

**RECONCILIATION OFFERING**

The Reconciliation Ministry special offering provides the primary support of the Disciples’ efforts to advocate for, educate about, and organize to dismantle systemic racism and structural oppression within our ministries and institutions, as well as within the communities and cultures we serve. This year the theme for the special offering is “Embodying the Call.” Disciples have historically given generously to this mission. Our support is still needed today. When we support this mission, we help victims of racism and oppression in their efforts to provide for their families in a safe environment with opportunity to succeed in life. With our support we embody the call and show Christ’s love to our neighbors. Please give generously. Ronnie Thompson



**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Grace Price	Mary Ethel Lewis
Joe Ben Sauls	Kathy Spain
June Anderson	Lynne Herbst
Ray Price	Teenie Wilson
Mary Ellen Ham	Lorraine Loch
Abby Martinez	Bradley King
Tim Rodriguez	Linda Hilburn
Laura Price	Vickie Howell
Jay Pittman	Ben Loch
John & Becky Selzer	Gary Bartlett
Eloise Kleinert & family	
Willie & Faye Rogers	
Rick Rogers (Faye & Willie Rogers' son)	
Val Watkins (Brantley's sister-in-law)	
the Spain's great granddaughter, Katie	
Molly McEldowney (Sharon Jones' daughter)	
David Reynolds (Sharon Jones' brother)	
Robert Strader (June Anderson's son-in-law)	
Linda Uzzell (Lou Rose's Mother)	
Kenneth Vause (Father of Candace Pate)	
Chuck Saeger (Patricia Nickens Saeger's husband)	

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Mary Ellen Ham – 4  
Adrienne Strickland – 4  
June Anderson – 8  
Kathy Spain – 8  
Carolyn Ziemer Nassef – 13  
Jack Rose, Jr. – 16  
Linda Newsome – 18  
Wendy Hicks – 20

**Our Christian Sympathy** is extended to the Griffin family in the death of A.W. Griffin, Jr. on August 14, 2019.

**MEMORIALS**

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund in memory of A.W. Griffin by Tom Casey.  
A gift was given to the Building Fund in memory of A.W. Griffin by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bartlett.  
A gift was given to Current Expense in memory of A.W. Griffin by Dr. & Mrs. George Thigpen.  
A gift was given to the Renovation Fund in memory of A.W. Griffin by Mrs. Margie Savage.  
A gift was given to United Church Ministries in memory of Margaret Cogdell by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Smith.

**GIFTS GIVEN TO THE MUSIC  
ENDOWMENT FUND BY THE  
FOLLOWING:**

In memory of A.W. Griffin by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bell.  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Ms. Betty S. Wilkins  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Mr. & Mrs. Reed Noble  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Bell  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Mr. & Mrs. Brantley Watkins  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Ms. Ginger Parrish  
In memory of A. W. Griffin by Mr. & Mrs. John B. Hurley  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Ms. Gayle F. Smith  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by the Lafayette Ladyslippers Garden Club  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Ms. Berma Jean D. Kincaid  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Mr. William Newsome  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Mr. & Mrs. Rodney W. Johnson  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Mrs. Janet G. Collie  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Ms. Barbara S. Lawson  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by RSM US LLP  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Ms. Rose-Paul Blackwell  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Mr. & Mrs. Charles N. Mohn  
In memory of A.W. Griffin by Ms. Katherine Kincaid Coley

### AUGUST GIVING

August 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,424.00
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,641.00
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,297.82
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,909.29
United Church Ministries	\$ 750.00

### NEW PHONE NUMBER

Mary Jane Rose  
(919) 222-9981



### ADDRESS UPDATE

Alfred W. Griffin, III  
10 W. 74<sup>th</sup> St., Apt. 8-A  
New York, NY 10023



### SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY STUDY

#### September 1st, 2019

*Proper 17 (22) Green*

Jeremiah 2:4-13 and Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112 and

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

#### September 8th, 2019

*Proper 18 (23) • Green*

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 1

Philemon 1:1-21

Luke 14:25-33

#### September 15th, 2019

*Proper 19 (24) • Green*

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

#### September 22nd, 2019

*Proper 20 (25) • Green*

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalms 79:1-9

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

#### September 29th, 2019

*Proper 21 (26) • Green*

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

### LIGHT A CANDLE FOR CHILDREN 2019

You are invited to pick a day to light a candle and pray at home for the children of our church, of Goldsboro, and of the world, September 23-October 20. A sign up sheet is located in the narthex. This year's theme for 2019 Children Sabbath is "United Hearts and Voices to End Child Poverty/The Hearts and Voices of our Young People"



***First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
will celebrate our 107 years in  
Goldsboro, North Carolina  
with Homecoming  
on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2019***



We are pleased to welcome our good friend, former Regional Minister Rev. J. O. Williams, to our pulpit on Homecoming. Bring your favorite covered dishes and desserts to share. We will have a "surprise" during our meal!

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Recommendations to the Nominating Committee are being received through September 30. Forms are in this September newsletter and are in the narthex. Please complete and return this form to the church office or to a member of the Nominating Committee **by September 30.** Members of the Nominating Committee are: Bruce Parker, Ronnie Thompson, Frances Allen, Linda McCoy, and Cathy Smith.

### REGIONAL NEWSLETTER

A copy of the most recent copy of the NC regional newsletter will be available for you to see in a notebook in the narthex if you are interested. Since it is quite long, we will not make multiple copies but if you will leave your email on the inside cover of the notebook containing the newsletter, it will be emailed to you. A digital copy is also being emailed out to those who receive our newsletter by email.

## CMF RESUMES SEPTEMBER 16 AT 6 PM

All men are invited to the 6:00 PM CMF dinner on Monday night, Sept. 16, as we resume our monthly meetings.



## SEPTEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

### Elders:

Sept. 1 Brantley Watkins/Mary Jane Rose  
Sept. 8 Cheryl Griffin/Sharon Jones  
Sept. 15 Sandra Bell/Mary Anne Cowley  
Sept. 22 Ronnie Thompson/Judy Williford  
Sept. 29 Linda Cannon/Bunkie Parker

### Deacons:

Melissa Hall, Bruce Parker,  
George/Linda Thigpen

### Homebound Communion:

Sept. 1 Brantley Watkins/Bruce Parker  
Sept. 8 Cheryl Griffin/George Thigpen  
Sept. 15 Sandra Bell/Melissa Hall  
Sept. 22 Mary Jane Rose/Linda Thigpen  
Sept. 29 Linda Cannon/Bruce Parker

### Deacon of the Day:

Sept. 1 George Thigpen  
Sept. 8 Bruce Parker  
Sept. 15 Linda Thigpen  
Sept. 22 George Thigpen  
Sept. 29 Melissa Hall

### CD Ministry

Sept. 1 Brantley Watkins  
Sept. 8 Cheryl Griffin  
Sept. 15 Ronnie Thompson  
Sept. 22 Judy Williford  
Sept. 29 Ronnie Thompson

### Elders reading the Lessons

Sept. 1 Mary Jane Rose  
Sept. 8 Sharon Jones  
Sept. 15 Sandra Bell  
Sept. 22 Ronnie Thompson  
Sept. 29 Linda Cannon

### Preparing Communion

Linda/Walter Cannon  
Bruce/Bunkie Parker

**Guest Register:** Judy Williford

**CD Ministry:** Elders

## ELDERS MEET SEPTEMBER 17 AT 7 PM

The Elders will have their September meeting on Tuesday, September 17, at 7:00 PM.

## CWF GROUP MEETINGS

Group 1 September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM,  
conference room  
Group 2: September 3<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM,  
conference room  
Group 4: September 3<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM,  
Parlor

## STEWARDSHIP FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER -SERVICE

Our "Great Eight" focus this month is "Living to Serve." The following excerpts are taken from *Turning Points*, May 2019.

"If you think the Sixties in America was a counter-cultural decade, the first century was even more so, thanks to Jesus. Most of what He did and said went against the religious and political grain of His day. One of His teachings – important enough to be recorded by Mathew, Mark, and Luke – was no doubt indirectly aimed at the leaders of the day. These leaders ruled according to the common idea that "might makes right." The Pharisees kept the Jewish masses in line with their rules and traditions, and the Roman governors employed sword and shield – the crucifixion – against any who dared disturb the peace."

"So what did Jesus say that rankled the rulers of His day about their brand of leadership? First it's important to understand that His words had authority because of how He lived. Paul tells us that when Jesus came to earth He set aside His divine prerogatives and took on "the form of a *bondservant* (Philippians 2:7). Jesus affirmed His *servant* lifestyle in His words to His disciples: 'for even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to *serve and to give* His life a ransom for many.' (Mark 10:45)" "

"Those words didn't just come out of thin air. Jesus was responding to an argument among His disciples about who was the greatest among them. He pointed out how Gentile rulers (Roman authorities) lorded their authority over their subjects. He said, "If you want to be the great in God's sight you must be a *servant* of all (Luke 22:24-27)."

Each Sunday this month, a reflection on servant leadership will be included in the bulletin and the month's reflections will be available in the narthex. Sharon Jones, Community and Evangelism Chair



## School Supplies Delivered

We delivered school supplies to the Boys and Girls Club, Rebuilding Broken Places Preschool/After School Program, and the Wednesday Tutoring Program sponsored by the Goldsboro Soup Kitchen. Thanks for your generous supplies!



From Rebuilding Broken Places:

"Thank you so very much. The school supplies were right on time and much needed and appreciated. The Staff and Children of RBP Christian Academy and Childcare Center."

From Katie Kleinert:

Dear Mrs. Penny and Church Members  
Thank you so much for the graduation gift; it was very unexpected and very appreciated! Grandmom saved me a copy of the bulletin with my name in it and I will keep it always. I have already packed the flashlight with my college supplies so that I will have it when I need it!  
Thanks again, Katie Kleinert

From the Rose Family:

Thank you to our First Christian Church Family for the opportunity for the boys to attend Camp Caroline twice this summer. The boys had a great time and have made friends that they continue to talk to. Thank you again for assisting and making this possible for Jackson and William.  
Jeff and Lou Rose

Thank you for all you do to help us grow. I had a great time at camp and met kids from all over the state.  
Love, William  
Thanks for your support. I had a great time at camp and learned a lot at camp.  
Thanks, Jackson

### **Amazon Smile**

When you shop on Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/56-0585248](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-0585248) and 5% of your purchase will be donated to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It could make a real difference!

### **YOUTH**

#### **Back to School Dedication Sept. 8**

We will celebrate our Back to School Blessing for Youth and hear about summer camps on Sept. 8 during worship.

Visit to Cannon Farm will be rescheduled. Time TBA.



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**SEPTEMBER 2019**

### **CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER**

**20** On Oct. 20, we will present our commitments and estimates of giving for the year 2019 as an act of worship. Our Consecration Sunday Celebration Luncheon will be shared in the Fellowship Hall following the service. You do not need to bring anything. Pizza Inn will provide our meal.



### **Legacy Gifts to the NC Region**

Included in our most recent regional newsletter is the invitation to consider making a Legacy Gift to the NC Christian Church in North Carolina. If you would like more information, please contact Bishop Valerie Melvin at [Valerie@ncdisciples.org](mailto:Valerie@ncdisciples.org), or our Regional Treasurer Kathy Smith at [ekathys@gmail.com](mailto:ekathys@gmail.com) or Former Regional Minister, Rex Horne at [crxhorne@gmail.com](mailto:crxhorne@gmail.com).

### **Barton College Religious Lecture Series**

The next lecture in the "Light of Life" Series will take place on Oct. 1 at 7:00 PM in the Barton College Chapel. The guest speaker is Dr. Bonnie McLemore.



### **Hurricane Preparedness**

Prepare to be safe! A check list to prepare for inclement weather during this hurricane season will be available in the narthex.