



NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

APRIL 1, 2022

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Pastor Irene, Chuck Spearman, Joyce, Matt Chane, Keith, Allen, Dorothea Moyd, Kimberly, Carson, Christie LaChance. Ella Shakibatabar, Ida Bassi, Earl Edwards, Paula Jones, Brittany Griner, Jennifer Martin, Julia Dyer, Vicki Rishell, Chuck Johnson, Alyssa McDonal, Louann McDonal, Melanie Blanc, Lilli Amato, Melissa Teligadez, Paul Wilson, Anne Harmon, Austin and Sharon Moede, Karen Porter, Piza and Murray Steller, for those facing natural disasters, for those in the medical profession, for the victims of criminal violence and for the Ukraine.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

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

PASTOR'S NOTE: A WORD OF GRATITUDE

Being your pastor is such a privilege. I've told you many times that God saved my favorite ministry job till the end, even after I thought I had retired. April 1st is the 3rd anniversary of my official date as your called pastor, although I was interim for six months before that and filled in from time to time even before that. As I reflect on this anniversary, and especially on our journey together since my leukemia diagnosis in December, my heart is filled with gratitude. Your love, support, prayers and cards as well as your patience, grace and your faith in my healing process, has been beyond what I imagined and yet just who I knew you were! There is a story in Exodus 17, when Moses is leading the Israelites in battle. He has to hold up his staff and as long as his hands are up, they win, but when his hand goes down, they lose. In verse 12, it says that when Moses' hands grew weary, the Elders took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it and two of the church leaders "one on one side and one on the other" held up his hands so that his hands remained steady until sunset." When I was in the hospital, and then more recently this month when I was out two weeks, and each time I have been fortunate enough to return, you have given me a rock to sit on, and you have physically help up my hands and allowed me to continue to serve as your pastor. You have also told me to rest and take care of myself. You are a strong church. You were strong before I came, and you will strong after our time together is over. I am so proud of you, and so grateful that you show me, and others, such love. Thank you.

CHANGES IN HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Worship Services Scheduled during Holy Week for this year are slightly different than last year and will include:

Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday Service 11am

Thursday, April 14 Maundy Thursday Service 6pm

Sunday, April 17th Easter Sunday Service 11am

Please join us in person as you are able; services will also be streamed and recorded on Facebook live.

ATTENTION ONE AND ALL!!

Sometime shortly after Easter, arrangements have been made to install a concrete parking lot between the Church building and the Disciple House. We have not been given specific dates yet but will let you know as soon as we have that information.

This will affect our parking situation in that the only spaces available, during this installation, will be along Kerr Drive, by the Sanctuary and in front of the Disciple House. There will also be parking available in the large lot behind the Disciple House which is accessed off Kerr Drive, after you pass our mailbox and make a right hand turn.

We are sorry for this inconvenience and want to thank you in advance for your patience.



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022 **FLOWERS FOR OUR CROSS**

Following our Easter Sunday Worship Service, we will be decorating our outside cross with fresh flowers, to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

Everyone is asked to bring some fresh flowers which you can place on the cross. This has been an Easter tradition at FCC for several years. Containers with water, will be located by each entrance door so you can leave your flowers during the Worship Service.

Thank you for your participation in this

event as we demonstrate our joy to passing traffic and neighbors.

A BREAKDOWN OF HOW FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
DISTRIBUTED ITS' 2021 MISSION MONIES

First Christian Church (DOC) has always been aware of the blessings we have received and our responsibility for giving to others as we are able. In our recent past, many wonderful things have been happening within our Church in this regard and it was felt that the good news needed to be shared with our Congregation, followed by an opportunity for you, the Congregation, to offer your ideas as to future recipients.

In 2021, the following outflows to mission type locations are as follows:

South Carolina Region of the DOC	\$1,800.00
Sunday School Donations	
Southeastern Children's Home	741.00
Aiken Senior Life Services	741.00
ACTS	530.00
Food Donations	0.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	668.37
Benefactor	
ACTS	(5,180.00 - 2020)
South Carolina Region of the DOC	(3,450.00 - 2020)
Community Medical Clinic of Aiken	3,450.00
Disciple Mission Fund	
Week of Compassion	1,411.73
Easter	588.00
Pentecost	215.00
Reconciliation	355.00
Thanksgiving	280.00
Christmas	225.00
Disciple Women Fellowship	2,250.00
Mostly Received Through Trash and Treasure Proceeds	

The General Board is now in the process of deciding which organizations should be the recipients of a benefactor's gift of \$6,034.50. If you have a suggestion, please notify Buzzy Cheadle, Mike Wilson, Frances Finfrock or Caroline Hale.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

EASTER OFFERING PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10TH, 2022

On Sunday, April 10th, which is Palm Sunday, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Disciple Mission Easter Offering. The theme this year is “God's Love Endures Forever” (Psalm 118).

“Disciples Mission Fund Special Day Offerings provide an opportunity to highlight specific ministries as part of our faith celebrations. There are four Disciple Mission Fund Special Day Offerings received each year.” These include Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The money collected will be used by the general ministries of the Christian Church, across the United States, Canada and around the world.

God's enduring love, through your donations, will be received to support the following general ministries:

Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Communications Ministries, Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry, Home Missions, Disciples Women, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, New Church Ministry, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, Office of General Minister and President and Treasury Services.

Thank you for your consideration of giving to our Disciple Mission Easter Offering.

DWF NEWS

April: Boys and Girls Club
May: Annual Ladies Tea and “Christ Central”
June: Father’s Day, gifts and Dessert Auction (Auction money goes to “Habitat for Humanity”)

NEW ADDRESS

Susan has moved again and is back in Aiken. We will print the address in the next newsletter.



WORD OF THANKS

To Don and Caroline for putting up the Cross and the fabric for Lent.

OUR ACTS DONATION FOR APRIL is: Canned or Complete Meal

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 9	DWF	11:00 am Fellowship
April 10	Palm Sunday	11:00 Sanctuary
April 12	Board Meeting	6:00 pm Fellowship
April 14	Maundy Thursday	6:00 pm Sanctuary
April 15	Good Friday	
April 16	Trash and Treasure	9:00 am Classroom 3
April 17	Easter	

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