



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
July Newsletter

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NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
July 1, 2023

Pastor's Note

For the five Sundays in July, I will be using the Gospel lesson from Matthew and one of the Psalm selections each week as foundation for our worship. In order to give you an opportunity to plan ahead, I am listing the readings below and invite you to use them as part of your personal Bible study each week before or after the service. Some Sundays, the Psalm will be read aloud, other weeks not. But they are all beautiful and thought provoking! I hope having these scriptures ahead of time will enhance your time in worship on Sundays and will also nourish your own personal study time. I look forward to what God has in store for each of us and for us as a congregation as we study these scriptures together.

7/2 Matthew 10: 40-42; Psalm 13 read by Ed Albritton

7/9 Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30; Psalm 145: 8-14 read by Paula Jones

7/16 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23; Psalm 119:105-112 read by Lynn Malone

7/23 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43; Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 read by Laura Kraft

7/30 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52; Psalm 105: 1-4 read by Judee Mitchell

Looking ahead for July: Save these dates

Tuesday, July 11th - Board Meeting - 6pm

Saturday, July 15th - DWF Trash to Treasure - 9:00am to 1:00pm

Saturday, July 15th - Community Fun Day - 5pm to 8:45 pm - Holly Hill, SC

Sunday, July 16th - Carry-in after Worship - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 29th thru August 1st - General Assembly in Louisville KY. San and Eliza to attend.



COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Fun and Excitement
for everyone!

An afternoon of fun, games, face painting, fireworks, food trucks, jump castles, hey rides, vendors and more!

 **SATURDAY**
JULY 15TH

 **5PM TO 8:45PM**

 **GALILEE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
1563 COACH RD HOLLY HILL SC

Fireworks Show @ 8:45pm

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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST SC REGION



Scripture Readers for July

July 2nd - Ed Albritton

July 9th - Paula Jones

July 16th - Lynn Malone

July 23rd - Laura Kraft

July 30th - Judee Mitchell

Please take a moment to sign up for August in the Fellowship Hall

Looking for additional ways to serve?

1. **The DWF** sponsored monthly Trash to Treasure sale is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers are appreciated to help staff the sale and/or to help keep Room 3 clean and ready with new donations. Please check with Ida or Judee on ways you are able to help out. The monthly sale proceeds go directly to support various local charities whose missions we support.
2. **ACTS** relies on volunteers to help them bring their mission to action. A current listing of volunteer needs can be found on their website www.actsofaiken.org by clicking the "Volunteer" link or call 803-649-3800.
3. **Walking Tall Ministries** serves the homeless population in the Gloverville area. They rely on volunteers to prepare food and lunch packs as well as other tasks. Their number is 803-226-6579 and their website is www.walkingtallministries.unaux.com.
4. **Walking Tall** supplies about 280 sandwiches a week through their meal distribution program. These sandwiches are provided by volunteers. We would like to host a "sandwich making party" at the church for anyone who would like a good time making sandwiches. At this point we are soliciting interest – if you'd like to participate, please let Irene or June know. Once we have determined level of interest, we can schedule the date and organize the experience.

DWF News – next Trash to Treasure – July 15th 9am to 1pm

Since the beginning of 2023, the DWF has made contributions to the following missions:

Southeastern Children's Home - \$85.00

Week of Compassion - \$90.00

Senior Life Center - \$50.00

Easter Special Offering - \$75.00

Pentecost Offering - \$75.00

Walking Tall Ministry - \$85.00

We would like to thank the congregation for their contributions to the Trash & Treasure Sales

Creation of New Church Directory

The Church directory is still a work in progress. Hopefully, we will have an update in the near future.

Missions Opportunity

New information regarding ACTS can be found in the Fellowship Hall, including volunteer applications take a minute to look.

To make it easier to donate to **ACTS** and **Walking Tall Ministries**, we will be placing a basket for each ministry in the Sanctuary. These baskets will also be gentle reminders of our on-going commitment and connection to these two local ministries. We also have Walking Tall donation jar in the Fellowship Hall for weekly bread and bottled water.

ACTs donation for July: Rice - 1 pound bags

Walking Tall donation for July: Vienna Sausages; also an on-going need for 39 gallon trash bags



Happy Birthday to:

United States of America - July 4

Earnestine Goggans - July 8

Pam Owen - July 12

Marya Moultrie - July 19

Pat Wilson - July 29

KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 - Louisville

General Assembly 2023: Save the Date Social Media Copy

Edited: May 25, 2022 Theme: Kindom of God: Within Us, Among Us Scripture(s): Genesis 11:1-9; Luke 17:20-21; Peter 1:3

Campaign Summary

The theme for the General Assembly of the Christian Church for July 2023 is based on Luke 17:20-21, Genesis 11:1-9 and 2 Peter 1:3. The focus of the theme is “Kindom of God within us, among us.” This theme is a call for Disciples to strengthen their relationship to God in both individual and communal ways through an expansive in person and digital gathering of the church in Louisville.

Eliza Husser Cave and San Cave-Riley will be attending the General Assembly as voting representatives for First Christian Church Aiken (DOC).

Coming in September - Mark your Calendars

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are eagerly preparing for the 20th South Carolina Regional Conference of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to be held at Antioch Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ) Varnville, South Carolina. It will be hosted by Pastor Ricky Syndab and the Congregation The theme for this occasion, taken from John 17:21, exclaims “Lord Make us One”!

The opening session will convene on Thursday September 28th the closing session will occur on Saturday afternoon, September 30th ,2023 As you return home, all churches of the Region are asked to continue in worship, making sure to focus on the conference theme.

We solicit your prayers and support for the success of the 20th South Carolina Regional Conference. Your presence, prayers, and participation will help make this conference a time of spiritual revival, renewal, and a blessed experience for God’s people. We look forward to seeing you and fellowshiping with you, in His name.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Family of Paul Owen, Sharon Nicodemus, Lee Hall and Carolyn Jones(Woody’s cousins),Denise Peters, Sharon Johnson, Marilyn Blanchard, Pitza and Murray Stellar, Laurie Green, Kelley Jones, those

impacted by gun violence, for the Ukraine, those experiencing effects of tornadoes, winter storms and other natural disasters.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR: *Bryan Malone, Susan Poster Ullmann, Pastor Irene, Millie Clarke, Martha Albritton, Carol Kettel, Linda Cheadle, Tom and Connie Moomjy, Wanda & Jerry Doleshall, Robin Brooks, Sabrina, Eliza Husser Cave, Dr. Walter Allen, Elsie Smith, Connie Santee, Austin and Sharon Moede, Tatyana Yatsenko, Ella Shakibatabar our Regional Church, those in public service, military service and for our Country.*

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