND OTHERS FOR 2019**

This year’s nominating committee includes Susan, Robin, Judee, Laura, and Paul Owen. Nominations will be accepted for the following positions: Chairperson of Congregation and the General Board, Vice-Chairperson of the Congregation and the General Board, Secretary of Congregation and the General Board, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Church Clerk, Trustees (not to exceed 3), Elders and Deacons. If you wish to nominate a church member for one of these positions please check with them before submitting your nomination. Please give your nomination to one of the committee members. A description of each position will be posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

### **TRASH & TREASURES BOUTIQUE**

Our August sale netted \$93. Our next sale will be our Annual Trash & Treasures Sale on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm.

### **ANNUAL TRASH & TREASURES SALE**

Our annual Trash & Treasures sale will be held on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9-2. This year we are inviting our community to participate. Tables are still available at a cost of \$10 per table for church members and \$20 per table for non-church members. All renters will keep the proceeds from their sales. Please tell all your friends about this event, and if they are interested in renting a table, contact the church. We encourage those who have rented a table to set up on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

DWF Meeting, Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in Fellowship Hall  
DMF Meeting, Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8am in Fellowship Hall  
Carry-In, Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> following Worship Service  
DWF Evening Meeting, Monday, September 10 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall  
Elders Meeting, Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the church  
Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Fellowship Hall  
Annual Trash & Treasures Sale, Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9-2  
Crafting Group: update will be provided after Labor Day  
Choir Practice, Thursdays at 4 pm in the Sanctuary  
Tai Chi, Thursdays, beginners class 3pm and advanced class 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

ACTS donation for the month of September is canned vegetables.  
Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!