



Jim Henry; Dave Fleury; Journey Manis (Barbara Kirby's daughter-in-law's niece); Carolyn Hickerson; Bill Dowell; Doug Ford; Jack Barker; Bob Sauser & family; Skip Brannen; Janice Hayes (friend of Beth Harris); Jim & Barbara Northcut; Caroline Moore; Catherine Shutters; Dennis Daniel (Uncle of Angie Cass); Missy McKenna; Amanda Mealer-McArtor & Sophie McArtor; Steven Lyle; Cheryl Bingham; Bill Allen; Mai "Mike" Nary; Angelita Sedigo; Shawn Baldwin; Dewayne & Sue Renfro; Lyndsay Wells (Bill Allen's Step-Sister); Rona Gary; Chuck Martin; Mary Gifford (Mary Davis' sister-in-law); Paul Shoun; Gary Wilkes; Jill McPhail DeVore (Kate Gilliland's mother); Erick Griggs; Daniel Tomanelli; Gary Goforth; Nick Dobbs; Howard VanZant; Judy Fitzgerald; Edward Everett (Gayle Mingledorff's cousin) John Black (Barbara Voss's brother); Leroy Lewis (Bob Lewis' brother).

Contact the church office to add or remove someone on the prayer list, 267-4506.

The dates of this year's Stewardship campaign have been slightly altered to Sept. 16, 23, & 30.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 12

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 2 (Shoun)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
Blessing of the Backpacks during worship
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 2

Monday, August 13

- 10:30 am CWF Monday Circle; Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 5:30pm Elder Meeting; Conference Room
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 14

- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 15

No Activities Scheduled

Thursday, August 16

- 7:00 am Men's Group; Bluegrass Grill

Friday, August 17

- 10:30 am Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 3:00 pm Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 18

No Activities Scheduled

Sunday, August 19

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 2 (Shoun)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
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Susan Spurgeon will coordinate the CRITL meal for September; watch for her announcement soon!

THE HYDE OUT

With August comes change. "Out with the old, in with the new" as the old saying goes. This is indeed a new year for First Christian. This past Sunday was the first Sunday in a long time that we had elementary school children in class, Pre-K in class, and kids in the nursery. The great news about this is that it wasn't some odd weekend where the planets aligned ... this is our new normal. With this new normal comes some changes in how we are going to ask parents to help us with security.



Starting this Sunday, parents or guardians who drop off their children in the nursery or Pre-K will receive a card that matches a corresponding card that stays with their child. When the time comes to pick up his or her child or children, parents or guardians will return their card to the caregiver, in order to make sure that the person who picks up a child is indeed the correct person to do so. This will also allow first-time worshippers with children to feel secure in trusting us with their children.

In addition to new changes in our children's ministry, this coming Sunday also will be our annual Blessing of the Backpacks! I encourage you to come worship this Sunday and experience a life-giving God.

Rev. Jonathan Hyde

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or the input of others inspires you, email me your thoughts and I'll add them to the document.

The results, thus far, are interesting. 24 of you responded. 11 of you expressed a preference for a new building to house First Christian Church, and 10 of you expressed a preference for staying. Folks had different reasons for their preferences, which you can read about in the link above. There were 3 respondents who shared creative ideas but didn't indicate a preference either way. 5 of the 24 respondents noted the need for a preschool in our community and proposed that we could revamp our building to house one. Several mentioned building on our history as a movement for Christian Unity and utilizing our building for housing ecumenical partners. Others noted that we could design our building and develop relationships to allow for a wider outreach to

college students. Still others considered the cost of maintaining our building and wondered if a greener, more efficient building—either on our current plot or elsewhere—is in our future.

This exercise was a great beginning to what I believe will be an important—but measured and appropriately timed—conversation that we must have. Change is an inevitable part of life for any community, even a church—and we've seen much change together over the last couple of years. I look forward to the things we are going to do together. If you have more ideas—even if you think that your idea might be a little "out there"—please share it. Who knows? As we have this conversation, and hopefully bring in partners and other resource people to help think our future through, the most unexpected idea might reveal the most wisdom for our journey forward.

Rev. Brandon

A Very Happy Birthday to...



AUGUST

- 15 Jim Davis, Jan Webster
- 16 Rusty Russell
- 18 Matthew King
- 23 Shawn Fulgham
- 25 Gail Dobbs, Gail Holcombe
- 27 Tina Chadwick, Matthew Petree
- 28 Nancy Dobbs, Meredith Lambert,
Patrick Kirby, Buz Smithers
- 29 Heather Droke, Sally D. Hunt
- 30 Ike Summerlin, Kimberly Wynn
- 31 Maxwell King, Brad Northcut

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Anna Wylie, Dick Sharpe
- 4 Diana Summerlin

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

Don't Forget: Blessing of the Backpacks!

Students of all ages! Educators, retired and currently serving—WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!!

We will be offering you a special blessing to begin the school year off right this Sunday in worship.

If you care about an educator, please encourage them to come. If you are an educator, I hope you will come and feel our support and care!

Grateful to be in ministry with you, Brandon



PLEASE NOTE: FCC is currently experiencing problems with our HVAC system, and we are awaiting a couple of parts to make the repairs. The Sanctuary may continue to be hot this Sunday. Please dress in a way that will allow you to be comfortable. We will continue to update you on the status of our cooling system.



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