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



FEB 14 Ash Wednesday
Public - Hosted by First Christian Church Chattanooga

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, February 18

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 2 (Demos)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary - with the Hernando Middle School Choir
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 2
- 12:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting; Kemp Classroom
- 2:00 pm Hospice Service of Remembrance; Sanctuary

Monday, February 19

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 2:30 pm PAWS
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 20

- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 pm House Worship; Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 21

No Scheduled Activities

Thursday, February 22

- 7:00 am Men's Group; Bluegrass Grill
- 2:30 pm PAWS

Friday, February 23

- 3:00 pm Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall
- Time TBA Koinonia Class Retreat at Fall Creek Falls State Park: Feb 23-24-25. Contact David Floyd for information



Help from the Heart of the City

Saturday, February 24

- 7:00 pm *Tending Angels* Book Release & Concert Event hosted by The House

Sunday, February 25

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 2 (Demos)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary - celebrating "The Reconciling Feast"
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 2
- 12:30 pm FCC Bord Meeting; Kemp Classroom

FROM THE TABLE

More than a House



Adapted from Week of Compassion, the Relief, Refugee, and Development Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

What makes a house a home? A house is a structure with some walls, a roof, doors and windows. That house becomes a home when it is a place where you can feel safe and loved. When you're at home, you can let your guard down. You can relax and rest.

Sometimes, though, a house isn't really a home. That was certainly the case for Roger Doris and his family. They built their house in Haiti's Northwest Department in 1989. It was a traditional mud-and-stick house, like so many in Haiti are. In 2000 and 2001, they renovated their home to replace the mud walls with concrete blocks and to add a tin roof. It was definitely a home.

Then Hurricane Matthew hit in late 2016. As the wind pounded on the house and the rain poured down, it did extensive damage to Roger's house. The walls shook and cracked. The wood support columns – which weren't particularly sturdy to start with – were damaged badly.

Overnight, that house was stripped of being a home. The family still lived there, but they were afraid. They didn't know how much longer the house would stand. That sense

of security was gone. There was no more peace of mind, and no way to let down their guard.

We responded to help Roger and his family build a new house. Roger had training as an iron worker and carpenter, so he teamed up with professional masons to work on the new house. His family provided funds to pay for the new foundation and food for the workers. They also received seeds to plant so that the family would have a food and income source.

Now, the family has a house where they can feel safe. The house has a strong foundation and sturdy support columns made of rebar. More than just providing shelter, the house provides peace of mind. It is truly a home. Roger describes the house as a "miracle." He doesn't live in fear anymore.

Even through the 2017 hurricane season, when Hurricanes Irma and Maria caused damage across the island, Roger's house stood strong. Other houses like his, built with Week of Compassion support, became more than houses, more than homes--they became places of refuge in the storms.

Your gifts to Week of Compassion do more than just build houses, they help families create homes, strengthen their communities, and have peace of mind.

Your gifts do More Than We Can Imagine!

For a video about the homes built in Haiti through our partner Church World Service, see "Hurricane Matthew in Haiti: One Year Later" at www.weekofcompassion.org/special-offering



At left, Pastor Brandon Standefer presents Rosemary Lynne Standefer to the congregation on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018. At right, happy parents Darby & Carl Standefer with big brother Ray.



A Very Happy Birthday to...



FEBRUARY

- 18 Sherry Baldwin
- 20 Joni Sharpe
- 22 Dreema Adkins
- 23 Jilly Fulgham, Laura Richie
- 24 Bryce Lee Wynn
- 25 Rachel Allen
- 26 Matthew Hamilton
- 28 Ed Turner

MARCH

- 4 Trisha Dyer
- 5 Allan Lehr, Ruby Lewis
- 7 David Floyd
- 10 Phil Summerlin

ATTENTION GEN X-Y-Z-ERS

If you are a part of the FCC Community and belong to Generation X, Y or Z (born between mid-1960s to 1996), you are invited to a Wine Tasting Event at the Hale-Gilvin home on **Friday, February 16th**. For more details and to RSVP, follow this link: <https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/45645c2359c9ce9f3f30>

Let us know if you are coming! We hope to see you there!



It Takes a Village...

Gary Wilkes knows a young man who has defied the odds through circumstances that would most likely

make others crumble. He is an honor student and was recently named first chair in his state's all-state band; but he doesn't even own his own instrument! His music talents have caught the eye of three colleges who have each offered full scholarships. An SOS appeal brought an immediate offer of a great trumpet at a great price, but this young man needs our help to make his music career a reality. If you can donate a little bit or a lot, please send in your check to Victoria at the FCC office. On the memo line, simply write "trumpet donation." - *Thank you!*



The Bridge

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