

# FOOTPRINTS

First Christian Church



Greenwood SC



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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

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## THE ULTIMATE APRIL FOOL'S JOKE

**2018 THEME:**  
**GET OUT OF  
THE BOAT!**

Is it already March? Are we looking at Spring as it peaks around the corner? Seems like yesterday, our Savior was born and now we are already looking at Easter Sunday. Believe it or not, we are working towards Holy Week during the last week of March which puts Easter on April 1 this year. Did you catch that date? That's right, Easter is going to be on April Fool's Day! The last time this happened was in 1956 so we are most likely only seeing this once in a couple of generations.

For this reason, we should take time to remember the ultimate April Fool's joke as everybody thought that Jesus was gone forever. Well, the joke is on them because He came back to life and He now reigns forever!

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keep our records up to date.

## What Kind of Church is First Christian Church?

First Christian Church is a non-denominational Elders-led Church located in Greenwood, SC. We are part of the movement to restore the simplicity of New Testament Christianity. We believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God, that He lived a sinless life, offered His life for ours on the Cross, and rose on the third day to live forever. We believe that salvation comes through simple obedience to the plan of salvation that is laid out in the pages of the New Testament.



### Core Beliefs

A common misconception is that all churches believe and preach the same thing. Unfortunately that isn't the case. In a world that is greatly divided spiritually it is very important to know just exactly what a church believes and practices. We welcome the opportunity to sit with you and discuss these core beliefs in depth.

#### **We believe...**

1. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God who died for our sins and arose from the dead. **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**
2. That the Bible is the inspired Word of God - "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path".  
**2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105**
3. That every person has worth as a creation of God but "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" **Romans 3:23**
4. That forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life are available to those who trust and obey Christ as Savior and Lord. **John 3:16**
5. That we are saved by grace through faith in Christ. **Ephesians 2:8-9**
6. That the Church is the body of Christ on earth and exists to save the lost and edify the saved.  
**Ephesians 4:1-16**
7. That Jesus Christ will one day return as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. **1 Thes 4:13-18**
8. That those accepting Christ must repent of sin, confess their faith and be baptized into Him.  
**Romans 10:9, Acts 2:38**

For more information about baptism, see our Baptism FAQ located on our website

# Biblical Foundation

The house is alive with excitement. In one room a man paces. In the another a woman pushes. Sweat beads glisten on her forehead. Her eyes close, then open. She laughs, then groans. The young doctor encourages her. "Not much more. Don't give up." with a deep breath she leans forward and exerts her last ounce of energy. Then she leans back, pale and spent. "You have a son." She raises her head just enough to see the red infant cradled in the broad palms of the physician. Delighted with his task, the doctor cleans the eyes and smiles as he watches them to fight open. The child, freshly welcomed from the womb, is returned to his mother.

The next house he visits is quiet. Outside the bedroom a white-haired wife sits. Inside is the frail frame of her husband, hot with fever. Nothing can be done. The doctor is helpless as the man takes his last breath. It's deep-his bony, bare chest rises. His mouth opens wide, so wide that his lips whiten. Then he dies.

The same hands that cleansed the eyes of the infant now close the eyes of the dead. All during a period of six hours one Friday.

He fights off the questions. He hasn't time to hear them today. But they are stubborn and demand to be heard. Why heal the sick only to postpone death? Why give strength only to see it ebb away? Why be born and then begin to die? Who points the crooked finger and death's next victim? Who is this one that with such regular randomness separates soul from body?

He shrugs and places the sheet over the ashening face.

Six hours, one Friday.

To the casual observer the six hours is mundane. A shepherd with his sheep, a housewife with her thoughts, a doctor with his patients. But to the handful of awestruck witnesses, the most maddening of miracles is occurring.

God is on a cross. The creator of the universe is being executed.

Spit and blood are caked to his cheeks, and his lips are cracked and swollen. Thorns rip his scalp. His lungs scream with pain. His legs knot with cramps. Taut nerves threaten to snap as pain twangs her morbid melody. Yet, death is not ready. And there is no one to save him, for he is sacrificing himself.

It is no normal six hours....it is no normal Friday.

Far worse that the breaking of his body is the shredding of his heart.

His own countrymen clamored for his death.

His own disciple planted the kiss of betrayal.

His own friends ran for cover.

And now his own father is beginning to turn his back on him, leaving him alone.

A witness could not help but ask: Jesus, do you give no thought of saving yourself? What keeps you there? What holds you to the cross? Nails don't hold gods to trees? What makes you stay?  
(devotion taken from "Six Hours One Friday" by Max Lucado)

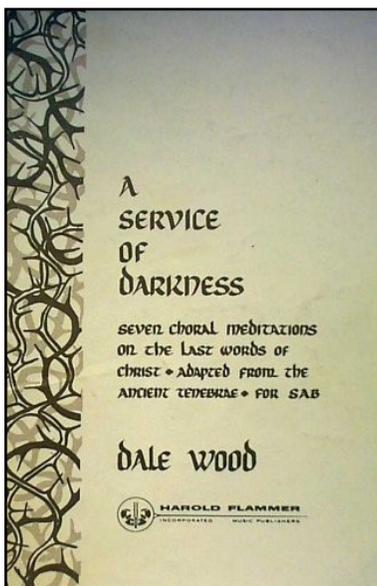
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March is going to be a busy month for us as we have many activities planned. I have a Leadership Summit in Ohio on March 10 so I will be gone that weekend. Chris Crawford will be here to preach while Michael leads the singing. While I am in Ohio, I will be preaching for a church in Glouster, Ohio and I am sure that this is just the beginning of that relationship! That church has sent our church some financial support and we are talking about other possible ways for us to solidify the relationship. That story is a great one as it began with our daughter Michaela becoming friends with a girl in a random restaurant in Kansas last year.

That random meeting with that girl and her grandparents blossomed into me preaching at their church! They were on their way home while we were on our way farther west, and we both stopped to check out the Oz Museum, and that was all God needed for us to connect and share our stories. This meeting may have been random in our eyes, but I have a feeling that God was and is up to something here.

After the Leadership Summit, I will be singing with the Greenwood Festival Chorale on Sunday, March 18 at the First Presbyterian Church. This is part of their Festiva series that starts at 4:00pm. If you remember last year's concert, it was beautiful! I am sure that this year will be good too especially since the price is right, totally free!!!

The following Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week which will include a Maundy Thursday service for us. This year, I am trying something different with that service. We are not going to have the dinner before the service so we will start at 6:30pm. The service will begin in the sanctuary and it will be similar to last year's service. However, we will save communion until the very end when we will have a prayer walk through the church building with communion at the foot of the cross which will be set up in the Fellowship Hall. This should be a powerful service and prayer walk as we slow down long enough to let those events leading to the cross sink into our minds and spirit.

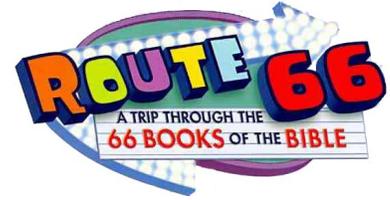


The next day will be Good Friday, and just like last year, I will be singing with the choir at First Presbyterian. It starts at 7:00pm. This year's music is "A Service of Darkness" and it will be sure to stir the emotions and help us connect to the events of the crucifixion in a meaningful way. This will be a service to remember for sure!

The day before Easter Sunday is our annual Easter Egg hunt and free pizza lunch. We will begin at 11:00am and we would love to see a good turnout from the community. That means we need to get out of the building and get to know the people so we can invite them! This will be a fun event for the children and it will also be fruitful as we present the story of the resurrection in a unique way. Our hope is that the seeds we plant will someday produce strong Christians that will help the church grow into the future! So there is a brief overview of our month. I am excited about what the Lord has planned for us!

I love our church!  
Earl Winfrey

## Egyptian Period: Introduction to Exodus



### The Basics

- Theme for Exodus: Deliverance is essential (James Smith)
- Fewer chapters and verses than Genesis but more words
- It is the 6th largest book of the Old Testament
- The name came from the Greek and means "The way out"
- Ancient Jews used the first significant word in the Hebrew text "names"
- Genesis means "beginnings" ("In the beginning...")
- Exodus claims to be written by Moses in Exodus 24:4
- The historical details in the book support this claim
  - + Contains information about Moses' stay in Egypt
  - + Contains details about Moses' journey to Mt. Sinai
- Moses probably wrote Exodus while in the wilderness around 1444 BC
  - + 40 years was a long time to be waiting for the Lord
  - + Took advantage of the time to prepare the people
  - + New generation would need to know the heritage of the people
- James Smith summary of Exodus
  - + 1877 BC: Jacob's family arrived in Egypt because of the famine
  - + Egypt treated them with respect because of Joseph's position
  - + New Pharaoh did not know Joseph after that generation died
  - + Israelites were eventually persecuted and made slaves
  - + After approx 430 years, God raised up Moses to deliver the people
  - + Exodus covers birth of Moses, the Exodus, and the tabernacle
  - + Purpose is to reveal God's character through law, ritual, and symbol

### Focal Points

- First half of the book concentrates on the plagues that freed God's people
- Second half of the book contains the laws used to govern God's people
- Theme of Exodus is the redemption and rebirth of the nation of Israel
  - + Moving us from a single family to a whole nation perspective
  - + Still maintained the family structure on a larger scale
- 5 literary forms: Historical narrative, song, genealogies, lists, and prayers
- Large portion of Exodus is couched in legal language (3 classifications):
  - + Commands pertaining to moral life (ch. 19-20)
  - + Judgments relating to social life (ch. 21-23)
  - + Ordinances concerning religious life (ch. 24-40)

### The Structure (3 parts used to reveal God - Could've been called Revelation)

- Call out of Egypt (ch. 1-19): God's power
- Consecration at Mt. Sinai (ch. 20-24): God's precepts
- Construction of the tabernacle (Exodus 25-40): God's presence

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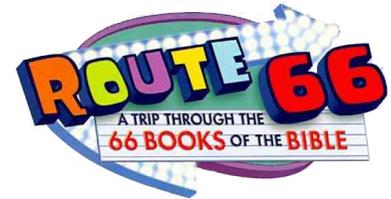
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### Theology (3 major emphases)

- Self Revelation
  - + Egyptians witnessed release of Israel from bondage
    - \* Death of the firstborn (10th plague)
      - "I am Yahweh"
    - \* Pharaoh saw his army drown in the Red Sea
  - + Plagues revealed God to Pharaoh
    - \* God chose to rescue the Israelites
    - \* At one point, Pharaoh asked Moses to pray to God
    - \* Pharaoh asked for a blessing from Moses when they left
  - + Israelites learned who God was through the plagues too
  - + Moses and Jethro came to know God through mighty deeds in Egypt
    - \* Moses acknowledged God's supremacy in chapter 15
    - \* Jethro confessed: God is greater than all other gods (18:11)
- Grace of God
  - + Foundation of the covenant was mercy and forgiveness
    - \* Deliverance from slavery was not based on obedience to Law
    - \* Based on kindness of God (Law was not created yet)
  - + Chapters 32-34 show relationship based on God's grace
    - \* Golden calf incident (Judgment on disobedience)
    - \* Moses' prayer of intercession for forgiveness
    - \* God's continued presence even though they didn't deserve it
- The perpetual Sinai theme (God's presence)
  - + 37% (13 chapters) describe the tabernacle
    - \* (ch.25-31) Preparation for the tabernacle
    - \* (ch.35-40) Actual building of the tabernacle
  - + Sinai experience is preserved through the tabernacle
    - \* (24:16) "Glory of God" settled on top of Sinai as a fire
    - \* Same imagery is used in 40:34 for the tabernacle
    - \* Moses had to prepare himself to enter God's presence
    - \* Aaron and sons had to do the same for the tabernacle

### Chronology (Matching up Egyptian history with the Bible)

- 430 years (1877BC - 1447 BC) Israelites in Egypt (12:40)
  - + Prosperity (1:7) for 150 years (New Pharaoh in 1730BC)
  - + Persecution (1:8) for 280 years (Moses born around 1527BC)
  - + Plagues (ch. 7-12) for 1 year
- 1 year (1447BC - 1446BC) traveling and building tabernacle (13-40)
  - + Travel (ch. 13-18) for 45 days
  - + Moses on Mount Sinai (ch. 19-34) for 80 days
  - + Tabernacle built (ch.35-40) in 7 months

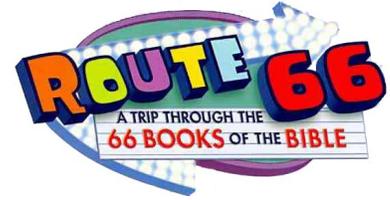


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### Geography

- Israel in Egypt (ch.1-12)
- Israel in route to Mount Sinai (ch.13-18)
- Israel at Mount Sinai (ch.19-40)



### Typology

- A "type" is created by God to foreshadow the coming age
- The office of High Priest is written about in Hebrews
- (1 Corinthians 10:2) Paul saw the crossing of the Red Sea as baptism type
- (1 Corinthians 10:5) Passover lamb is type of lamb which is Christ for us
- (John 6:48-51) Jesus declared Himself to be manna from heaven
- (1 Corinthians 10:4) Rock that brought water is water of life from Christ
- Tabernacle is the grand type in Exodus
  - + (Hebrews 13:10) Bronze altar is type of Christ (Our altar)
  - + (Titus 3:5) Bronze laver portrays baptism
  - + Golden lampstand points to Christ being light of the world
  - + (1 Corinthians 10:21) Table of showbread is a type of Christ
  - + (Hebrews 9:24, 10:34) Holy of holies is a picture of heaven

### Additional notes on typology:

Typology stems from the Greek word referring to a "figure" or "pattern" in the Old Testament that prefigures or foreshadows something in the New Testament. Typological interpretation has been employed since the Apostolic Period (c. 30-100 A.D.) as a way to explain the connection between Old Testament prophecy and Christ. The apostles attempted to find events, objects, ideas, and divinely inspired types (i.e., patterns or symbols) represented in the OT that anticipate God's activity later in history. The assumption is that the earlier event/object/idea repeats itself in the later one.

In typological interpretation, the Old Testament element is known as the type, while the New Testament fulfillment is called the antitype. For example, when Jesus said to Nicodemus, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up" (John 3:14; cf. Num 21:9), the type is the lifting up of the serpent in the wilderness in the Old Testament narrative, while the antitype is Jesus being lifted up on the cross at his crucifixion in the New Testament. There is a diversity of opinion as to the extent of the correspondence between the Old Testament element and a fulfillment in the New Testament for a typological relationship to be inferred.

For this reason, Duvall and Hays note that some scholars prefer to speak more generically of foreshadowing, which suggests general connections rather than correspondence in the minute details. Typology, on the other hand, usually implies a greater correspondence, perhaps even an explicit identification with the events in both testaments. Additionally, there is diversity of opinion as to the degree, if any, that the OT writer was aware of the later fulfillment.

**“Pray for FCC”**

For 2018, we want to cover our church in prayer on a weekly basis. Along with the many prayers that go up on our behalf, I am declaring every Tuesday to be a day for us to offer up special prayers specifically for our church. Please join us by praying at some point every Tuesday!

**“Who said it?” ~ Easter Lamb edition**

**Match the verse to the person who said it.**

- Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be white as snow.
- These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering.
- Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- The LORD is my shepherd ... He leads me beside quiet waters.
- The Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life.
- The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.
- Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.
- Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.

- a fellow servant
- Abraham
- David
- Jesus
- John the Baptist
- one of the elders
- the great multitude
- the LORD
- the Psalmist

Hint: one person quotes two verses, and two people quote one verse!

Genesis 22:8 Psalm 23:1-2, 118:26 Isaiah 1:18 Matthew 22:2 John 1:29, 12:13 Revelation 7:14, 7:17, 19:9 (NASB)

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**Wisdom of Larry the Cable Guy:**

OK, so what's the speed of dark?

**Theodore Roosevelt Quote:**

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

## THE PRODIGAL SON (Earl Winfrey)

These notes come from a sermon preached a few years ago at the First Christian Church of Mountain City, GA. As we continue thinking about our neighbors, I would like for us to place ourselves into this story and see where we fit. When talking about the Prodigal Son, There is a popular message that comes out of this parable that is true, and people need to understand the impact of the Gospel in the way that God can change your life. But I wonder if there is a deeper application here? Maybe the message can be about the older brother, the one who stayed home with his father. Maybe, the people who belong to God need to repent. In Luke 14:1, we see that Jesus was having dinner with a prominent Pharisee. This is an indication that not all Pharisees were enemies. Some were genuinely interested in what He had to say.



At the Pharisee's house, there were some parables given by Jesus in order to help correct some of the misunderstandings that the people had concerning the Messiah. Later on, in chapter 15, there is no indication that Jesus went anywhere else, so it is most likely that they were still at the house, although they were most likely outside since all of the sinners and tax collectors were gathering around Him. No matter where He was, the Pharisees and the Teachers of the Law prompted the next set of parables by their comment that Jesus was welcoming sinners and eating with them. (Read Luke 15:11-32)

### I. The Prodigal

- A. (v.12) "Father, you are dead to me."
- B. (v.15) Feeding the pigs (Lowest point in the life of a faithful Jew)
- C. (v.16) Nobody helped the prodigal
- D. (v.19) True repentance (Does not feel worthy to be a son)

### II. The Brother

- A. (v.28) Brother refused to celebrate (What's the big deal about a celebration? Feasting was a sign of forgiveness in the Jewish culture. You wouldn't have a meal with a stranger or an enemy) (Samaritans, Gentiles?)
- B. (v.30) "This son of yours"
- C. (v.32) "This brother of yours"
- D. How do we react when our neighbors comes to Jesus? (Our family?)

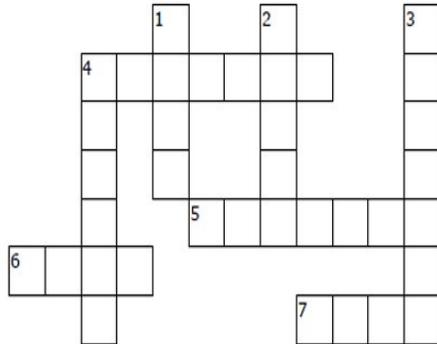
### III. The Father

- A. (v.20) The Father was waiting for the prodigal
- B. (v.22) Honest repentance brought total restoration (Ring on finger/Sandals)
- C. (v.31) Dealt gently with the brother (God still loves the Jews)
- D. Bread was a daily staple in the Jewish diet/Meat was for special occasions
- E. Revelation 21:1-7 (Impact of the Gospel/Make all things new!)

# The Triumphal Entry

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 11:1-11



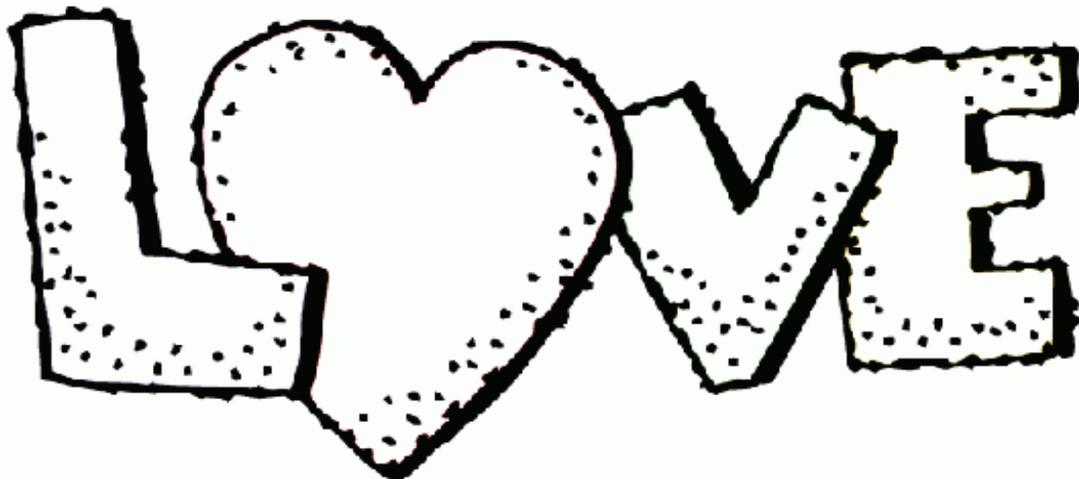
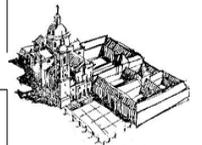
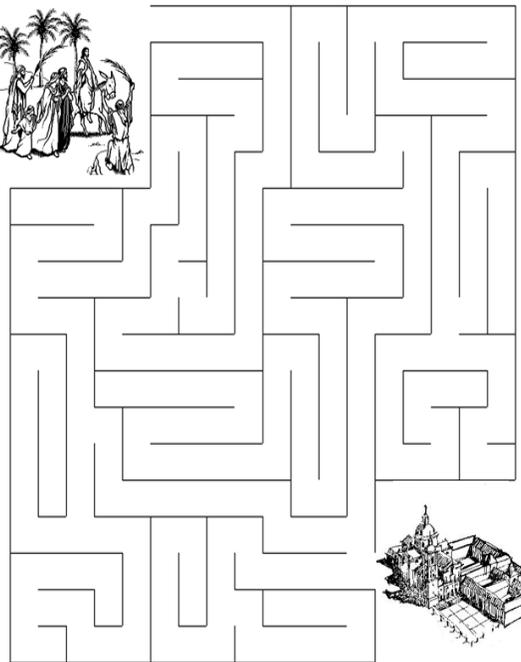
**ACROSS**

- 4. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
- 5. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
- 6. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway
- 7. What a person is called

**DOWN**

- 1. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
- 2. The Son of God
- 3. A small town
- 4. To stretch out over a large area

JESUS	COLT	HOSANNA	SHOUTED
VILLAGE	ROAD	NAME	SPREAD



Bible Trivia Question (Send answers to Earl)

Answer to last month's question:

**Matthew (Levi) was the name of the disciple who was a tax collector. (Luke 5:27)**

**Winners:** Michael Winfrey/Wil Winfrey/Michaela Winfrey



Be one of the first 3 people to answer correctly and you will be a winner!

Be one of #4-10 to answer and you will receive an honorable mention!

**Honorable Mention:**

Steve Skinner, Freda Austin

This month's question:

**What was the first plague the Lord sent upon Egypt?**

### Soup Kitchen Donations are Appreciated

We support our local soup kitchen once per month by supplying some of the food they need. If you would like to participate, be sure to check out the list of items needed on the communication station in the Fellowship Hall. Every can counts!



### CAN WE PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH?

One of the great strengths of ministry for us is the ability to pray. We pray each week on Sunday morning for our worship service, and pray each Tuesday for our church in general. Along with those prayer times, we also have an active prayer list in the bulletin and a prayer page on our website for those who would like prayer although they are not physically here. At the bottom of this page, there is another list that we use for prayer, and this is where you can help us. It has been a while since I have updated the list so I would like to take this opportunity to add churches to our list! If you would like for us to pray for your church, just send me an email, and I will gladly list your church!

- Earl Winfrey

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." - Romans 12:12 (NIV)*

**Don't forget to pray for those churches around us and near our hearts!**

Bethany Christian Church (Bumpass, VA)  
 Christian Church at Deleon Springs, FL  
 East Win Christian Church (Memphis, TN)  
 First Christian Church of Fairburn, GA  
 First Christian Church of Hampton, SC  
 First Christian Church of Kissimmee, FL  
 First Christian Church of Mountain City GA  
 First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood SC

Hartford Christian Church (Hartford, KY)  
 Lilburn Christian Church, GA  
 Port Orange Christian Church, FL  
 Southlake Christian Church (Groveland, FL)  
 Surfside Christian Church (Surfside Beach, SC)  
 Toccoa Christian Church (Toccoa, GA)  
 Tomoka Christian Church (Ormond Beach, FL)  
 Tucker Christian Church, GA

If anyone knows of any churches that need to be added to this list, be sure to let Earl know.

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## Calendar of Events - March 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday: Prayer - 9:30am S.S. - 9:45am Worship - 11am	Daily Scriptures are given for us in anticipation of the sermon	"Pray for FCC" reminder to pray for our church every Tuesday	Wed Bible Study for all ages (4:00pm)	1 Isaiah 7	2 (Isaiah 8) Craft Night at church (6pm) \$15	3 Isaiah 32:1-8
4 Mission of the Month: <b>Johnson University (FL)</b>	5 Matt 13:1-23	6 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Matt 13:24-43	7 Matt 13:44-58	8 Matthew 14:1-21	9 (Matt 14:22-36) Leadership Summit for Earl (Mason, Ohio)	10 (Matt 15:1-20) DST - Set clocks forward 1 hour
11 (Circle of Joy) 1:30pm (Chris Crawford Preaching)	12 Matt 15:21-39	13 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Matthew 16:1-12	14 Matt 16:13-28	15 (Mark 9:2-13) Worship with Winfreys 3pm	16 Luke 9:28-36	17 Matthew 17:1-13
18 GWD Chorale Concert 4pm @ 1st Presbyterian	19 Mark 9:14-29	20 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Mark 9:30-37	21 Mark 9:38-50	22 Mark 10:1-31	23 Mark 10:32-52	24 Mark 11:1-26
25 (Palm Sunday) Fellowship Meal After Worship	26 Mark 11:27-33	27 <u>Pray for FCC</u> (Mark 12) Newsletter Submissions Due	28 Mark 14:1-31	29 (Mark 14:32-72) Maundy Thurs Svc and Prayer Walk (6:30pm)	30 (Mark 15) Good Friday Svc at First Pres 7pm (Earl sings)	31 (Mark 16) Easter Egg Hunt & Free Pizza Lunch (11am)
April 1 <b>Easter Sunday!!!</b>	Let's stir the waters of the Baptistry in 2018!	Please pray about what you can do for the Lord in 2018		Worship with Winfreys at the Magnolia Manor nursing home	Elders meet as needed. For questions, see Frank or Marvin	2018 Theme: <b>Get Out of the Boat!</b>