



NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
September 3, 2019

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Family of Francisco Catlan, Family of Susan Wisz, Fon and Soda Ullmann, Melissa Teligades, Norma Denise and Ken Field, Bebe and Bill McGee, Davidson Family, Cathy, Lucy Jones, Rod Apple, Harvey Heath, Mr. Marian Douglas, DeMorris, Earnestine Goggans, Karen Disendorff, Jerry Smith, Barbara Wecker, caregivers and educators.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

Clara Benfield, Susan Poster Ullmann Wanda Doleshall, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Linda Cheadle, Selma Devich, Millie Clarke, Robin Brooks, Connie Moomjy, Jewel Jones, Dan McElvoy, Sally Clayton, Pastor Juan Rodiguez, our Regional Church, Eliza Husser Cave, Dr. Walter Allen, Neal Mitchell, Pam Owen, Connie Santee, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Sabrina, those in public service, military service and for our Country.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR IRENE

Pastor's update: Can you believe it is already September? The older I get, the faster time seems to pass by. I am reminded of two familiar passages that help provide guidance in our busyness. First, Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." This passage helps remind us of the different seasons of life, and invites us to stay open to discerning the purpose in whatever is going on in our lives and in the life of our congregation. Secondly, Psalm 46:10 reminds us to "Be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." As I enter into the second season (year) of being your pastor, I am thankful for you and for our journey together.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Susan Poster Ullmann sent us this lovely picture of Suki and Pastor Irene taken during visitation. Communion is taken to our shut-ins and those who are ill by our Pastor and our Elders.

All are welcome to hear the Good News. Suki seems to be taking it to heart. Good dog.

COMMUNITY CATS

Volunteers were able to rescue one kitten and the black and white male for treatment but were not successful in trapping the white mother. The kitten was made available for adoption, the father was neutered and returned. If anyone has been feeding them, it is okay to continue.

ICE CREAM AND BINGO

Two great things that go together. We will meet in the fellowship hall on Friday September 13 from 6-8 pm for fun and fellowship. Please bring a topping to share.

HOUSE BLESSING:

Don Pruett invites the congregation to his new home after church on Sunday, September 15th at 12:30 pm for a brief service of blessing. His address is:

223 Harvest Lane
Aiken, SC 29803
(803)292-0342

All are invited to celebrate with Don and to ask God's blessing on him and his new home.

ELDER MEETING UPDATE:

The Elders are working to find a new meeting time and meeting schedule that will allow for attendance by all Elders. We will not be meeting on Tuesday's prior to the Board meeting and instead will try different times/dates until we find one that works best. Our first attempt at a new time will be Sunday, September 22nd prior to Sunday School. Please meet in the Pastor's office at 8:30 am.

SEPTEMBER 21 TRASH AND TREASURE

The DWF will be renting tables for the September 21st Trash and Treasure Sales, \$10 for members \$20 for non-members. See Susan for details.

CALLING POST

We have received some concerns regarding the Calling Post system. Calling Post may appear on the caller ID as “Oklahoma” or “(405) 308 4474” instead of “Calling Post”. The automated computer responds to human voice, you must speak to trigger the message. If a person does not speak, the auto dialer will disconnect and try again later. Every subsequent call the auto dialer will take a few seconds longer before the message will play. There may be a significant lag between when you speak and when the computer reacts.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE:

Family Promise of Aiken County is continuing to make progress in bringing this ministry to Aiken. The Host Recruitment Team received its first invitation to present to a local congregation. The team, including Pastor Irene, presented to First Baptist Church at their Wednesday evening program on August 28th. The next community meeting will be held on September 3rd. Please plan to attend future meetings to learn more about Family Promise as a well-established ministry for families experiencing homelessness.

REGIONAL CHURCH NEWS

On August 10th, Jim and Judee Mitchel and Ed and Pastor Irene Albritton attended a South Carolina Regional Church Board meeting at Galilee Christian Church, Holly Hill SC. The meeting was open to all persons interested in the future direction of the Regional Church, and was well attended. The Board voted to accept the Push-to-Purpose declaration and identity statement and to advertise for a new Regional Minister. Interim Regional Minister Juan Rodriquez will end his second six-month term on November 30th. The job description has been posted nation-wide and the search team plans to begin interviewing Candidates in October. The Board also approved the appointment of an eight-member Push-to-Purpose Transition team to work with both the Search team and the new Regional Minister to continue the work that has been started under Pastor Juan’s leadership. Pastor Irene was appointed to this team and attended its first meeting on Monday, August 26th at the Regional office in Charleston. More information will be shared at the Regional Church Conference Oct 4-5th in Holly Hill. Please plan to attend.

SPECIAL RECONCILIATION OFFERING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

As a church body, the Disciples have “been on this journey to embrace and understand an identity as a Church that is pro-reconciling and anti-racist.” As we travel on this journey, we recognize that in spite of our differences as believers of God, that our beliefs in God unify us. He is present in all of us.

“Reconciliation Ministry is your mission of embodiment to love one another as Christ loves us.” Your donation to this Ministry will be used to build “beloved community through advocacy, intentional conversation and action” in the communities “where we live and serve!” You will have the opportunity to donate on Sunday, October 6th, to help our Christian Church (DOC) as we work toward reconciliation.

ACTS DONATIONS for the month of September is Shaving cream and razors. Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!

WORD OF THANKS

The Family of Jim Brown sent a thank you note for the plaques the church will install on two chairs in Jim and Mae Brown's memory.

THIS MONTH IN SERVICE

Our Deacons this month are Scott and Frances Finfrock
Our Elders are Don Pruett and Buzzy Cheadle

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 5	DWF 10:00am, Fellowship Hall
September 8	Carry-In, following Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
September 10	Board Meeting 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall NO Elders Meeting
September 12	NO Choir Rehearsal
September 13	Ice Cream Social and Bingo 6-8 pm, Fellowship Hall
September 14	DMF 8:00 am, Fellowship Hall
September 15	House Blessing, 12:30, Don's new house
September 19	NO Choir Rehearsal
September 21	Trash & Treasures Sale, 9:00 am Room 3 & Fellowship Hall
September 22	Elders Meeting, 8:30 am Offices

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday	Crafting	12:30 pm in the Library
Thursday:	Choir Practice	4:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Sunday:	Sunday School	9:30 in the Fellowship Hall
	Worship Service:	11:00 in the Sanctuary

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SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

NEW GALILEE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST), HOLLY HILL, SC

"ONE THING I DO... REACH FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD" "PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14"!

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 3, 2019 –Pre-Conference Event

6:00-9:00PM Ministers and Spouses Dinner and Gathering & (Choir Rehearsal)

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 4, 2019

9:00AM

Gathering & Registration/light Breakfast

9:30AM

Devotional & Welcome— "REACHING FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD"

10:15AM

DISCIPLES DIALOGUE...It's What We Do.
The New South Carolina Regional Church

11:30AM

Break

12:00:PM

Lunch (Fellowship Hall)

1:15PM- 3:00PM

DISCIPLES DIALOGUE.... Transformation
The New Church... Local- Regional-General- Ecumenical
A Conversation With our General Minister & President
Rev. Dr. Terri Hord Owens

3:00PM-6:00PM

Free Time / Dinner on your Own- Addresses in Packet

Clarks Restaurant -Santee

Cracker Barrel- Santee

Sweatmans Bar-B-Que -Holly Hill

Richard & Mama Jane Bar & Grill-Holly Hill

FRIDAY Evening

6:30 PM

Gathering & Registration

7:00 – 9:00PM

Worship: "***"ONE THING I DO... REACH FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD"***"!

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Terri Hord Owens

General Minister & President of The Christian Church Disciples of Christ in the United States & Canada

9:00PM – 10:00PM

Reception

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 5, 2019 CASUAL ATTIRE

9:00AM

Registration/Exhibits- On Going light breakfast

9:30AM

Gathering & Devotional

10:15AM

BUSINESS AND REACHING FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD- NEXT STEPS

11:30 AM

Break

11:45-12:45

Fellowship Group Time: Disciples Men, Disciples Women,
Disciples Youth, Ministers' Wives & Husbands, and Ministers

1:00PM

CLOSING WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

2:15PM

Cookout Recreation and Games

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 6, 2019 *World Communion Sunday*

All congregations are encouraged to worship in a spirit of unity at their respective Locations.

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*The Sixteenth South Carolina Regional Conference of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 New Galilee Christian Church, Holly Hill, SC, October 4th -October 6th, 2019
 Theme: "ONE THING I DO...Reach for What Lies Ahead"! "PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14"!*

REGISTRATION FORM

Title Preference (Mr. /Mrs. / Ms. / Rev. / Dr. /Bro. / Sis)

 First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Telephone Number () _____ E-mail _____
 Congregation _____
 General Church Ministry or Organization _____

REGISTRATION FEES

(Early Due Date: Registration postmarked by Tuesday, August 20, 2019)

		Total
Church "Seed Money" Donation	\$100.00	_____
Pastor Registration	\$100.00	_____
Adult Registration*	Cost Number	
Adult Early Registration	\$50.00 x _____ (Postmark by August 20th)	_____
Adult Late Registration	\$60.00 x _____ (Postmark received after August 20th)	_____
Senior Citizens (65 & Older)	\$40.00	_____
Registration Children/Youth 17 years and less (\$10.00)		
* Please indicate the number attending by age!		
	6 to 12 years # attending _____	_____
	13 to 17 years # attending _____	_____

I cannot attend but want to donate to help the Youth and Conference Program! _____
 TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

(Note: Churches submitting multiple registrations please attach a list of all the names of those persons covered by the registration fee on an attached list!)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Christian Church in SC or CCSC and mail to:
 P O Box 80536
 Charleston, SC 29416-2064
 Email: roccsc@aol.com Fax: 843.852.4538**

You may also submit payment via credit card online at www.scdisciples.org at the "Make a Contribution" link and send a copy of the payment confirmation to the Regional Church Office.