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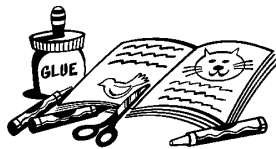
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED



The members of the Christian Women's Fellowship are sponsoring a drive to collect school supplies during the month of August for students at Narrows Elementary/Middle School. These supplies will be distributed to students who need help getting started off to a great school year!

Besides the usual pencils, packs of loose leaf notebook paper, crayons, and boxes of tissues, there are lists of specific supplies for each grade level at the back of the sanctuary. A box will be placed in the narthex for the school items.

Thanks for your help!!

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

On August 15, 2013 our pre-school will hold an open house. Parents of our students for next year will be coming to meet the teachers and see our facilities.

We still have some openings, especially in the 3 year old group. Please contact the church or Ms. Shelia if you know anyone that would like to be part of the 2013-2014 Pre-School year.

THE DISCIPLES MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING



The Disciples Men's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. in the church fellowship hall. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. The men will prepare a wonderful meal.

A signup sheet will be passed around during the worship service so we can have an estimate of who will attend.

Please plan to attend and invite some friends.

CWF DAY GROUP

August 13, 12:00 PM – Anna's

CWF Night Group - Church

August 13, 7:00 PM



**COME ONE, COME ALL! Annual
DISTRICT II PICNIC**

Sunday, August 18, 2013

4:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Randolph Park, Dublin, Virginia
Dublin High School Memorial Shelter
(behind the small gazebo)

2:30 – 4:30 P.M. – Swimming at the pool.
Entrance fee paid by District 2. *Adult supervision is required for your congregation's children.*

3:30 P.M. – Brief District 2 Board meeting

5:30 P.M. – Eat (Please bring some covered dishes and/or a dessert. The district will provide plates, cups, utensils, ice & drinks). Bring a chair if you desire.

Hymn singing and vespers after we finish eating and concluding no later than 7:00 P.M.

Parking is available near the shelter for those who need it.



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible – Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task – but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

Can't sleep, try counting your Blessings!

**SAVE YOUR
ALUMINUM CAN
POP TABS**

The Youth Department invites you to join them in helping support the Ronald McDonald house in Roanoke.

All you have to do is remove the pop tabs on aluminum cans and bring them to the church. There will be a special container for collecting them in the narthex.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET

The birthday party for residents at Riverview Nursing and Rehabilitation will be on August 8, 2013 at 2:30 PM. Contact Sandra Spangler if you can help.

Donations to help with the cost can be placed in the offering plate and mark it for Riverview birthday party.

HELPING HANDS FOOD BACKPACKING
All dates will take place at 6:30 PM at the Narrows
Community Center

Setting out of Food August 26

Packing by Elementary students and accompanying adults August 27

Setting out of Food August 29

Packing by others Sept. 3

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2014
OFFICES**

Katrina Lucas
Nancy Millirons
Rick Pruett
Michelle Robertson
Frank Trent

**DISCIPLE MEN'S FUND RAISER FOR
SPECIAL CAMP – September 8, 2013 after
Worship. Hot dogs and all the trimmings.
Please plan to attend.**

STEWARDSHIP/SERVICE

April - June

Bible School Average	39
Worship Service Average	77
Religion Study	11
Book Study	8

INCOME RECEIPTS

Income Receipts	\$56,382.00
Expenses Disbursed	\$41,021.00
Bank Balance/Inc.	\$48,165.00
YTD Below Budget	\$10,755.00

RESTRUCTURE PERIOD

SO WE ARE DISCIPLES

1967 "Provisional Design"
Approved General Assembly became final authority.

1971 Independents Split from the Disciples.

1977 Assembly Controversy over ordinations of Gays and Lesbians.

1979 Task force reported "a not convinced position on the "GLB" ordination as God's Will?

1985 Full partnership with the United Church of Christ approved.

2000 Initiative approved to establish 1,000 new churches by year 2020.

2013 Currently 800 + with 7 years to go.

2013 assembly approves resolution 1327 offering Gays, Lesbians and Bi-sexuals access to all service.

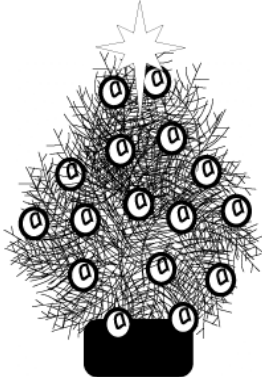
The Price Paid over these years according to our own accounting is High.

- Lost over 2,700 Congregations
- Heritage
- Scriptural – Doctrine
- Unity of Opinion
- Mission deficits
- Traditions forgotten
- Separation of Covenant

YET!!

All is not lost "Little is much if God is in it".

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
(Christmas Shoe Boxes)**



Collection Dates will be in November. Now is a great time to purchase school items as many stores have them on sale. The pre-wrapped boxes, or GO BOXES, will be available at the church whenever you want to pick one up. Also, remember that you are asked to put a \$7.00 donation for freight in each box or you can give online. Donation on-line will allow your box to be tracked and you will be notified where it goes. In 2012 we collected several boxes. Let's try to increase the number for this year. Thanks for your help !!

Coming In September

- School !!!
- Religion Study – (Judaism)
- Book Study



First Christian Church Preschool

605 Memorial Boulevard
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Registering Now For Fall 2013

Three and Four Year Old Classes
Handicap Accessible

Call For More Information:
Shelia Bouldin at 921-3969
First Christian Church at 726-2111



Camp And Conference Schedule
July – October 2013

July 28 – August 2 Second Triple Camp
 August 4 - 9 New Covenant
 August 9 – 12 Family Retreat
 October 4 - 6 Fall Work Weekend

COULD I

Could I make it on my own? Through all the storms of life alone. At first blush the world says yes, then comes reality of all the mess.

Self made messes I would proclaim, can I call it by any other name. Accident or coincidence to presume, but that leaves me little wiggle room.

Truth is I'm fooling myself, to think alone like one book on a shelf. There are volumes of instruction in all we meet, on the shelf or highway yes mabe a street.

That street of could I's cannot be driven, without the one whose side was riven. An directions written in letters of red, stain my path to an uncrowded bed.

Yes, life is not a bed of roses, like some would believe or maybe supposes. It cannot be traveled alone, for we're walking in footprints to our heavenly home.

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<i>August Birthdays And Anniversaries</i>			
1	Joyce Robertson Yvonne Robertson	9	Frank Trent
		10	David & Julie Shrader
5	Bill Patteson Stan & Hollie Ferguson	11	Jerry Johnston
		12	Jean Johnson
6	Lee & Tina Blaker C. G. & Eugena Thomas	13	Grace Trent
		22	Greg Robertson
7	Kevin & Lisa White	25	Marlene Martin Carolyn Williams
8	Linda Wilson Nancy & Dennis Martin	27	Buford Williams

SERVING IN August 2013

If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a substitute and contact Ed Tiller at 726-2111 so he will be aware of who is serving.

<p><u>ELDERS</u> Greg Lee Jackie Payne Kevin White, alternate</p>	<p><u>DEACONS</u> Lee Blaker* Allie Riffe Pete Ferguson Sandra Spangler * denotes chairperson of groups</p>	<p><u>DEACONESSES</u> 4th Darlene Payne 11th Jane Garrett 18th Lucinda Hale 27th Debbie Snidow*</p>
<p><u>JUNIOR DEACON</u> Chase Lawson <u>LOCK BUILDING</u> Glen Shrader</p>	<p><u>GREETER</u> 4th Nancy Millirons 11th Peggy Caldwell 18th Robert Trent 25th Glenn Shrader</p>	<p><u>NURSERY</u> 4th Jennifer Crawford 11th Lisa White 18th Chris Trent 25th Hunter Ferguson</p>
<p><u>ACOLYTES</u> 4th Emilie White, Mya Robertson 11th Chase Blaker, Emily Beaver 18th Tyler Wofter, Grace Trent 25th Ty Robertson, Emily Wofter</p>	<p><u>CALLING/VISITATIONS</u> <u>Phone or Personal</u> Glenn Shrader Lucinda Hale Allie Riffe</p>	<p><u>READ SCRIPTURE</u> 4th Brenda Caldwell 11th Jean Johnson 18th Frank Trent 25th Kevin White</p>

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