

NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
AUGUST 1, 2016

PRAYER REQUEST

Victims of natural disasters, Sue Boyer, Kate Robinson, Dave Defrehn, Champ Mitchell, Dale Underwood, Sue Ray, Troy & Olean Wahlmeier, Cheryl Carrington, Margaret Pruett, Linda Markham, Marge Posten, Alina Holder, Tom Bodie, Kenneth Chatto, Hal Coar, John Roth, Cunningham Family, Margie Jo Wallace, Wanda Doleshall, Jean Hunt, Cathy Miller, Jeff Henson, James L., Andre McCartney, Steve Lyons, Sabrina, Dorthea, Selma Devich, Pat and Charles Bracket, Nancy Tappe, Charlie, Chuck and Ida Bassi, Louie, Brenda, Lynn Robinson, Joan Stuckart, Nicole Brackett (Ray Cook's granddaughter-in-law), Mike Kler, Clara Benfield, Sally Clayton, Dot Rucker, Zack and Paige Herron (Campus Ministries in Philippines), Connie Moomjy, people battling California wildfires, upcoming 2016 elections and always remember to pray for your Church Family, Pastor Sotello and Dee Long, our Christian brothers and sisters who are traveling, all those in our public safety services, military services and our country's leaders.

BE THANKFUL!

The Bible offers these words of instruction to us: Rejoice always, pray continually, **give thanks in all circumstances**; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 NIV).

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, **by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God**, which transcends all understanding, **will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus** (Philippians 4:6-7 NIV).

What are the circumstances and situations in which you find yourself? Are you sick; feeling bad; hurt; in a bad relationship; got trouble at home or on the job? You fill in the blank. Know that bad stuff happens!

Know this. God is with you. God is always with in the good times and in through the bad times. God will see you through it and uphold you by the only power that can truly sustain you. This is the power of Christ. Pay attention to the end of both of the texts above. They say respectively "for this is God's will for you IN CHRIST JESUS" and "the peace of God...will guard your hearts and your minds IN CHRIST JESUS."

The word Christ is written first because there is an anointing of God that is at work within the believer who exercises this kind of faith in the word of God. Whatever you are going through tell the Lord thank you. You are thanking God not for the trouble, not even for the good things that occur, but for God's presence to help you in every circumstance.

I thank God for Christ's love that never fails to make a way for all who give thanks with a grateful heart.

Let this song, "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" help you!

Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Gove thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son	And now, let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us
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God's love,
Sotello

JULY 4TH CARRY IN

A big "thank you" to the DWF for our successful cookout. It was enjoyed by all.

HOUSE BLESSING

CORRECTION – The correct date for the House Blessing at Pastor Sotello and Dee's home is Sunday, August 7th at 4PM. If you have questions, call the church office.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR LESLIE SANDEFUR

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Leslie Sandefur on Sunday, August 21, 2016, at 3pm. The service will be held in the Sanctuary. Please plan to attend as we remember this very special lady who loved and worked very hard for our church.

DWF NEWS

The DWF conducted a Vacation Bible School session at Helping Hands. Thank you to Dee Long, Frances Finfrock and Laura Kraft who did a wonderful job.

Donations are now being accepted for DWF yard sale to be held in October (exact date to be determined). Items can be left in classroom #3 or if you need help transporting an item (that will fit into a van), please contact Don Pruett. If you want a receipt for your donations, please keep your own personal list of donated items. Contact the church office and a receipt will be supplied to which you can attach to your inventory list.

A new crafting group is now meeting in classroom #1 (library) on Wednesdays at 10am. Contact Frances Finfrock with any questions you may have.

The Saidi Friends Dance Group will be using the Fellowship Hall on Fridays from 6:30 to 8:30pm. This is Judee Mitchell's dance group.

SOUTHEASTERN CHILDREN'S HOME **SUNDAY AUGUST 28TH AT 9:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY**

Strong encouragement for everyone to attend Robert Kimberley's presentation on Sunday, August 28th, 9:30-10:15am in the Sanctuary. He is Executive Director of Southeastern Children's Home in Duncan, SC. He has spoken to us before and the presentation was very memorable.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, COLUMBIA, SC,

SEPT 30-OCT 1, 2016

As part of the 13th Annual SC Regional Conference of the Christian Church (DOC), being held at First Christian Church, Columbia, SC, 9/30 – 10/1/16, there will be a dinner on Thursday night 9/29. All are invited to attend this event, which will include a dinner followed by a Gala Evening of Elegance and Celebration in honor of Pastor Sotello Long and his wife Dee. They will be honored for their 13th year of ministry in the Christian Church (DOC) in South Carolina. Tickets to attend this event may be purchased from Jim or Judee Mitchell for \$25. Personal gifts to express your gratitude are also welcomed. Make plans now to come and enjoy the fellowship!

CHURCH OFFICE

Caroline Hale will be out of the Church Office during September and October. Frances Finfrock has graciously agreed to cover the Office on Mondays, 10 AM to 12 PM and Tuesdays 9 AM to 12 PM.
Thank you Frances!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall, Mondays and Fridays at 9-10 AM and Thursdays at 5:30 PM
Crafting Group, Wednesdays at 10AM in Classroom #1
DWF Meeting Thursday, August 4 at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall
FCC Elders Meeting, Tuesday, August 9 at 5:15 PM in Pastor's Office
Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 9, at 6 PM in Fellowship Hall
DMF Meeting, Saturday, August 13 at 8AM in Fellowship Hall
Regional Board Meeting, Saturday, August 13 at 10AM at FCC Columbia, SC
Carry in, August 14, following Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
Memorial Service, August 21, at 3PM in Sanctuary
Robert Kimberley (SCEH), August 28 at 9:30AM in Sanctuary
Choir Practice on Thursdays, at 4PM in Sanctuary
ACTS is requesting donations of macaroni and cheese for the month of August.