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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

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April 2025						
He provides rain for the earth; he sends water <u>on</u> the countryside. Job 5:10						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Sunday Worship Weekly at 10:45 a.m.		1 Tuesday Table Talks 10:30 a.m.	2 Worship at Cypress Glen 11 a.m. <b>Rally Night</b> 6:00 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	3 Meals On Wheels 10:30 a.m.	4	5
6 Christmount Mission Trip Planning Meeting after morning service	7	8 Tuesday Table Talks 10:30 a.m.	9 Easter Cong. Care Dinner &  6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	10 You Are Not Alone Forum 10:00 a.m. M.O.W. 10:30 a.m.	11	12
13  Radiate 12:00-1:30 Salt & Light 5-7:00 p.m.	14 CWF 10:30 a.m. Shelter Meal 6:30 p.m. FLC in use 3:30 - 6:30	15 Tuesday Table Talks 10:30 a.m. FLC in use 4-8:00 pm	16 <b>Rally Night</b> 6:00 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	17 Meals On Wheels 10:30 a.m. Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.	18 <i>Good Friday</i>	19
20 	21	22 Tuesday Table Talks 10:30 a.m. Earth Day	23 <b>Rally Night</b> 6:00 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.	24 Meals On Wheels 10:30 a.m.	25 	26
27  Lunch or Dinner 10% to S&L for Out-of-the-Box Homelessness	28 THEOLOGY ON TAP 6:00 p.m. Nauti Dog	29 Tuesday Table Talks 10:30 a.m.	30 <b>Rally Night</b> 6:00 p.m. Choir 7 p.m.			


## Upcoming Schedule and Events




**March Midweek Events:**  
**Tuesday Table Talks:** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor  
**Rally Night:** Wednesdays, April 2, 16, 23 and 30 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Congregational Easter Celebration:** Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 pm  
**Choir Practice:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.




**Salt & Light Youth**  
 FCC's 6-12 Youth will meet on Sunday, April 13 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for dinner and fun!



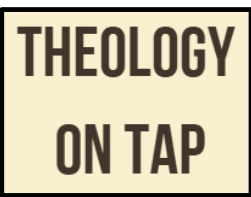
**Radiate**  
 FCC's K-5 Youth will meet on Sunday, April 13 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. for lunch and fun!



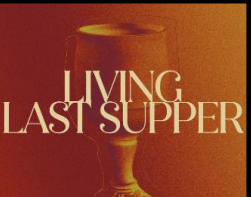
**Christmount Mission Trip Planning Meeting**  
 Sunday, April 6 immediately following the morning service.



**Maundy Thursday Service**  
 Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.



**Theology on Tap**  
 Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nauti Dog Brewing Company, 210 Main Street in Winterville.



**Living Last Supper Practice Schedule**  
 Sunday, April 13 after the morning service  
 Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.



All women and men of FCC are invited to our April

# CWF Meeting

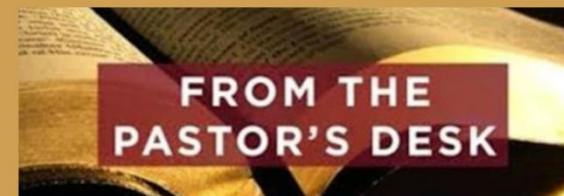


April 14, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Church Parlor

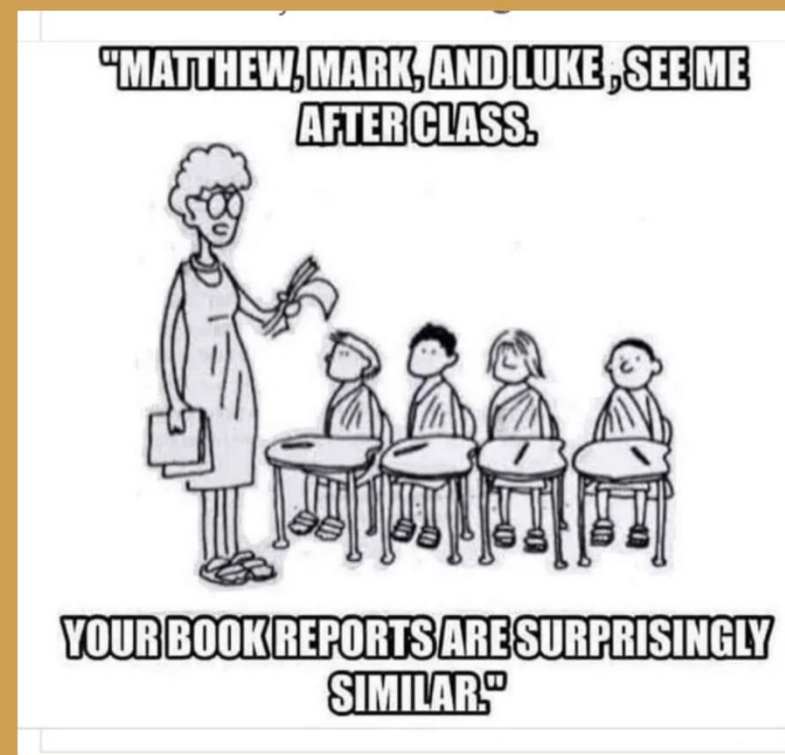
Bonita Batts will bring our program.  
This will be a great day for friendship,  
faith and fellowship.



April 2025

Dear Church Family,

It's time again for a little holy humor!



Enjoy!

With great love,

*Rev. Andrew Shue*






CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Easter

CELEBRATION



Wanted !

The World's Best Macaroni and Cheese or Favorite Casseroles for our Easter Celebration.

We will have chicken, string beans, and you bring amazing side dishes to share! Dinner starts at 6pm followed by the Easter Story and a Glow-in-the-Dark Egg Hunt. Hop on over and join us!

APRIL

WEDNESDAY

9

2025

6PM

Glow-in-the-Dark Egg Hunt




# ELDERS AND DEACONS

APRIL 2025

Elders: Sandy Steele and Brian Hufford

Deacons: 1. Misty Joyner  
2. Trish Turner  
3. Jewelle Boone  
4. Don Salisbury

*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

Please remember that our church facilities are utilized by many different organizations and individuals throughout the week. We are truly blessed to be a community center and are thrilled so many can utilize our space. As you utilize our church spaces, the rule should always be to "leave it better than you found it." Especially in regards to shared community spaces like the nursery and Family Life Center, we ask that everything in these spaces be returned. Some items belong to individual groups that utilize our facility during the week. Let us continue to give all of these spaces the proper care and respect. Thank you.

Tim Manning,  
Property Mission Team Chair



## 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 Schlien (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*

# APRIL FACTS & EVENTS

## Did you know....

- April has two birth flowers: The sweet pea and the daisy. The birthstone is the diamond.
- April 6th is National Pillow Fight Day.
- April 10th is National Siblings Day.
- April 25th is World Penguin Day.
- April is National Poem Writing Month. (With a few borrowed ideas, Ye editor tried his hand at it. See my effort on the right.)
- On April 1, 1976, Steve Jobs founded Apple Computer.
- Happy Birthday Leonardo da Vinci. Born on April 15, 1452
- Happy Birthday William Shakespeare. Born on April 23, 1564.

## Hello April

April is the heart of spring  
A dusty yellow covers everything  
The trees awaken their buds to show  
Soon there will be lots of grass to mow

April's pitter-patter showers sing a gentle song  
The flowers of May are coming, it won't be long  
It's a month of change, a time to grow,  
Where winds of hope and promise blow.

April moves with a gentle breeze  
Whispering secrets you can hear in the trees  
Springtime's beauty does easily enthrall  
But don't forget, God made it all!

## Youth Events in March



**Radiate (K-5)** will meet for lunch and fun activities on Sunday, April 13 from 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



**Salt & Light (6-12)** will meet for dinner and fun on Sunday, April 13 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



## April Birthdays

1st: Hutch Manning	15th: Ann Edwards
3rd: Jason Arnold	15th: Tom Gottschall
3rd: India Silverthorn	15th: Martha Alligood
4th: David Lee	18th: Bryson Brown
4th Jim Morris	18th: McKinley Manning
6th: Karen Brown	23rd: Landon Brown
10th: Whit Brown	23rd: Stacey Cook
10th: Misty Joyner	24th: Malese Gray
11th: Tim West	24th: Mary Jane LaNeave
13th: James Hall	25th: Elizabeth McKemey
14th: Alysia Williams	28th: Jennifer Lee
15th: Judy Carlton	29th: Kaceem Sebti

## April Anniversaries

7th: Mitchell and Kim Shue  
9th: Don and Jaci Salisbury  
16th Sara and Tom Kleinknecht  
17th: Wade and Bonnie Scales  
19th: Jonathan and Lasseter Wooten  
24th: Ken and Karen Carraway  
29th: Richard and Avis Twilley

## Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies are a symbolic and important part of our Easter celebration at church each year. They add great beauty to our lovely sanctuary while allowing people to be honored, and those we love and miss so dearly, to be remembered.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this Flower Ministry with the gift of a live Easter lily to honor or remember someone special in your life. Easter is Sunday, April 20. The order deadline is April 13 and lilies are just \$25 each. After the Easter service you are invited to take your lily home. You can place your orders:

- Electronically at the link that has been emailed
- Paper order forms in the narthex
- With the QR code at right

For more information you can contact the church office at 756-3138 or Susan Edwards at 531-9847.





The Out of the Box homelessness fundraiser was started by First Christian Church's Salt & Light to raise funds for Community Crossroads Center in an effort to fight homelessness in Greenville.



## OUT OF THE BOX AT TEXAS ROADHOUSE



All Proceeds will benefit Community Crossroad Center.

**April 27, 2025 | Lunch or Dinner**

TEXAS ROADHOUSE  
720 GREENVILLE BLVD SW,  
GREENVILLE, NC 27834

Be sure to drop your receipts in the bucket near the register!

COMING SOON

JOIN  
US

## "Empty Nesters"

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

JOIN  
US

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



OUT of the BOX for HOMELESSNESS

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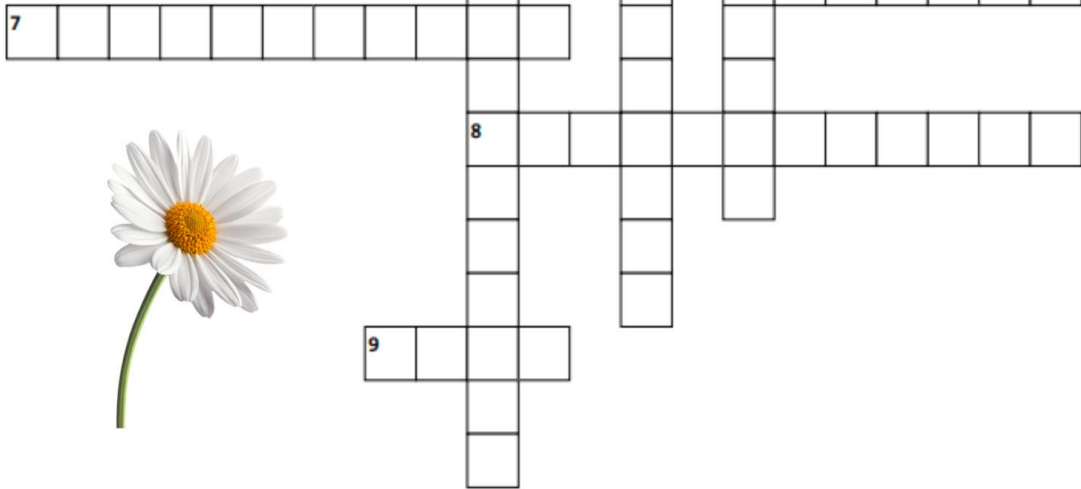
May 16 5pm - May 17 8am

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



April 2025  
Crossword

Look for the answers  
throughout  
the newsletter.



Across

- 3. One of April's birthflowers
- 4. The eggs on April 9 will do this.....
- 6. Even though it's hard, Philippians 4:6 says we should not be \_\_\_\_\_ about anything (See prayer list page)
- 7. Number of people who saw Jesus at one time after his resurrection
- 8. FCC's new ministry for those whose children have recently left the home
- 9. April is National \_\_\_\_\_ Writing Month.



Down

- 1. The day before Good Friday is a special Thursday called \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday.
- 2. Eating at Texas Roadhouse on Sunday, April 27 and turning in a receipt will help Salt & Light fight \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. April's birthstone
- 5. Because of Easter Death is swallowed up in \_\_\_\_\_.

“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

Jesus is NOT in this picture!

This month we look at the middle window on the left side. Here we see the greatest event in human history: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's fitting that we come to this window during the month of Easter. The scene is the interior of the tomb. This is the only window in the church where we do not see Jesus at all, but that is exactly as it should be! He is not in the tomb anymore! He is risen! This event is the most important in the Bible and human history. Many people witnessed the evidence of this event. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul reminds us, *“I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.”* Without Christ's resurrection, we would not have victory over sin and death. Later in 1 Corinthians 15, Paul said it like this, *“But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.....and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.”* But Paul triumphantly reminds us, *“in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.....Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”* For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

