



NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

February 1, 2020

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Barbara McKnight, Shan Boening and the Chinese community, Mary Ann Takahasi, Jensen Boulle', Wes Bommer, Carol Kettle, Jamison, Joanie Perkins, Barbara Kring, Daniel Yacovetta, Susan Kantor, Lucy and Paula Jones, Greg Calhoun, DeMorris, and the wildfires in Australia.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

Dan McElvoy, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Sally Clayton, Wanda Doleshall, Eliza Husser Cave, Susan Poster Ullmann, Linda Cheadle, Selma Devich, Millie Clarke, Robin Brooks, Connie Moomjy, , our Regional Church, 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

Carry-in is one of my favorite traditions at First Christian. At our recent combined Deacon and Elder meeting in January, we discussed both the importance of Carry-in as well as the work load for such a regular occurrence. Rather than lessen the frequency of such an important time of sharing, we came up with a plan to open up the tasks associated with Carry in (set up, clean up) to the congregation at large, rather than have it fall automatically on the Deacons. This allows other people who can't commit to being a Deacon to have an occasional "job" at something we all love. One of the best ways to feel a part of a congregation is to know that you make a difference. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and come help Carry-in remain a vital part of our life together!

LENT STUDY SERIES

During Lent, we follow Christ's steps toward his own death on the cross. Death is not only a fact of life, but also an important part of the life cycle. One way to live life to the fullest is to also have a healthy understanding and preparation for death – our own and the people we love. Pastor Irene will be leading a three session study on our own walk toward death, using Christ's boldness in facing His own death as a guide to looking at ways we can prepare financially, relationally and theologically for death. The sessions will be on alternate Sundays during Lent – March 1, 15, and 29th – from 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come to the study and also invite a friend!

2020 WEEK OF COMPASSION

I Corinthians 3: 8-9 reads as follows: “The one who plants and the one who waters work as a team with the same purpose. ... We work together as partners who belong to God. You are God's field, God's building.”

With this in mind, you were given Week of Compassion blessing boxes and asked to honor your blessings by contributing to your box. The Christian Church, Disciple of Christ, will be using your donation to help in areas that have suffered with disasters or poverty in our country and around the world. Through the individual churches and your personal donation, we become “co-workers in the kingdom of God.”

Please put your name on your blessing box so you will receive credit for your donation. Thank you for doing your part.

Family Promise Update

The January Family Promise of Aiken County meeting was held on Tuesday, January 28th at First Christian. A Newcomer's informational meeting was held at 6:30 followed by a Community meeting where updates of current committee work was shared. Both meetings were well attended and the interest continues to grow for making Family Promise a viable ministry for providing transitional housing and support for families with children experiencing temporary homelessness. The next meeting will be March 23 (location in process of being finalized). We currently have four First Christian members involved in the Family Promise meetings – it would be great to have even more!

DEACON AND ELDERS METTING

The Deacons and Elders had a productive meeting. Our next meeting will be March 15 following the worship service.

We have some new ideas to try out for the next few months. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship hall so that everyone can assist with Carry in.

The white board lists Deacons, Elders, Acolytes and any special instructions. It has been moved to the central hallway near the restrooms. The church office will update the board as needed. Please let the church office know if you cannot serve and if you have found a replacement so their name can be listed.



DEACON TRAINING

Caroline explains how to set the Table during our recent Deacon training. The training includes practical instructions as well as the spiritual basis for why we have deacons. The “how to” information is covered as fully as possible in the training guide .We update the guide annually, please let us know if there is anything we missed.



EPIPHANY GIFTS

Pictured here our visiting royalty and all the sweet things for the ACTS food pantry. There are more than sixty jars pictured here so sixty families will have a sweeter day because of us. Not bad for a little church.

WORD OF THANKS

Thanks to all those who helped clean the church after Christmas and Epiphany.

Thanks to our new and returning Deacons and Elders.

Thanks to our Carry in volunteers.

Thanks to all our new and returning committee and board members.

ACTS DONATION for the month of February is Razors and Shaving Cream
Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!

THIS MONTH IN SERVICE

Our Deacon this month is Ed Albritton

Our Elders are Ida Bassi and Buzzy Cheadle

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1	DWF 10:00 am Fellowship Hall
February 8	DMF 8:00 am Fellowship Hall
February 9	Carry-In, following Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
February 10 & 17	Office closed, No Crafting
February 11	Board Meeting 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall
February 15	Trash & Treasures Sale 9:00 am Room 3
February 26	Ash Wednesday, service at 11:30

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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