



**AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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Visit us online at  
[www.firstchristiangoldsboro.org](http://www.firstchristiangoldsboro.org)  
this week for videos on sermon,  
communion, music, and scripture.



**Weekly Conference Call Times**

**Sundays at 10:45 AM**

**Wednesdays at 6:45 PM.**

Here is all you do:  
**Dial 712-770-5505 and then wait  
for instructions to enter access  
code, which is 300904#**

**A Word from Rev. Tom**

My paternal grandmother Betty Millay passed away July 21<sup>st</sup>, and I am so glad I got to go to Evansville, Indiana to celebrate her life. She was a dear, sweet, and kind woman.

I felt the prayers of the church supporting me as I made the long drive to Indiana and back. It was one of many instances recently that have made me thankful I am part of this church community. I am grateful to be part of a community that not only affirms the priesthood of all believers, but practices it, especially in the way you care for one another.



Last week, **Jay and Kelley Pittman** wrote to the church and expressed their thanks: "First Christian Church Family: We would like to say thank you all so much for all the calls, gifts, prayers and blessings over our marriage. Our day

may not have gone as planned originally, but you were all in our hearts and it was a perfect day. Your love and support means so much to us both! Love, Kelley & Jay Pittman"



**OUTSIDE GATHERING AT  
CHURCH CONTINUES  
THROUGH AUGUST**

We were blessed to have wonderful outdoor services throughout the month of July, including some beautiful music from Tom Casey. We plan to continue having these outdoor gatherings for the month of August, beginning at 9:30 AM. We will be wearing masks and practicing physical distancing. Online services and conference calls will continue as before, with the Sunday conference call at 10:45 AM.



Thanks for your continuing faithfulness and devotion to the church and each other during these challenging times! We pray God will bless you in mind, body and spirit!



No Calendar Mailed out for August. Conference Call Times and Other Virtual Meetings included in this newsletter!

**JULY GIVING**

July 5	\$3,793.00
July 12	\$3,974.00
July 19	\$2,868.00
July 26	\$1,627.00
Hygiene Kits	\$ 295.00
UCM	\$ 25.00

### CWS Hygiene Kits

First Christian Goldsboro is a church that hears the call and responds. Thanks to your generosity Ronnie and Mary Thompson ended up putting together over **50** hygiene kits for Church World Service. These kits will be used by the homeless and displaced throughout the United States and the world.



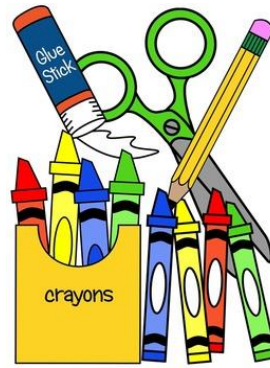
### United Church Ministries Special Offering

Each year in August we receive a special mission offering for **United Church Ministries of Wayne County**. United Church Ministries is a community outreach program serving the emergency needs of people here in Wayne County. Assistance is provided for rent, food, utilities, medicine, and transportation. United Church Ministries is primarily supported by member churches. First Christian has been a member since the beginning. By supporting this special mission offering, we **answer Jesus' command** to love thy neighbor and feed his sheep. The Missions Task Force invites and seeks your generous participation in this special mission offering.

United Church Ministries is currently closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The UCM Director will be meeting with the volunteers soon to determine how and when they can safely open and get back to helping people in need. Many of the current volunteers are in the age group most vulnerable to the virus and may not be able to return. If you would like to volunteer with UCM, you may contact Mary or Ronnie Thompson and they will put you in touch with the UCM Director.

**To Honor Ronnie Thompson** for chairing the Ministerial Search Task Force Committee, gifts have been made to the United Church Ministries by the following:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bell  
Ms. Sharon Jones  
Mrs. Carolyn McCullough  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bartlett  
Mr. & Mrs. George Thigpen  
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Cannon



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School may be out right now, but it will be starting up soon. During the month of August, we will be collecting school supplies for the needy right here in Wayne County. A box will be in the entry hallway for you to leave your donated supplies. Suggested items are:

Scissors (blunt end type only)  
70-Count Notebooks (spiral or bound)  
12" Rulers  
Handheld Pencil Sharpener  
Large Erasers  
Wood Pencils (No. 2)  
Box of 24 Crayons

### Special Mission Offerings through June 21

**Protestant Preschool \$272.00**

**Souper Bowl of Caring \$216.58**

**Week of Compassion \$664.00**

**United Church Ministries \$470.00**

**Easter Special Day \$480.00**

**Pentecost \$120.00**

**Total through June 21 \$2,222.58**



Grace Price, Cheryl Griffin, Eloise Kleinert and family, Mary Ethel Lewis, Joe Ben Sauls, G. A. and Kathy Spain, June Anderson, Willie and Faye Rogers, Rick Rogers (Faye & Willie Rogers' son), John and Becky Selzer and family, Rebecca Daniels, Lorraine Loch, Bradley King, Val Watkins (Brantley's sister-in-law), the Spain's great granddaughter Katie, Molly McEldowney (Sharon Jones' daughter) and her brother, David Reynolds, Robert Strader (June Anderson's son-in-law), Linda Hilburn, Chuck Saeger (husband of Patricia Nickens Saeger), Bill Smith, Gary Bartlett, Herbert Hill, Mary Anne Cowley, Ruby Santee, the Millay family of Evansville, Indiana, and those suffering with and working with COVID19.



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Linda Thigpen – 3  
 Fred Clarke – 6  
 Will Bartlett – 9  
 Robert Bell – 10  
 Becky York – 11  
 Thomas Kleinert – 14  
 Alexis Mason – 25  
 Jay Pittman – 25  
 Lorraine Loch – 27  
 Joe Williford – 29

### Elders Presenting Scriptures Online in July

We thank our Elders and Young Adults for continuing to present our scriptures online and to Andrew and Will for videotaping.

August 2 Dennis Horne  
 Genesis 32:22-31; Ps. 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5

August 9 Cheryl Griffin  
 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Ps. 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15

August 16 Dennis Isenhower  
 Genesis 45:1-15; Ps. 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

August 23 Linda Cannon  
 Exodus 1:8-2:10; Ps. 124; Romans 12:1-8

August 30 Tim Creech  
 Exodus 3:1-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45; Romans 12: 9-21



### August Elders

Since we are not meeting in our sanctuary or serving homebound communion in July, our July elders are available for pastoral care:

August 2	Sharon Jones
August 9	Gwen Horne
August 16	Bunkie Parker
August 21	Dennis Isenhower
August 30	Bunkie Parker



### August Lectionary 2020

#### August 2

Genesis 32:22-31  
 Ps. 17:1-7, 15  
 Romans 9:1-5  
 Matthew 14:13-21

#### August 9

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
 Ps. 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
 Romans 10:5-15  
 Matthew 14:22-33

#### August 16

Genesis 45:1-15  
 Ps. 133  
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
 Matthew 15:21-28

#### August 23

Exodus 1:8-2:10  
 Ps. 124  
 Romans 12:1-8  
 Matthew 16: 13-20

#### August 30

Exodus 3:1-15  
 Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45  
 Romans 12: 9-21  
 Matthew 16:21-28

### MEMORIALS

Gifts were given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Mary Ellen Ham by the following:

Mr. & Mrs. Brantley Watkins  
 Mr. Kenneth E. Banks

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Nick Rose by the following:

Mr. & Mrs. George Thigpen  
 Ms. Myra Rose and Family

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Betty Millay by Mr. & Mrs. George Thigpen.

A gift was given to Current Expense in memory of Mary Ellen Ham by the following:

Mrs. Frances Allen  
 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Cannon  
 Mr. & Mrs. Willie Rogers

A gift was given to the Current Expense in memory of Barbara Hill by Herbert Hill.

A gift was given to Current Expense in memory of Teenie Wilson by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Cannon.

A gift was given to the Building Fund in memory of Mary Ellen Ham by Mrs. Margie Savage.

A gift was given as a Memorial to the Choir in memory of Mary Ellen Ham by Mr. & Mrs. Brantley Watkins.

A gift was given to the Wilson Bible Class in memory Mary Ellen Ham by Mr. & Mrs. John Selzer.



**LETTERS TO THE CHURCH**

To First Christian Church,  
My daughter and I wish to extend our appreciation for the many acts of love and kindness during my recent hospitalization. My recovery is progressing well and for that I give God the glory. My church family is the best and I look forward to worshipping together soon. We love you all.  
Ruby Santee

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Dear Church Family,  
How can I thank you for your love and kindness over the past several months since I broke my wrist. You were my lifeline until my son was able to get here for the surgery and to take me to Cary to stay with him. Your calls and cards followed me to Cary and helped a great deal to break the sameness of each day. You are wonderful, caring people. Thank you. Mary Anne Cowley



**Will Bartlett** is beginning his studies at Campbell Law School in Raleigh, North Carolina this month. We are proud of Will and wish him all the best as his new journey begins.



**Children**

Marian Gray Hill, grandchild of Tom Hill and great-grandchild of Herbert Hill, was born to Greyson and Markie Hill on July 27, 2020 at 6:05pm, weighing 7lbs 14oz. Praise God for this little one!



**Racial Equity Orientation Workshop**

Update: The Racial Equity Orientation Workshop has been rescheduled. It will now take place online Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10-11:30am and Thursday, August 27, 7-8:30pm. Registration is required but will be accepted up until the event begins (I will notify the church when the registration link goes live). The workshop will focus on learning key concepts such as anti-racism and the difference between equity and equality.



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