



FOCUS

June 21, 2019

1200 East Boulevard • Charlotte, NC 28203 • Tel: 704 334-3771
9:45 a.m. Sunday School • 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

SUMMER CAMP

**June 17th thru
June 22nd**

Sophia Henderson
Ephraim Ericksen
Tommy McElroy
Jolin McElroy

June 24th thru 29th

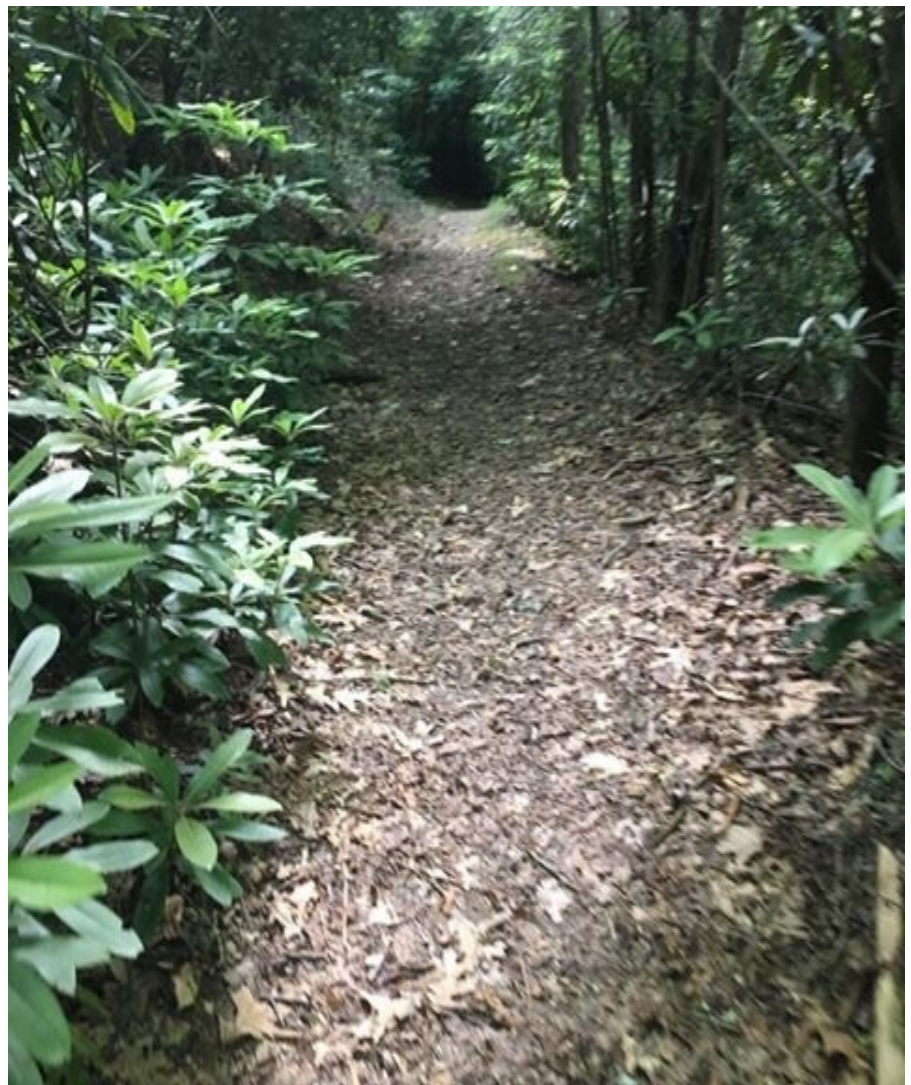
Zoë Macomber

Cards or care boxes to;

Christmount
222 Fern Way
Black Mountain, NC
28711



Retreat. Camp.
Conference Center



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From the Pastor

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" —Psalm 29:9

Oh, Friends! There is so much to talk about with you right now. We have a big few weeks facing us at the church, with a Board Meeting on June 23 and a Congregational Meeting on June 30. Important things are being discussed, important decisions are being made. A new giving platform is in the works this summer, and we will be getting information to you about the new service we'll be using for online and text giving. Our choir room remediation project is complete, but the room itself needs a new floor and are looking at ways to fund that. We clearly have some financial challenges ahead—all while we are also in the process of interviewing candidates for Worship Music Leader. In the midst of these things I have put together a plan for a summer sermon series, "Out There Faith." We hope that, as people get ready for vacations and summer explorations, golfing and time in the backyard grilling steaks, that every one of us will find ways to take our faith with us into those places "out there"—away from the pretty sanctuary we call our spiritual home. Of *course*, whenever you are here in Charlotte on a Sunday, if at all possible, we'd really love to see you and join with you in worship. But the summer brings with it some travels and excursions. To that end, we have ordered some business cards that each of us can keep in a pocket or wallet or purse or glove compartment to share information about our wonderful church and the faith that has grounded us and compelled us to live with a unique kind of love, of forgiveness, of honesty. These business cards will be distributed on Sunday, June 23rd, and will be available until we run out! Use them to invite a friend to church, use them to inquire with someone about a ministry opportunity. Use them to tell our story. Write your name on the back and use them as your own calling card. We got them for you, so we really do want you to use them to share with others we haven't met yet.

Right now, as I write this, I am "Out There" at Christmount with 25 campers from churches across the Region of North Carolina. The ages of these campers span from 9-14, and we've been overwhelmed with rain! But even with the rain, we are learning, as the song says, to praise God in the middle of life's storms. Three of these campers, Sophia Henderson, Tommy McElroy, and Ephraim Ericksen, are from First Christian Church—thanks to the help given for tuition from the CMF and the BBQ proceeds. Next week, it will be Zoë Macomber heading out to Christmount to be part of the CYF Conference. At camp, young people learn about Jesus, about faith, they gain some practices to help them grow spiritually, and they worship in a pretty setting, reminded of the grandeur of God. This week, our young people were given journals to use during their devotional time. We hope the campers will come to experience the joy so many of us have found in relationship with the living God over these weeks away, and bring home something that will feed them and others they encounter for the rest of their lives.

I'm sharing a photograph of my "Out There" experience with you as a reminder of how, even when our travels take us into storms and threats, God is still at work and we have a role to fill, even "Out There." If you have an opportunity to take a photograph or two of your "Out There" Experience, please share it with us—bonus points if you are in the photo!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "JoAnn". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Church Happenings

3 Months @ a Glance

June	Loaves and Fishes Remember the children are out of school
July	Loaves and Fishes Remember the children are out of school
August	Loaves and Fishes Remember the children are out of school Small hygiene products



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SUMMER IN MISSIONS???

Your missions team is working hard to hear God's call for FCC as we head through summer and into Fall 2019. The team is composed of David and Danyse Kingsbery, Jupy Puckett, Mary Helen Hughes, Jane Haynes, Jolin McElroy, David and Sandee Wagoner. We need and welcome others to join us in this discernment process... simply let one of us know or call the church office and Tami Toler, office manager will let us know. FCC—704 334-3771. Our next meeting will be early August. We are already looking at fall and winter projects.

This summer we are again collecting food for Loaves and Fishes in June, July and August. Families already stretched to provide food, Now have children at home who are not getting supplemental breakfasts and lunches at school. So please fill those bins located to the right as you enter the sanctuary building. Think of those families and especially children when you grocery shop.

In August we will also be collecting hygiene supplies. We will share more about that in July. But while you are vacationing and off traveling, hotels give out small size hygiene products and we know people who can use them....

Looking forward to September, we will again be collecting books for children in our community who live in homes with very few, if any, books. New and gently used CHILDREN's books are welcome. Tell your neighbors ask your fiends. Browse the library sale shelf. Books for children from birth to 14 years....

Thank you for your continued generosity. We are always humbled by the outpouring you bring each time we share a call....it is God's love to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ that we are sharing. We are all ones family....

Your Missions Team....

Church Happenings



SUPPORT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH THROUGH AMAZON SMILE!

AmazonSmile offers the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.com, including Amazon Prime. When you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate .5% of the purchase price on eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Choose us! It costs you nothing but it gives back to your church. Ask your family and friends to do this too!

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On May 15, 2019

Ida Bell Kate
Funderburk



It's a Girl!

born at 9lbs, 11 oz. and 21 inches. Proud parents (Mom) Madelene and Cal Funderburk (Dad). Proud grandparents Carl and Stacey Newton.

On June 8, 2019

Harley Quinn
Nossa

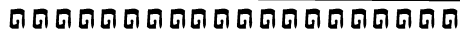


It's a Girl!

7lbs 10 oz, 19 inches long. Proud grand parents are Steve and Mary Clifton.



JULY SERVERS



Elder of the Month:

Lead
Co Lead

David Wagoner
Julie Bogguss

Deacons Mike Richey, Mary Helen Hughes

JULY SERMON SCRIPTURE

- JULY 7: Luke 10: 1-11
- JULY 14: 2 Kings 5: 1-19
- JULY 21: Guest Speaker
- JULY 28: Luke 11: 1-13

Liturgist

(reading scripture)

- JULY 7: Misty Warden
- JULY 14: Misty Warden
- JULY 21: Misty Warden
- JULY 28: Misty Warden



- Julianna Ksor
- Janice Ksor
- Junny Ksor
- Tommy McElroy
- Zachery Moore

Children's Moment

- JULY 7: Rev. McElroy
- JULY 14: Rev. McElroy
- JULY 21: Rev. McElroy
- JULY 28: Rev. McElroy



FINANCE REPORT

Paul & Laura West, Treasurer

2019 Weekly need to meet the Budget \$ 3,798.85

- Offering for June 9, 2019 \$ 2,925.10
- Offering for June 2, 2019 \$ 7,723.21
- Offering for May 26, 2019 \$ 2,792.00
- Offering for May 19, 2019 \$ 2,217.00



Note from Elders: Please let an Elder know if you have a special prayer concerns

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 am YOGA 11:30 am DSK 5:00 pm Quilter's Bee	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Montagnard Church 11:00 am Worship	8 9:00 am YOGA 11:30 am DSK	9	10 10:30 am YOGA 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Mindful Meditation AA	11	12	13
14 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Montagnard Church 11:00 am Worship 5:30 pm Book Club	15 9:00 am YOGA 11:30 am DSK 5:30 pm Quilter's Bee 7:00 pm Elders Meeting FOCUS Deadline	16	17 10:30 am YOGA 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Mindful Meditation AA	18	19 FOCUS	20 Jolin at General Assembly
21 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Montagnard Church 11:00 am Worship Guest Preacher	Jolin at General Assembly					
28 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Montagnard Church 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm General Board meeting	29 9:00 am YOGA 11:30 am DSK	30	31			
<p>Please join the Adult Sunday School class each Sunday morning at 9:45 AM on the first floor of the Fellowship building. We are reviewing the Book of AMOS. Tara Romine and Michelle Daigler will lead us through this wonderful study.</p>						



CONCERNS:

- * Family & Friends of Rev. Bill Robertson
- * Family & Friends of Doug West (uncle of Paul West)
- * Roger Stahl (brother of Nancy Carol Stahl)
- * Eddie Hughes & Laura Hughes
- * Misty Warden, Connie Nelson and family
- * Kyle Hester
- * Nancy Carol Stahl
- * Family & Friends of Dwayne Drafahl (cousin of Leslie Therrien and Laura Hughes)
- * Connie Marchbank
- * Renee Estep (friend of Tammy Pererboom)
- * Rev. Dara Cobb Lewis
- * Leslie Williams & Angel Rivera (friend of Chip Givens)
- * Family & Friends of Gale Overcash
- * Stephanie Wells (friend of Ann Rowell & Tammy Pereboom)
- * Judy Diamond (aunt of Deb and Curtis Overcash)
- * Family & Friends of Jessie Black (mother of Cliff Black)
- * Family & Friends of Lubov Kozelskaya & Paul Leonard (friend/family of Nancy Carol Stahl)
- * Nkrah Dieu
- * Family & Friends of Samantha Keithley (niece of Ted Fraley)
- * Family & Friends of Elsie McLendon
- * Jim & Elizabeth Marchbank, Beverly & Gary Marchbank (family of Connie Marchbank)
- * Jarod Bailey
- * Carol Tarcza
- * Mary Campbell & Mike Pyle (cousins of Steve Bailey)
- * Jean Bick, Tommy Pickney, Doug West, Jayme & Bryan Rothwell, & Marie Digiovanni (family of Paul &

- Laura West)
- * Diana O'Keefe & Leigh Evans (friends of Paul West)
- * Beth Vroman (friend of Tammy Pereboom)
- * Evie Wahl (sister of Mary Clifton)
- * Gilbert Edwards & Beth Bentolila (family of Steve Clifton)

Ongoing Concerns:

- * Tom & Judy Caldwell (friends of Leslie Therrien)
- * Ione Pereboom (mother of Tammy Pereboom)
- * Grace Chanen, Lana Dellinger, Terry Davis & Mark Davis (friends of Connie Marchbank)
- * Gray Canfield, Andrea Raby & Jon Raby
- * Tom McElroy
- * Mika Bulu
- * Carl Bredow
- * Emily Henderson and family
- * Mary Boyer (mother of Ann Wright)
- * Kerry Weesner (son-in-law of Diane Vogt)
- * Howard Johnson
- * Military Overseas
- * Phil Bauer & Family
- * Connie Mead (mother of Julie Bogguss)
- * Montagnard families & Religious freedom in Vietnam for all Bunong Christians in Cambodia

- 01/Reagan Dettrey
- 02/Ashton Fakih
- 04/Eric Dettrey
- 07/Lisa Fakih-Thomas
- 07/Pyin Rolan
- 08/Allison Newton
- 11/Kasumwat Bubong
- 12/Madelene Newton
- 12/Bobby Carney
- 13/Steve Herdt
- 13/Sarah Carney
- 14/Katie(Moi) Ksor
- 15/Wi Ksor
- 20/Katharine Henderson
- 21/Paul West
- 21/Jessica Hughes
- 22/Junny Ksor
- 22/Hoan Rahlan
- 23/Tiffany Miller
- 23/Connie Marchbank
- 23/Katie Smithson Wylie
- 24/Ryenn Thomas
- 24/Sue Kelly
- 31/Sarah Beth Smith
- 31/Emily Henderson



- 10/Paul & Laura West
- 20/Bill & Kay Diel
- 21/Todd & Katharine Henderson
- 22/Van Siu & Hoan Rahlan

If your name is missing from the list of birthdays or anniversaries, please give the Church Office a call.

Bowing to authority

Almost 250 years after the Revolution, independence is still important to Americans. Just as colonists objected to high taxes from the English crown, we object when others saddle us with overbearing burdens or demands.

As God's child, however, I recognize the importance of his authority and oversight. God works in me to make me more like him, and he works through me to do his bidding. The Holy Spirit intertwines with my thoughts and actions to bring about God's good will. Even when I'm selfish or don't want to conform, God's presence becomes part of my daily activities. "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13, ESV).

Because God knows what's good and right for me, I'll depend and lean on him, even when doubts arise. As I grow older, I see more clearly that hope and satisfaction result when I follow God's direction.
—MaryAnn Sundby

If you know someone who is sick, in the hospital, or has a prayer concern, please call the Church Office at 704-334-3771.

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"In opinions, liberty;
in essentials, unity;
and in all things, love"



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