



Christian Church

(Disciples Of Christ)

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

GREENSBORO, NC
SERVING FOR MORE THAN 90 YEARS



**OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW AND LOVE GOD,
TO NURTURE EACH OTHER, AND TO
REACH OUT AND WELCOME ALL PEOPLE IN
THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.**



What Disciples Believe

Like most Christians, Disciples Affirm:

- Jesus Christ is the son of the Living God,
- All persons are God's children

Beliefs and practices usually associated with Disciples include:

- **Open Communion.** The Lord's Supper, or Communion is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ.
- **Freedom of belief.** Disciples are called together around one essential of faith: belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Persons are free to follow their consciences guided by the Bible, the Holy Spirit study and prayer, and are expected to extend that freedom to others.
- **Baptism by immersion.** In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside, and a new life of trust in God begins. Although Disciples practice baptism by immersion, other baptism traditions are honored.
- **Belief in the oneness of the church.** All Christians are called to be one in Christ and to seek opportunities for common witness and service.
- **The ministry of believers.** Both ministers and lay persons lead in worship, service and spiritual growth.

The Chalice

The chalice symbolizes the central place of communion in worship for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The X-shaped cross of the disciple Andrew is a reminder of the ministry of each person and the importance of evangelism.



The Lords Supper: A symbol of commitment to Christian unity

Disciples congregations celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday. At First Christian Church, Greensboro, NC, the table is *open*. That means that all Christians are invited to respond to Christ's invitation to draw closer to Him around the communion table. For Disciples, the open table is a powerful symbol of our deep commitment to Christian unity. The open table honors diversity even as it celebrates unity in Christ.



You are most welcome and are encouraged to worship with us! You will find that worship here at First Christian Church, Greensboro, NC is spiritual, inspirational, and enjoyable.

Join us in our 8:30 AM Early Service

Or in our 11:00 AM Worship Service.



Discover Deep Christian Spirituality

Christian spirituality is a way of life that relates who and what we are to who and what God is as revealed in Jesus Christ and as experienced through the Holy Spirit. We encourage one another in the spiritual disciplines, practices through which we open ourselves to being shaped by God. Those disciplines include prayer, Bible study, worship, stewardship, service, study of the church's tradition and hospitality to strangers. Our spiritual development ministries range from teaching children to love Jesus to helping adults to live Christ-like lives.

Our Vision

We envision a growing faith community that provides, with God's help, opportunities for spiritual growth and understanding in our ministries of worship, outreach, education, service and fellowship.

Opportunities for Participation:

Church School:

Church school classes meet at 9:45 AM. There are classes for children and adults of all ages. There is a nursery, staffed with a qualified attendant, provided for infants to toddlers that cares for children during all Sunday morning services.

Sunday Morning Worship:

Two services: 8:30AM Early Service providing piano and guitar music, message, and an opportunity to partake of the Lords Supper. 11:00 AM Service providing organ music, chancel choir, message and an opportunity to partake of the Lords Supper. Children, ages 3-7, leave the sanctuary after the children's sermon (with the senior minister) to participate in a more age appropriate worship service.

Evening Youth Ministry:

PYF; K-2nd grade; JYF; 3rd—5th grade; Chi-Rho; 6th —8th grade; CYF; 9th— 12th grade.

During the school year, youth groups meet on Sunday evenings to share the evening meal, fellowship through fun projects, and activities. Many of these activities involve local and international outreach projects. Summer Camp opportunities are offered during the summer when school is not in session.

Ministries:

Christian Men's Fellowship, and Christian Women's Fellowship. Adults of all ages participate in ministries of service to the local congregation; local, national and international outreach projects. *Vintage Bunch:* A ministry focused on our senior membership. Programs offered in travel, service, fellowship, and outreach.

Bible Study:

Bible Study groups led by the senior minister are regularly available to all.

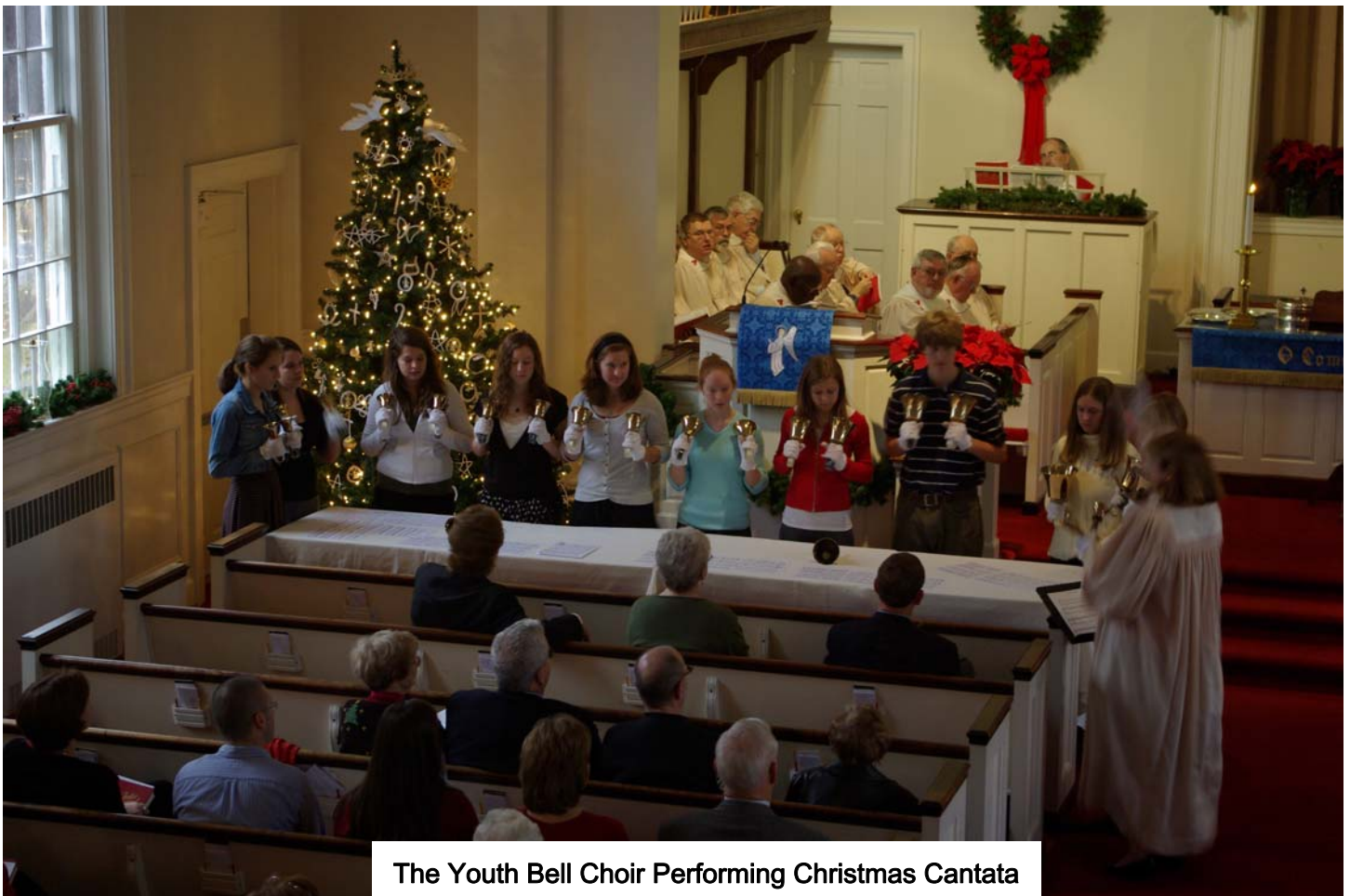
Music Ministry:

Chancel Choir: Our Choir offers spiritually uplifting presentations each Sunday. The Easter and Christmas programs are especially uplifting and frequently guest musicians from the community are invited to participate.

Youth Bell Choir: Another opportunity for making a joyful noise is our youth bell choir. Again, Easter and Christmas presentations are highlights of the year.

Some opportunities for service and participation:

- Participate in the Christian Woman's Fellowship
- Sing in the Chancel or Youth Choir
- Help the children 's choir
- Play hand bells
- Play any musical instrument
- Restart church league softball team
- Prepare meals for the ill and bereaved
- Prepare meals for the Youth Program
- Wedding coordinator
- Participate in Youth Fellowship Program
- Assist the Property Committee in building maintenance
- Participate in a Local Outreach Ministry
- Assist in fellowship event planning and execution
- Participate in the Christian Men 's Fellowship
- Children 's Education teachers and assistants
- Adult, Youth, & College Sunday School class teachers
- Vacation Bible School teachers and assistants
- Assist with Sunday Morning Children 's Church
- Start a church bowling team
- Visit the homebound and ill
- Cooking crew for event meal preparation & clean up
- Participate in a Sunday School Class
- Participate in Vintage Bunch seniors program
- Build a house with Habitat for Humanity
- Participate in a short term mission trip
- Participate in a Prayer Group or Bible Study



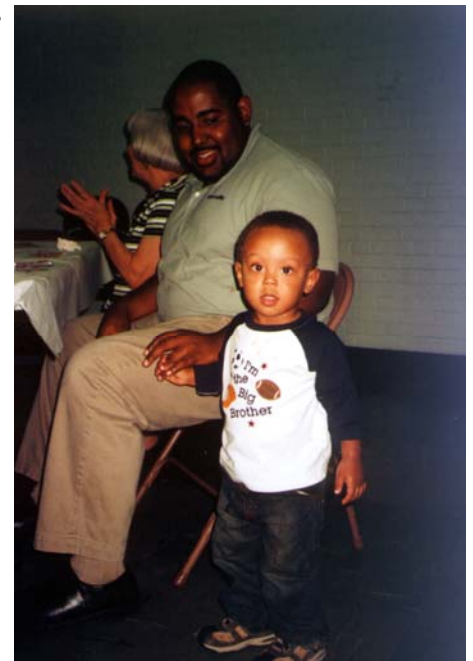
The Youth Bell Choir Performing Christmas Cantata

Fellowship at First Christian Church is a fun way to love one another!

Fall Festival: This fun festival is a combination Chili and Cornbread Cook Off, and outdoor extravaganza featuring cake walks, games, face painting, and pumpkin roll races followed by everyone enjoying and judging who makes the best corn bread and chili in the congregation. Adults and children alike participate in these fun activities, especially the eating of the wonderful chili and cornbread!



Annual CMF Barbeque: This fun activity is carried out by the men of the church to raise funds for outreach projects sponsored by the CMF. The men enjoy the fellowship of working together to prepare, pack and sell the BBQ one weekend a year. This project is supported by the entire congregation as BBQ is loved by almost everyone, including the little ones!



Mission Trips: From time to time short term mission trips have been lead to areas of natural disaster, or other areas of need. These trips have seen both youth and adults involved in numerous ar- eas. Everyone who participates learns what it is to serve others in times of great need!



The photo shows our relief in the aftermath of those who were in- were devastated by the overwhelmed by the volunteers from other church denominations working together to rebuild homes and lives.

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Annual Church Picnic: This is an annual church wide event providing the opportunity for all ages to participate in all manner of summertime outdoor athletic and non-athletic activities. The fun and fellowship in such an informal atmosphere is enjoyed by all who participate. The photo (right) shows the membership enjoying the really good food offered at such an event.



Annual Church Picnic: This event utilizes different venues with each providing the opportunity for all ages to participate in many varied activities. Lots of opportunities for fellowship and good clean fun are available for everyone. The photo at left is just one example of some of the activities and fun that are available.

Sunday Morning Breakfast: Between the 8:30 AM service and 11:00AM service, a continental breakfast is served by volunteers (photo below) working with the Worship and Social Committees. Everyone who participates almost always will find some very good home cooked breakfast treats accompanied by plenty of coffee and juice. The fun and fellowship provide the opportunity for stimulating conversation at church, other's come to participate of the congregation as well as our church staff.



TWF: Once a month, on Wednesday nights, a pot luck supper is held for fun and fellowship of all ages. This provides opportunities for members to visit, share ideas about outreach opportunities, or just catch up with their existing friends, as well as make new friends. This venue is often used to provide information regarding the status of current programs, missions, and ministries in the life of the church. There is always a lively discussion going at each table. The evening ends with a drawing of door prizes. Visitors are always welcome!



First Christian Church Youth Ministry:

FCC 's youth have been a blessing to all. Their wonderful program has been a mainstay for many years. Our young people have performed with distinction in leadership positions at the state and national church level. In addition, the getting together at summer camp

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Visitors are encouraged to participate and enjoy this wonderful program.

There have been six members of the FCC youth program who have answered the call to become full time ministers serving churches all across the country.



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This program is blessed with high parental involvement, our professional youth director, as well as the full support of the congregation.

First Christian Church, Greensboro, NC Facilities:

The church campus was built in 1950, and is located on a corner lot of a beautiful tree lined boulevards, adjacent to the University of North Carolina Greensboro campus. This location provides high visibility in a mature neighborhood within a few miles of the city center. As a result, our congregation enjoys a high level of population diversity drawing from all areas of the city, and neighboring communities in a 30 mile radius. The building entrance is through the Narthex which is served by the elevator providing access to all floors. Off the Narthex is the Church Office where the Church Secretary and Volunteer Assistants handle the daily operations. Immediately off the Narthex is the beautiful sanctuary, complete with pipe organ, piano, and sound system serving the pulpit and lectern so that all may hear anyone speaking. In addition, the sound system is equipped for wireless transmission to the hearing impaired attending any service held in the sanctuary. Additionally, the Sanctuary wing houses the choir room and two class rooms.

Downstairs, below the sanctuary, a large fellowship hall complete with stage, sound system and full kitchen provides for meeting space for almost any event imaginable. Many wonderful meals, fellowship and workshops have been enjoyed in this space. The kitchen is equipped with a commercial dishwasher, disposal, pot sinks, 6 burner commercial stove, convection ovens, and large double door commercial refrigerator. There is commercial ice machine and upright freezer. A large pantry in addition to many cabinets offers significant storage space for plates, bowls, cups, forks, spoons, knives as well as plenty of pots, pans, and coffee urns. Many multi course meals have been successfully served here! Each Sunday night, the Youth program Supper is held in the fellowship hall.

The educational wing of the building houses Sunday school class rooms, church library, the office of the Senior Minister, Associate Minister, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Youth Director. In 1985, a three story addition was completed which is totally given over to Christian Education and also houses the nursery.

All of our facilities are fully heated and cooled for year-round comfort. Each of our office facilities are equipped with computer workstations. In addition, there are VCR, DVD, TV, overhead slide and LCD Projection equipment on hand. There is a large paved parking lot with two entrances for ease of entrance and exit on a busy street. In addition, there is a large fenced, well equipped, playground area for the children to enjoy at any time.

Church Organization

Functional Committees for 2008:

Christian Action and Community Service:

Jane Bracker, Chair

Christian Education:

Wanda Powers, Chair

Church Growth:

Neil Stewart, Chair

Membership:

Diane Young, Chair

Property:

Cliff Greaves, Chair

Social:

Leslie Gooding, Chair

Stewardship:

Allen Wagoner, Chair

World Outreach:

Babs Gordon, Chair

Worship/Music:

Dawn Steadman, Chair

Music Director:

Jody Henley, Youth Direc-

tor: Josh Gentry

Treasurer: Vicki Simon, Administrative As-

stant: Betty Self, Financial Secretary:

Vivian Barber

Nursery: Liliana De Los Santos

Board Chair: Jamie Gordon

Board Vice-chair: Mark McDonald

Elders: Ricky Young, Chair

Deacons: Ed

Poindexter, Chair

Standing Com- mittees:

Personnel:

Chair: Louise

Greaves

Pastoral Relations:

Chair: Jamie Gordon

President of CWF:

Sue Hulighan

President of CMF:

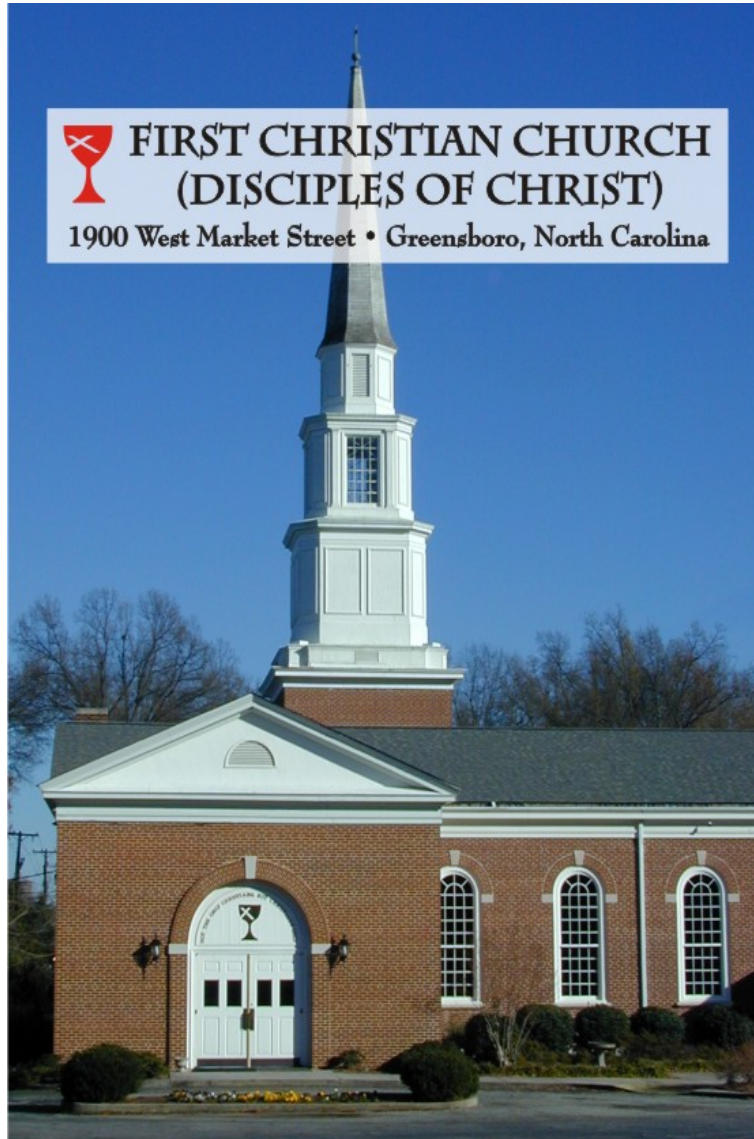
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Terry Simon

Sam Tucker



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