



**APRIL**

- 8 Trip Brannen III, Peggy Catlett
- 9 Lynda Rolston
- 12 Belle Grisham, Clark Williams
- 16 Debra Branson
- 20 Diana Morris, Pete Rolston
- 22 Betty Floyd
- 23 Jim Henry
- 24 Rona Gary
- 25 Trevor Atchley
- 27 Joy Wagner
- 28 Gary Wilkes

(Continued from page 1) and changes that come with high school and adolescence. I believe every student going into the 9th grade should seriously consider attending "Eighters" camp. I will always have a special place in my heart for all the memories of both Camp Christian and Bethany Hills.

Parents, grandparents, guardians and caretakers of our youth: The youth are the future of the church. Please do not let the opportunity of a summer youth camp experience and their spiritual growth slip through your fingers.

*In Christ, Sid "Mr. Sid" Shelburne*

**Scholarships are available for FCC Campers through our church and through the Christian Church in Tennessee. For more information about registering for camp, visit <http://tndisciples.org/bethany-hills/>**

**Registration for 2018 Camps**  
*Scholarships available, see Brandon or Jonathan!*

CYF (completed grades) 9-12 June 3-9  
 Mission (Adults & Grade 8 & up) June 10-16  
 Eighters (completed grades) 8 July 1-7  
 Junior (completed grades) 4-5 July 8-12  
 Discovery (completed grades K-3) May 29-31  
 Chi Rho (completed grades) 6-7 July 15-20  
 Adventure (completed grades 9-12) July 16-20

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# First Christian Church

Location: 650 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37403  
 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am-2 pm | Phone: 423.267.4506

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Christian Education for all ages: 9:30 am | Coffee & Conversation: 10:30 am | Worship: 11 am

**A CHURCH OF SERVICE, WORKING FOR WHOLENESS IN A BROKEN WORLD.**

**SERVANTS IN WORSHIP - EASTER SUNDAY**

- Worship Leader ..... Emily Auten
  - Red Book Pickup ..... Debby Demos / Bryce Wynn
  - Deacons Coordinator ..... Missy McKenna
  - Ushers ..... Hank Bramblet, Debby Demos, Paul Shoun, Kimberly Wynn
  - Servers ..... Emily Auten, Laura Wandell
  - Elders at the Table
  - Pulpit Side (Prayer of Consecration) ..... Jean Blackburn
  - Pulpit Side (Pastoral Listener) ..... Bob Sauser
  - Lectern Side (Prayer of Thanksgiving) ..... Lonna Williams
  - Lectern Side (Pastoral Listener) ..... Peggy Brannen
  - Scripture ..... John 20:19-31
  - Guest Minister ..... Rev. Carol Howard Merritt
- "Breathing Peace"*

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**Summer Youth Camp of the Far and Recent Past:**

First off, let me go way back to the early to middle 1960s...Wow!...That's in the last century. The last full week of July of '62 through '65: Fond memories of making new friends, seeing old friends again, good and happy times for us in Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF). I can still remember some of the names of my fellow campers and counselors. There are times that I wonder what happened to them. I had an interesting experience in 2007 that helped me answer that question a little bit: In 2007, I happened to stumble across a young man I knew at summer camp in 1964 who is now a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Talking with him was like "old home week!" Lots of memories we both shared.

From summer of 2003-2010, I was a counselor at Camp Christian in Georgia, and what a wonderful time to help guide the youth in their spiritual growth! So many interesting experiences. From 2010-2013, I had the opportunity to be a counselor at Bethany Hills Camp and Conference Center for Chi-Rho (6th, 7th, and 8th graders) Camp and also for the camp known as "Eighters," the theme of which is "Created to Be Me," which deals with learning how to cope with all of the pressures

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Catherine Shutters; Mary & Jack Barker; Dennis Daniel (Uncle of Angie Cass); Missy McKenna; Michael Williams (friend of Betty Proctor); Amanda Mealer-McArtor & Sophie McArtor; Steven Lyle; Francis Nevels; Caroline Moore; Cheryl Bingham; Bill Allen; Dave Fleury; Mai "Mike" Nary; Gail Holcombe; Angelita Sedigo; Shawn Baldwin; Scottie, Jake & Jack Summerlin; Dewayne & Sue Renfro; Lyndsay Wells (Bill Allen's Step-Sister); Rona Gary; Jim & Barbara Northcut; 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.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, April 8

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 4
- 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
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 4

### Monday, April 9

- 10:30 am CWF Monday Circle; Fellowship Hall. Covered dish lunch. Sandy Reynolds presides and has the program. Debby Demos and Judy Duncan are hostesses.
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 2:30 pm PAWS
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall



### Tuesday, April 10

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

### Wednesday, April 11

- 10:00 am Turning the Pages Grief Support Group; Faith Collective Room

### Thursday, April 12

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

### Friday, April 13

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

### Saturday, April 14

- 8:30 am Habitat for Humanity volunteering
- 9:00 am FCC Board Workshop; Faith Collective Room

### Sunday, April 15

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 4
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am All-Church Sunday School Class (week 1) - on the origin of the New Testament - class meets in the Kemp Classroom
- 9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 4

## FROM THE TABLE



Jonathan and I are both going to be out of town this Sunday, but we are leaving you in good hands.

I am thrilled that First Christian Church is welcoming Rev. Carol Howard Merritt to the pulpit this week. Rev. Merritt is a Presbyterian (USA) minister, an award-winning author, and a frequent contributor to books, websites, magazines, and journals. Her most recent book is *Healing Spiritual Wounds: Reconnecting with a Loving God after Experiencing a Hurtful Church* (HarperOne). She is a regular columnist at the Christian Century where her blog is hosted. Her writing is elegant, intelligent, and insightful, and you can learn more about her work by visiting: <http://www.carolhowardmerritt.org/>

Her sermon is entitled "Breathing Peace," and will be based on John 20:19-31, which tells the story of Thomas's encounter with Jesus following the resurrection.

Carol's books will also be available for you to purchase following worship.

Jonathan will be preaching a sermon series "What Disciples Do" throughout the rest of April into early May, and I'll be teaching an All-Church Sunday School Class (starts April 15) on how the New Testament was written, compiled, and canonized.

I look forward to hearing how Carol has helped you reflect on your journey through the Easter season.

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,  
Rev. Brandon*

## The Wall of Generosity Fund Raiser

For the Ministries of First Christian Church

April 8 will be the day we kick off our Wall of Generosity Fund Raiser.

*This will be the easiest and simplest fundraiser ever!*

It is an opportunity for each of us to contribute just a little bit more to our church.

### Here is how it will work:

Envelopes will be labeled from \$1 to \$144 - and posted on the Wall of Generosity just outside of the sanctuary.

There is approximately one envelope for each person who regularly attends worship at FCC.

Every person who wants to participate is invited to:

- take an envelope of their choosing, picking an amount that they feel comfortable contributing above their pledged or regular giving.
- place that amount of money in the envelope. If they choose to add their name to the envelope, the amount will be included in their quarterly report of giving to the church.
- return the envelope to church, and either place it in the offering plate during worship, mail it in, or drop it by the church office during the week. You can even send it by carrier pigeon, if you like.

When all the envelopes have been taken, completed and returned this fundraiser will have collected over \$10,000.

[Figure it out - 144 envelopes, from \$1 to \$144 - the average amount is \$72. \$72 times 144 envelopes is \$10,368]

There will be a few additional envelopes marked "pick your amount" if anyone would like to contribute a different amount.

**Rule breaking is encouraged.** You can put more money in the envelope than the envelope calls for. You can take more than one envelope. Just remember - contributions to the Wall of Generosity are above and beyond our normal (pledged) giving!

Let's all celebrate the ministries we share at First Christian Church and with our wider community with our generosity.

*- Alan Voss, Treasurer*