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Fall programs kick off **September 10**

First...a church-wide picnic

Join us at Northeast Guilford Park for our church picnic on Saturday, September 9, from 2:30–6:30, at shelter #1. Main dish and drinks provided. Please bring a side and/or dessert to share. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and blankets! If interested, carousel rides cost \$1 per person and putt putt (18 holes) costs \$2 per round. The address to the park is 3441 Northeast Park Drive, Gibsonville; use 4010 High Rock Rd. for GPS coordinates.

Small Group

A Sunday morning small group will be offered every week (unless we have a special guest as part of our speaker series—keep reading!) No preparation required; this small group will read together and discuss. Can't attend every week? No worries! Each book chapter stands alone. Stay tuned for our book selection! Join us as you're able. Coffee available at 8:45; small group begins at 9:00.

Speaker Series

Join us as the 2017 fall speaker series kicks off on September 10, with Dr. Mark Jensen, as he responds to the question: "What can we do about hunger?" Coffee and light breakfast snacks are available at 8:45; the presentation begins at 9:00. Childcare is available!

Sunday Night Youth

All youth (ages K-12) and their families are invited to join us for a Sunday Night Youth Kick-off celebration on September 10, at 5 p.m. Dinner will be provided and parents will meet when the youth head to their classrooms (5:30-6:30) to cover important information for this school year. Please RSVP to Amanda Kerr at amanda@fccgreensboro.org by Sunday, September 3.

Table Topics—Tuesday evenings at 7

Choir—Wednesday evenings at 7

Table Talk—Thursday evenings at 7

Have you been hearing about Table Topics and wondering what it's all about? Do you want to try choir? Are Thursday evenings a good time for you to get together with folks? This fall is a great time to check out the numerous opportunities for fellowship, learning, and service. Details about these weekly activities and other FCC events inside this newsletter.

To know and love God, to nurture each other, and to reach out and welcome all people in the name of Jesus Christ.

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A Note from Our Pastor

Friends,

Yesterday, our ministry and program staff spent the morning together in a planning retreat. We prayed, laughed, told stories, planned, and got to know each other better. I'm delighted to be working with such capable, creative, and collaborative colleagues. (Alliteration!) I'm especially pleased to introduce you to Paul Snyder, a second-year ministry student at Wake Forest Divinity School, who will be serving as our ministry intern this year. Read more about Paul below.



This newsletter is jam-packed with news and information as we head into fall—there are so many ways to connect, worship, care, and serve; please take some time to read through these pages and decide how you will get involved.

See you soon!

Lee

About Paul Snyder Our Ministry Intern

Paul Snyder is entering into his second year at Wake Forest University School of Divinity and is earning a Master's in Divinity with a concentration in Food and Religious leadership. For his concentration, he studies how food is incorporated into religious practices and how the table can be a place for restorative justice. Prior to Wake Forest, Paul earned his Bachelor of Arts in English Literature at Wabash College and triple minored in Rhetoric, Religion, and German.



Paul has worked primarily in a Higher Education setting. Last academic year, he served as a Graduate Assistant in the Safe Office at Wake Forest University where he created and designed programs for sexual and relationship violence prevention and education. However, in the upcoming year, Paul will serve as a Graduate Assistant in the Office of Personal and Career Development where he will work with graduate and undergraduate students at Wake Forest on professional development and career planning.

Paul also served at Parkway United Church of Christ in Winston-Salem over this past summer, working primarily with educational programming, worship and preaching, and community organizing. Paul is a member of the Disciples of Christ denomination, and he has just recently begun the ordination process in the North Carolina Region.

In his free time, Paul and his wife Kaitlyn enjoy playing tennis, hiking, spoiling their 6-year-old Yorkie named Bentley, trying new restaurants, and spending time with their family.



News, Events, and Church Notes

Vintage Bunch Resumes Programming September 13

The Vintage Bunch gathers at the church on the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 for lunch and a program of entertainment, information, education, religious and social enrichment, interaction, and the occasional road trip. Geared primarily to the interests and concerns of folks who are 50-55+ and young at heart but all are welcome.

On September 13: a trip to Ciener Botanical Gardens in Kernersville followed by lunch at Mae's Vintage Kitchen. The garden tour begins at 10 a.m. Lunch is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

Plarn

We will be giving all "leftover" plarn to Tori Carle who is Greensboro's Waste Reduction Supervisor in charge of the Plarn Mat Project. So—if anyone at FCC still needs plarn to complete a mat, please contact Diana Huth as soon as possible. Completed mats can also be delivered.

Congratulations

Congratulations to JT and Judith Moore on their wedding anniversary of 67 years.

Congratulations to Leah and Melissa Guthrie Loy who are expecting! Melissa is due in February.

Housekeeping

New directories are available at the Welcome Desk at church. Pick up your copy! If you have a change of address, phone, or email, let us know. We do our best to keep up with folks!

Are you interested in coordinating the efforts for a pictorial directory?

Do you need a nametag for Sunday mornings? Are you getting our weekly email on Wednesdays? Do we know your birthdate? Contact admin@fccgreensboro.org with needs or questions.

Just Wondering...Questions and Answers by Retired Disciples Minister JT Moore

What are we saying when we pray that part of the 'Lord's Prayer' (really the 'disciple's prayer') that says 'forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'? (Matthew 6:12-15)

We must realize first that we sin, and thus need to pray it. Let's look at the five different words used in the New Testament for sin. One word was initially a shooting word and simply means 'missing of the target', our failure to be what we might have been and could have been. Another word means a 'stepping across', stepping across the line which is drawn between right and wrong. Another word means a 'slipping across'. We may know that words can 'slip out', but so can impulses or passion that leads to loss of self-control and we're off guard. Another word means 'lawlessness', and defines that person who knows the right, yet does the wrong intentionally. The final word used for sin, and the one used here, means a debt, a failure to pay that which is due, a failure in duty. With these understandings of sin, we must not see sin simply when we think of a burglar, or a drunkard, or a murderer, etc.



In Our Region...

The **search for a new called Regional Minister** for the Christian Church in North Carolina has entered a new phase. The Search Committee is receiving names and expressions of interest of people who would like to be considered. The results of the listening conferences have been massaged into the Regional Profile and qualities sought in a new Regional Minister. This information can be accessed on the Regional website www.ncdisciples.org

Barton College welcomes Tony Campolo Monday, September 18 7 p.m., Howard Chapel, Barton College “Coming Together in a World That’s Falling Apart”

Dr. Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University and a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Eastern College and earned a Ph.D. from Temple University. As founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, Dr. Campolo has worked for 40 years to create, nurture and support programs for “at-risk” children in cities across North America, and has helped establish schools and universities in several developing countries.

More recently, Dr. Campolo has provided leadership for the progressive Christian movement, Red Letter Christians, as well as the Campolo Center for Ministry, a program that provides support to those the church has called to full-time ministry. In addition, he has served as a media commentator on religious, social and political matters, having appeared as a guest on a number of television programs, including: The Colbert Report, Nightline, Crossfire, The Charlie Rose Show, CNN News and MSNBC News. He co-hosted his own television series, “Hashing It Out,” on the Odyssey Network, and he currently hosts “Across The Pond,” a weekly program on the Premier Christian Radio Network in England.

Dr. Campolo has authored numerous books, including the most recent, “Why I Left, Why I Stayed,” a collaboration with his son, Bart Campolo, published in February. An ordained minister, Dr. Campolo has served American Baptist Churches in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Peggy, live near Philadelphia. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Christian Men’s Fellowship Retreat

Rev. Ralph Botte is the keynote speaker for the NC CMF retreat September 29-October 1, at Christmount. Rev. Botte is the pastor at First Christian Church in Walnut Cove and he serves as a Battalion Chaplain with the U.S. Army Reserves. The retreat theme is “Come and See.” Won’t you “come and see” all that is happening at Christmount. Registration forms are available in the church office and online: christmount.org.



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

August 13: 83

August 20: 71

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Angie Wethington
Letha Gant
Joe & Ann Fry
Leroy Bymaster
Marie Reaves Grant
Gary Yeager

Bobbie Poston
Chuck Jones
JoAnn Alley
Kenny Honeycutt
Jim Saveriano
Roger Stanley

Bill Rayle
David Hodgkin
Billie Pierce
Anne Early
Tommy Guthrie
Lib Tilley

Betty Wilson
Susan Ormond
Gary Weerts
Jesse Little

Come, let us sing to the Lord!

Love music?

You're invited.

Been thinking about joining the choir?

You're invited.

Been in the choir for years?

You're invited.

Never sung in public before?

You're invited.

Love God?

You're invited.

Want to make a joyful noise?

You're invited.

Just curious?

You're invited.

All are invited to choir rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
The choir also warms up on Sunday mornings at 9:15.

Worship the Lord with gladness!

Come into God’s presence with singing. –Psalm 100:2

SUNDAYS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

9 a.m. Small Group or Speaker Series
10 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
5 p.m. Dinner and Youth Groups



Story Keepers

Fall Worship Series: Story Keepers

One of the most important tasks of the church is to be the keeper of stories: stories from scripture, stories from church tradition, stories from our own lives. The truths contained in these stories are the truths about how God works in the world.

The image of a lighthouse comes to mind. Before modern technology, lighthouse keepers were responsible for keeping the light shining so that ships off shore could navigate toward safety.

Perhaps the stories the church keeps serve a similar purpose: navigation among the rocks, a little light to see by in the dark.

The sermon each Sunday will focus on a Bible story—some well-known, some more obscure—and will ask the question: why is it important that the church tell this story? How does this story help us shine a light or navigate through life?

These stories tell us how to live, and how to treat each other, and what God dreams for us. These stories remind us that God always makes a way, that all are loved and welcomed, that there is enough.

What's Your Story?

Throughout this worship series, we'd like to hear from you! In worship services, in the newsletter, and online, we'll be sharing stories from you about how the stories of the Bible have touched your lives. Tell us about a time when you were afraid and the presence of God was a comfort to you. Tell us about how God made a way when you couldn't see the way ahead. Tell us about how you were welcomed in an unexpected place. Tell us about a time when the story of Jesus inspired, challenged, or changed you.

If you've got a story to share—in worship, online, or in our newsletter—let Lee know.

Happening Sunday, August 27: "Lunch and Learn" for Sunday Night Youth Leaders
Following worship, all Sunday Night Youth leaders will gather to talk about the upcoming year! We will talk about important dates, new curriculum, and guidelines. Lunch will be provided.

SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES

Dr. Mark Jensen addresses "What can we do about hunger?" on September 10

As noted on page 1, our fall speaker series kicks off on September 10. Coffee and light breakfast snacks are available at 8:45; the presentation begins at 9:00. Childcare is available!

Dr. Jensen previously lectured at FCC; he responded to the question, "What does the Bible say about hunger?" Our passion for justice leads us to advocate for food justice, health, and communal well-being; so what do we do about it? Dr. Mark Jensen will address that topic. He is a teaching professor of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology at Wake Forest University's School of Divinity. He is also a Certified Supervisor with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education and serves as a Chaplain Supervisor in the Division of FaithHealth at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. His current research and teaching interests lie at the intersections of faith, health, food systems, sustainability, and community.

Other dates and speakers in the Fall 2017 series:

October 8: Dr. Mary Foskett, "How do we read the Bible?"

November 19: Gary Gunderson, "Leading Causes of Life"

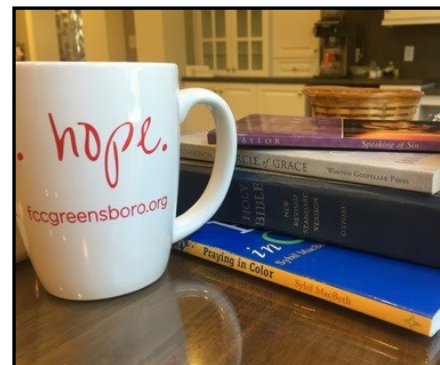


Table Topics

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5, and for the next several weeks, our topic of conversation will be the book *What is the Bible?* by Rob Bell. We'll read a selected chapter or two each week—skipping around some, so short reading assignments will be posted each week on our website. Each session will begin with a recap, so if you don't read ahead of time, come anyway.

This will still be a come-when-you can group, so if you miss a week or two, it'll be easy to jump back in. We'll purchase a few copies of the book, or you can pick up your own. (If you want us to order one for you, please let Lee know.) Locations for the conversations will vary each week, so check the website and watch your email for updates. Mark your calendars for Tuesdays at 7:00, and join us!

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Elders: Darilyn Knibb
Lora McPhail

Deacons: Mark McDonald
Anna Young
Leah Guthrie Loy
Patti McDonald
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Acolyte: Sun Romahah
Children's Moment: James Thomas
Children's Church: Dorisa Norwood
and Meredith Cooper
Worship Leader: Baylee Smith

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Elders: Terry Simon
Sandra Woodruff

Deacons: Jason Myers
Judy Garrett
Rob Moses
Ryan Huth
Kasey Bogan
Ken Garner

Acolyte: Bella Myers
Children's Moment: Darilyn Knibb
Children's Church: Dorisa Norwood
and
Worship Leader: Emily Viverette

Building Responsibilities for the Month of September: Bill Wiley

Is there an error in our list of servers? Please let us know! Email admin@fccgreensboro.org.
A draft of each week's bulletin is emailed prior to the Sunday service. Watch your email for this notice. If you think you're serving and didn't get the email, reach out to us!

Provide Dinner for the FCC Youth!

Sunday Night Youth is starting back up Sunday, Sept. 10 and we are in need of volunteers to prepare weekly meals for our youth and their leaders. This is a very simple way to serve and spend time with the children and youth at FCC! If you would like to receive more information or sign-up for a specific Sunday evening, please email Amanda Kerr.

Have an extra TV or DVD player?

FCC Youth is in need of an extra TV and two DVD players. It doesn't need to be fancy, but if you have any extra lying around your house our kids (and Amanda) would greatly appreciate the donation! Email Amanda Kerr for more information.

Volunteer with us at the Folk Festival

Maybe you're already planning to enjoy Greensboro's Folk Festival September 8-10. A group of FCC members and friends plans to volunteer during the afternoon of September 10. If you want to join us, contact Melissa at admin@fccgreensboro.org. Come for an hour or more!

Save the Date for the October CROP Walk

It's an annual event that our church loves. FCC will organize a team of walkers as the event draws near. We will also collect donations to help raise money for food and awareness of food insecurities. Save the date: October 15, 2017!

Plan ahead for the November CWF Marketplace

Another don't miss event, the Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) has announced its annual Holiday Marketplace: Saturday, November 4. Registration information for vendors and crafters will be on our website soon. Planning to shop? Put it on your calendar! CWF will need donations of raffle items including gift baskets and homemade goods. Contact Laura Tebow for all details.

Celebrate September Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| 2 | David Young | 21 | Hallie Steadman |
| 3 | Ann Stanley | 22 | Lily Wildman |
| 4 | Amy Gooding | 25 | Lauren Bymaster |
| 4 | Jack Markham | 27 | Jonathan Moses |
| 6 | Mike Norwood | | |
| 6 | K.T. Wood | | |
| 9 | Lora McPhail | | |
| 9 | Carly Tucker | | |
| 10 | Rob Moses | | |
| 11 | Abigail Saintsing | | |
| 15 | Ed Wagoner | | |
| 19 | Louise Greaves | | |
| 19 | Patti McDonald | | |
| 20 | Brad Murray | | |

September Anniversaries

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| 20 | Marie and Marshall Grant |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p><i>Fall programs kick off</i> September 10</p> | <p>Check the church website for Table Topics & Table Talk locations and email admin@fccgreensboro.org to be added to a weekly reminder for small groups</p> | | | | | <p>1</p> |
| <p>3 10:00 am Worship and Fellowship 8:00 pm Language of the Heart AA</p> | <p>4 Church Office Closed 9:00 am Newsletter Submissions Due</p> | <p>5 9:00 am Church World Service Citizenship Class 7:00 pm Elders Meeting 7:00 pm Table Topics</p> | <p>6 Newsletter Mailed 9:00 am Men's Coffee Group at Panera on Lawndale 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>7 9:00 am Church World Service Citizenship Class 7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting 7:00 pm Table Talk 8:00 pm Al-Anon</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9 2:30 pm Church Picnic at Northeast Guilford Park</p>  |
| <p>10 Kick Off Youth Programming 8:45 am Speaker Series featuring Dr. Mark Jensen 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship and Fellowship 11:15 am Cabinet Meeting 5:00 pm Sunday Night Youth Kick-Off 8:00 pm Language of the Heart AA</p> | <p>11 9:30 am Staff Meetings 6:00 pm Long-Range Planning Team Meeting 7:00 pm Agape</p> | <p>12 9:00 am Church World Service Citizenship Class 7:00 pm Table Topics</p> | <p>13 10:00 am Vintage Bunch Trip to Cjener Gardens 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>14 9:00 am Church World Service Citizenship Class 7:00 pm Table Talk 8:00 pm Al-Anon</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> |
| <p>17 8:45 am Small Group 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship and Fellowship 8:00 pm Language of the Heart AA</p> | <p>18 9:30 am Staff Meetings</p> | <p>19 9:00 am Church World Service Citizenship Class 7:00 pm Table Topics</p> | <p>20 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>21 9:00 am Church World Service Citizenship Class 7:00 pm Table Talk 8:00 pm Al-Anon</p> | <p>22 Senior Wheels</p> | <p>23</p> |
| <p>24 8:45 am Small Group 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship and Fellowship 8:00 pm Language of the Heart AA</p> | <p>25 9:00 am Newsletter Submissions Due 9:30 am Staff Meetings 9:30 am Vintage Kings & Queens Cards</p> | <p>26 7:00 pm Table Topics</p> | <p>27 Newsletter Mailed 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>28 9:00 am Ladies Coffee Group at Panera 7:00 pm Table Talk 8:00 pm Al-Anon</p> | <p>29 CMF Christmount Retreat</p> | <p>30 CMF Christmount Retreat</p> |