



Vacation Bible School
The previously advertised dates
were wrong! The real dates are:
Sun., June 28 - Thur. July 2

A SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

appeal to God - February 22

set your mind on the divine - March 1

cleansing - March 8

living in the light - March 15

grain life - March 22

triumph! - Palm Sunday, Mar 29

resurrection - Easter, April 5

Lent - 2015
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Lent & Easter Commitment

Our ministers ask that you and your family make a personal commitment to come to worship 75% of next 7 Sundays of Lent and Easter Sunday. That's 5 Sundays out of the next 7 Sundays. Let's "Follow Jesus Christ" together as we prepare for Easter!



Worship: February 22
First Sunday of Lent

The church sets aside 46 days to prepare ourselves for the impact of Christ's resurrection upon our lives; the church calls this time, Lent. Lent prepares us for Easter. Our ministers and choir will present sermons and choral music to aid our preparation for Easter over the 5 Sundays of Lent. This year our ministers' Sermon Series is entitled Faith Formation, as they encourage us in our faith development, aiding our spiritual maturity. See the schedule to the left for the Sunday themes.

This Sunday, Rev. Stagg will offer the sermon "Appealing to God for a Good Conscience" based upon 1 Peter 3:18-22.

Hymns for the day will include: *God, the Spirit, Guide and Guardian; My Shepherd, You Supply My Need; and Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether.*

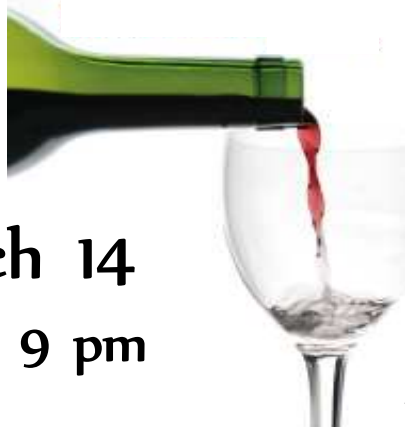
Week of
Compassion
Feb 15-22



Offering to be
collected again
this Sunday!

W **ine to**
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"Wine to Share, Water for All"
A benefit for Week of Compassion



Saturday, March 14

Bethany Hall 7 - 9 pm

Who will you invite to this great FCC event? Join us and bring a friend for wine, food, and compassion for those in need of water.

For childcare, please RSVP to jimmy@firstchristian.org by Mar. 8.



Eagle Logan Garton

Logan Garton was presented his Eagle Scout award on Sunday, Feb. 8 during a Court of Honor held at the Bradford Research Center. Logan is a sophomore at Rock Bridge High School and is the son of **Bryan and Debbie Garton**. He is pictured here with Sarah Read and Jimmy Spear who wrote letters of support.

News of People & Place

Nelson Trickey (90) died early Sunday morning, February 15 in his home at Lenoir Woods. Our prayers are with wife Lorene and their daughters Laurie and Linda. A memorial service is being planned for Saturday, February 21, at 12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at FCC. A reception will follow. Nelson and Lorene have been long time members and constant supporters of the cause of Christ and the witness of First Christian Church. Nelson served in many capacities of leadership and teaching over the years.

Conscious Discipline Program Offered for Parents

Mothers Day Out Preschool is so excited to offer a class in Conscious Discipline. The presenter will be Karen Hickman, a Loving Guidance Associate and a National Conscious Discipline Certified Instructor. The class is open to MDO and FCC parents and will meet in Morris Parlor on Monday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. The cost for this wonderful opportunity is \$20/person or \$25/ couple. Karen will be talking about Brain Research and Composure and teach Brain Smart strategies for responding, rather than reacting to life events. The group will learn new skills to pass to their children, as they learn their self-regulation skills from the adults in their lives. All will leave with some calming strategies for personal practice and parenting. Pay in advance to Fred in the office making checks payable to "First Christian Church" noting "MDO class" or pay at the door. ~Tracy Westoff, MDO Director

Ed Bright had hip and leg surgery on Monday, Feb. 16, at Boone Hospital and continues to needs prayers of healing as he recuperates.

Kathy Barreto recently had an accident at home, a hospital stay - and is now home.

Weekly Report: Feb. 15, 2015

Received this week \$6,794

Received to Date \$276,155

Needed to Date \$289,473

Attendance - 181

(includes early service - 43, visitors - 21)

Animate: Practices - Sunday Morning Series Begins

The Pathfinder/BASIC adult Sunday morning adult class will be starting a new lesson and conversation series this week, Feb. 22. In recent years the group has used Animate Faith and Animate Bible as a springboard of conversation. The video and conversation series takes popular theologians and pairs their thoughts in a create lesson style. The newest Animate series, called "Animate Practices" is an introduction to the central practices of the Christian faith, why they are important, and how we can take part in them today. Prayer, Food, Worship, Sacraments, Money, Service, Community are the focus for the seven weeks.

The class meets in Bethany Hall on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. The coffee is always on!

Drennan Service Project

The Drennan ladies will do their February 24th SERVICE PROJECT AT THE FOOD BANK. An email will be sent to let everyone know what time. See you there. ~Bonnie

A Special THANK YOU

We thank our FCC friends for your prayers and concerns for our grandson, Kevin Mercer. The originally planned surgery at Atlanta was not attempted because of the position of the existing stents. The family is now consulting with neurosurgeons/hospitals in several cities to determine the best option available to isolate the aneurysm. Thank you for your continued love and support.

~Perry and Helen Stemmons

Happy Birthday



Feb. 23

Jim Campbell
Jacki Davidson
Brooke Storm

Feb. 24

Robert Foster

Feb. 25

Matthew Foster
Sarah Read

Feb. 26

Ryan Boger
Kim Rogers
Doug Smith

Feb. 27

Larry Caringer
Elizabeth Hensley

Feb. 28

Jack Creasy

Feb. 29

Eliana Snyder



Many thanks from the Elders to Carol Slusher, Colleen Nilges, Janelle Patterson, and Frances Brown for their help with the February 11th Oasis. Also, very special thanks to Ken Watson for an excellent program.

~Tom and Susan Gray

Your Special Birthday!

Elizabeth Hensley

94 on Feb. 27

Larry Caringer

93 on Feb. 27



Winter-Spring Youth Calendar:

Feb 22: JYF & CYF

Friday, Feb. 27: **CYF Mission Day**

With no school, the high school youth group will serve with friends at Lenoir Healthcare Center. Meet at Church at 11:00 a.m./pickup at 5:00 p.m. Lunch provided.

Mar 1: Chi-Rho & CYF

Mar 8: JYF & CYF

Mar 15: Chi-Rho & CYF

Children's Choir dates:

Feb 22 4-4:30 p.m.

Mar 1 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Mar 8 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Mar 15 singing in worship



JYF (grds 3-5) &
Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)
4:30-6:00 p.m.
CYF (grds 9-12)
6:00-7:30 p.m.



The Chi-Rho Youth Group served at Lenoir Woods Healthcare Center last Friday, Feb 13. With their day off from school they had a chance to have a mission day and put on a Valentine party for the residents.



Oasis

Feb. 25

5:30 pm

Yonker Hall

Meal: Casseroles by Laura Estes
(King Ranch & Artichoke Chick/rice)

Make your reservation asap by signing up on the Sunday Pew Pad sheet or call the church office 449-7265.

Program, 6:30 pm: Psalms of Lent with Rev. Jimmy Spear

Oasis Schedule

Mar 4 Dinner Menu: Pizza
Program: BINGO!

Mar 11 Dinner Menu: Ham and Beans,
Cornbread
Program: Dr. Larry Veatch
presentation on prayer

Mar 18 Dinner Menu: POTLUCK
Program: Barb Rothenberger
presents a travelogue on India

Mar 25 – Spring Break. Oasis TBA

Bereavement Lunches

In the past several years, there has been a group of women (and a few good men) in our church that have given their time to prepare, cook or serve at the church bereavement lunches. This is a very important service, which we need to continue to provide. However, some of these people may need or want to step down from this position due to health conditions.

We would like to create a new list of names and phone numbers of people interested in helping. If you work during the week, you might want to bake some cookies. You may be retired, but don't want to stand all the time to serve; you could come the day before and sit to prepare fruits and veggies. If you have helped in the past and would like to continue or are new and feel called to assist, please call Susan Klockow's home phone [573-446-1065](tel:573-446-1065) between 9:00 am - 9:00 pm and leave a voice message. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

~Janelle Patterson & Susan Klockow,
Bereavement Co-Chairs



6 people having
3 meals together over the course of
3 months --- dinner for six is back!

Join us in this great opportunity for church folks to become friends! New groups will be formed for the next *Dinner for Six* season of March, April, May.

This round of D4SIX will have a new twist! Groups will be formed of 3-4 and will have the challenge of inviting two-three guests to join the dinner -- making six. Dinner for Six has been a great way to meet new friends and this round will be a new way to further connection among church folks that were previously unfamiliar. Good food and good times await...

Sign up by contacting the church office: 449-7265 or fcc@firstchristian.org or Betty Montgomery: bettymontgomery@charter.net or 443-7817.

Sign Up by March 1

Ladies' Book Club

Please join the Ladies' Book Club on March 11 when they meet in Bethany Hall at noon to discuss *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II* by Denise Kiernan. You are welcome to bring your lunch. We meet for about an hour.



True North Donations

CWF continues to collect items for True North, a local women's shelter. Items needed are: personal products, such as disposable razors, shampoo and body lotion. Children's items such as diapers, baby shampoo and craft supplies are also needed. Household items, such as silverware and small kitchen appliances are appreciated.

Please put items in the labeled container outside the church office.

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The Mission of First Christian Church: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Feb. 22

Van Driver: Russ Palmer

Office Receptionist: Tom Gray

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Gerald and Susan Ramsey

Delivered by: Gerald and Susan Ramsey

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Tom and Carol Hughey

Elder: Carol Hughey

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Brad and Khons Volmert

Liturgist: Ken Watson

Elders: Tommy Tomlin, Eric Seaman, Fred Mottaz

Deacons: The Stanley Team

Greeters: Jerry Miller (*N. Door*), Kathy Miller (*S. Door*)

Gerald Ramsey (*Atrium*), Susan Ramsey (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Scott Team

Banner Bearers: Luke Stagg and Emma Hawkins

Candlelighters: Maddie Micek and Kameron Freed

Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (ldr.); Kim Leon (hlpr)

This Week (Feb. 22 - 28)

- Sun.** - RATI Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center
- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Edu. Bldg.
- Cabinet Retreat, 11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Children's Choir, 4:00-4:30 p.m.
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Newsletter deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Serving at Loaves & Fishes - DOC college group
- Nominating Committee Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room
- Tue.** - Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group, Service Project at Food Bank
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Trustee's Mtg., 12:00 p.m., Bleu Restaurant
- Brummett Harrah Group, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Oasis, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Chancel Choir, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri.** - Mother's Day Out, not in session
- CYF Mission Day, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., meet at church