



# The Chalice

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
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Watkinsville, GA 30677

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## Wednesday, July 31

10:00 am - 1:00 pm - "Friends Forever"  
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Constitution Revision Committee  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

## Friday, August 2 - August 7

Sheila will be in Portland, Oregon for Memorial Service  
Please contact church office or Elders in case of pastoral emergency

## Sunday, August 4

8:00 am - CMF Breakfast and Meeting  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship  
5:00 pm - Special Choir Rehearsal for Homecoming

## Monday, August 5

2:00 pm - Bible Study

## Tuesday, August 6

9:00 am - 1:00 pm - A.C.T.S.  
(Need 6 FCCW volunteers)  
5:30 pm - Pilot Club

## Wednesday, August 7

School Starts  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

## Sunday, August 11 - Homecoming

9:45 - 10:25 am - Friendship Hour  
10:30 - 10:55 am - Special Music  
11:00 am - Worship  
12:00 pm - Dinner (Potluck)

## Monday, August 12

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

## Wednesday, August 14

7:00 pm - Choir Practice

## Thursday, August 15

12:00 pm - Community Lunch - Rays United Methodist Church

## Sunday, August 18

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

## Monday, August 19

2:00 pm - Bible Study

## Wednesday, August 21

5:45 pm - Community Supper & Study  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

## Thursday, August 22

6:00 pm - WWW Dinner Group - Traveling Hobo

## Saturday, August 24

9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Stewardship Workshop, FCC-Athens

## Sunday, August 25


Church at the lake for youth and families  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship

## Monday, August 26

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

## Wednesday, August 28

5:45 pm - Community Supper & Study  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
4 North Main Street, Watkinsville, Georgia 30677  
Invites YOU to :

Homecoming Sunday—August 11, 2019  
1897—2019

“*\*Many Gifts, One Spirit—  
Generations of Sharing!*”

Our annual event features the music ministry and talents of many who share with voice, instrument and heart their faith.. We give thanks for the talents shared and for the new sound system.

9:45- Refreshments under the tree & music on the front porch.

10:30—Sing-a-long in the sanctuary.

11:00—Worship featuring special selections of music .

12:15-Pot-luck Friendship meal in the fellowship hall.

Come one and all for Homecoming—2019!

Nursery provided for our youngest!



# Worship Report

## INHA

We are excited to announce that Blayne McDonald will be joining our staff (on June 3rd) as our new Service Director/Case Manager! Blayne is originally from Brunswick, Georgia but has lived in Athens on and off for over 6 years. She is a "Double Dawg," having completed two degrees from UGA - a psychology degree in 2015 and a Master's in Social Work in May, 2019. She has several years of experience in the nonprofit sector and most of her research has been focused on poverty, women, social justice, and policy. In her spare time, she enjoys fishing, hiking, kayaking, and walking around downtown Athens. She is excited to join the IHNA team and looks forward to working in the Athens community.

Next week Blayne will be going through orientation with Davin and Collisa. Collisa's last day with IHNA will be June 7th. Beginning June 7th, the [service@ihnathens.org](mailto:service@ihnathens.org) email address will belong exclusively to Blayne.

We have been blessed with Special Music this summer.



## Outreach Report

A mentor can make a positive difference in a child's life. OARC recruits and trains caring adults who enjoy children, respect the challenges of growing up and want to make a positive difference in a child's life. Volunteers are trained, matched and spend time mentoring students in Oconee County Schools K-12.

The Oconee Resource Council recruits and trains caring adults who enjoy children, respect the challenges of growing up, and want to make a positive difference in a child's life. Volunteers are matched with students and spend time mentoring in Oconee County Schools.

If you want to mentor a child in Oconee County Schools, please call us at 706-769-4974, email us at [amanda@oconeeconnection.org](mailto:amanda@oconeeconnection.org).

### Change for Change

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## OONEE MENTOR PROGRAM

Help us reach our goal of \$1000 by bringing your coins (& bills) to church on the 5th Sundays of each month!

June 30, Sept. 29, + Dec. 29

Interested in mentoring a student in the Oconee County School System? Contact Shannon Carnes, Oconee Area Resource Council (OARC) [shannon@oconeeconnection.org](mailto:shannon@oconeeconnection.org) // 706-769-4974

Thank you for your continued support of Change for Change at Watkinsville First Christian Church!

\$254 raised



# Stewardship

If you are interested in or committed to the financial vibrancy of your congregation please join the Christian Church in Georgia for our Stewardship Workshop!



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**faith &  
giving**

## DEVOTED TO GENEROSITY:

FAITHFUL ACTIONS TO SHAPE  
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FEATURING REV. DR BRUCE A BARKHAUER:  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR FAITH & GIVING

Saturday, August 24, 2019

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

at

First Christian Church

268 W Dougherty Street

Athens, GA 30601

Register online today on the events page at  
[www.gadisciples.org](http://www.gadisciples.org). or see your church office for a paper  
registration form.

# CMF

## FCCW CMF makes a difference!

Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF) is the group who welcomes all men to fellowship, food and purpose in projects. The next meeting is on Sunday, August 4 at 8:00 AM at the church fellowship hall. Please come and join in the fellowship and faith.

*AND BTW – Chicken Mull 2019 is coming! Our CMF organizes this all-church fund-raising event that benefits our community of need. Save the date: **December 7, 2019!!***



## Adult Learning

### FCCW Partnership with Athens Tech and Adult Learning Center

Judy Marable, Director of adult learning services, came by the office to say 'thank you' and to celebrate the successful graduation of three adult students. They each had been working at the Adult Learning Center, housed in FCCW Annex, for the last few years. This June, they achieved their goal of earning their high school diplomas.

Judy said, "Thank you to FCCW for providing a space in Oconee County for adults who are working to improve themselves. Without this location and cooperation from FCCW, these three students would have a more difficult time to access services and earn their diplomas."

What a joy and humble experience to be thanked for something so simple to do - - - sharing the resources FCCW has been blessed with. FCCW community connections, local and global.

Thank you, Judy for your service leadership too!





# Vacation Bible School

During this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS), we experienced God's 'Abundance Orchard'. We talked about taking care of what God's given to us; we talked about taking care of the world and all of God's creation. We talked about sharing with others.

During First Saturday festivities, we had several community groups join us to tell us about how they are working in our community to take care of resources, people, and animals. Cindy Pritchard with Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission, also known as KOCBC, shared about how we can reduce litter in our community and how we can recycle and reuse; Amanda Davis with the Oconee Area Resource Council, also known as OARC, talked about the Food for Kids and Mentor program through which folks in our community are being good friends to others; Kim with the Oconee County Animal Shelter talked about how they help animals find good homes. By listening to and talking with these different community groups, we were reminded of ways that we can take care of God's creation and how to share God's love with others.

We also experienced Abundance Orchard through the many people who made VBS a fun time for all involved. We are thankful for our Disciple Women and Christian Men's fellowship groups who provided meals for us. We also appreciate our wonderful youth, young adult, and adult volunteers including but not limited to Sam Hunt, Charity and Emma Baxter, Emma Claire Thompson, Kinsey and Max Patrick, Lexi Pritchard, Marsha Burgess, Jack & Elizabeth Patrick, Adam & Morgan Riley, Eddie Cobb, Bill Hunt, Sheila Hunter, and Jenny Owens. The Christian Education Committee is grateful for the leadership and service of Jenny and Sam Thompson who helped conceptualize, plan, and lead our VBS. Thank you to everyone involved!



We look forward to next year's FCCW VBS – 2020 – May 29, 30, June 1!





# VBS Continued



VBS 2019 Leadership Team – Jenny Thompson, Carrie Norris, and Sam Thompson.



Some of the Young Adult and Teen Volunteers Emma Claire Thompson, Max Patrick, Sam Hunt, Charity Baxter, Emma Baxter



VBS-2019 Tee Shirts for all! This year's tee was blue in color for the sky and the water God creation! Connor and Carrie are all smiles!

Story telling: the Old Testament stories of God's abundance and guidance in love. These stories were shared by our volunteers at VBS and at worship on Sunday morning!!



VBS kicks off with a circle of singing! New and old songs with Elizabeth, Jack and a neighbor friend!

VBS Community project of painting a sign for worship service – "All Are Welcome Here!" Brooklyn used the color pink!





# VBS Concludes with Worship



Old Testament Stories told by Charity Baxter, Emma Baxter, Max Patrick, Emma Clair Thompspon, Sam Hunt, and Kinsey Patrick.



VBS singers with Sam Hunt.



# Faith and Fun-Summer, 2019

FCCW Summer Faith includes our Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders). Summer starts when school ends in May! Our Youth group continued with a variety of times to gather. The first on the list was Bible Study on Creation and Environmental Scavenger Hunt – all in the great outdoors at Harris Shoals Park on a Sunday afternoon! Pizza completed the time together.



Our Youth Group enjoyed times of service to help others and to engage in relationships that shared their faith journey. The FCCW congregation is committed to support and guide our youth. Our budget commitment and our Sunday morning offerings/ tithes invests in experiences that involve children and teens. In thanksgiving for all who give their tithes/offerings to support FCCW programs, in return our children and teens and young adults are sharing their physical abilities, time, talents and hearts with others. Did you know that 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders were volunteers who?

- Shared time and talent at VBS with engaging the kids in songs, storytelling, service project and fun!
- Shared time and talents in our music program with organizing the music folder for easy access and use by the choir!
- Shared time and talents in worship service as liturgists reading scripture, serving as acolytes and bell ringers, and provided story telling skits, played the piano for service music, sang in the choir!
- Shared time and talents as volunteers packing 31 boxes for 29 hungry Oconee families who receive weekly help from Food for Kids- Summer!
- Shared time and talents as volunteers stocking shelves and packing bags at ACTS on the FCCW June Volunteer day!

AND did you know that some of our Youth Group members:

- Shared time and talent as volunteers in nursing homes – leading recreation and reading books to the elderly clients!
- Shared time and talent as volunteers at Camp Christian as Counselors in Training when there were not enough adult counselors!
- Sharing time and talent as members of the Regional Youth Activities Council (YAC) that plans the Youth Assembly in February!

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AND did you know that some of our Youth Group members:

- Compete in horse riding competitions, compete in traveling soccer teams, compete in music competitions, compete in traveling softball teams, compete in cheerleading squads, compete in pistol target shooting, compete in fishing tournaments,
- Practice for piano lessons and recitals, show cows through FFA, show goats and sheep, participate in community/school theater
- Play instruments in several bands, take on leadership roles in local and state organizations, manage study/school requirements, take on part time jobs.

## Camp Christian 2019

FCCW children and teens attended three different weeks of camp. The curriculum was entitled “Peace Works” using scripture stories, as understood from different cultures around the world.

CYF campers (entering 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> grades, graduating seniors) Gregory Bays, Nick Dietz, Noah Smith spent a week that ended with the traditional banquet celebrating the Seniors who graduated from high school. The last worship service included prayers prayed over each person. The boys stated that this was the best camp week that they had!

Chi Rho camp (entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders) included Max Patrick and Matthew Smith. They looked forward to a week of renewed friendships and activities of learning peace making.

The largest group of FCCW campers attended Mid-High Camp for entering 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders: Emma Baxter, Harrison Bennett, Anika Bonds, Lucy Hunt, Kinsey Patrick. When campers arrived at Camp Christian, they were given a tie-dyed tee shirt and placed their hand print on fabric that will become window valences in Lavery Hall. Some of our older kids had the opportunity to become Counselors-In-Training for Camp Oasis. Camp Oasis is a day camp experience for local kids who are recommended by the school system. These day-campers are hosted for four days at Camp Christian. Camp Oasis is an outreach ministry of the Region of Georgia.



FCCW Christian Men Fellowship sent \$880. earned from their ‘grill out’ of hot dogs, brauts, hamburgers on First Saturday in June. CMF donation will assist in special projects needed at the camp grounds. This season a new dock was built and installed at the camp.

FCCW Disciple Women contributed gift baskets for the Camp Gala fundraising event in March. Approximately \$500. Was collected for those donations.



# Wonder Wednesday

“Wonder Wednesday” for Youth Group

Keeping the youth members in the frame of mystery and wonder, we took out bus out for the day! We helped others, helped ourselves to donuts/coffee/conversation. We went to the OCAF exhibition in the old Watkinsville gym and saw the art exhibits and then to the UGA Botanical Gardens before feasting at the Varsity. Our last stop was the bowling alley. We all need practice!



FCCW volunteers – all teens – to pack 31 boxes of food for Families delivered by OARC. First, orientation. Second photo is doing the work by assembly line!

After Dunkin Donuts, then to see the art at the “horse” wall art exhibit at OCAF followed by Botanical Gardens and romping on the trails. We then went to the Varsity.

Bowling at Showtime! And finishing with some interesting teeth from the vending machine! The ‘mystery’ ride was a success!



# Disciple Women

The Disciple Women hosted a church-wide wedding shower for Jessica Brumley and Zack Kammer on Sunday, June 23.



Jessica & her mom, Julie



Jessica & Zack

Coming this Fall...

## Faith Expressions

Sunday School  
for children & youth

**A series of sessions focused on  
art, storytelling/drama, music,  
games, creating, service/mission  
projects, & more!**

We are currently seeking individuals interested in leading or co-leading sessions of this Sunday School series. Those interested in sharing with children & youth this Fall, please contact Carrie Norris or Sheila Hunter.