

FOOTPRINTS

First Christian Church

Greenwood SC



...where strangers become family

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

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EASTER IS OUR SUPER BOWL

2019 THEME:



Every year, the NFL conducts a draft during this time of year to see which teams will get the best of the best in college football who are eligible for playing at the professional level. Each team develops a strategy for getting the player they want that will fill the gaps so they can become stronger. Each team has different needs, but they all have one goal in mind, and that is to win the Super Bowl at the end of the next season. The Super Bowl is the championship game and it is the time when the two best teams are on display for the world to see.

Everything about the Super Bowl is done with an attitude of excellence because this is the time for the NFL to put their best foot forward. In the same way, Easter Sunday is like the Super Bowl for the church. This is the time when we will have more visitors than any other time of year because people who don't normally go to church feel a need to be in the Lord's house. For this reason, it is time for us to put our best foot forward so we can show the community that God spared no expense to bring salvation to us!

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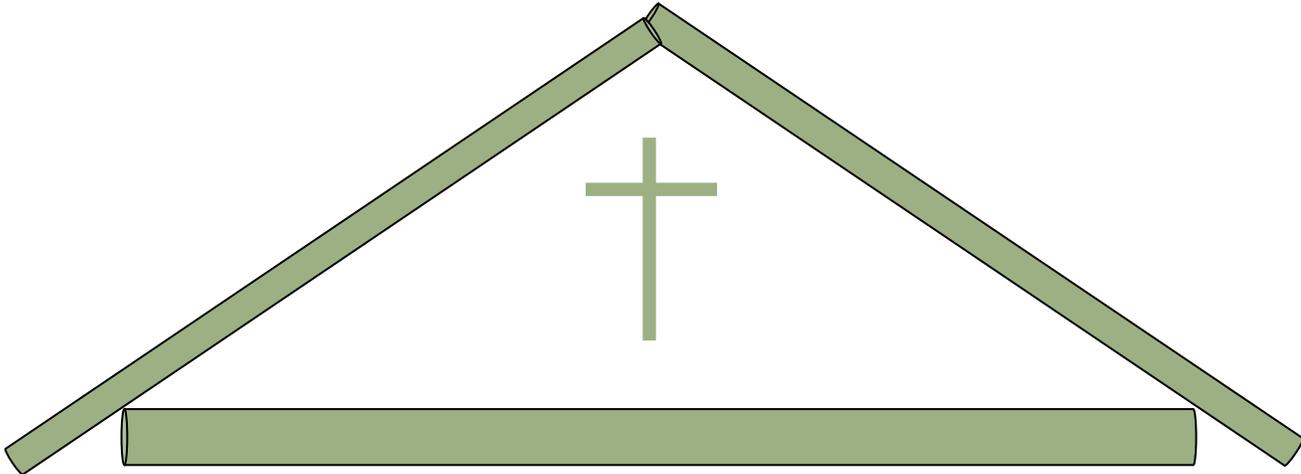
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What Kind of Church is First Christian Church?

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



FP#13 (4/1) - Now that April is upon us, we can turn our eyes to the cross and the Easter events that will be happening in a few weeks. This is considered the most important time of year for the church and for good reason. Jesus was crucified for our sins and he showed His dominance over death when He was raised from the dead on Sunday morning, the day we call Easter which is when we remember the resurrection. For this week, let's take a moment to reflect on what the Easter holiday means for us. Is it a time for family gatherings and Easter candy or is there something much deeper?

FP#14 (4/8) - The weather is getting warmer, the days are getting longer, and the air is being choked out by pollen. In a similar manner, sin has the ability to choke out what would be a good life. That is why we need to be praying for rain that will wash away the pollen and in the spiritual realm, we need wisdom to rain down on us so we can see how to get rid of the sin that so easily entangles us. What are you struggling with? Is there a way to get rid of it? Pray for discernment so you can see how to fight it.

FP#15 (4/15) - Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week which is the final week before Jesus is crucified. There are many opportunities for reflection and meditation on what is most important, and that is our relationship with the Lord. How can we remove the distractions and focus on the spiritual side of our lives?

FP#16 (4/22) - Now that Easter has come and gone, what are we going to do? What happens next? Unfortunately, for many people, both Christian and Non-Christian, this is a time to return to life as usual as if the holiday had no effect whatsoever on our lives. This should not happen. We need to pray for God to shake us up.

FP#17 (4/29) - May is coming, and our church is moving towards the next season with summer on the horizon. Before we get to summer, we have Mother's Day, Memorial Day and school will be ending the year soon. Now would be a good time to start praying for our church as planning will be happening for events to move us through the summer months while the kids are out of school.

Wisdom of the Wee Ones:

Wil - "I go to church because I don't want to get a whooping from God."

Michaela - "Don't start something unless you know what you are going to do with it."

TEACH, TEACH, TEACH

(Taken from "The Management Methods of Jesus")

A public service announcement says, "Be a teacher, be a hero." We might well say to corporate managers, "Be a teacher, be a success." Most of the legendary corporate giants, from Henry Ford to Tom Watson to Ross Perot, have been persistent and motivational teachers. They may well have received their inspiration from Jesus Christ, the greatest of all teachers.

Jesus was often called rabbi, which means teacher, and he taught constantly. His teaching brilliance is revealed in the New Testament books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are full of remarkable insights.

His ability as a teacher is also demonstrated by the success of His pupils, His disciples, as they carried out His plans and programs. Great corporate leaders (And elders too) don't hide in executive suites, plotting strategy. They find ways to teach, to inculcate those around them with their business ideas and ideals. Be like Jesus. Be a teacher. Be a success.

PRACTICE PRIVATE COMMUNICATION

(Taken from "The Management Methods of Jesus")

Jesus taught in all kinds of situations. He spoke to large audiences, to dinner party attendees, and to church (synagogue) groups. However, His most important and meaningful teaching was reserved for small groups, particularly with His most intimate confidants, Peter, James, and John. When He wanted to be absolutely sure His point was made, He went one on one.

Jesus' earthly brother James (Not the disciple) had understandable difficulty believing in his sibling's divinity until the two of them spent time alone together (1 Corinthians 15:7). After that, James became a leader and directed the activities of Jesus' organization in Jerusalem. James was eventually sentenced to death for his belief in Jesus. Now that is effective teaching. It is important that leaders give both quality time and quality instruction to their most trusted sides. It will pay great dividends.

Who will be our Next Man Up?



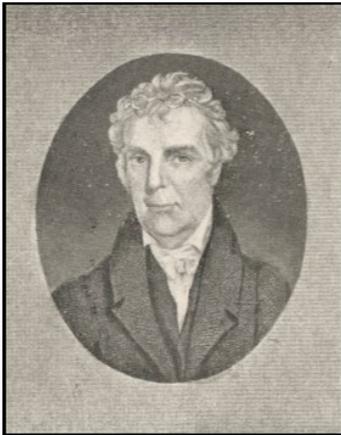
Mentoring today for a better tomorrow

WHO IS JESUS?

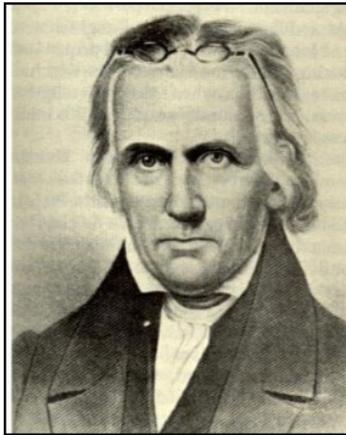
In chemistry, He turned water to wine. In biology, He was born without the normal conception. In physics, He disapproved the law of gravity when He ascended into heaven. In economics, He disproved the law of diminishing return by feeding 5000 men with two fishes & 5 loaves of bread. In medicine, He cured the sick and the blind without administering a single dose of drugs.

In history, He is the beginning and the end. In government, He said that he shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace. In religion, He said no one comes to the Father except through him. So? Who is He?

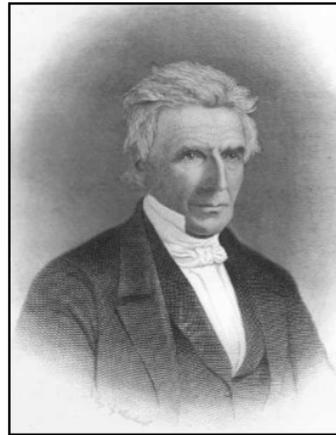
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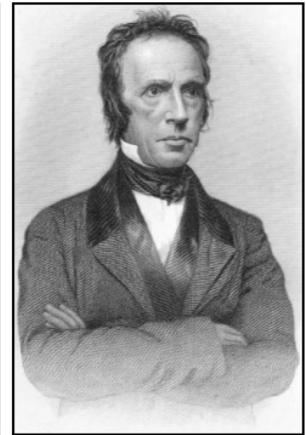
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Thomas Campbell



Alexander Campbell



Walter Scott

REFLECTIONS ON THE RESTORATION - Who Should We Follow? (Earl Winfrey)

1 Corinthians 1:10-15 was part of the base text used I used in a seminary research paper. I wrote about Paul's doctrine of unity and how we can learn to apply it in today's context. If you are having trouble sleeping at night, I can send you a copy and you will sleep well! Here is an excerpt:

This text has been interpreted with a modern application in mind. For many scholars, this has been a proof text to justify the condemnation of denominations among churches. Those scholars use modern denominations as an example of what Paul is speaking out against but if that example is to be used, a few qualifiers must be present: First of all, there should be an understanding that if a person belongs to a denomination, that does not mean he agrees with that denomination. Some churches have been given a denominational name although they function as a church in unity with other denominations. Second, a denomination should not be viewed as separate from the universal church unless it has that designation from within. Third, denominations usually show doctrinal and practical differences whereas the passage does not indicate that was going on. It would be comparing apples to oranges. The denominational tragedy was not being addressed by the Apostle Paul. They were still one church in doctrine and practice. This must be an internal attitude that caused the differences. And that internal attitude is a failure to understand the nature of the church. The church was not a collection of churches who worshipped the same God. They were one body with many different parts functioning as one church. And that body was not just in Corinth, that body was spread out all over the Mediterranean World.

The issue at hand was the fact that the Corinthians were following individual leaders rather than God alone. In the first century Jewish culture, once a student finds a Rabbi to follow, they do not change Rabbis. This practice was carried into the church so those who learned under Paul refused to follow the teachings of Apollos even though they were teaching the exact same doctrine that came from God. They failed to understand that the human agent in the teaching process was temporary while God's Word remained forever.

Today, there are many people in the church who claim loyalty to a certain preacher, teacher, elder, professor, author, church tradition, denomination, magazine, set of commentaries, set of class notes, etc, while neglecting the one true source of all authority in life, the Bible. The day we fail to realize that God's Word trumps all other teaching is the day we cease to function as agents for the truth. Who should we follow? We should follow the ones who point us to God's Word for the answers. As His church, our responsibility is to stay faithful to God's Word no matter who is leading us. The man standing behind the pulpit may change, but God's Word remains forever!

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS

When Jesus was challenged about which commandment was the greatest, He gave one commandment that has 2 sides. He told us to love God and love our neighbor. This sums up all the law and the prophets because if we love God, our love for our neighbors will come naturally. At least, that's how it should be.



Have you ever wondered why Jesus told us to love God first? I think He might be trying to tell us that our love for God should be our top priority in life. No matter how much we want to love our neighbors, if we don't love God first, our love for our neighbors will be incomplete. If we love God first, we will want to love our neighbors the way God loves them, and that is a completely different kind of love than what the world wants us to give.

The world tells us that love means tolerating whatever choices the neighbor makes and never going against those choices no matter how destructive they are. God tells us that love means telling our neighbor that their choices are going to end up destroying their lives. However, that does NOT mean we are to be jerks when we talk to them. We should speak the truth in love and try to help our neighbors instead of passing judgment on them. To be continued...

BACK PORCH CONVERSATIONS



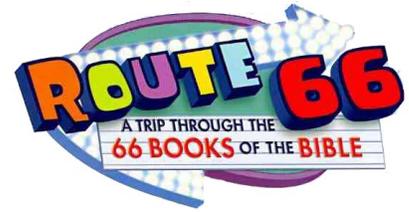
In today's society of consumerism mixed with the quest for being the best in the business, there are many temptations that cause churches to lose their focus and fall off the path. For example, if a church wants to be the largest in the area, they may try to lure the people by offering some kind of benefit that they cannot find at any of the other churches.

Church gimmicks come in many shapes and sizes and they usually go away just as quickly as they show up. Once the people have been added to the church, there is no need to keep pursuing them so the church moves to the next prospect so they can keep the numbers climbing. I know that this sounds like a shot at the latest mega-church wannabe in the area, but this is really a bigger problem for those churches who are struggling to keep their doors open. I have learned that struggling churches are the ones who are more likely to adopt the next church gimmick that is "guaranteed" to fill the pews. Of course, there really is no way to guarantee results and a particular scene from the movie "Tommy Boy" comes to mind when I think about how many people are looking for a guarantee when they show up at conferences. A guarantee does nothing for the product being offered. It only makes the consumer feel good about spending the money.

What is a church gimmick? A gimmick is defined as a trick or device intended to attract attention, publicity, or business. In the church, this could be a variety of elements that are focused on trying to lure people through the doors. If it is new and shiny, people are more likely to try it. I am not against trying something new and we do several community events throughout the year, but I am not about to pin the hopes of our church onto some trendy method or program simply because a great salesman offered it during a workshop. How do I approach the concept of church growth? I am glad you asked! I will answer that question next month. To be continued...

History of Israel: Ezra

(Several sources used each month)



Introduction

Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther contain the inspired record of the people of God in the postexilic or restoration period. The English Bible follows the order and placement of these books in the Septuagint version. The three books are not in strict chronological sequence. The events of Esther transpired between chapters 6 and 7 of the Book of Ezra.

In both the Hebrew and Greek Bibles the books of Ezra and Nehemiah were considered one book. The separation into two distinct books came in the Latin Vulgate. This division was introduced into the Hebrew Bible in AD 1448. This literary history notwithstanding, it is clear that Ezra and Nehemiah were separate literary compositions.

Background

The Book of Ezra is a continuation of Chronicles. The author indicates as much by repeating in the first two verses the concluding verses of the earlier book. Babylon fell to the armies of Cyrus in 539 BC. The Persian was welcomed in the city as a liberator. The Scripture states that "Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus" to issue a proclamation which allowed the Jews to return to their homeland. How Yahweh stirred up Cyrus is not stated. Josephus states that the Jews showed him the prophecies of Isaiah 44-45 which named Cyrus as the one who would liberate the Jews.

That Ezra is the author of the book which bears his name is generally conceded. Much of the latter part of Ezra is written in the first person (7:28-9:15). This would have to be written by one who was involved in the events he narrates. Finally, Jewish tradition assigns this book to Ezra. This book opens with the liberation decree issued by Cyrus in 538 BC. The last event of the book occurred in the first month of the eighth year of King Artaxerxes - 457 BC (Ezra 10:17). Thus the book covers a period of eighty-one years.

Content

Ezra has two distinct divisions. In the first (chs. 1-6) the focus is on events surrounding the first return of the Jews to their homeland. This is sometimes called the Zerubbabel return since this prince of the house of David was the leader. The first project after returning was the reconstruction of the altar. Then immediately materials were gathered for rebuilding the temple. The foundations were laid. Opposition, however, arose. The work ceased for about sixteen years. Then due to the preaching of two prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, the work resumed. In the sixth year of Darius (516-515 BC) the temple project was completed.

A hiatus of fifty-eight years exists between Ezra 6 and 7. Nothing is known of the Jews in Judea during this period except that local enemies wrote yet another accusation to the Persian authorities concerning the activities of the Jews (Ezra 4:6). An effort to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem failed (Ezra 4:8-23). Chronologically, the events of Esther in the Persian capital of Shushan took place during this period. The second half of Ezra (chs. 7-10) focuses only on one year. In the year 458 BC Ezra led a group of Jews back to the homeland. He was empowered to enforce the law of God in the region beyond the river. Ezra found that many of the Jews had intermarried with pagans. Before the year was over Ezra had addressed this issue decisively.



This month's Church myth: "The thief on the cross is an example of a conversion for us"

As Easter quickly approaches, the last words of Jesus will be the subject of interest among many Christians. One sentence is of particular importance for those who wish to argue against the need for baptism as part of salvation. Here is the passage:

Luke 23:39-43 (ESV), "(39) One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' (40) But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? (41) And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' (42) And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' (43) And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'"

The old "Thief on the cross" argument falls short of proving anything about salvation for several reasons, but I will try to keep this short and focus on a couple here. If you would like, I can give a full study on this passage if you want to sit down with me and discuss it.

Many people use the "Jesus" card and yes, that can be the end of the conversation for most since Jesus can do anything He wants so if He wanted to save the thief, that is up to Him. However, I believe that we have not successfully proven that this scene is about salvation in the sense that the thief was being converted on the cross. Can we prove that he was not already a follower of Jesus? The way he defends Jesus lets me know that he had some kind of belief and knowledge about who He is before being nailed to the cross. There is so much we do not know about this thief so how can we conclude that this was not a follower being brought back in after he had strayed?

Just for fun, let's assume that this scene is about salvation in the sense that Jesus converted the thief. How can we duplicate this for today's use? Where is the sinner's prayer in this scene that so many people try to insert when talking about salvation? Do we have any other scripture that points to this scene for the purpose of offering the plan of salvation? The Bible is silent when trying to find a conversion that involved something similar to this scene so I cannot use the thief on the cross for an example of somebody being saved without baptism. From the death of Jesus forward, the only conversions shared involved water baptism by immersion.

This myth is busted because even if this was a true conversion, we have no evidence of the early church using it as an example of how to be saved.

The Ultimate Sacrifice (Karena Mason)

Many individuals celebrate Easter incorrectly. Society has created a profit-focused version of this holiday, celebrating the Easter Bunny, Easter egg hunts, and candy; many do not know the true meaning behind it.

However, we as Christians know that the true meaning of Easter lies in Jesus Christ's resurrection, subsequent to his crucifixion and burial. Easter is a time for us to remember and meditate on the ultimate sacrifice: God sending His only son to give His life for our sins. We all are imperfect humans, and we deserve the punishment that was due for our sins. But Jesus chose to suffer in our place! He spent 30 years on this earth in preparation for this sacrifice. When it came time for His crucifixion, He was treated like a criminal. He was beaten, spit on, taunted, and made to carry His cross through the streets of Jerusalem, all the way to Golgotha. Roman soldiers pierced Christ's hands and feet with nails into the cross, placed a crown of thorns upon His head, and hung him to die among actual criminals. After suffering on the cross for three days, Jesus breathed His last breath. He was then laid in a tomb, and three days later He rose again! Many did not believe it to be true, but those with the strongest faith believed.

Since Christ gave His life for us, we can now freely live in grace and forgiveness! So this Easter, let's spend the entirety of the day remembering Christ's gift to us; the gift of salvation.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." – John 3:16

A friend of the Winfreys, Karena Mason is a 21 year old who was born and raised in Franklin, NC. She attends Woodland Church of Christ with her family. She has a passion for mission work, and loves helping people in need. She is currently a junior at Western Carolina University, and is majoring in Communication.

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!

Bible Trivia Question (Send answers to Earl)

Answer to last month's question:

Solomon was anointed in Gihon (1 Kings 1:38)

Winners: Wil Winfrey/Michaela Winfrey/Michael 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: ???

This month's question:

Whose prayer resulted in his being thrown into a den of lions?

Glorious

"The glory that you have given me I have given to them." John 17:22

Tender. Sweet. Uplifting. Whispers can be all these and more. Throughout Scripture, the one true God whispers to our hearts, "You are my very own daughter, a royal princess, a crown of beauty." How amazing! And how wonderful!

Not all whispers, though, promote love. Sad to say, whispers of jealousy, of gossip, of disdain too often escape the lips of the Lord's children.

That's why Jesus prayed so earnestly for unity and peace in the family of God. He prayed in earnest for it on the very night before He died. It was one of His last prayers on earth. And the Holy Spirit saw to it that this prayer was preserved for us in the pages of Holy Scripture:

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

John 17:20-23

Simple words. So simple, in fact, that we easily read right over them, missing their impact. Uninterrupted love leads to unity between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This, in turn, magnifies the glory they share.

As we, the children of God, receive his love, we return love to God and grow in love for others in his family. The unity created by that love shows the Savior's glory to all the world. It invites them to join us in faith and in the forgiven, eternal life he offers.

We are one, one with God and with each other in the family of God. This unity, the unity of love and truth, is our glory!

Devotion taken from "Whispers of God's Love: Devotions for Women"

Events for the Ladies:

4/11- Ladies dinner at El Centenario at 5pm

4/14- Circle of Joy meeting at 2pm (we will be bagging candy for Easter Egg Hunt)

4/20- Easter Egg hunt and pizza lunch at 11am

4/27-4/28 - Ladies' Retreat at Camp Edisto at 6pm (\$10) - See Michael for more information

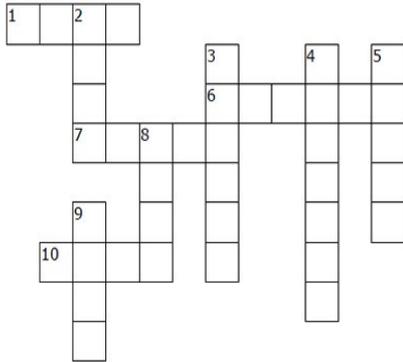
Wisdom of Larry the Cable Guy:

Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

A "Rock Concert"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." Luke 19:40 (NIV)

Based on Luke 19:28-40



The Empty Tomb

John 20:1-18



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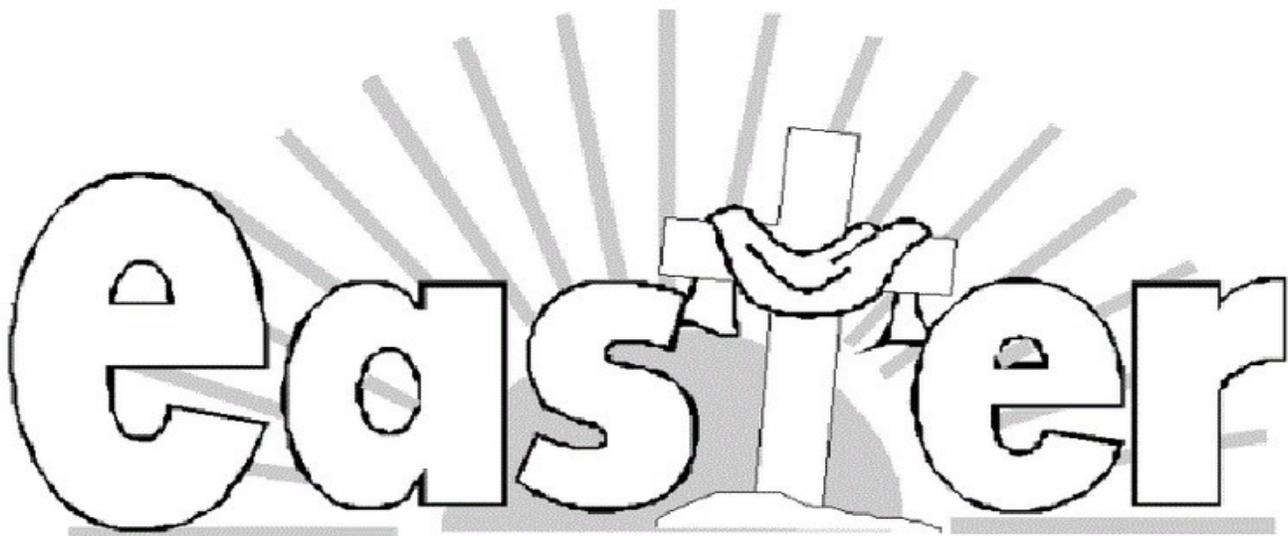
1. A male ruler of a country
6. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
7. To go into a place
10. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

DOWN

2. What a person is called
3. To stretch out over a large area
4. A small town
5. The Son of God
8. Secured with a piece of rope
9. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year

PRAISE	ROAD	TIED	JESUS	COLT
ENTER	SPREAD	VILLAGE	KING	NAME

early	Mary	angels	gardener
first	Magdalene	white	teacher
day	tomb	Lord	Father
week	stone	woman	brothers
dark	moved	crying	disciples





It's that time of year again! Easter is coming quickly and we have several events that will help us focus on what this means for us. On April 18, we will have a Maundy Thursday Prayer Walk and Communion Service that will begin in the sanctuary with singing and scripture reading before we move through our prayer walk that ends with communion and quiet reflection as we leave.

The following day is the Good Friday service at 7:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Earl is singing with the choir for that service. It will cover the last words of Jesus as He hung on the cross and it is sure to be a moving experience for all who show up.

Finally, that Saturday, April 20 will be our annual Easter Egg Hunt and free pizza lunch. Last year, we had 45 people show up! I love the way we do this because we share the story of the resurrection by using the Resurrection Eggs after the hunt and before we serve the food. We also give out bags of candy because the eggs are empty when they find them. The empty eggs remind us of the empty tomb on Easter morning. Please plan to attend and bring a friend!



Places to go, People to see, Things to do

April 11: Ladies' Dinner @ El Centenario (5:00pm)

April 14: Circle of Joy (2:00pm) Bagging candy for the egg hunt

April 18 (6:30pm) - Maundy Thursday svc / prayer walk

April 19 (7:00pm) - Good Friday svc @ First Presbyterian

April 20 (11:00am) - Easter Egg hunt and free pizza lunch

April 27-28 - Ladies' Retreat at Camp Edisto at 6pm (\$10)

- See Michael for more information



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

General Prayer List (Church-wide weekly prayer list is in the bulletin)

Leadership / Ministry / Volunteers:

Earl Winfrey - Preacher / Music
Frank Jackson - Elder / Teacher
Marvin Bradley - Elder
Daniel Miller - Treasurer / Grounds
Michael Winfrey - Teacher / Music
Teresa Hinton - Teacher
Youth who are serving in various areas
Christopher Crawford - Supply Preacher

Circle of Joy
Cleaning Volunteers
Landscape Volunteers
Worship Service Volunteers

Programs and Groups:

Sunday School Classes
Bible Study Classes
Next Man Up Mentoring
Youth Group Events
Church-Wide Events
Fall Festival
Easter Egg Hunt
5th Sunday Services
Worship with Winfreys

Church Camps:

Camp Edisto (Branchville, SC)
Cedar Lake Camp Mission (Livingston, TN)
Woodland Christian Camp (Temple, GA)

Para Church Organizations:

Spire Conference
Christian Standard / Lookout Magazines

Churches Near Our Hearts:

Bethany Christian Church (Bumpass, VA)
Christian Church at Deleon Springs, FL
East Win Christian Church (Memphis, TN)
First Christian Church of Hampton, SC
First Christian Church of Mountain City GA
First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood SC
Glouster Church of Christ (Glouster, OH)
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
Woodlands Church of Christ, Sylva, NC

Missions:

Connie Maxwell Children's Home	GWD Soup Kitchen Ministry
Crossroads Pregnancy Center	Magnolia Manor
Faith Home	Serenity's Steps
Greater GWD United Ministry	Models Academy (Gwd, SC)

Campus Ministries:

Catamounts for Christ (Western Carolina)
The Shack (USC student ministry)

Christian Colleges:

Cincinnati Christian University
Johnson University (Florida)

Future Projects:

Picnic Pavilion, Walking Trail, VBS

* For additions to the general prayer list, please contact Earl through email: Earl@fccgwd.org

"Pray for FCC"

For 2019, 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!

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Calendar of Events - April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Prayer - 9:30am Coffee - 9:45am S.S. - 10am Worship - 11am	Daily Scriptures are given for us in anticipation of the sermon	“Pray for FCC” reminder to pray for our church every Tuesday	Midweek Bible Study for all ages (5:00pm)	Worship with Winifey's at the Magnolia Manor nursing home		Weekly bulletin will have the most current information
Mission of the Month: Greater GWD United Ministry	Hebrews 2:5-18	Hebrews 4:14-16	Hebrews 8:1-7	John 17:1-5	John 17:6-19	John 17:20-26
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
John 12:12-19	John 18:1-11	John 18:12-18	John 18:12-18	11 (Jn 18:19-24) Ladies Dinner @ El Centenario (5:00pm)	John 18:25-32	John 18:33-40
14 (Palm Sunday) Circle of Joy (2:00pm) Bagging candy	15 Matt 28:1-10	16 Pray for FCC Matt 28:11-20	17 Mark 16:1-11	18(Mk 16:12-20) W.W.W. (3pm) Maundy Thur Service (6:30pm)	19 (Lk 24:1-12) Good Friday Svc at First Pres 7pm (Earl sings)	20 (Jn 20:1-10) Easter Egg Hunt & Free Pizza Lunch (11am)
21 Easter Sunday!!!	22 Matthew 5:1-16	23 Pray for FCC Matthew 16	24 Mark 9:33-50	25 (James 3) Newsletter Submissions Due	26 (Mk 4:1-25) Ladies' Retreat Camp Edisto (6pm - \$10)	27 (Col 4:1-6) Retreat ends at 12:00pm
28 Fellowship Meal After Worship	29 Daniel 9	30 Jonah 2		Elders meet as needed. For questions, see Frank or Marvin	Church Cleaning: Phillis	2019 Theme: FOCUS