

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 2018

Elders:

- 6th Steve Turrentine and Bob van Goethem
13th Steve Turrentine and Connie Combs
20th Connie Combs and Ron Sutton
27th Connie Combs and Ron Sutton

Stand-by Elder and Outside Greeter

- 6th Gladys Kemp
13th Gladys Kemp
20th Glenda Harper
27th Glenda Harper

Deacons: **Jr. Deacon*

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| Randy Alvord | Grace Schore* |
| Andrew Crawford* | Jean Schore |
| Lindsay Griffin | Ted Schore |
| Barry Phillips | |
| Susan Phillips | |

Worship Leaders:

- 6th Lindsay Griffin
13th Glenda Harper
20th Glenn Schore
27th Eileen Zimmerman

Greeters:

- 6th Maxie Hotz
13th Shelly Zahn
20th June Schwed
27th Christopher Crawford

Acolytes:

- 6th Rett Stevens and Zack Harris
13th Allan Burgess and Hayley Alvord
20th Nate Stevens and Kaitly Alvord
27th Trinity Turrentine and Varanda Versprill

(Schedule subject to change)



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Week of Wonder at Christmount

If you are looking for a change of scenery this Spring, why not take a mission trip to Christmount? This North Carolina Disciples camp could use your help. Each year there is a week set aside to ready the camp for summer camps and conferences. There are jobs to do that fit every skill/physical level from sorting puzzle pieces to office work to yard work. Many folks from our church have gone over the years and have enjoyed their time there while preparing the grounds, buildings and trails.



Week of Wonder, as it is known, is held on May 13-18, 2018.

Mornings & Afternoons: work time

Evenings: vesper service & relaxing

Meals: Monday breakfast-Friday breakfast

Begins: Sunday 7 PM-Welcome

Ends: Friday about 9:30 AM

Cost: \$160 includes meals & Conference Fee, housing is free based on 2 persons per room

To register call 828-669-8977 or go to: www.christmount.org/wow.

Pastor Terry Harps...

When the church behaves like Christ's Church

Conversations and debates are not a new thing in the church. Fear of the unknown or something new did not suddenly appear in the church in the twenty-first century. It is likely that one of the first phrases uttered in the newly organized New Testament church was, "we've never done it that way before."

Actually there is an account of such a turn of events in Acts 15. It is a report of what is now known as the Jerusalem Council. The question then was about the acceptance of those new Gentile converts to Christianity. Two familiar groups took shape. There were those who had an idea who wanted to try a new thing, and there were those who loved the church who were not sure what that new thing would do to the church. Yes, one of the talking points in that debate was the phrase, "We've never done it that way before."

So the church came together in Jerusalem and talked it out. It was a first century question and answer session. At the end, a letter was sent to those Gentile converts. The approach and wording of that letter set an example for every church that follows. In that letter they say, "For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to impose on you no further burden than these essentials:" (Acts 15:28).

When the church is at its best, the report of the decision should begin something like this, "It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..." When the Holy Spirit is allowed to participate in the discussions of the church, the result is not a resolution where the yeas or the nays win. When the Holy Spirit is present in church discussions, the result is discernment. Consider this internet definition of discernment: "(in Christian contexts) perception in the absence of judgment with a view to obtaining spiritual direction and understanding."

As I left the church property Sunday afternoon, April 29, I felt very proud to be the pastor of First Christian Church of Ocala. The questions and answers were shared with mutual respect. The process seemed to acknowledge that we are all here because we love Christ's Church and wish to follow God's call as guided by the Holy Spirit.

When the Church behaves the way First Christian Church behaved on that Sunday, we proclaim to this community and to the world that the Church does not belong to flesh and blood but to the God of love who has called us into being and who breathed His life into us as the Community of Faith.

Thank you for being Christ's Church,

Pastor Terry

In Need of Prayers

The family of Hubert Turrentine

Among our people: Lola Duncan, Claire Gauthier, David Gilbert, Marene Guare, Renn Hinton, Ty Hinton, Dottie Hoffer-Ross, Barbara Hunter, Susan Kemp, Bill Kerns, Basil Komar, Dick Marr, Jeannie Marr, Lois Philbrick, Ann Raines, Rob and Phyllis Robinson, Donna Rucker, Suzanne Stancil, Chris Stevens, Brenda Turrentine, Rob Windischmann, Andrea Wright

In retirement/rehab residences and homebound: Marian Cope (Ocala Health), Claude Cray (Haven House), Marie D'Orsi (Hampton Manor), Charles Durfee (MA), Mary Frank (OH), Richard Lane (Timberidge), Donna Lee (The Lodge), Grace McDaniel (Oakhurst), Bob Quackenbush (Brentwood)

Among our friends: Christy Bertera (Betsy Goehrig's daughter), Jo Brekrus (Susan Phillips' mother), Larry Cowart (Hazelene Rea's cousin), Pitts Duncan (Lola Duncan's son), Virginia Edling (Donna Lee's sister), Gary Gauthier (Claire Gauthier's son), Sandy Goehrig (Kevin Goehrig's sister-in-law), Carmen Hanson (friend of Ruby Moore), Delanna Hess (Mary Kay Kerns' sister), Jack Hoit (Lola Duncan's grandson-in-law), Mark Hotz (Maxie Hotz's son), Jimmy Hubbard (Sue Wright's Stepfather), Patsy Keith (Chuck Keith's sister-in-law), Gene Lancaster (friend of the Schweds), Marilyn Lee (friend of the Harpers), Ann Merchant (relative of Ann Raines), Gary Musselwhite (Ronnie Sutton's friend), Mike Pugh (friend of the Harris'), Judy Quire (Ruby Moore's sister), Oliver Simtson (friend of Eileen Zimmerman), Euclides Souza (Mike Zimmerman's father-in-law), Chuck Spiva (Ronnie Sutton's daughter's friend), Angie Varuolo, Eddie Wachter (Lori Lynn Wachter's husband), our military who are serving and those in harms way



Sundays at First Christian Church

Meditation Time
8:30-9:00 AM

Elders' Prayers in the Library
8:45 AM

Fellowship Time
9:00 AM

Sunday School
9:15 AM – (Nursery available)

Worship Service
10:30 AM

Office Hours
Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Closed for lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Church Leadership and Staff

Minister Rev. Terry Harper
Moderator Nancy Hutchinson
Visitation Minister Kathy Yates
Administrative Assistant Lorraine Daniels
Director of Music Rev. Lori Lynn Wachter
Church Musician Cindy Warringer
Sunday Staff Jim Burgess
Nursery Sue Wright and Christina Hubbard

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Disciples Women Fellowship News

CIRCLE MEETINGS

- **Phoebe Circle** will meet on Monday, May 7th, at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.
- **Lydia Circle** will meet at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 7th, in the Oden Building.
- **Galatians Circle** will meet at 10:30 AM on Monday, May 14th, in Fellowship Hall. They meet the second Monday of every month. The Circle welcomes men also.
- **Miriam Circle** meets on Wednesday, May 10th, at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

BOARD MEETING

The DWF Board will meet Monday, May 21st, at 9:00 AM in the Oden Building.

READING PROGRAM

A list of the books you have read is due in May. Please give your reading list to Linda Schultz so that you can be recognized at the Meeting in June.

GENERAL MEETING

Disciples Women's Fellowship will be having their end of the year General Meeting on June 9th, at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. We will have light refreshments and have a brief meeting with the installation of our new Board for 2018-2019. Please mark your calendars for this event.

Interfaith Serving Schedule

May 24 Phoebe Circle
June 28 Disciples Men Fellowship
July 26. Genesis Class

Stewardship Meeting

The Stewardship Ministry Team will meet on Monday, May 7th, at 9:00 AM in the Oden Building.

Cabinet Meeting

The next Cabinet meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3rd, following worship in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a bag lunch.

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15th, in Fellowship Hall at 7:15 PM. A carry-in dinner will begin at 6:30 PM.

Board Reports

Board Reports are due on Tuesday, May 8th. Please email your report to Leanna Dixon.

Red Hats

Red Hats meet on Wednesday, May 16th, at 11:30 AM at the Outback on Silver Springs Blvd. Please contact Ann Linvill or Linda Schultz if you cannot attend.

IB Testing

IB Testing continues through May 18th. Please check with the church office if you need access to Memorial Hall during those dates.

Newsletter Deadline

If you would like something printed in the next newsletter please email or drop off your information to the church office by Tuesday, May 22nd.

Men's Yard Sale Donations

The church is collecting items for the Disciple Men's Yard Sale being held on June 16th. Items may be brought to church on Sunday mornings between 8:00 AM and 12 noon and also on Tuesday mornings from 8:00 -11:00 AM.

Donations of gently used furniture, bedding, clothing, purses, shoes, toys, tools, whatever you have in your home that you are not using. We are focusing on quality not quantity and truly appreciate your assistance. Furniture and bedding needs to be CLEAN, free of pet hair, stains, no rips or tears, etc. If you are bringing sheets, blankets or bedspreads, please pin a little note on them telling what size they are. We appreciate your help.

Furniture pickups will be done once a month. If you have furniture or large items to be picked up please call the church office to be placed on the pick-up list.

We appreciate your help in supporting the Men's group as they contribute so much to our church during the year.

Volunteers are need on Sunday, June 10th, following worship to help set up tables and move boxes over. Lunch will be provided.

Homestay Program

Host families are needed for international students who come here to improve their English skills from July 20th to August 7th. For more information contact Karen Wood at (352) 239-0578 or go to www.ef.edu/ehp.



Mark your calendar for this year's Vacation Bible School!

Come ride the river of fun and adventure while we learn about Jesus and how to be his followers.

Sunday, July 29 - Thursday, August 3
Dinner 5:30pm
Program 6:00 - 7:30pm

ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

Sign up today by emailing Jean Schore and provide the name, age and t-shirt size for each person attending.

Thank You!

A special "Thank You" goes out to everyone who worked so hard to put together the Spring Enrichment Conference that was held here at First Christian. You all did a great job. We received a note from the FDWF President, Linda Joy Curtner, and she thanked our team for doing an awesome job. Everyone attending felt welcomed from the moment they walked into the room with the best table of food and drink to the moment they got back in their cars. She felt the songs that were picked to be sung were excellent and was very impressed with Leone playing "Jesus Loves Me" on the spur of the moment. Everyone was very impressed with our Kitchen Crew and how efficient they were. Linda Curtner won the basket that we had for the raffle and loves everything that was in it. Thank you to Terry who put together all the videos and power points on our system. Thank you to Jim Burgess for running our sound system for us that day. Also a thank you to Hazelene Rea for being our Nursery Attendant that day so that one of

Morrow Scholarships

Applications for the Morrow Scholarship are now available in the church office. The following are eligible to apply for scholarship funds and will be considered with preference in the following descending order, as funds are available:

- 1.) Active members of the First Christian Church of Ocala (Disciples of Christ) planning to attend an accredited Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) related college, university, or seminary
- 2.) Active members of the First Christian Church of Ocala (Disciples of Christ) planning to attend an accredited college, university, or seminary,
- 3.) Children of active members of the First Christian Church of Ocala (Disciples of Christ) planning to attend an accredited college, university, or seminary. Children shall be defined as natural born offspring or adopted. The spouse of an adult child shall also be eligible if they are a church member.

Deadline for returning COMPLETED applications is June 29, 2018. Final transcripts for 2018 graduates must be turned in by June 29, 2018. Awards will be announced in July.

Leanna Dixon, Scholarship Committee Chairperson

our members could attend this event. It was wonderful to have so many from our church in attendance.

Ann Linvill, DWF President

After four long years, I am graduating with a Bachelor of Education in Mathematics from Concord University. I want to express my appreciation to First Christian Church for your support and prayers. I am excited to begin my teaching career in West Virginia but First Christian Church will be my home.

Thank you,
Taylor Dixon

I wish to thank everyone for recognizing me and the 20 years I've worked for First Christian Church and for the generous gift. Wow, what a surprise! This gift will help tremendously with my plans to visit my son.

Lorraine

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 90th Plus Birthday dinner a success.

Your Membership Ministry Team

Renewing our Green Chalice Covenant

First Christian Church is renewing our efforts as a Green Chalice Congregation which we began in 2012. Members of Lydia Circle have accepted the challenge to serve as our Green Team. We begin by signing the Green Chalice Covenant and celebrating the many ways we continue to serve as a Green Congregation. We will be looking for better ways to keep the congregation informed of changes in Ocala's recycling program. Here are some of the ways we participate:

- Recycle cans and paper in the office and church bulletins (Look for recycle bins throughout church).
- Organic Garden and composting with food going to Interfaith
- Monitoring of A/C thermostat settings
- Newsletter and Board reports sent electronically
- Replacing light bulbs with energy efficient LED bulbs
- Using real dishes for fellowship dinners
- Not using Styrofoam products

Changes in Ocala Recycle program that affect the ways we recycle:

- As of May 1st, Ocala is no longer accepting any glass items
- Do not accept any used paper or plastic dinner ware (even if it is rinsed)
- Do not accept batteries of any kind but recommend we take car batteries back to dealer for recycling

We are exploring ways to have an energy audit, but this is something Ocala Utilities does not offer to customers. We are open to any information in this area. Our research has not been helpful. We welcome any suggestions or concerns as we work towards being a Certified Green Chalice Congregation. We will try to keep the congregation informed of ways we can all work together as good stewards in caring for God creation.

Glenda Harper on behalf of our Green team

St. Johns River Tour and Lunch on May 5, 2018

Your Membership and Evangelism Committee is really excited to share the following event with you. Brenda Turrentine is able to drive the bus for us. We must have at least 15 individuals attending, but no more than 21. The cost is roughly \$36 which includes the tour, lunch (\$32), fuel for the bus (?), and Brenda's tour/lunch expense. Gratuity is not included. We will meet at the church at 9:15. Bus pulls out exactly at 9:30. To learn more go to this link:

<http://stjohnsrivertours.com/Group-Boat-Tours.html>

To make inquiries please contact Eileen Zimmerman 895-1609 or Linda Schultz 867-7202.



MAY Calendar

- 1-18** IB Testing in Memorial Hall
- 1** 7:30 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service & Crafts (F/H)
- 2** 5:30 PM Wednesday @ Well (M/H)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Devotional Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (S)
- 3** 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study (Oden)
- 4** 10:00 AM CWU Friendship Day
- 4-6** Soul Retreat @ The Retreat
- 5** 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (F/H)
9:30 AM St. John's River Cruise/lunch
- 6** 3:00 PM OYS Concert (Reilly Center)
- 7** 9:00 AM Stewardship Meeting (Oden)
10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
1:00 PM Phoebe Circle (F/H)
7:00 PM Lydia Circle (Oden)
- 8** 7:30 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service & Crafts (F/H)
N/A Board Reports due!
- 9** 5:30 PM Wednesday @ Well (M/H)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Devotional Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (S)
- 10** 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study (Oden)
10:00 AM Miriam Circle (F/H)
- 12** 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (F/H)
- 13** 10:30 AM JC Steele, Guest Minister
- 13-18** Week of Wonder @ Christmount
- 14** 10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
10:30 AM Galatians Circle (F/H)
12:00 PM Evangelism/Membership (F/H)
- 15** 7:30 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service & Crafts (F/H)
6:30 PM Board Carry-in Dinner (F/H)
7:15 PM Board Meeting (F/H)
- 16** 11:30 AM Red Hats
5:30 PM Wednesday @ Well (M/H)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (S)
- 17** 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study (Oden)
- 19** 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (F/H)
- 20** Pentecost Special Offering collected
- 21** 9:00 AM DWF Board Meeting (Oden)
10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
- 22** 7:30 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service & Crafts (F/H)
N/A Newsletter deadline
- 23** 5:30 PM Wednesday @ Well (M/H)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (S)
- 24** 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study (Oden)
5:00 PM Phoebe Circle serves at Interfaith
6:00 PM Order of Arrow (F/H)
- 25-28** Family Camp @ The Retreat
- 26** 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (F/H)
- 27** Pentecost Special Offering collected
- 28** Memorial Day - Office closed
- 29** 7:30 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service & Crafts (F/H)
10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
- 30** 5:30 PM Wednesday @ Well (M/H)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (S)
- 31** 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study (Oden)

Please check your Sunday bulletin as calendar is subject to change.



MAY Birthdays

- 4** Susan Kemp
5 Ramona Burgess
9 Ann Raines
Kay Marks
12 Larry Reaves
21 Erika Windischmann
Ryan Turrentine
23 Judy West
Ryan Wakelin
27 Kelsielynn Smith
31 Minnie Speight
Sue Chmielewski

MAY Anniversaries

- 5** Gene and Lois Kutun
10 Matt and Vicky Smith
11 Ted and Jodie Dietz
26 Jim and Lynne Shelton
28 Ralph and Marian Cope
28 Bob and Janice Cole



JUNE Birthdays

- 2** Donna Rucker
William Griffin
4 Megan Dixon
Eva Schore
7 Donna Lee
8 Garrett Dixon
Dianna Hall
10 Nancy Hutchinson
Brittany Steier
11 Pamela Foster
Kameron DeVille
13 Shirley Hannah
Isabella Harris
16 Bonnie Quackenbush
18 Basil Komars
19 Kathy Yates
20 Andrea Wright
21 Marilyn Roberson
22 Linda Raines
23 Gerry Combs
Betsy Goehrig
24 Mary Shelton

JUNE Anniversaries

- 10** Hale and Becky Stancil
16 Bruce and Nancy Hutchinson
18 Terry and Mary Beth Harper
18 Ramsey and Colleen DeVille
21 Don and Claudia Silengo
24 Steven and Brenda Turrentine
24 Bill and Claudia Smedley
24 Meredith and Eric Sipple
27 Larry and Karen Reaves