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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF
GREENVILLE, NC

Each Sunday
Worship begins @
10:45 a.m.

In-person services will
also be live streamed via
Facebook Live
& Zoom

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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Greenville, NC

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The Mission of First Christian Church (DOC) Greenville Is To
Impact Lives by Loving God, Growing Together and Serving Others

The Voice



of First Christian Church

Rev. Andrew Shue, Senior Minister
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May 2025

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Sunday Worship Weekly at 10:45 a.m.				1 Meals On Wheels 10:30 a.m. Backpack Pals FLC in use 6-8 pm	2	3
4 ELDERS MEETING After Service 	5	6 Tuesday Table Talks 10:30 a.m. FLC in use 6-7 pm	7 Worship @ Cypress Glen 11:00 a.m. Rally Night 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	8 Meals On Wheels 10:30 a.m. Backpack Pals	9	10 
11 	12 CWF Spring Luncheon 11:45 a.m. Shelter Meal 6:30 p.m.	13 Tuesday Table Talks 10:30 a.m. Empty Nesters 5:45 p.m. @ The Color Bar Salounge	14 Congregational Care Fiesta Night!! 6:00 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	15 Meals On Wheels 10:30 a.m. Backpack Pals	16 Out-of-the- Box Starts at 5 pm	17 Out-of-the- Box Ends at 8 am Sanctuary in use for Barbershop Quartet Concert 12 - 6 p.m.
18 Board Meeting Ulster Tea 2 p.m.	19 THEOLOGY ON TAP 6:00 pm at the Nauti Dog	20 Tuesday Table Talks 10:30 a.m.	21 Choir 7 p.m.	22 Meals On Wheels 10:30 a.m. Backpack Pals	23	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY  REMEMBER AND HONOR	27	28 Choir 7 p.m.	29 Meals On Wheels 10:30 a.m. Backpack Pals	30	31 FLC in use 11-3:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Elders Meeting

Sunday, May 4 after service.

Rally Night

Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday Table Talks

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Congregational Fiesta Night

Wednesday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Out-of-the-Box

Friday & Saturday, May 16-17

Board Meeting

Sunday, May 18 after service

Theology on Tap

Monday, May 19 at 6:00 p.m.
at the Nauti Dog, 210 Main St., Winterville



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

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Master Project
TEA

MAY 18 2 PM

First Christian Church

2810 14th Street Greenville

Reach out to Lasseter Wooten or
Michelle Gardner
for more information



May 2025

Dear Church Family,

6 These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. 7 Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7

In a recent conversation, someone asked about how First Christian Church developed our Congregational Care Mission Team. Specifically, they wanted to know about the monthly events the Mission Team plans. The story is special and is something we should truly be proud of.

After we were able to reopen after the COVID shutdown, I thought about a book a seminary professor friend wrote. Rev. Dr. Christopher Rodkey wrote *The Synaptic Gospel*, a book that looks at how the brain responds to worship. One of the most interesting points was how we need to help developing children learn the meanings of the different parts of worship and what the church does. When engaging the youth, one must find ways to make the church and the worship meaningful to the youth. How do we accomplish this goal? By making the church fun! We teach children frequently through some really fun and exciting activities. I am sure we are all thinking of the wonderful transformation the church goes through for VBS. This is fun!

Now, back to the creation of those amazing Wednesday night activities... After we reopened, I sat down with church leadership and shared some of the ideas from *The Synaptic Gospel*. We knew the church (and all our world) had experienced heavy trauma during COVID. As we talked, the idea arose to create opportunities for the church to have fun together. As children form special bonds when they play together, we proposed to create a Mission Team that would sponsor intergenerational activities for the church to “play” together. When we look at our Congregational Care Mission Team activities, may we be aware of the healing that is taking place. All of us are healing from the collective trauma of COVID. And when the body of Christ gathers to support one another, we are assured that healing is happening!

So, come one and come all to the wonderful ministries of First Christian! Come to the place where you can see a 3-year-old take the hand of a 98-year-old. Come to the place where we see the resurrected Christ in such fellowship! God is blessing our congregation, and we are so thankful for the friendships and bonds we form here.

With great love,

Rev. Andrew Shue

VBS Wish List



Please scan the QR code below to see FCC's VBS Wish List items.



Scan me!

If you have any questions or require a detailed breakdown, feel free to reach out to Gabrielle Boyd for an itemized copy!

Cash contributions are always a welcome sight!

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



Homebound/Assisted Living

Muriel Bennett

Member Concerns

Judy Budacz	Wanda Harrington
Dorothy Burkett	Ray Hart
Karen Carraway	Sandy Meade
Charles Godwin	Bill Ritenour
Bob Gurganus	Alysia Williams
Louise "Weezie" Gurganus	

Other Concerns

Marie Allen (mother-in-law of Marla Harrell)	Ken Furr (uncle of Kim Shue)
Adrian Andrews (former student of Deborah Price)	Charles Griffin (Father of Marsha Griffin)
Pam Barbee (sister of Kim Shue)	Wayne Harrell (brother-in-law of Marla Harrell)
Ray Barbee (father of Kim Shue)	Marty Harrell (husband of Marla Harrell)
Val Barnhart (friend of Wanda Harrington)	Walter Harrington (Friend of FCC)
Family of Leslie Becton (aunt of Kasey Shue)	Louie and Jennifer Johnson (friends of Gabrielle Boyd)
Katy Boone (stepdaughter of Jewelle Boone)	Amber and Chris Jones (friends of Wanda Harrington)
Nora Boone (granddaughter of Jewelle Boone)	Josh Lisle (friend of Tom Gottschall)
Cindi Brown (friend of Kim Shue)	Mitchell Manning (friend of Deborah Price)
Angie Bullock (friend of Marla Harrell)	Ricky McLawhorn (friend of Marla Harrell)
Randy Bullock (brother of Phil Bullock)	Barbara Mosely (friend of Wanda Harrington)
Ann Carraway (friend of Kim Shue)	Barbara Pawlin (daughter of Dorothy Burkett)
Austin Cherry (student of Dawn Manning)	Glenn Penuel (father of Jennifer Blizzard)
Jordan Corbett (student of Dawn Manning)	Kimberly Schlienz (friend of Wanda Harrington)
Taylor Dail (grandchild of friends of Marla Harrell)	Kathy Spruill (friend of Marla Harrell)
Susan Dawn (sister of Martha Alligood)	Family of Wanda Stephens (friend of Susan Edwards)
Family of Will Denton (Friend of FCC)	Lonnie Wells (uncle of Marla Harrell)
Andrew Douglas (friend of Marla Harrell)	JoAnn Westbrook (mother of Anthony Westbrook)
Lara Echerd (cousin of Jerry and Judy Clark)	James Whitfield (Friend of FCC)
Benton Edwards (friend of Marla Harrell)	Olivia Wooten (friend of Dawn Manning)
Peggy Elmore (grandmother of Lana Warren)	Jackie Yongue (niece of Bonnie Perkins)
Carolyn Everette (friend of Wanda Harrington)	JJ (grandson of Tom Gottschall)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Philippians 4:6

May Events

JOIN US

"Empty Nesters"

JOIN US

When: Tuesday, May 13th

Where: The Color Bar Salounge (917 Red Banks Rd)

Time: 5:45pm

Who: Parents whose children have grown up and left the home to seek higher education or establish their own home. It will be a great time to socialize with others who are sharing similar likenesses.

Please join us for a Cocktail & Fellowship.

For more information, contact Dawn Manning @ 252-531-2164

What if you did not have a roof over your head?



OUT of the BOX for HOMELESSNESS

First Christian Church
2810 E. 14th Street
Greenville, NC

May 16 5pm - May 17 8am

Join us for a soup and sandwich dinner, a night of fellowship, guest speakers, and music, while raising awareness for HOMELESSNESS!!!

CWF INVITES YOU TO A

Spring Luncheon

TO CELEBRATE THE LAST GATHERING
PRIOR TO SUMMER

This is always a very special event with fantastic food and great fellowship. Feel free to invite a guest and bring your favorite dish. The meal will be served at noon. Hope to see you!

Thanks, Lee Martin Adams

MONDAY | MAY 12 | 11:45 AM
IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM WILL HOST

A
“GRAN FIESTA”

Enjoy a taco bar, games
 and music!

14 | **6**
 MAY | P.M.

Bring your favorite
 dessert to share!

See Christy Reynolds
 for details.

May Birthdays

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1st: Lasseter Wooten | 17th: Susan Edwards |
| 1st: Bryce Martin | 22nd: Erv Evans |
| 4th: Louise Gurganus | 22nd: Howard Lee |
| 8th: Seth Brown | 24th: Graham Wicher |
| 8th: Tiffanie Herring | 26th: Deborah Price |
| 8th: Kim Shue | 28th: Chris Knight |
| 8th: Jonathan Wooten | 30th: Memrie Scales |
| 16th: Stefanie Sohooli | 31st: Cyndi Budacz |
| 16th: Mary Whitehurst | 31st: Billy Davis |

May Anniversaries

- 6th: Jeremy & Stacey Cook
 29th: Tom & Dynita Gottschall
 31st: Carlton & Nancy Corbett



ELDERS AND DEACONS

MAY 2025

Elders: Sandra Warren and Jerry Clark

Deacons: 1. Melissa Hastings
2. Rotating
3. Tina Martin
4. Chris Hastings

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10



Property Mission Team...

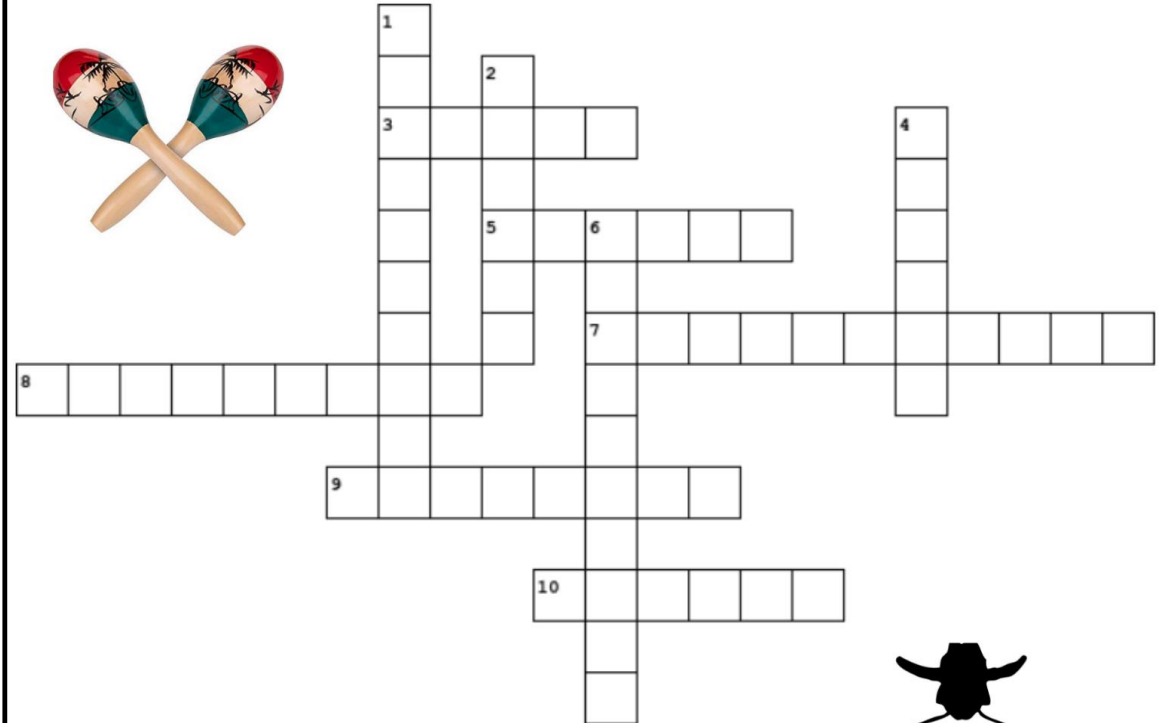
Caring for Our Church Home: A Message to Our Church Family



As with any home, our church building requires ongoing care and attention. Over the years, it has served us well as a place of worship, community, and ministry. However, as the facility continues to age, we are faced with the necessary responsibility of replacing and maintaining key systems to keep it safe, comfortable, and functional for all who gather here. Recently, we unexpectedly incurred a major expense to replace critical HVAC systems in the church. The total cost of this essential project was \$40,000. This investment ensures that our worship spaces and ministry areas remain welcoming and climate-controlled year-round. We are deeply grateful for the support of our members and invite anyone who feels called to contribute toward offsetting this cost. Your donation, no matter the amount, will help us continue to steward our church home with faithfulness and care. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

May 2025 Crossword

Look for the answers throughout the newsletter.



Across

3. CWF invites all for a tasty ____ on May 12. Bring your favorite dish.
5. They will meet after service on Sunday, May 4.
7. Americans are familiar with this event more than the actual Mexican Independence Day
8. May 10 is World _____ Bird Day.
9. May 4 is National _____ Day. (If you don't know this, your hyperdrive is broken.)
10. Our congregational care event on May 14 will be a _____



Down

1. After Jesus' ascension, he sent the _____ (2 words)
2. They questioned the disciples after Jesus ascended
4. A Massachusetts law in 1675 ordered that this be done to church doors during services
6. Memorial Day was originally called ____ Day.



“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

A Six-Part Journey through the Life of Christ as portrayed in the Stained Glass Windows of First Christian Church of Greenville, North Carolina

By: Bill Gore

Back to Heaven, But His Work Continues

This month we come to the conclusion of this six-part series on the life of Christ as portrayed in the stained glass windows of our church. In the left-side window closest to the chancel, we see Jesus ascending back into heaven. This occurrence is talked about in Luke 24 and Acts 1. We also find it mentioned in the Apostles' Creed and yet, it is often skipped over and not thought about. Justin Dillehay at thegospelcoalition.org says, “It may be the most important doctrine you never think about.” The ascension is important for several reasons:

1. It explains why Jesus is not physically present on earth today. We know why Paul and Peter aren't here. They died. But, Jesus rose again. He's not here because He ascended.
2. It enthrones Jesus. The Bible says that he sat down at the Father's right hand and, by the way, He is interceding on your behalf to the Father.
3. It was essential for Jesus to ascend in order to do something even more valuable than staying here on earth with His followers. He desired to send the Holy Spirit. He Himself said, “It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper (the Holy Spirit) will not come. But if I go, I will send him to you” ([John 16:7](#))

Among all that the Bible says about Jesus' ascension, perhaps the Angels' question to the disciples is most intriguing. They asked, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” The poor disciples; I think it is obvious why they were looking up. Their friend, their Lord was leaving them. If you will allow me some liberty here, maybe the message was, “While you look up, don't forget to look out.” Now, looking up to Jesus is vital in our daily walk. We do this through Bible reading, prayer and worship. However, during Jesus' physical absence, we must not forget to look out and find others who need to hear the message of Jesus and who need our help. Jesus longs to minister to them THROUGH us. What a privilege!



MAY FACTS & EVENTS

Did you know....

- May 3, 1675: A Massachusetts law goes into effect requiring church doors to be locked during services. Officials enacted the law because too many people were leaving before sermons were over.
- Cinco de Mayo (Fifth of May) is not Mexico's national holiday but rather celebrates Mexico's victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Mexican Independence Day is September 16.
- May 17 is Armed Forces Day, which honors those who serve in all branches of the United States military.
- In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill designating the second Sunday in May as a legal holiday to be called “Mother's Day”—dedicated “to the best mother in the world, your mother.” The original Mother's Day started in West Virginia.
- Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was established after the Civil War to honor soldiers who died in service, primarily those who died in the Civil War. It was officially designated by the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) in 1868. The holiday evolved to honor all American military personnel who died in service, regardless of the conflict. It became a federal holiday in 1971.

Youth Events in May



Neither Salt & Light nor Radiate will meet on their normal date this month. Those events are being replaced by the Out-of-the-Box event on May 16-17.