

**NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)**  
**JUNE 1, 2018**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Cindy Whaley, Anna Weekley, Diane Warren, Mildred Ellis, Family of Allene W. Riley, Jan Mathers, Jane Williams, Ryan O'Rourke, Hanna Kenyon, Family of Angela Harpe, Myrna Engle, Kendall Rhoda and John Karst, Wanda Doleshall, Bassi Family, Paul and Pat Wilson, Brad Kerr, Michelle King. Also encouragement for those in need.

**CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:** Dr. Walter Allen, Jewel Jones, Neal Mitchell, Wanda Doleshall, Kenneth & Joanna Chatto, Sandy Gullickson, Sabrina, Ray Cook, Millie Clarke, Connie Santee, Eliza Husser Cave, Bill Carroll, Chuck & Ida Bassi, Connie Moomjy, Clara Benfield, Sally Clayton, Pastor Keith Weekley, Pam Owen, and those seeking employment, our public safety services, military services and our country's leaders.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

It pains me that Sunday, June 3, is my last Sunday with you, at least for awhile. While I am gone, you will be in my prayers, and I will remember fondly the great days of worship we had at First Christian and the visits in your home. I am grateful that you loved me then and that you love me now.

While in Boston, I will be staying with my daughter, Kristin, whom you met, Tony, and my grandchildren, Harper and Oliver. I am hoping for a positive experience at Mass General Hospital and I know I can count on your prayers for good things to happen.

You are good people and God is smiling on our little church. Here the love of Christ is real and it shows in our acceptance of everyone who comes in our door. Keep loving each other. Keep serving our wonderful Lord. Keep sharing your love for Christ and all of God's people.

I will be in touch with you, either by phone, letter, emails, or through Buzzy as Board chairman. Take care of our sick and shut ins. Call them. Pray for them. Visit them.

I hope to return within three months, but if I don't, know that you have made a lasting impact on my ministry. I love you dearly.

Pastor Keith

**TRASH & TREASURES BOUTIQUE**

Our May sale netted \$161.20. Our next sale will be Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm. We are in need of volunteers to help with the sale. Please see Susan or Judee Mitchell if you are interested in helping us. Donations are still being accepted in classroom 3. If you leave donations, please price them. There are price tags available in classroom 3.

**BOOK SIGNING**

"Powers Beyond" is the title of a novel by Charles Brakett, Ray Cook's son-in-law, that every Christian will want to read. The story focuses on a young man who has powers beyond our capability because of surgeries that were done to save his life following an auto accident. The young man is not a Christian as the story begins, but he is in love with a young lady who will not marry him because of this. The novel contains suspense, intrigue, espionage, as well as other mysteries. It is a Christian fantasy and science fiction story rolled into one!

The author will be at the Aiken County Museum (Banksia) on June 9 for a book signing.

## **CHORAL AND HANDBELL WORKSHOP**

This Workshop will be held at Christmount from June 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Join others who love church music as together we grow spiritually through the ministry of music. Learn singing and handbell techniques to enhance your skills. For more information, go to [www.christmount.org/musicworkshop](http://www.christmount.org/musicworkshop) or call 828-669-8977.

## **ACTS FAN DRIVE**

On Friday and Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, ACTS will be collecting fans to help those less fortunate in our community. The fan drive will be at Lowe's from 10am-6pm Friday and Saturday. We need volunteers to help accept the donated fans. If you can volunteer for a two hour shift or have a group that would like to assist, please call 649-3800 or email [karen@actsofaiken.org](mailto:karen@actsofaiken.org).

## **ANNUAL BAKE AUCTION**

This year our auction will be held during our June carry-in. Proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity. Please bring a dessert or pet treat to be auctioned off. Also, please bring your wallets stuffed with money or your checkbook so that you can be a big spender!

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

DWF Meeting, Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in Fellowship Hall  
DMF Meeting, Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 8am in Fellowship Hall  
Carry-In, Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> following the Worship Service  
Bake Auction, Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> during the carry-in  
Elders Meeting, Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Church  
Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Fellowship Hall  
Trash & Treasures Boutique, Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9-2 in Classroom 3  
Crafting Group meets every Monday at 10am in Classroom 1  
Choir Practice, Thursdays at 4 pm in Sanctuary  
Tai Chi, Thursdays, beginners class 3pm and advanced class 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall

ACTS donation for the month of June is Macaroni & Cheese.  
Please leave your donations in the Church Office. Thank you for your support!