



The Chalice

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Lectionary

April 3

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

(Sermon: Still Risen)

April 10

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

(Guest Preacher: Rev. Denise Bell)

April 17

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

(Guest Preacher: Rev. Tom Edmondson)

April 24

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

(Youth Sunday)

May 1

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9



Calendar for April

April 1: First Friday—6:00 pm (Family friendly activities. Donations for Relay for Life)

April 4-8: OCS Spring Break

April 10: 4:00 pm Youth Handbell Choir; 5:00 pm Youth Group

April 13: 5:45 pm Community Supper; 6:15 pm Trivia Night by Youth; 7:00 pm Adult Choir

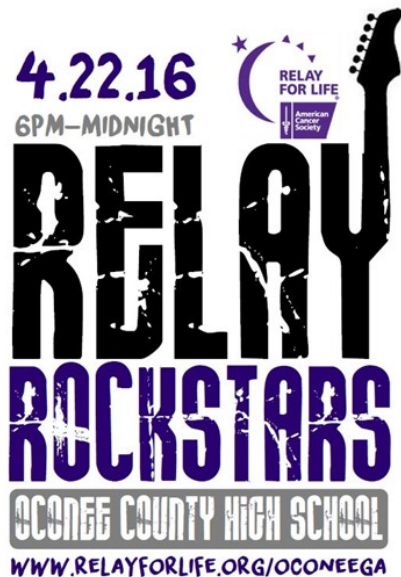
April 17: 4:00 pm Youth Handbell Choir; 5:00 pm Youth Group

April 20: 5:45 pm Spaghetti Supper (6:30 pm Baked Goods Auction: Donations for summer camp scholarships)

April 24: Youth Sunday

April 27: 5:45 pm Community Supper; 6:15 pm Bible Study; 7:00 pm Adult Choir

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT – April 22, 2016



6:00 PM Opening Ceremony & Survivors Lap

10:00 PM Luminary Lighting

12:00 midnight Celebrate the End!

Theme: *“Rock Stars Relay!”*

Our FCCW Team Theme: *“Don’t Stop Believing – ‘Journey – On’”*

Sponsored through the FCCW Outreach Committee

FCC-W Team members needed to walk the track, generate donations, sell raffle tickets, survivors to walk the walk, pray for an end to cancer!

Donate for a Luminary from one of our Youth Group members!

Buy a raffle ticket to win TWO teak wood rocking chairs from one of our Disciple Women members!

Provide a bake good (cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, etc.) to sell at the First Friday-April 1-sponsored by our Young Adult group members!

Take the initiative to provide an activity for the First Friday and ask for a Relay for Life donation to participate!

Pray for the care and healing of all who are dealing with cancer!

Pray in thanksgiving for the survivors who have healed from cancer!

Pray for the intentional end of cancer of any kind!

Camp Christian: Summer Camp 2016

Theme: *“Fearless Faith: Courage in Community”*

Registration forms for campers and counselors and counselors-in-training are available in the FCC-W volunteer workroom. Please fill out your child’s registration form and return it to Amy Baxter, FCC-W Youth Director. **Completed forms are due to Amy by April 3, 2016.**

Junior I	Completed grade: 3rd, 4th, 5th June 6-10
CYF	Completed grade: 10th, 11th, 12th June 13-18
Chi Rho	Completed grade: 6th, 7th June 20-24
Mid High	Completed grade: 8th, 9th June 27-July 2
Junior II	Completed grade: 3rd, 4th, 5th July 18-22
Chrysalis	Completed grade 1st, 2nd July 18-20
Genesis	Kindergarten w/adult 21 or older July 22-24
Counselor-in-training: Completed grade 10th, 11th, 12th	

Camp Oasis **July 5-8**

Junior I & II, Chrysalis **July**

FCC-W congregation financially supports our children and youth going to summer camp. The Youth group and parents also organize designated fundraisers to assist in the support of the registration fees. Designated donations are accepted for this purpose, also. (Just make a note on your check).



Youth Committee

The youth sponsored a family meal after worship and then an Easter Egg Hunt with family activities on March 20

The youth will provide Wednesday Night Supper on April 20th. There will also be a baked goods and gift basket auction this evening for raising camp funds.

Youth Sunday is April 24th, so be sure and attend worship this Sunday to support our young people!

Please get your Camp Christian forms turned in to Mrs. Amy as soon as possible.

If anyone is interested in joining the Youth Committee, we would welcome the additional help! Please contact me at ahunt@sports.uga.edu with any interest.

God Bless!
Ann Hunt

From the Region of GA

A Night Out for Camp

Raised \$13,471.00 for maintenance, \$5,000 for the pool and \$4,395 for the dam. WOW!

Thanks to everyone who helped, donated or purchased! See all the photos from this wonderful event for camp, the food, the auction items, the cakes and the fellowship on the disciples website!



Property Committee News

Property Committee has been working around the Church. Hopefully, you have seen the activity!

- Pastor's office renovation is done. Thank you, Disciples Women, for spearheading this much needed task!
- Secretary's office painted. Window treatments done.
- The Martha Harris Sunday School Room is now a SSR/Conference Room and is getting some new looks!
- Steeple - Siding purchased and working on scheduling of truck to do repair.
- Front flower bed/leak into basement - Work (lots of work) has gone on in digging it out. And JUST IN TIME!!!! THEY are looking very pretty with the new flowers. Thanks to all the back-breaking work that made the grounds look so beautiful
- Sacristy: (Communion Preparation Area) it was approved to begin work on renovating area in the "old" music room to a Sacristy. This work will be scheduled in the next 1-2 months. Communion will then be prepared there (right behind the Sanctuary), instead of downstairs in the Kitchen.
- Other projects being worked on are: redoing "storm drain";



revamping doors for reuse of closets; security issues for visitors (door-viewer), keys (lock-box) & trailer (lock); and considering signage needed for Church.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 18 , 7:00 PM. We would love to have you join us!!

Larry Gunter, Chair

Outreach Committee News

As of his "writing" Outreach Committee and Friends are planning for several events. Mark your calendars.

First Friday Plans for April 1 - Which will be in support RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM - "DON'T STOP BELEVIN' - JOURNEY ON". Set up at 5PM, 6-9 PM. We will have the Bounce House, Cafe Tables, Animal Balloons, Face Painting, Raffle for Rockers, Luminary Forms, and Train Rides.

Oconee American Cancer Society Relay for Life, April Friday, April 22, 6-12 PM, OCHS. The Church is registered (FCC-Watkinsville) on the Relay site. We will have more specific information on the event after we attend a Relay Meeting on April 5. We will send out the details

Two "continuing" ways to support Relay for Life until the day of the Relay are:

1. DISCIPLES WOMEN are sponsoring a RAFFLER FOR ROCKERS. Two teak rocking chairs, 1 ticket for \$2.00, 6 for \$10.00. See one of the DW to purchase, or to get some raffle tickets to sell.
2. YOUTH have luminary forms to sell. \$10.00/EA to purchase IN MEMORY/IN HONOR/IN APPRECIATION.

COMING UP SOON: Main Street Faith Jam - Second Annual - Sunday, May 15 - Mark your Calendars.

Thanks for your support on the Special Offering. The first Sunday of our Easter officering exceeded our Goal. Thanks for your generosity. Come join us at our next meeting, April 18 at 5:30 PM.

Thanks to everyone that is helping with all the events/projects. If you want to help, please contact, Outreach Chair, Pam Gunter



Community Luncheon

April: Watkinsville Memorial Baptist

May: Bishop Baptist

Worship Committee

Quote: "So, in the midst of the world putting Easter away, might we just let it sit for just a little bit more".

The youth choir participated in worship with singing and music.



FCC-W was blessed on Sunday March 6 when six of our youth were baptized. They made this decision during Reverend Sheila's Pastor Class.



Pictured L-R: Lucy Hunt, Emma Baxter, Gregory Bays, Emma Claire Thompson, and Lexi Pritchard.



Lucy Hunt



Emma Baxter



Greggory Bays



Emma Claire Thompson



Lexi Pritchard

Spring has spring. It is a special time of year. While Pastor Sheila is traveling with her family, here's the schedule for the month of April.

April 10: Rev. Denise Bell, Regional Minister, will join us in Worship.

April 17: Rev. Tom Edmondson will share God's word with us that Sunday.

Sunday, April 24 will be Youth Sunday. We look forward to seeing our Youth in ACTION on that day.

Plans for events for the coming months are "in the works". Be sure that AUGUST 14 is marked for HOMECOMING!!

“Grace Grows Here” . . . and Keeps on Growing!!!

FCCW landscaping project is progressing! A group has been working on the flowers around the building: Leo Baker, Bob Bargfrede, Doc Crawford, Larry Gunter, Pam Gunter, Tony Huff, Russell Lee, Wayne McTyre, James Norman, Nancy Watkins.



ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving)

The Annual meeting of ACTS was held on March 16th with 40 people attending. There were 22 of the 29 churches represented. Reports were given for 2015. ACTS provided 2,488 boxes and bags of food to Oconee clients in need. Plus, ACTS provided 383 boxes of food to Seniors to free up their funds for medicines and utility bills. This sums up to 2,871 food distributions to our Oconee families! This ministry of food distributions required over 200,000 items of food for the year!!! These donations come from food drives from churches and donations of money.

Our church is down to work ACTS on April 5th from 9-1. This will be to work with clients and to stock the shelves with food. Please consider volunteering at this time.

Our long time chairman, Reiny Hiss, has tendered his resignation effective at the end of this year. We are looking for someone to fill those BIG shoes. Reiny has carried this group to high levels of which we hope to continue. He will still be there for ACTS but just not in the chairman position.

The Closet Gals which are made up of mostly members of this church have worked hard to keep the closets filled with good gently used clothing and clients can now get two paper grocery bags filled with clothes. In 2015 the Closet Gals worked an estimated 864 hours! Members can always bring good in season clothing or canned goods to the fellowship hall and mark for ACTS.

Thank you to this church for being such a BIG part of ACTS!

Pam Crawford (ACTS Board Member)



Diaconate News

A quarterly Diaconate meeting was held on March 13, 2016 with 9 Diaconate attending. Carol Toney volunteered to send cards during the second quarter (April, May, and June). Thanks to Pam Crawford for serving in this capacity for the first quarter. Connie Peterman will serve as the Diaconate representative on the Endowment Fund Committee. One Diaconate representative is needed to serve on the Pastoral Relations Committee. Please prayerfully consider serving on this committee and contact Karen Finnerty or Max Taylor if feel led to serve in this capacity. Karen and Max have a document provided by Rev. Sheila Hunter that describes the duties, responsibilities, and function of the Pastoral Relations Committee. Please ask to look over this document if you are interested.

Several Diaconate members assisted with Baptisms prior to and throughout the service on March 6. Thanks to Pam Crawford and Tracy Henson for assisting, behind the scenes, with Baptism candidates during the service. Also, thanks to Maria Reese for embroidering the Baptism handkerchiefs used for each candidate. Thanks to Pam Crawford for preparing and presenting a Chalice card from the church to each candidate. Candidates were also presented with a congratulatory card signed by many members of the congregation.

Pam Crawford mailed 7 cards in March to members of the congregation.

Diaconate members will be needed as volunteers on First Friday, April 1st and at Relay for Life on April 22. Please let Pam Gunter, chair of the Outreach Committee, if you can assist with these volunteer opportunities.

Please remember to let Karen Finnerty or Max Taylor know if you provide food for members of the congregation so that we can keep a record of Diaconate service.

Submitted by Karen Finnerty

Diaconate Co-chair

Our Mission

Watkinsville First Christian Church is called to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people. Our mission is to be a compassionate, caring, inclusive congregation seeking unity and striving for harmony

God calls us to serve, guide, teach and witness to all people and to lay a faithful foundation by forgiving others and reconciling our differences while uniting one another in a community of faith

We minister to all ages by using our gifts and talents in a kind, open, honest and loving spirit through our outreach and mission programs.

Our Beliefs

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) does stress freedom and diversity among its members, and we do share some basic beliefs. We affirm the Bible is God's Word, which is a guide for Christian living and faith that it truly reveals God's purpose. We believe in salvation through the grace of God and by faith of the individual.

In our quest to embody Christian unity, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we believe God calls us: *To be a faith, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep spirituality and a passion for justice.* (Micah 6:8)

