



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Newsletter

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Pastor's Note: This month, Disciples from the United States and Canada will gather in Memphis, TN for our last bi-annual General Assembly. The leadership voted at the Louisville meeting to move the in-person gatherings from every other year to every third year, with a virtual conference in between. Ed and I missed the Louisville meeting, but are excited to attend this year. Eliza Cave and San Cave-Riley will also be attending. The conference workshops this year are so rich it was hard to choose! Ed and I decided to attend different sessions from each other so we can benefit from more workshops. Two of the workshops I will be attending have to do with pastoring a shrinking congregation and preaching to an elderly congregation. I look forward to coming back more equipped to serve you as your pastor. After a full day of business meetings, worships and interactions, each evening ends with worship. Please pray for the Annual Conference, and for the work of our denomination in this world! Also pray for safe travels for all attendees.

July 13th - special worship in song; Looking for more music in your worship experience? Sunday, July 13th, the sermon will be replaced with music as Micah leads in worship while Pastor Irene is at the General Assembly.

Carry-in for Summer food (in other words, an indoor picnic!) on Sunday, July 27, after Worship, in the Fellowship Hall! Sign-up sheets will be coming. Don't miss out on good food and fellowship.

VBS Revisited – Year 2

This past August, about 20+ people gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a day of Bible study, music, crafts, food and friends as we revisited Vacation Bible School as adults. Save the date for **Friday, August 15th, from 10 am to 2 pm** to enjoy another day of VBS Revisited. If you are interested in serving on the planning committee, please let me know so we can get busy! Also, you have plenty of time to invite a friend! More info to follow.

July Dates to Remember

Tuesday, July 8 – FCC Board Meeting – 6pm – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 12 thru July 18 – General Assembly in Memphis, TN

Saturday, July 19 – DWF Trash and Treasure Sale – 9am to 1pm

Sunday, July 27th – Carry – in after worship – it will be an indoor picnic.

Scripture Readers for July

Sunday, July 6th – Paula Jones

Sunday, July 13th – Judee Mitchell

Sunday, July 20th – Ed Albritton

Sunday, July 27th – Laura Kraft

OFFERING COLLECTED FOR DISCIPLE MISSION FUND PENTECOST OFFERING JUNE 8, 2025

Our Pentecost Offering yielded \$300.00. This amount will be equally divided between our South Carolina Region and our National Disciple Mission Fund, to aid in the establishment and support of new churches in our Region, nationally and in Canada. Thank you to those who participated in this Pentecost Offering.

Looking for additional ways to serve?

1. **The DWF** sponsored monthly Trash to Treasure sale is held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers are appreciated to help staff the sale and/or to help keep Room 3 clean and ready with new donations. Please check with Ida or Judee on ways you are able to help out. The monthly sale proceeds go directly to support various local charities whose missions we support.
2. **ACTS** relies on volunteers to help them bring their mission to action. A current listing of volunteer needs can be found on their website www.actsofaiken.org by clicking the “Volunteer” link or call 803-649-3800.



- 3 **H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Every day)** - The mission of C4 Impact - Aiken is to be a transformative force in the lives of the homeless, the recovering, and those reentering from incarceration by meeting immediate needs, fostering hope, and guiding them into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. We equip individuals and families with the resources, support, and truth they need to break cycles of poverty, addiction, and incarceration - to build new lives of purpose, freedom, and faith. Check out

their website at <https://C4impact.org/pages/h-o-p-e> for a list of needs, testimonials, etc.



Happy Birthday to:

Micah McNamee – July 9

Pam Owen – July 12

Marya Moultrie – July 19

Pat Wilson – July 29

New / Immediate Prayer Requests: Kathy and Derrick Lee (L. Malone) San's cousin Cynthia (who is now in hospice care); Linda Cheadle **On-Going Prayer Requests:** *Church members:* June Wilson; Brian Myers; San Cave-Riley; Laura Kraft, Maxine Pemberton; Donna Rader; Ed Albritton; Pastor Irene; Ida Bassi; Shelvia Beard; Robin Brooks; Eliza Husser Cave; Linda Cheadle; Elaine Johnston; Carol Kettel; Pam Owen; Vicki Rishel; Connie Santee; Elsie Smith; Susan Poster Ullmann; Paul & Pat Wilson **Friends and Family:** Marilyn Blanchard(M. Moultrie) Mickie Fink (J Mitchell); Connie & Dave Beveridge (J Mitchell); Pat Dugan (J Mitchell) Luiza Samodi (J. Mitchell), Martha Albritton (E. Albritton); Ken Chatto (C. Chatto); Jennifer Chatto-McCoskey (C. Chatto); Bryan Malone & Kimiko Malone (W. Malone); Austin Moede (C. Hale); Connie Moomjy (J. Mitchell); Sabrina (E. Smith); Eileen Snow (P. Jones); Janet Stearns (Woody Malone), The Steller Family Murray, Pitza, & Chuck (C. Hale); Our church; ACTs of Aiken; Hope Team; USA and the world,

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