



FOCUS

September 22, 2017 1200 East Boulevard • Charlotte, NC 28203 • Tel: 704 334-3771
9:45 a.m. Sunday School • 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

**We are having a
Christian Men's Fellowship BBQ!!!**

**It's BBQ Time!
Take out or Dine In!**



**Friday, October 13,
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 14,
11:00 a.m. – until sold out!**

Plates \$ 9

**Includes BBQ, Bun, Slaw,
Sauce, Chips**

Pound \$ 9

Includes Pound BBQ, Slaw, & Sauce

Sponsored by the Christian Men's Fellowship

Your Support Sends Kids to Church Camp Next Summer!

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From the Pastor

"It is the bread that the Lord has given to you to eat."
-Exodus 16:15b



Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." --Matthew 14:16

Communion is a big deal to us in the church. It is a big deal to us in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), especially. When you have communion every week, you develop a special relationship with that moment. You look forward to it, you hunger for it when it is missing, you use that time as a touchstone with your Lord, you develop a theology around it, too. We have done that, most certainly, at First Christian Church. Communion is the culmination of the service for us these days, the highlight, if you ask me. It has taught us the importance of coming together around the Table. It has informed us on how to be an inclusive community, with everyone welcome. Fences get mended around that Table. Burdens get lifted. And our experience there has made us a people who place a priority on feeding the hungry, as Jesus instructed us to be. When hungry people surrounded Jesus and his disciples, he said to them, "You give them something to eat." We took that seriously when we started our Dilworth Soup Kitchen. And, like the disciples marveling over the multiplied loaves and fishes, we've been surprised by the bounty that has come from that ministry and the number of lives impacted by it--still serving hundreds almost nine years after its birth. It is, of course, only a natural progression from thinking theologically about the Table and responding to our Lord, who takes care of us in so many ways, that we'd want to take care of others and return the favor.

Sunday, October 1st is World Communion Sunday. It is a day when churches all over the world celebrate communion together. It is a big deal. There's so much wrong with our world, so many divisions between us even in this one nation, and even within the church battles are being fought that certainly break Jesus' heart. But at times, we gust to beauty. World Communion Sunday has the potential to be one of those moments of beauty. See further reflection on World Communion Sunday on page 3 of this newsletter.

With this theology of the Table woven deep into our identities, the Future Story Team has dreamed of an Open Table Service--an evening worship experience that incorporates a simple meal shared and real conversation around tables in our sanctuary. We are looking to have our first Open Table Service sometime this Fall. The plan is to begin them quarterly, and then more often as we all get the hang of this new way of doing church. What will we need to get this started? Some willing souls who can help plan and put together a simple meal (soup and homemade bread, to start), who can commit to attending and participating for the few Sundays this service will happen, who will want to step out into something new and unfamiliar--even in a familiar setting, who will be willing to invite friends and strangers to be part of it, too. The beliefs are there, the welcome of Christ is there, and the Holy Spirit is moving, too. What about you?

Peace,

JOE N

Church Happenings

Phil Bauer is a church member who is currently serving time in the Federal Correctional Institution in Okdale, LA. As he is developing in his faith and seeking ways to serve God. I asked him to share reflection with us about Communion. As we approach World Communion Sunday, consider our brothers and sisters in Christ who are far away as you also reflect on “What does communion mean to me?”

Jolin W. McElroy

What does Communion (The Lord’s Supper) Mean to Me?

First let me say that the verses from Luke 22: 14-20 gives us the best description of that moment. Especially “And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them saying ‘This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ And likewise the cup after they had eaten saying “This cup that is poured out for you is the New Covenant in My Blood.” For these two verses is a promise that we all can partake in. As I partake of the bread, I see Christ being beaten, spit upon, slapped, whipped until parts of his flesh are torn away from the bone. Then the Cross, as he is laid out with his hands and arm stretched out and being nailed to it, as his feet in the same manner. Then the Cross being brought up for all to see. Through that show of love, Christ forgave us all at that time. Once he gave up his spirit, to make sure Christ was dead, a spear was pieced into his side, and water and blood flowed out. Christ paid it all for us! With this vision still my mind I reflect on His entire Life from birth, his Ministry, and all his trials and teachings.

What goes through my mind, I think of my life, mostly from the time or start of my incarceration, while in county jail for 2 1/2 years. I went to church services every Sunday, not once was Communion given. When I finally got here in Federal Prison, my first Sunday in February 2013, I went to Sunday service and at that time I was told they have communion, my heart was pounding hard in my chest, I was shaking. When communion was passed around and got to me, I was trembling bad. As I held the bread and cup, with my eyes closed and praying, that’s when the flood gates open up, tears and tears were coming down, not tears of sadness, but tears of Joy and Comfort. All this time in my mind I was thinking “How can I be worthy of taking of this cup of communion?” The answer came to me at that time. Only through Christ are we worthy to partake of His sacrificial death, burial and resurrection. We alone can’t do it.

One might be asking what does this have to do with “What does communion mean to me?” Well, brothers and sisters, it means for me: Love. Love -- what Christ went through for me His entire Life -- will always be there. I can always look to Him for everything and know his arms are wide open waiting for me to come and feel His presence all around me and in me.

In one of my studies, a quote I like is this, “He is both God and man, His death becomes the infinite sacrifice for sin and the gift of Life.” “(The Gospel of Mark by Rhoderick D. Ice, pg 70 from American Bible Academy). With this in mind I quote from Paul in I Cor 13:13 “So now faith, Hope, and Love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is Love” (ESV).

That’s what communion means to me, Christ’s unselfish Love. He paid it all for us at the Cross. So “Do this in Remembrance of Me!”

Phil Bauer

World Communion Sunday is October 1, 2017

YOUR GENERAL BOARD: UPDATE

The General Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, August 27.

Finance Update: Offerings and other revenue through the end of August totaled \$ 131,195; expenditures totaled \$ 131,794, so the budget was essentially in balance. However, projected offerings are behind by well over \$ 5,000 for this point in the year. Not making projections will either directly affect Missions giving or essential expenditures (payroll, building operation). *You will be receiving a letter via email (or hard copy for those who don't have email) in the coming week asking to prayerfully consider your current commitment to the church and if possible, to give a little extra.*

The Board is grateful for your continual support of our faith community with your time, talent and financial resources. It is only with your support that our church is able to live out its mission: "To love as Jesus loved and serve God in all we do."

Board Action on Finance Team Recommendations.

The Board unanimously approved the following recommendations from the Finance Team (Julie Burch Board, Steve Clifton, Chip Givens, Connie Marchbank, David Wagoner, Paul West, and Jolin McElroy). These recommendations are aimed at helping the church better manage cash flow fluctuations as well as earmark certain revenues specifically for Church Missions.

- Establish a new General Operating Reserve Fund in the amount of \$5,000. The Trustees have agreed to seed the new fund with a loan contribution of \$5,000. The loan is with the understanding that the Church will repay the Trustees the total amount as soon as feasible, using Use of Building (rental) Revenues. The money in the Reserve fund will be used to address short-term cash flow issues, i.e. when giving falls short in weeks when payroll or other essential expenditures are due. The Treasurer will use the least amount necessary in Operating Reserves to make up for the shortage in General Operating funds in order to meet these obligations.
- Establish a Board policy for any revenues the Church receives for Use of the Building(s) as follows: 20% to go into the Designated Fund for Missions; 80% to go into the new Operating Reserve Fund. This policy is effective immediately, starting with revenue received under the space rental agreement for private music instruction. Any revenues received from any future expansion of rental space - as well as revenues from fees for Weddings - will be subject to the 20/80 designation.
- Establish a Board policy that all "undesigned" revenues that come to the Church be subject to the same 20% Missions, 80% Operating Reserve designation. An example of undesigned revenues is occasional rental of space to movie production companies.
- Establish a Board policy that any new spending proposals over \$ 500 come through the Finance Team, appointed by the Moderator, for review and recommendation prior to coming to the Board. The only exception would be for expenditures relating to emergencies, e.g. urgent maintenance or repairs to keep church property safe.

New Wedding Policy: The Future Story envisions opening up the Sanctuary to serve as a Wedding Chapel. Not only will this provide greater exposure of FCC to the community, it will provide a revenue source to help fund Church Missions. The Board is grateful to David and Ginger Wagoner who have led the team to revise the current policy. Action on the new policy was deferred to a future meeting to give the Board more time to study it.

Once the policy is adopted, the church will need a small team of people to tend to the details - as well as people interested in serving as paid Wedding Hosts. See related item in this Newsletter. Please let me know if you are interested in serving in either capacity.

Building Use Policy. The Board reviewed the first draft of the new policy and offered several comments and suggested changes. The revised draft will be on a future Board agenda. Many thanks to Steve Clifton for leading this effort.

2018 Church Leadership: The Moderator has appointed the following people to serve as the Nominating Committee for 2018: Chip Givens, Leslie Therrien, Diane Vogt and Laura West. The Committee is seeking candidates to serve as Moderator, Vice Moderator, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Trustees, Elders, Deacons and Junior Deacons. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your time and talents to lead and support FCC. Your church needs you. If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact any member of the Committee.

***Note Change in Board Meeting Schedule*:** Due to the planned absence of several Board members for family or other reasons, the September 24 Board meeting is cancelled. *The last Board meeting for 2017 has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 15* (moved up from the original date of October 22). Important items for the October agenda include: approval of the recommended Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2018; approval of the 2018 Ministry Finance Plan; Wedding Policy; and Building Use Policy. Board meetings are open to all. If you have any questions or would like to address the Board at its next meeting, please contact me.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 19, immediately following Worship. The Congregation will be asked to take action on the 2018 proposed Slate and Ministry Finance Plan.

Julie Burch Board, Moderator
jburch6152@gmail.com

Church Happenings

“Serving the Lord with Gladness. . .”

On behalf of a grateful Congregation, the General Board wishes to recognize the following individuals this month for their dedication and service:

Steve Clifton, Connie Nelson, Misty Warden, Andy Smith – cleaning of Pastor McElroy’s books.

Bobbi Bailey and Alan Holmes, coordinators, and Steve Bailey, Cliff Black, Julie Burch Board, Julie Bogguss, Carl Bredow, Mary Clifton, Steve Clifton, Michelle Daigler, Ted Fraley, Neal Harpe, Vicki Harpe, Sue Kelly, Danyse Kingsbery, David Kingsbery, David Knight, Betty McKnight, Pam McKnight, Connie Marchbank, Debbie Mummert, Tammy Pereboom, Jupy Puckett, Tara Romine, Nancy Carol Stahl, Forest Tindell – and all who provided assistance and food for the Norville family reception on September 3.

Missions Team including Julie Bogguss, Alan Holmes, Danyse Kingsbery, David Kingsbery, David Knight, Leslie Therrien, David Wagoner, Sandee Wagoner - and all who participated and contributed – Book Drive to support Reach Out and Read.

Book Club

Author of MOUNTAINS BEYOND MOUNTAINS and THE SOUL OF A NEW MACHINE

TRACY KIDDER
WINNER of the PULITZER PRIZE
A TRUCK FULL OF MONEY

ONE MAN’S QUEST TO RECOVER from GREAT SUCCESS

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017
At 5:30 pm at the home of Juile Bogguss.
November’s book is *A Truck Full of Money* by Tracy Kidder

FROM THE MAILBOX

Thank you

“I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you, in my prayers.” Ephesians 1:16 NIV
Sending you many thanks. God Bless You
Thank you to Jolin and the calls and visits.

Thank you for bring a friend to us. Thank you to all the church members and for everything they have done for us. We love all of you and appreciate every-one of you. May God bless.

Lots of Love
Norville family

Special Thank you

Michelle Daigler and Tara Romine, our hosts - and all who brought food and participated – for the church picnic on a lovely Carolina evening on Sunday, September 17.

If you would like to recognize an individual or group for service on behalf of our church, please contact Julie Burch Board, jburch6152@gmail.com





Week of Compassion

Update on Harvey and Irma:

Hurricane Irma:

Week of Compassion partners are assessing the extensive damage in Cuba. We have set aside funds to support the coming appeal, once response plans are in place.

Power outages and flooding continue in Florida and along the southeast coast. Week of Compassion is working with regional leadership to assess the effects of Irma on our Disciples congregations. Reports of roof damage and flooding at homes and church buildings have already begun, and we anticipate many more as people are able to return from evacuation locations. Congregations across Florida and the southeast continue to offer shelter and assistance to their communities, with support from regional leadership.

Week of Compassion has an ongoing relationship with the Volusia Interfaiths/Agencies Networking in Disaster, where we are supporting long-term recovery from Hurricane Matthew. We have reached out to offer additional assistance for additional efforts responding to Irma.

Hurricane Harvey:

In the last week, Week of Compassion has distributed over \$100,000 in solidarity grants to households and churches through the Coastal Plains Area and Southwest Region. Additionally, our staff has provided information and pastoral support to Disciples congregations making significant impact in their local areas. Our congregations span the impact zone--from Corpus Christi, Aransas Pass, and Victoria in the west, to Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Orange in the east; from Galveston and Texas City in the south, to Conroe and Kingwood in the north. Disciples have distributed more than 1000 clean up buckets and have helped muck out dozens of houses. Congregations have collected school supplies, hosted meals, and offered prayer for and with their neighbors.

Together with Disciples Volunteering and local and regional leaders, Week of Compassion is planning for long-term recovery support and volunteer opportunities.

Faithful Journey Series

MeckMin is happy to announce a new monthly series called Faithful Journey. Each month a different House of Worship will host an informational gathering where members of the community can come together to learn about its norms and practices.

Participants will have an opportunity to get acquainted with the concepts, vocabulary, and rituals of a rich diversity of faith traditions in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area.

The purpose is to build community, encourage dialogue and open the door to the practices of many of the world's great religions that can be found right here in our own backyard. We envision the series as a way to help Charlotte residents not only become familiar with their neighbors of different faiths but conversant and well-rounded citizens in a multi-religious world.

Sunday, October 15, 2017

2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Baha'i Center, 3514 Marvin Road Charlotte NC 38211 (RSVP by October 8)

Friday, November 17, 2017

6:00PM - 9:00 PM

Hindu Center, 7400 City View Dr, Charlotte, NC 28212 (RSVP by November 10)

Friday, December 15, 2017

5:15-PM - 7:30 PM

Temple Beth El, 5101 Providence Rd. Charlotte, NC 28226 (RSVP by December 8)

Note: This series will continue into 2018. Information about future dates and venues will be forthcoming.

Mark your calendars and RSVP at arzu@meckmin.org



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INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A PAID WEDDING HOST?

As part of the Future Story, the General Board is revising the church wedding policy to open our beautiful Sanctuary to be a Wedding Chapel. This change will provide brides and grooms with another venue possibility, and most importantly, it will be a revenue source to help fund Church Missions.

Under the new policy, the church will provide a Wedding Host who will be present on the day of the rehearsal and the day of the wedding. The Host will represent the church and help the wedding party with specific facility-related needs on that day. Wedding Hosts will be paid for hours worked, at \$ 30 per hour, with revenue coming from fees charged to couples (reduced fees for church members).

The church is looking for at least two or three people to serve as a pool of people willing to be a Wedding Host, to be called upon to serve as needed. Interested? Please contact David Wagoner or the Church Office and let us know.

Church Happenings



THANKS TO ALL who donated to this year's **CLASSROOM CENTRAL** mission ministry. A total of **1,130** school supply items were delivered! FCC continues to be such a **BIG BLESSING** to so many!

Three Months at a Glance

- October** 15th - Begin Thick SOCKS, Warm HATS collection
Loaves & Fishes ~ Canned pastas, Spaghetti Sauce
- November** Thick SOCKS, Warm HATS collection continues

Loaves & Fishes ~ Think Thanksgiving: sweet potatoes, package dressing, Green beans, pie filling.
- December** Combined Disciples Ministries Offering
Loaves & Fishes ~ Canned Meats

Missions Moment

Thanks to all who have sought out and donated new or gently used Children's Books for the many children whose families have few or no books. Our Collection officially ended Saturday, Sept 16th with a manned collection point at the church during the Dilworth Tour of Homes. The books were dedicated during church, Sunday, Sept 17th. We hope to have a follow up collection in the future. So please keep collecting and spreading the word!

Upcoming plans include collecting thick socks and warm hats for our soup kitchen guests. We will distribute these at the soup kitchen's Thanksgiving Feast. Watch for collection boxes to appear this month!



Thanks from Your Missions Committee

FOOD DRIVE



LOAVES & FISHES
Groceries for Neighbors in Need

The Loaves & Fishes pantry at Holy Comforter wishes to thank you for your kind and generous donation.

Your contribution has surely helped those in need.

FOOD DRIVE FOR OCTOBER

Canned pastas, Spaghetti Sauce

Dilworth Soup Kitchen

Monday
First Christian Church
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
1200 East Blvd,
Charlotte, NC
704 334-3771

Tuesday
Ascension Lutheran Church
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
1225 E Morehead St,
Charlotte, NC
704 372-7317

Wednesday
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
917 Clanton Road,
Charlotte, NC
704 523-7483

Thursday
Saint Mark's Lutheran Church
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm
1001 Queens Rd,
Charlotte, NC 28207
(704) 375-9185

Saturday
Sacrifice of Praise Ministries
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
2806 L.D. Parker Drive, Charlotte, NC
704 333-3367



no requirements.
no charge.
just come and eat.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy our Soup Kitchen, located in the Fellowship Hall on the Dilworth Road, East side of the building from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Monday.

We are grateful for help from so many of our neighbors in Dilworth for support and help of this effort. Because of the generosity of the citizens in Dilworth, this soup kitchen truly has come from the heart of an entire community. If you would like to join us for a free Monday lunch, please come. If you would like to be a part of this as a volunteer or donor, you're welcome to eat with us on Monday and envision how you might be able to help.

Sign up on-line at www.dilworthsoupkitchen.org.

Ministry Opportunities

945 North College Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28206



The Urban Ministry Center is an inter-faith organization that serves the poor, needy and homeless. For more information, dial 704 347-0278.

Yoga with Nancy 2017 Fall

Complimentary first class for new students
Floor classes at First Christian Church
1200 East Blvd. 28203

September 6 - December 20, 2017 (No Class Nov. 22)

Monday 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. All Levels
Wednesday 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. All Level

First Fridays R, R and R, 10:30 - 12:00

All levels; great class for those with challenges, pre/post surgery, work clothes.

First Christian Church
Call or email Nancy at
704-377-9273 or
nancyenichoson@gmail.com



LIKE TO SING?

Consider joining the
First Christian Church Chancel Choir

Do you have a love for music? Would you like to share your God given talent with other disciples of Christ? Then lift up your voice and join the choir. We invite you to join us every other Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., when the First Christian Church choir meets to practice and rehearse for each Sunday worship service and other upcoming events. And every other Wednesday for Bell Choir. For more information, contact the Church Office at 704 334-3771.



Remember
First Christian Church
in Your Will

Joys of FCC



Jim Mason, Tami Toler and Nelson Haynes
at the Dilworth Soup Kitchen

Join Us in Prayer and Fellowship – Third Saturday Each Month

On the third Saturday afternoon of each month, a small group of members and friends usually gathers for a time of prayer at the church. Immediately following, we visit someone who is homebound or in the hospital and share Communion and fellowship with them. This is just a small way to show we care to people who may not otherwise be in a position to participate in the church.

If you would like to be on the email list to receive reminders - or if you have prayer requests - or if you would like us to visit you or someone you care about, please let me know - jburgh6152@gmail.com.

Julie

DisciplesNet.org



This is a link to a new congregation completely on line from Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). While there is nothing like being with a community of faith in person, here is an option for those unable to be in church on Sundays. There are also great devotional recourses here. Check it out!

Adult Sunday School Class



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 Matthew. Tara Romine and Michelle Daigler will lead us through this wonderful study.

Bring a friend and join us!

Christian Men's Fellowship



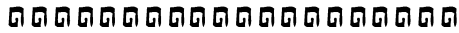
Men's Fellowship

meets every 2nd Monday at 6:30 PM

for dinner and a meeting. All are encouraged to attend.



OCTOBER SERVERS



Elder of the Month:

Lead
Co Lead

Laura Hughes
Leslie Therrien

Deacons

TBA

OCTOBER SERMON SCRIPTURE

- OCTOBER 1: Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 ~ Matthew 14: 13-21
- OCTOBER 8: Psalm 19 ~ Philippians 3: 4b-14
- OCTOBER 15: Psalm 106 : 1-6, 19-23 ~ Philippians 4: 1-9
- OCTOBER 22: Psalm 99 ~ Matthew 22: 15-22
- OCTOBER 29: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 ~ Matthew 22: 34-40

Liturgist

(reading scripture and announcements)

- OCTOBER 1: Julie Bogguss
- OCTOBER 8: Chip Givens
- OCTOBER 15: Julie Bogguss
- OCTOBER 22: Julie Bogguss
- OCTOBER 29: Julie Bogguss



Tommy McElroy
Delaney Moore

Children's Moment

- OCTOBER 1: Rev. McElroy
- OCTOBER 8: Rev. McElroy
- OCTOBER 15: Rev. McElroy
- OCTOBER 22: Rev. McElroy
- OCTOBER 29: Rev. McElroy



Paul & Laura West, Treasurer

2017 Weekly Need to meet Budget \$ 3,933.00

- Offering for September 17, 2017 \$ 3,177.00
- Offering for September 10, 2017 \$ 2,679.00
- Offering for September 3, 2017 \$ 4,619.00
- Offering for August 27, 2017 \$ 2,284.00
- Offering for August 20, 2017 \$ 4,206.10



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

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OCTOBER PUMPKINS! 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Jrai Church 11:00 am Worship World Communion Sunday	2 9:00 am YOGA 11:30 am to 12:30 pm Dilworth Soup Kitchen 5:00 pm Quilter's Bee 6:30 pm Hope Home mtg 7:00 pm Missions meeting	3	4 10:30 am YOGA 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8:00 pm Mindful Meditation AA Beginning Cantata Rehearsal	5 Music Lessons	6	7
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29 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Jrai Church 11:00 am Worship	30 9:00 am YOGA 11:30 am ~ 12:30 pm Dilworth Soup Kitchen 6:30 pm Hope Home mtg	31	 OCTOBER GENERAL BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED from October 22 TO SUNDAY, October 15 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall All are welcome.			

CONCERNS

- ✦ Family & Friends of Virginia Marchbank
- ✦ David Tanner
- ✦ Buddy Artz (brother of Karen Artz)
- ✦ Mika Bulu
- ✦ Family & Friends of Teresa Norville
- ✦ Margie Street (sister of Dot Norville)
- ✦ Kerry Weesner (son-in-law of Diane Vogt)
- ✦ Chuck Harpe (brother of Neal and son of Shirley Harpe)
- ✦ Mary Boyer (mother of Ann Wright)
- ✦ Family & Friends of Jenny Givens
- ✦ Tom McElroy
- ✦ Debbie Mummert and Connie Marchbank
- ✦ M'Branh Y
- ✦ Family & Friends of Kemp Ewing (friend of David & Sandee Wagoner)
- ✦ Norma Nance (friend of Laura Hughes)
- ✦ Mark Troughton (friend of the Hughes and Therrien families)
- ✦ Mary Campbell & Mike Pyle (cousins of Steve Bailey)
- ✦ Joan Messite, Grady Alexander (friends of Leslie Therrien)
- ✦ Tommy Pickney, Doug West, Jayme & Bryan Rothwell, Marie Digiovanni (cousins of Paul & Laura West)
- ✦ Family & Friends of Clint Franklin
- ✦ Family & Friends of Jane Pixley (grandmother of Sarah Beth Smith)
- ✦ Emily Henderson and family
- ✦ Diana O'Keefe & Leigh Evans (friends of Paul West)
- ✦ Brenda Ross (friend of Tom & Jolin McElroy)
- ✦ Beth Vroman and Renee Estep (friends of Tammy Pereboom)
- ✦ Family & Friends of Robby Robertson
- ✦ Evie Wahl (sister of Mary Clifton)
- ✦ Family & Friends of Jackie Tindell (mother of Forrest Tindell)

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

- ✦ Family & Friends of Jane Parke
- ✦ Forrest & Marjorie King, Tracey Taylor (friends of Janet Baugus)
- ✦ Garrett Pope and family (friend of Carol Tar-cza)
- ✦ Bob & Hazel Freeman (uncle & aunt of Leslie Therrien & Laura Hughes)
- ✦ Dale Rudsill (aunt of Jessi Hughes)
- ✦ Gilbert Edwards & Beth Bentolila (family of Steve Clifton)
- ✦ Montagnard families & Religious freedom in Vietnam for all
- ✦ Jon Raby (step brother of Andrea Raby)
- ✦ Gary Canfield
- ✦ Bunong Christians in Cambodia

Ongoing Concerns:

- ✦ J.C. Parke
- ✦ Joseph Park Nunn (father of Susan Scholle)
- ✦ Paul Webb (grandfather of Tiffany Miller)
- ✦ Kathy Mellen (daughter of Nancy Carol Stahl)
- ✦ Howard Johnson
- ✦ Military Overseas
- ✦ Elsie McLendon
- ✦ Phil Bauer & Family
- ✦ Connie Mead (mother of Julie Bogguss)
- ✦ Jessie Black (mother of Cliff Black)



- 02/Matthew McKee
- 03/Julie Burch Board
- 03/Stacey Newton
- 06/Jim Sonda
- 09/Leti Nossa
- 13/Scott Hofsess
- 16/David Kingsbery
- 16/Jessica Adrong-Ksor
- 17/Wendy Wagoner
- 18/Robert Wiseman
- 23/Mary Helen Hughes
- 24/Nash Miller
- 24/Calvin Kpa Adrong
- 25/Dewey Horne
- 27/Andy Smith
- 28/Kyle West
- 29/Sara Holcombe
- 30/Wendy Vogt
- 31/Kaira Wagoner



- 08/Denver & Julie Board
- 11/Tara Romine & Michelle Daigler
- 21/Carl & Stacey Newton
- 23/Jim & Susan Scholle
- 27/Scott & Miriam Hofsess
- 28/Steve & Mary Clifton
- 31/Diane Vogt

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

Advice from a pumpkin



- Be well-rounded.
- Get plenty of sunshine.
- Give thanks for life's bounty.
- Have a thick skin.
- Keep growing.
- Be outstanding in your field.
- Think big!

—Ilan Shamir

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in essentials, unity;
and in all things, love”



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