



First Christian Church

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The Church Bell

January 1, 2021

Theological Calisthenics (Zoom)

January 19th, 7pm

Join Gary for an hour of spirited conversation around the first of what will be FCC's examination of significant theological issues. More information will be forthcoming, and we may need to grow into a format, but be assured that you don't have to have a divinity school degree to share with others in this time. Drop Gary a text or email to let him know you have an interest in joining the session so we can make sure we get the link to you.

For the Kids at FCC

FCC Little Kids Zoom | Ages 2-6

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:20PM

Led by Theresa Mathis, Jelly Belly & Casey Childers

Meeting ID: 821 7626 9312

Password: FCCKIDS

Join us for time that is focused on seeing, repeating, simple games, songs of our faith and Bible stories, ALL in a jam packed 30 minutes {give or take!}



Worship Leaders and Elders for January

	10th	17th	24th	31st
Elder	Pat Campbell	Gilda Cauley	Carol Steffa	William Wooten
Worship Leader	Gilda Cauley	Tim Sharp	Todd Brame	Charles Cauley

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 18 for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

New Faces on the General Board

The Congregation voted on members of the General Board for 2021 on December 15 via Zoom and they were unanimously approved. A list of the entire Board may be found on Page 7.



American Red Cross

First Christian Church Blood in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! - First Christian Church Family

We are truly overwhelmed and grateful for the all of the expressions of love and concern shared with us during the holiday season, and especially for the generous staff Christmas gift. We deeply appreciate your kindness. We continue to find joy and delight each day in working with you to serve God through the ministries of First Christian Church. We wish you and your families a year full of many blessings in 2021!

Gary, Casey, Leigh, Connie, Charles, Maria, Esmeralda, Barbara, Dawn

Wanderings . . .

Sesquicentennial.

What is the definition? *A one-hundred-and fiftieth anniversary.*

What is its part of speech? *Adjective.*

What is its language of origin? *Latin.*

Use “sesquicentennial” in a sentence? *This year, First Christian Church will celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary.*

Yes, in 2021, our congregation will be 150 years old. The hard date was Thursday evening, April 27th, 1871 when seventeen people met and signed the Charter through which First Christian Church came into existence. Two months later, a piece of property at the intersection of Goldsboro and Academy (now Vance) Streets was secured. The rest is history, though it is history that we will have ample time upon which to reflect this year. We will launch our formal celebration on Tuesday, April 27th, and a series of events will take us to the weekend of September 24th-26th, when we plan to blow the roof off this place.

Kathy Daughety has been leading a committee that started planning our celebration. The group includes Doug Boone, Todd Brame, Casey Childers, Jeannette Etheridge, Patsy Ferrell, Bob Kendall, Theresa Mathis, Cathy Mount, Linda Walling and me. Very soon, we will have some smaller groups working on some of the activities that will be part of the grand celebration, so there is a place for you as our work proceeds.

There will updates and promotional information every month, beginning here in January. But our work has already begun, and you can help. First, start helping us compile information about the church’s history – photographs, written materials, newspaper clippings . . . whatever you may have tucked away in your drawers, closets and scrapbooks. We need to assemble and document these resources soon. Second, we are trying to compile a list of people who will be interested in celebrating our Sesquicentennial along with email or mailing addresses – former members and people who grew up in the church, those who married or had babies dedicated in our sanctuaries, friends, relatives, former staff members and more. Our sesquicentennial is not just for us – it is for all of the people who have been part of or been impacted by the faith and witness of First Christian Church. So, start your rummaging, check you address files and let’s get to work.

Your first assignment: make sure you can spell “sesquicentennial.” It is going to be a huge word for us this year, and I don’t mean the number of letters it contains.

Blessings and Peace,
Gary

Our Church Family

Please notify the church office at (252) 237-4125 if someone's birthday needs to be added and/or if you have some news to share.



January 2

Jeff Flowers

January 5

Ron Cook

January 7

Spencer Heath

Mason Near

Nan Owens

January 8

Hal Allred

January 9

Branch Benton

John Brinson

January 10

Dale Almond

Robert Wells

January 11

Todd Childress

Nancy Lamm

Jennifer McHarg

January 14

Nicole Bundy

Allison B. Kintner

January 17

Gena Carter

January 19

Lynne Cooper

Duncan McHarg

January 22

Todd Brame

January 23

Kenneth Dildy

Jessica Mathis

January 26

Annette Glover

January 27

Hilton Bass

Tony Heath

January 28

Ray Vaughn

Phil Winstead

Andrew Whitley

Mabel Whitley

January 31

Luke Quick

Prayer Concerns

Peggy Almond, Trisha High Bundy, John Glover, Betty Jordan, Bonnie Pike (Wanda Sutton's sister), Anna Jane Ruffin, J C Steelman (Theresa Mathis' father), Davis Wooten, Sim Wooten (William's brother)

We extend our prayers and sympathies upon the deaths of:

Bill Smith

J.E. Harrell, Sr.

Ivey Harris

Harvey B. "Bud" Ruffin

Wilson Medical Center is offering a community clinic for individuals to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. It is currently available for individuals that are 75 years old and older. To receive the vaccine, you will have to schedule an appointment. Here is the link to use for scheduling: <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/COVIDVaccineWilson@lifepointhealth.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

A few requests:

1. Please be sure to fill in name, phone number and email if they have it. They will receive a confirmatory email for their appointment. If they do not have email, no big deal.
2. Please be sure to have them bring their ID and insurance card
3. The clinic will be in our auditorium and they will enter via the auditorium door. Sign will be present.
4. They will be required to wear a mask upon entering
5. They will be screened upon entering
6. Please schedule both first and second vaccine when scheduling initial appointment
7. Ensure they know that they must get the same vaccine for each dose

Many of those eligible do not have the technology to sign up online. It is incumbent on those of us that have the ability to get online to help those that do not. Please reach out to your family and church family to make sure everyone gets their vaccinations as they become eligible.

Thank You

The Leary Family would like to thank all of the members and guests of The First Christian Church for the beautiful Christmas Eve Church Service. Even though we could not be in the Sanctuary in person for the annual service, we were there in spirit and via the internet.

The service was absolutely beautiful. It was uplifting; it was transforming; it was spectacular. Thank you for bringing Christmas into our homes through song, music and words.

Phyllis

ZOOM CALENDAR

Sunday School

Small Group Book Study – We will meet on Sundays at 11 am. We invite all FCC members to join us. Anyone needing help setting up Zoom on their computer or phone can contact Theresa by calling 252-205-2704. Meeting ID: 876 8969 0076 - Passcode: Disciples

We are starting 2021 with a study of **The Twelve Disciples**. Provided below is the information to order the book from Amazon. It is also available on Cokesbury.com and Christianbooks.com.

150th Anniversary Task Force

The 150th Anniversary Task Force will meet on the 3rd Thursdays at 5:45 PM as they prepare for our Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2021.

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Little's Church

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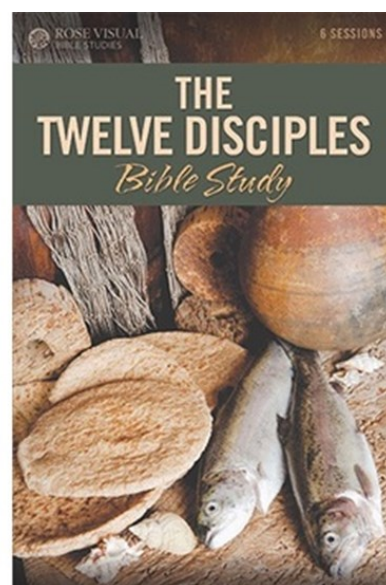
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2021 Small Group Study - The Twelve Disciples

Can you name all 12 Disciples? James, John, Matthew, Thomas, Judas..... hmmm??? Wasn't there a Bartholomew? Now... can you share something about each one of them? What made them different? Where did they come from? The FCC Small Group will start a new study in the New Year. Beginning on Sunday, January 10th, we will see just how much we know, or don't know, about the 12 Disciples. This 6-week discussion will explore what the scriptures reveal about each of the 12 men Jesus called to be his closest disciples. For three years, Jesus shared wisdom with them and gave his life for them (and us). In just a couple of decades, these men turned the world upside down. Join this study of exploration and practical life application. Book for sale on Amazon, Christianbooks.com and Cokesbury.com *Caution:*



There are many books with this title and topic, make sure to purchase the book by Rose Visual that has the cover displayed here.

CHEW Volunteers Needed

CHEW volunteers are needed for the 2021 school year. Duties consist of picking up food every other Monday from the distribution center on Hwy 58, packing the food bags and then delivering to either Fike High School or the student's home if they are in remote learning. Currently we are providing food for 11 students. Contact Gay Cook for more details and a schedule at 252-230-3114 or Gcook10459@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report – YTD November 30, 2020

Tim Sharp / December 8, 2020

For the month ended November 30th, 2020, FCC had YTD total income of \$351,636 and YTD total expenses of \$303,074 resulting in a YTD **surplus** of \$48,562*.

1/01/2020 – 11/30/2020 – YTD Operating Budget

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	\$351,636	\$351,199	\$ 437
Expenses	\$303,074	\$351,374	(\$ 48,300)
Actual YTD Surplus/(Deficit)*	\$48,562		

Month of November - Operating Budget

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	\$31,275	\$31,927	(\$ 652)
Expenses	\$30,874	\$31,943	(\$ 1,069)

Month of November Surplus/(Deficit) \$ 401

**YTD income includes \$18,216.55 from our Operating Reserve account (\$1,656.05 per month) that was included to balance the 2020 operating budget.*

New Pledge Year

If you want to have your pledge set up for automatic payment online through Realm (bank draft or credit card donations), even if you did this in 2020, you will need to set it up for 2021. It will not carry over from year to year.

Anyone wanting information on how to set up automatic bank withdrawals for their pledge, contact Tish Scott (tish@rdscott.net or 252-230-0820).

Thank you to everyone who made pledges for 2021!

Tish
Financial Affairs Chair

Message from the Elders

The Elders would like to thank Jeannette Etheridge for serving as our chairperson this past year. She did a great job leading us through these difficult times. Thanks Jeannette.

The Elders

Green Chalice Article : "A Greener Future?"

by Jack Clifford

The year 2020 witnessed a string of climate catastrophes. More named tropical storms made landfall in one U.S. hurricane season than ever before. For the first time in this century, a single wildfire burned more than 1 million acres in the lower 48 states. By September, the country had tied the record for the most billion-dollar weather and climate disasters in one year. Biden's campaign plan called for creating 1 million new jobs in the auto industry and electric vehicle supply chain; spending billions on clean energy research and development; and supporting farmers who rethink their practices. But depending upon the final composition of the Senate, this may prove to be a daunting challenge. Analysts nonetheless believe a massive stimulus bill may offer an early chance to get climate priorities through Congress. Stimulus measures can attract lawmakers with funds for states and districts, allowing the passage of climate provisions which also double as generous economic measures "back home". Beyond stimulus spending, the new administration will implement its climate agenda through federal agencies. Biden calls for the U.S. electric grid to be carbon free by 2035, and to eliminate the nation's entire carbon footprint by 2050. He also plans to restore the 100-plus climate and environmental regulations the outgoing administration had undone on everything from vehicle-emission standards to methane emissions. He has talked of requiring the purchase of green cars and trucks (not color!) for government use. The president-elect has promised to rejoin the Paris Climate Accord, reasoning that more can be done for a greener earth by joining the remainder of the world in the rough-and-tumble difficult negotiations of environmental politics while exercising an influence on the direction of those negotiations than by remaining aloof and exercising no influence. The rest of the world has been pushing ahead: The E.U. has committed to eliminating its carbon footprint by 2050, as have seven other nations. Some countries have set timelines to phase out coal mining and allow fossil-fuel companies to go bankrupt. Even "bad boy" China has pledged to be carbon-neutral by 2060 and has directed industrial planning towards that goal. This provides the U.S. with an avenue for collaboration with China amidst otherwise tense relations. Amidst cyber-attacks, a pandemic, and the widening of economic and political disparities, it is tempting to find little to hope for in all of this. But we affirm a credo that with God, prayer and focused intention, nothing is impossible.



2021
GENERAL BOARD
First Christian Church – Wilson, NC

Board Officers:

Kathy Daughety, Chair
Theresa Mathis, Vice-Chair
Tim Sharp, Treasurer
Beth Williams, Secretary

2021	2022	2023
	Trustees	
JoAnn Bass Jim Watson	Clayton Bardin Doug Boone	Steve Kite Christy Proctor
	Elders	
Pat Campbell Gilda Cauley Patsy Ferrell Carol Steffa Wendy Wingrove William Wooten	Bob Kendall Kathy Sandifer	Tish Scott Wanda Sutton
	Elder Emeritus	
	James Boswell, Annette Glover Anne Sharpe, Charlotte Wallace, John Whitley	
	Deacons	
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Compassion and Service - Chair – Christy Proctor
Facilities and Maintenance -Chair – Curtis Ray
Financial Affairs -Chair – Tish Scott
Hospitality -Chair – Leslie Kendall
Member Care -Chair – Bob Kendall
Christian Nurture and Growth - Chair – Melissa Inscoe/Melissa Whitley
Spiritual Expression Team - Chair – Jeannette Etheridge