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This school supply drive needs you...

We certainly need school supplies to make this program a success. But we need *you*. We need church members and friends to gather together to fill the backpacks and to deliver the backpacks.

In addition to donating school supplies from the list to the right, we hope you'll join us **Wednesday, August 24, at 6 p.m.**, for a potluck dinner at which we will fill backpacks. Then meet us at the church **Saturday, August 27, at 9 a.m.**, to load backpacks and deliver them to Glen Haven Community Center. We'll play games and share snacks with the children and families at Glen Haven.

Parents and kids: here's a great way to involve your entire family in service to our community—as you're shopping for your own supplies, pick up some extra to share. Come to the potluck to fill up packs. Plan to deliver the packs and have fun with our neighbors.

First Christian has shared backpacks with children and youth at Glen Haven Community Center and Cone Elementary School for several years. **Check out photos from the past on page 3.**

Detach this page and keep the supply list with you.
Plus, don't forget these important dates: August 24 and 27

(and a few other things)

We need:

notebook paper
pocket folders
1-subject notebooks
composition notebooks
crayons
scissors
pencils
colored pencils
rulers
glue sticks
pencil bags
erasers
pencil sharpeners





A Note from Our Pastor



Dear friends:

Once upon a time, I applied to a masters degree program that focused completely on popular culture (yes, that's a real thing) because I thought I might want to be a history teacher. I got into the program, I'll have you know, but I didn't go; I went to divinity school and became a minister instead. This was, ultimately, the right decision—among many other reasons, I am not nearly cool enough to be a student of pop culture all the time.

I've always been fascinated, though, by the things that captivate our imagination as a culture: superheroes or boy wizards, cosmic time travelers or enchanted kingdoms, real-life crime dramas or novels that dig deep into the psyche of human relationships. The books we read, the movies we watch, the characters we love or love to hate, all those things we pay attention to and spend our time and money on... Like it or not, we're all shaped by popular culture and it can teach us something about who we are and who we want to be, or maybe who we don't want to be.

One of the podcasts I listen to regularly is called Pop Culture Happy Hour. It's a roundtable discussion in which several wise and witty people talk about popular movies, television, and books. I listen almost every week, because even if I haven't read or seen whatever they're talking about, I always learn something new, and it almost always relates to something else I'm thinking about. That's the way of life, I think—the worlds we live in are not disconnected; our faith, our families, our work, our entertainment, it's all intertwined.

We'll be talking about all those connections in our new worship series, *Finding Faith in the Everyday*. Each week we'll chose a pop culture "artifact"—an artifact is a found object that helps us understand something about the culture in which it is found—to be the inspiration for a conversation about faith, scripture, and life in the world. The first Sunday, on August 7, we'll take a look at *Harry Potter*, focusing on the first book and movie, but drawing from themes that run throughout the series. (I promise there won't be spoilers from the new book released last weekend; I haven't gotten my hands on that yet.) For the rest of the month—actually, through September 4—we'll look at other things currently occupying our cultural brain space: the recent movie *Zootopia*, the Olympics starting this weekend in Rio, the TV series *Dr. Who* (hey, if you're a *Dr. Who* fan, I'd love to hear from you. What's your favorite episode? Why?), and finally, good old *Charlie Brown*.

Each week—also inspired by the Pop Culture Happy Hour podcast, which always ends with a segment called "What's making you happy?"—we'll invite someone to answer the question: "What's bringing you joy this week?" If you've got a story or a testimony about something bringing you joy that you'd be willing to share in worship, let me know.

Looking forward to reading, watching, and worshiping with you,
Lee

P.S. It's good to be back with you after my summer break. Many thanks again to Melissa Guthrie, our elders and other leaders, and all our guest preachers, for filling in while I was away.



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Job Opportunity

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is in search of teachers to help support our growing children's ministry

These are part-time positions on most Sunday mornings and/or Sunday evenings, beginning August 2016.

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Sunday morning

Responsibility: Lead Children's Church program during worship.

Children's Church provides an age-appropriate worship experience for children age 3-2nd grade during our regular worship service.

9:30-11:30 a.m., plus prep time

(3-4 times per month; Children's Church does not meet on the last Sunday of each month)

Sunday evening

Responsibility: Lead the Primary Youth Fellowship class (for pre-K through 2nd grade).

Our evening program includes dinner, games, lessons, and crafts.

4:45-7:15 p.m., plus prep time

(approximately 3 times per month, schedule varies)

For both programs we would provide curriculum and a support volunteer.

Qualifications:

- experience with teaching preschool or early elementary school children
- music ability a plus but not required

Compensation:

\$15/hour

Inquiries should be sent to Rev. Lee Hull Moses at info@fccgreensboro.org. Please indicate whether you are interested in Sunday morning, Sunday evening, or both. More information about our church can be found at www.fccgreensboro.org.

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Detach the adjacent page and post the job opportunity in your neighborhood. →

New Information

Rhonda Campbell, 4301 Brenmar Lane, Durham, NC 27713. Phone number has not changed.

Bob and Betsy Bowman have a temporary address. PO Box 262, Clinton, Ohio 44216.

Bob Bowman writes, "Tell everyone that we love and miss them all!"

Congratulations

To Dorisa, Scott, and big brother Jack, as well as lots of extended family. Dylan James Norwood was born early in the morning July 24. Dylan weighed 7 lbs 3 oz and measured 18 inches long.

Greetings

From Judith Guy, 2015-2016 Ministry Intern

I hope you all are doing well and that the different pace of summer has been rejuvenating. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. I have thought of you all often on my hike. I have enjoyed seeing beautiful scenes of God's creation. I am a little under half way through. My Mom treated me to a hotel and some excellent food in Buena Vista! You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Peace be with you.

From John M. Richardson, Regional Minister

I write to inform you of my intention to retire as regional minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as of December 31, 2016. Since I will turn 65 years old on September 29 of this year, my decision is in keeping with the retirement provisions in The Personnel Policy Handbook for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina, lines 262-266. Between now and December 31, I will continue to fulfill my regular responsibilities as regional minister, and help, as appropriate, in preparing our regional church for this time of transition in regional leadership. I will have served as regional minister of the Christian Church in North Carolina for 13 years and 10 months. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity the region has given me to serve the church in this manner. I pray we will approach this time of transition in a spirit of faith, hope and love.

Regional News

Christmount has a new Executive Director. Welcome to the Rev. Rob Morris! A letter from Rob as well as additional regional news can be found on our website.

JUST WONDERING...

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS BY RETIRED DISCIPLES MINISTER REV. JT MOORE

In the incident (read John 7:53-8:11) where the scribes and Pharisees brought judgment against a woman accused of adultery to test Jesus, and how he responded, what do we learn about Jesus' attitude toward sinful people?

We find Jesus saying in a different way 'judge not that you not be judged'. Only the one without fault has any basis of expressing judgment on another's sin. Since all have sinned, then it's obvious that only God has the capacity to judge. When we meet someone who sins differently than we do, we should extend to others the same compassion we would wish others to extend to us in a similar situation. Jesus's response was not to abandon judgment, but rather to defer sentence. The challenge to the woman was to go out and prove that she could live life differently in the days ahead. He is saying that she had made a mistake but life is not over. He was espousing a gospel of the second chance. Jesus knew the freeing power of forgiveness. It was not an easy forgiveness but a challenge to goodness and a new way of life.



First Christian Church is a place where thoughtful people **think**. It is also a place where thoughtful people **do**. We take seriously Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors. It is our mission to know and love God, to nurture each other, and to reach out and welcome all people in the name of Jesus Christ.



RECENT ATTENDANCE

July 17: 93

July 24: 108

July 31: 102

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please contact the church office if you would like a name added to or removed from the prayer list.

Angie Wethington
Peggy Nance
Letha Gant
Joe & Ann Fry
Janet White
Jade Fletcher
Don Bowman

Rhe Markham
Leroy Bymaster
Bill Roberts
Marie Reaves Grant
Emerson Roberts
Gary Yeager
Louis Lindsay

Betty Wilson
Lib Tilley
Burt Bennett
Bobbie Poston
Chuck Jones
JoAnn Alley
Kenny Honeycutt

Chris Johnson
Bonnie Stanley
Jim Saveriano
Martha Cargo
Roger Stanley
Vicki Vaughan
Bill Rayle

FCC backpack program years past (see 2016 school supply list and important dates on page 1)



2015



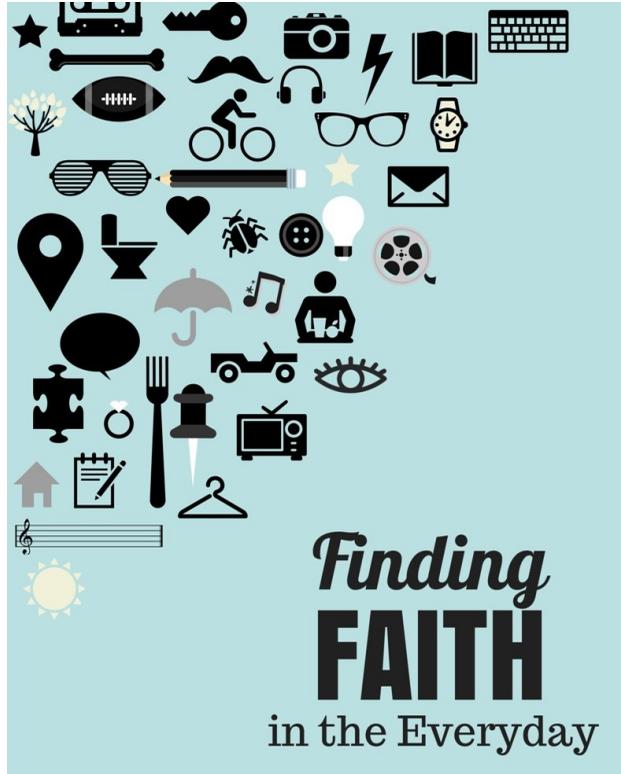
2014



2013



2012



Finding Faith in the Everyday
August 7—September 4

Each week will use a cultural artifact (book, movie, TV show, etc.) to help us think creatively about our faith, our scriptures, and our world. Each week will also feature “What’s bringing you joy this week?” in which individuals will tell us where they’re finding joy or seeing God at work.

Want a head start?

- Check out these books, movies, shows:
- Harry Potter*
 - Zootopia*
 - The Olympics
 - Dr. Who*
 - Charlie Brown*

Finding
FAITH
in the Everyday

Small Group Sunday mornings

Every second and fourth Sunday morning at 8:45, individuals gather for conversation, prayer, and study. Each reading is independent from others so you can join in anytime. There are free copies of the current book in the church office. Email info@fccgreensboro.org if you want to know more. All are welcome to these small group meetings.

Next small group meeting times: Sunday, August 14 and 28



Table Talk continues

Table Talk is an informal gathering at a local restaurant or someone’s home. If you have yet to check this out, join in any Thursday evening, beginning at 7 p.m. Stop by for 20 minutes or an hour. Eat or drink or just share in fellowship.

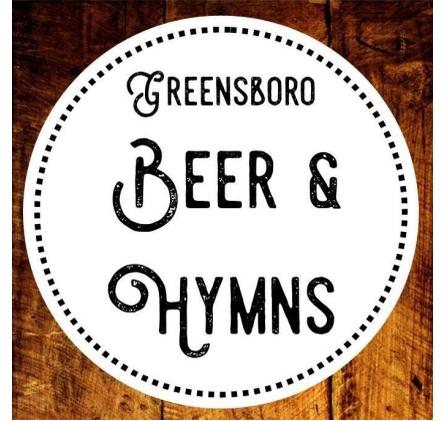
Find the Table Talk schedule and locations on our website: fccgreensboro.org/calendar

First Christian Church collaborates with community churches

We’re teaming up with other churches to host Greensboro’s first “Beer and Hymns” Sunday, August 14, at 5 p.m., at Gibb’s Hundred Brewing Company.

“Beer and Hymns”? It’s like a hymn fest—in a brewery. Have a cold one (or none); join in especially for good music and good company. The Martha Basset Band will lead singing and an offering will be taken for the Interactive Resource Center.

Gibb’s is located at 117 West Lewis Street.



Snacks needed for coffee hour

Please buy an extra package of your favorite snack and donate it to our fellowship hour/ coffee hour. Bring goodies to the Gathering Space!

Donate Your Vehicle to Christmount

Christmount’s Maintenance Department is in need of a pickup truck or SUV. If you have one in fairly good condition you would like to donate, please call Mark Norton 828.669.8445.

Play cards with the Vintage Kings & Queens

While the Vintage Bunch is on hiatus until September 14, the Vintage Kings & Queens play cards at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m., August 22.

Note these meeting dates

August 8, 7 p.m., Property Team

August 14, 11:15 a.m., Cabinet

August 21, 11:15 a.m., Board

Want to volunteer at the National Folk Festival with our church group?

Greensboro will host this exciting festival in September and our church will volunteer as needed to help make the festival a success and to share our church name and mission. Times and positions vary. We just need to know if you’re interested! Email us at info@fccgreensboro.org or talk to Lee or Melissa.

Plan ahead

Fall programming and youth activities kick off September 11.

A centennial celebration will be held Sunday evening, October 2. Watch for details on this Apple Festival.