



## **NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)** **July 2021**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

*The family of Bill Combs, the family of Phil Stack, Karen Apple, David, Kathy Campbell, Janet Morris, Frankie Walker Family, Austin Moede, Jean Arnold, Ida Bassi, Charlotte, Davidson Family, The Greene Family, Murray and Pizta Stiller, Chaplain Sam Boon, Martha Albritton, Carol Kettel, for those in law enforcement, for distribution of the vaccine and for God's peace and healing, those in the Florida collapse and our Sunday morning visitor.*

### **CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:**

*Linda Cheadle, Millie Clarke, Connie Moomjy, Wanda Doleshall, Dan McAvoy, Paul & Pam Owen, Robin Brooks, Sabrina, Susan Poster Ullmann, Eliza Husser Cave, Sally Clayton, our Regional Church, Dr. Walter Allen, Connie Santee, Kenneth Chatto, those in public service, military service and for our Country and all victims of the corona virus.*

### **Pastor's Note:**

July means we are now in the second half of the year! How can that be!? We are continuing to find our rhythm of the "new normal" as we return to life without so many of the pandemic related restrictions that kept us safe while also changing how we do things. The pandemic also gave people time to reflect, to renew forgotten hobbies, and to realize what is important in their life. As we move into the second half of 2021, we enter re-energized, and also recommitted to not only being a worshipping church but also seeking new ways to be a serving church. Thanks be to God!

## **MONTHLY VESPER SERVICE**

This year we have moved the monthly Vesper services indoors. They will be held at 6pm the last Thursday of each month through October. Vespers means “evening prayer” – the services are brief, focused on prayer and music. One benefit of being indoors is protection from the whims of the weather; the main benefit of being indoors is having Natalie able to join us and make the music more meaningful. Hope you will join us!

## **GRADUATION RECOGNITION**



On Sunday, June 6 we honored graduates with a connection to our congregation by presenting them with embossed bibles.

Peter Caldwell - graduating Aiken High School June 11, 2021

Troy Cheadle – completed his GED

Frederick “Freddie” Jones – graduated Aiken High School June 2020

Victoria Jones – Graduated Lakeside High School May 2021

## **WORD OF THANKS**

Caroline for the flowers for worship

Judee for the new sheep

Scott, Mike and Irene for working on the on-line giving options

Bryan for being there on Sunday morning

Judee Mitchel, Frances Finfrock & Natalie Lawrence for the powerful and beautiful music on Pentecost Sunday

Frances Finfrock, June Wilson & Natalie Lawrence for the beautiful decorations for Pentecost Sunday.

June Wilson, Elsie Smith & Don Pruett for tending to the grounds, keeping the flowers and shrubs watered and for the new plants that add life to our 'home'

Caroline Hale for arranging for and monitoring the recent upkeep to the trees and shrubs

April Virge for preparing the weekly Communion kits

June Wilson and Curtis Beard for connecting to our "FB" worshippers via FB and/or email

Judee Mitchel & DWF for providing Father's Day presents to the men of the congregation

## **ACTS FAN DRIVE**

For those of you who receive the newsletter via email the link below is to photos of the ACTS Fan drive. You may recognize some of the participants.

[ACTS 13th Annual Fan Drive on Vimeo](#)

**OUR ACTS DONATION FOR July is:** Canned Vegetables

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 3	DWF	11:00 am Fellowship
July 13	Board Meeting	6:00 pm
July 17	Trash and Treasure	9:00 am Classroom 3
July 29	Vespers	6:00 pm Sanctuary

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