



The Chalice

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Heart Shapes – August, 2018

“Sabbath”

We live life these days full of hectic moments, rushing here and there to get everything done. This fast pace bleeds over into times of summer and retirement. When we think we will have more choice in what we do and when we do it, we find that life is just as busy as when our schedules included work routines.

If we are blessed with days off from work, paid vacation weeks, 2 or 3-day weekends or comfortable retirement years, we find ways to fill up the time away with activities to accomplish and more lists to check off. We come back to routines as fatigued as when we left and further behind with stacks of work and lists to catch up? Is vacation really worth it?!

Does any of this sound familiar? How did we get this busy? When will we have more time for our children, grandchildren, friends, self? Not to mention God!

Vacation time, days off from work, weekends and even the notion of retirement gives us periods of predictable time off to escape from work routines. How we use our time off is our choice. And having the ability to choose verses obligation to do is a privilege of life style and a gift earned in the world of working and career. Vacation time, days off from work, weekends and retirement are all important times for health and balance and revival.

In the bible, a different concept is presented: Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. The definition of ‘sabbath’ includes “holy day or days of rest and reflection.” Taking time away from routine with purposeful rest for the body and the mind so that reflection can take place. Allowing sabbath time is part of every faith tradition. Often it is defined as an identified day. For us, we think of Sunday and time for church. The Seventh Day Adventist and in the Jewish faith tradition claims Saturday as their holy day. It is on those named days, there are planned rituals for the community to come together. Those days are important for building community and learning the ways of tradition and discovery of call and purpose. But those designated days may not always present as “sabbath.”

Intentional times of sabbath calls us away to walk the beach and listen to the rhythms of wave and wind. Intentional times of sabbath calls us away to explore the trails of the mountain tops for feast of the eyes on nature. Intentional times of sabbath allows for sitting with family, near and far, and reconnecting at deeper levels of sharing, to soothe the loneliness and the despair of distance. It is a holy time and God is found to be present.

As the seasons change, may each find a time of sabbath – rest and reflection.

Peace for today,
Sheila

Homecoming 2018 at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Watkinsville, GA

9:30 AM – Come to the Gardens for refreshment and friendship with special children's activities

11:00 AM – Worship and Music followed by Feasting with a covered dish lunch downstairs.

A special feature will be the celebration and thanksgiving for the new kitchen facilities.

**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
4th Main Street ~ P.O. Box 287 ~ Watkinsville, Georgia 30677
Homecoming, Sunday ~ August 12, 2018**

“Generations of Generosity and Grace”

Come and join in Homecoming Sunday 2018. Invite your family and friends to join us for this special day. FCCW is celebrating the blessings of time, talent, treasure shared over the generations of faith.

Our guest preacher for the day is

**Reverend Doctor Bruce Barkhauer,
Minister for Faith and Giving**

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Indianapolis, Indiana.



Bruce is knowledgeable and faithful in the acts and theology of stewardship, generosity in faith, and promotes spiritual development in mission and calling. Bruce is personable and engaging and inspiring. Let's celebrate together all that God has blessed us with on our journey of faith and giving and growing in grace!

Sunday, July 22th

8:30 am - Elders Meeting
 10:00 am - Sunday School
 11:00 am - Worship

Monday, July 23rd

2:00 pm - Bible Study
 5:00 - 6:00 pm - TOPS
 6:30 pm - Disciple Women's Meeting at Susan Hansford's home

Tuesday, July 24th

2:00 pm - Support Group

Wednesday, July 25th

6:00 pm - WWW Dinner Group - Pub on Main
 2:00 pm - Constitution Revision Committee

Thursday, July 26th

8:00 pm - Theology Thursday (Young Adults)

Sunday, July 29th

10:00 am - Sunday School
 11:00 am - Worship (Change for Change)
 5:30 pm - "Water Night" with Children & Teens

Monday, July 30th

2:00 pm - Bible Study
 5:00 - 6:00 pm - TOPS

Wednesday, August 1st

School Starts
 7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Saturday, August 4th

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - First Saturday
 5:00 pm - Camp Christian Gala

Sunday, August 5th

10:00 am - Sunday School
 11:00 am - Worship

Monday, August 6th

2:00 pm - Bible Study
 5:00 - 6:00 pm - TOPS

Tuesday, August 7th

8:45 am - 1:15 pm - A.C.T.S.

Wednesday, August 8th

7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Sunday, August 12th - Homecoming

9:30 am - In the Garden
 10:00 am - Sunday School
 11:00 am - Worship
 12:00 pm - Lunch

**Monday, August 13th**

2:00 pm - Bible Study
 5:00 - 6:00 pm - TOPS
 6:00 pm - Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 14th

2:00 pm - Support
 5:00 pm - Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 15th

7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, August 16th

12:00 pm - Community Luncheon, Rays UMC

Friday, August 17th

4:30 - 7:00 pm - Friends Forever

Sunday, August 19th

10:00 am - Sunday School
 11:00 am - Worship
 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Youth Group Starts

Monday, August 20th

2:00 pm - Bible Study
 5:00 - 6:00 pm - TOPS
 6:00 pm - WWW Dinner Group

Tuesday, August 21st

6:00 pm - Youth Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 22nd

5:45 pm - Wednesday night Program
 7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Saturday, August 25th

Regional Stewardship - Macon, GA

Sunday, August 26th

8:30 am - Elders Meeting
 7:00 am - Children, Teens & Family - Church at the Lake
 10:00 am - Sunday School
 11:00 am - Worship

Monday, August 27th

2:00 pm - Bible Study
 5:00 - 6:00 pm - TOPS
 6:30 pm - Disciple Women's Meeting

Tuesday, August 28th

2:00 pm - Support Group
 6:00 pm - Outreach Committee Meeting

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Calendar Highlights:

*July 29 “Water Night” at the church for all youth and children. 5:00pm until 7:00pm.

*Homecoming August 12.

*Friends Forever Friday August 17
This is for our K-5th graders.
4:30-7:00 pm

*Sunday night youth group starting back for the fall August 19. This will be for our Middle and High School age youth on Sunday nights 5:30-7:00 pm.

*Wednesday Night dinner and Bible studies will start back on August 22. We will have two groups planned. One for our Middle and High schoolers and one for K-5th graders.

*Sunday August 26 will be “Church at the Lake” for all children and youth family’s. We will be having church at the Lake House of Pam and Larry Gunter at Lake Clark Hill. More information to come.

WWW Dinner Group took a special Friday night trip to Cabin Creek Bar-B-Q on June 22 to share around table – fun, food and fellowship! It was great evening together before and after the rain.

Our next WWW Dinner adventure is on **Wednesday, July 25** at 6:00 PM. We are going Watkinsville local! Choir is taking a break and it opens a night for trying **out Pub on Main**, Watkinsville. Owner Scott Parrish welcomes us to try their casual dining and great menu (posted on bulletin board across from office). Please call church office to sign in or request a ride. All are welcome!



A few of the dinner group relaxing on the porch at Cabin Creek Bar-B-Que.

First Christian Church, Watkinsville is so fortunate to have Elaine McTyre as church secretary. She is a blessing for our church and minister!

Thank you, Elaine, for the many ways You “do” ministry through our church!



July/August Outreach to our Community

Youth Outreach – In July, Lexi Pritchard along with her adopted lamb "Mathis" paid visits to some special folks. They visited Miss Grace for her birthday and Faye Beth Conine. Bringing a little joy to all!

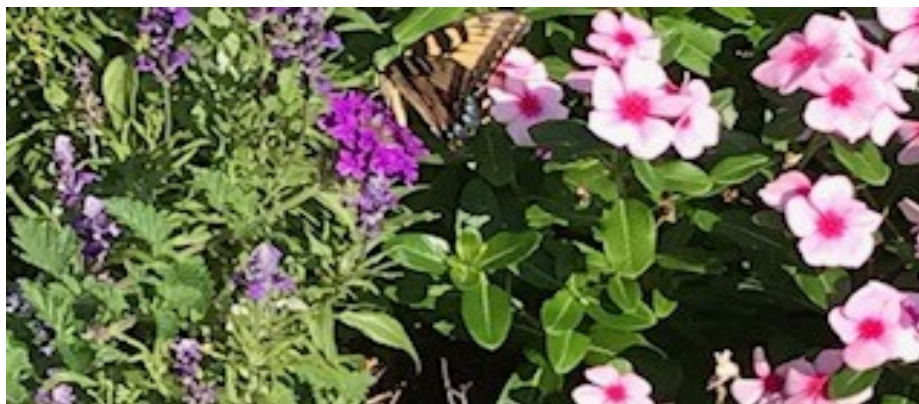


First Saturday 07/09 – We had bubbles and sidewalk chalk and lemonade and bounce house and Kona Ice, Oh My! Thank you to Cindy and Lexi for stepping up and serving our community! So many young families came by. We collected \$106 for Food for Kids.



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Green Chalice Team – Maintaining watering for our garden and urns now that summer heat has set in.
Always Growing in Grace!



Upcoming Opportunities to Serve our Community

Change for Change - Sunday 7/29 – Bring your change for Food for Kids – Oconee

First Saturday – Saturday August 4th 10 am – 12 noon – Provide drinks, bounce house, train, other activities - Donations accepted for Food for Kids – Oconee

A.C.T.S. – Area Churches Together Serving – Tuesday August 7th – 8:45 AM – 1:15 pm
Our day to serve families in need at ACTS

Financial Report May 2018

By Kathy Reising for David Conine, Treasurer

MAY CONTRIBUTIONS	YTD BUDGETED INCOME	YTD ACTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$12,478	\$74,613	\$68,911

MAY EXPENSES	YTD BUDGETED EXPENSE	YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES
\$12,589	\$78,647	\$65,134

YTD CONTRIBUTIONS VS BUDGET	\$ (5,702)
YTD EXPENSES VS BUDGET	\$ (13,513)
YTD CONTRIBUTIONS MINUS EXPENSES	\$ 3,777

GENERAL FUNDS	\$ 29,186
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 32,909
SAVINGS GENERAL FUNDS	\$134,075
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$106,906



Stewardship
a way of life

The kids and youth have had great fun this past month.



Youth car wash

Movie Night



Friends Forever children's group



“Bible Journaling”- a creative approach to engaging the bible. With crayons, colored pencils, scriptures and sketch pad, adults gathered respond to scriptures with pictures drawn. No one needed to be an artist! This reflective time of “doodling” refreshed us and opened new paths for exploration.



Monday’s Study Group enjoys refreshments and feasting on the scriptures! This group is open to all and meets on most Mondays, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM at the church building.

Need a different time to meet during the week, let’s start another group for learning and friendship!





SOUL SHOP FOR THE PUBLIC

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
3:00 - 5:00 P.M.**

**Milledge Avenue Baptist Church,
Athens**

Suicide awareness training for the entire community to address:

- how we think and talk about suicide
- suicide as a community health problem
- steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of suicide

**Register at milledge.org/soulshop or
by calling 706-354-0090 by September 13
No charge**

SOUL SHOP FOR FAITH LEADERS

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Milledge Avenue Baptist Church,
Athens**

Suicide awareness training for lay and professional leaders in faith communities to:

- respond to persons impacted by suicidal desperation, including family & friends
- develop soul-safe communities to decrease the risk of suicide
- change congregational culture around suicide

**Register at milledge.org/soulshop or
by calling 706-354-0090 by September 13
\$10 includes boxed lunch**

If I Have Not Love
(or Ms. Myrtice's Song)

Composed and performed by Bill Hunt-2018



FCCW Parents Night Out was hosted by our Young Adult group members on Saturday, June 30. It was a great time for the kids to enjoy together with activities of sidewalk chalk, bubble-making, ball games, crafts, pizza for supper and popsicles!! We think the parents enjoyed their time away too!



I could be a rich man and I could give it all away.
I could be a wise man, waiting on judgment day.
I could feed the hungry and help the poor.
I could bring the lost ones safe to shore.
I could take in every orphaned child that passes by
my door.
But, if I have not love, what have I to give?

If I have not anything other than to give
my brother but the life I live.
If I have not grace that was given me by my Father
up above, it won't be enough, if I have not love.

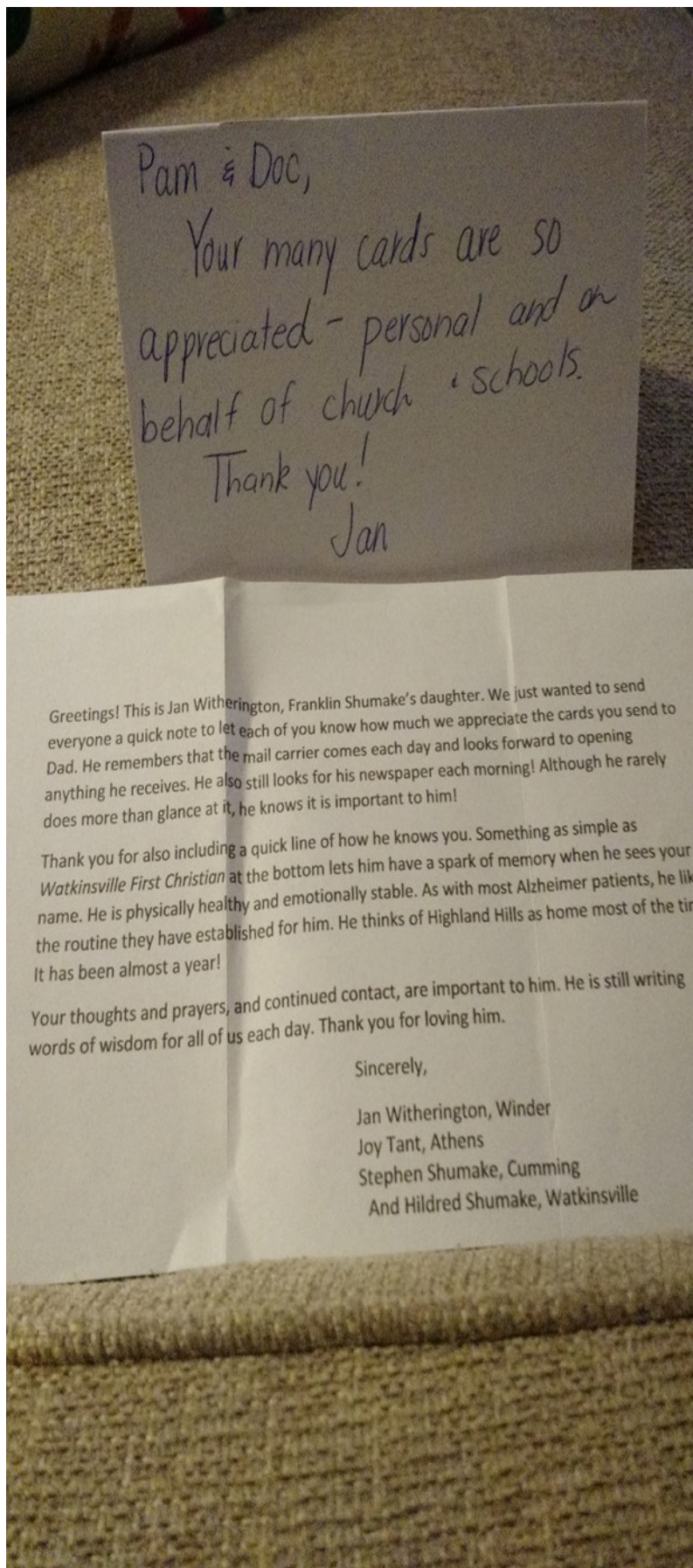
I could write a song that could take your pain away.
I could write a million verses that could get you
through the day.
I could be a poet or a priest.
I could bring you hope and joy and peace.
I could say a prayer or send a card.
But it won't mean a thing, if I have not love.

This is your command to me: Take this life you
have for me.
And, I will lay it down that all the world might see.
Lord help me love my fellow man the way that you
love me.
Cause, if I have not love, what have I to give?



Special Music on July 15 performed by Sam Hunt,
Emma Baxter and Charity Baxter.





Remembering others is a special blessing.



Sandra Lunceford, Cathy Milligan, Ann Smith and Joan Taylor attending Daytona Beach Drive-In Christian Church, July 15, 2018, while on vacation.



Our kitchen renovation volunteers. Donations are being accepted to pay for our new kitchen.

**TODAY, IN CHURCH,
MY PASTOR SAID THIS:**

**if you can trust a puzzle
company to make sure every
piece is in the box to complete
the puzzle, then why can't you
trust God that every piece of
your life is there, too?**

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