



The Chalice

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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September Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 1

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

Monday, Sept. 2

Labor Day - Office Closed

Wednesday, Sept. 4

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

Thursday, Sept. 5

10:00 am - Staff Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 7

First Saturday

Sunday, Sept. 8

8:00 am - CMF Breakfast
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
4:00 - 6:00 pm - Youth Group
6:00 pm - Board Meeting

Monday, Sept. 9

2:00 pm - Bible Study

Wednesday, Sept. 11

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - A.C.T.S.
Annual Board Meeting
5:45 pm - Community Supper &
Study
7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, Sept. 12

Family Promise overnight at
Union

Saturday, Sept. 14

11:00 - 4:00 pm - Spiritual
Direction
Family Promise overnight at
Union

Sunday, Sept. 15

10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
4:00 - 6:00 pm - Youth Group

Monday, Sept. 16

2:00 pm - Bible Study
6:00 pm - WWW Dinner Group
- Chops & Hops

Tuesday, Sept. 17

6:00 pm - Outreach Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 18

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

Thursday, Sept. 19

12:00 pm - Community
Luncheon - Briarwood Baptist
Church

Friday, Sept. 20

Cook/McLure Rehearsal Dinner

Saturday, Sept. 21

Regional Meeting
Preparation for Cook/McLure
Wedding
1:30 pm - Cook/McLure
Wedding

Sunday, Sept. 22

8:30 am - Elders Meeting
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
4:00 - 6:00 pm - Youth Group

Monday, Sept. 23

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

Wednesday, Sept. 25

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

Friday, Sept. 27 - Sunday, Sept. 29 - Disciple Women's Regional Retreat

Sunday, Sept. 29

10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship (Change
for Change)
4:00 - 6:00 pm - Youth Group

Monday, Sept. 30

2:00 pm - Bible Study
5:00 pm - Worship Committee

Stewardship



MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT

DEVOTED TO GENEROSITY

Fall is right around the corner and the time farmers prepare to take in the crop. In the WFCC budget however, it is our spring. This is when we evaluate our accomplishments and think about what comes next. Looking back brings pride because we can see the fruit of our efforts. Looking forward we usually see what could be done even better and we envision new, additional things to attempt. Finally, we take on the difficult task of calculating the resources we'll need to support the plans we make.

The Stewardship & Finance Committee coordinates our budget planning and has chosen the name, "Many Gifts, One Spirit" for the 2020 budget development process. We see the "Gifts" as the time, talents, and treasure God has blessed us with. "One Spirit" represents the desire to further God's kingdom on earth and the power of using our combined gifts with singular purpose.

Presently, budget worksheets are being distributed to officers, committee chairs and all who provide budget input. The worksheets provide last year's allocations and the details of prior year spending. During September this information is used to guide planning and develop requests for funding. The budget requests are submitted to Stewardship & Finance by Oct. 1. The S & F committee considers the requests, examines past giving, estimates anticipated future giving and makes recommendations for changes and/or adjustments. These recommendations are forwarded to the Board who prepare a proposed budget which is presented for a vote by the entire congregation at the annual meeting in November.

Our church is blessed with a history of generous giving. Our mission and ministry depend on the gratitude and generosity of each faithful follower of Christ.

Now we ask our individual members to give thought to where YOU stand. If it is our spring, we will need seeds to plant. These seeds are the gifts with which you have been blessed. Our guess is that, like us, your prayers are largely of gratitude for your blessings. May we all be moved to generously share these blessings of our time, talent and treasure and may we continue to be thankful for WFCC and for being able to worship together here.

Stewardship & Finance Committee

Financial Report July 2019

By Kathy Reising for David Conine, Treasurer

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS	YTD CONTRIBUTIONS	YTD BUDGETED CONTRIBUTIONS
\$ 8,659	\$93,530	\$106,172
JULY EXPENSES	YTD EXPENSES	YTD BUDGETED EXPENSES
\$12,345	\$95,991	\$106,328

YTD CONTRIBUTIONS VS BUDGET	\$ -12,642
YTD EXPENSES VS BUDGET	\$ 10,337
YTD CONTRIBUTIONS MINUS EXPENSES	\$ - 2,461

GENERAL FUNDS	\$ 16,417
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 46,230
SAVINGS GENERAL FUNDS	\$151,839
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$119,073



Stewardship Workshop

Region of Ga Stewardship Workshop Inspires

The Stewardship Workshop, sponsored by the Region of Georgia was well attended by FCCW members on Saturday, August 24. The workshop, hosted at FCC-Athens, provided inspiration rooted in biblical understandings of God's call to be stewards of care for our world, our resources, and our self-care. Mary Lillie Watson, FCC Trustee; Ray Watson, chair of FCCW Stewardship and Finance Committee; and committee members, Jimmy Christopher and David Conine, participated in the workshop.

Reverend Bruce Barkhauer, Minister and Director of the Disciples Faith and Giving Center, presented with passion, inspiration and expertise.

We appreciate the support and offering of this workshop by the Region.



Friends Forever

Summer 2019 fun for two sisters at 'Friends Forever' – a first faith fellowship experience for our children 4 years and older. The Riley sisters, Brooklyn and Dawson, enjoyed Blue and Red cupcakes for our treat time! We played outside on the playground. We explored some of the 'tools' used in worship. We practiced being acolytes, as we learned the importance to carry the Light of Christ into the sanctuary. Our next fall 'Friends Forever' is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 4:00 – 6:00 PM.



Fall Men's Rally - Saturday, October 5, 2019

"Revival 2019, Rise Up O' Men of God"

There will be music and devotions.

Check-in opens at 9:30, and the Rally begins at 10:00

Keynote speaker: Rev. Richard Williams, First Christian Church at Lawrenceville

Music: lead by Bob Grant, FCC Griffin and piano by Rev. Will Johnson, FCC Macon There is no charge for the Rally, but a nominal fee (\$8) for lunch, payable at the Rally.

The rally will take place at:

Liberty Christian Church
948 Macedonia Road
Newnan, GA 30263

If you need more information, contact: Roger With Georgia Men's Commission President, withr@bellsouth.net, 678-464-4552

Worship Report



Charity and Emma Baxter sang “What a Beautiful Name It Is” during worship service.

Music Ministry - Hymnals “in Honor” or “in Memory”

An Opportunity to support FCCW Music ministries.

Music is a legacy and practice of our expression as faithful people who worship God. First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a long history of music in our sanctuary, at our fellowship time, when we gather to mourn our loved ones, when our children sing praises, as we learn new ways of being community together, when we welcome the neighbor and the stranger. Music weaves us together as a community of faith. Music touches our hearts in tender places and soothes our souls when we are restless and changing.

We are thankful for the music leaders of the past and of today.

You are invited to donate toward the support of music ministry by contributing to this special fund.

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We have recently purchase additional hymnals. For a \$50.00 donation, a special bookplate will be added to the first page with the recognition of your gift designated - “In Honor of (*the name of your choice*) OR “In Memory of (*the name of your choice*)

Please use the form below to submit your monetary gift. Please return to church via offering plate or church office. Thank you for your support of FCCW Music Ministry.

Music Ministry Donation

For purchase of Hymnal with bookplate:

Amount Shared: \$ _____

Check payable to: FCCW – Music Ministry. submit with information below.

We will notify you when the book plate has been placed in the hymnal.

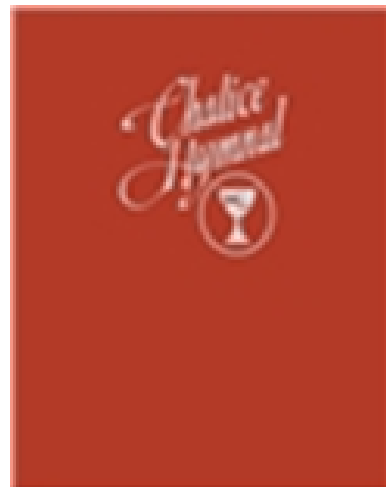
Please print. Fill in one form per hymnal donated.

Given by: (your name or family name)

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

(Forms and envelopes are available in the front entrance.)





Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens has changed its name to **Family Promise of Athens**. Yes, after fifteen years in Athens our name has changed, but our mission remains the same: mobilizing the Athens community to help families without homes to become self-sufficient.

With tremendous transition and program expansion over the past year, the time was right to embrace the more recognizable Family Promise name, shared with the national office and many of their affiliates across the country. We remain committed to our interfaith alliances and practice of hospitality—the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), our original program uniting diverse faith organizations, volunteers and social services to provide shelter and food, will remain Family Promise of Athens’s core program.

Family Promise of Athens’s program expansion includes a new Day Center, new staff, and intensified case management. New programs have also been developed that provide additional help for families experiencing homelessness to achieve their goal of sustainable independence. These programs include an expanded Extended Network and Transitional Housing.

Since opening our doors in 2004, we have served over 660 individuals, including 198 families with 412 children. Our organization has moved the majority of our families into permanent housing or temporary accommodations with a 75% success rate.

FCCW Partners Share with Families

The Family Promise (formerly known as the Interfaith Hospitality Network – IHN) is a program of safety and support for three families who find themselves without a place to live. FCCW is a support partner with Ashford Methodist and host church, Union Christian Church.

Together, we host four weeks per year with our volunteers. FCCW covers two nights of safety by providing shelter at Union CC, two evening meals and snacks and friendly conversation along the way.

Our next time to volunteer is **the week of September 15, 2019**. We volunteer for **Thursday night, September 12** and **Saturday night, September 14**. The sign-up board is located in our church fellowship hall or in the sanctuary. It takes **14** volunteers for the two nights. We have **six** of the fourteen openings filled!! Please consider signing up to share some of your time. Please talk with our congregation’s coordinators, Marsha Burgess or Morgan Riley for information regarding expectations, training and to volunteer!!

WFCC FAMILY PROMISE				
Jobs	Thurs Sept. 12	Friday Sept. 13	Sat Sept. 14	Sun Sept. 15
6:15 – 8:30 AM Driver	X		X	Adam Riley
4p – 7p PM Driver		X		X
5:15 PM – 8:30 P Evening HOSTS	Thurs Sept. 12 1) Jimmy Christopher 2) Gayle Christopher		Sat. Sept. 15 1) 2)	
8:30 P – 7A Overnight HOSTS	Thurs Sept. 12 1) Marsha Burgess 2) Sheila Hunter		Sat. Sept. 15 1) Morgan Riley 2)	

Disciple Women

Our FCCW Disciple Women meet on the Monday evening following the fourth Sunday of each month – a tradition passed down by Mrs. Martha Harris! The fellowship of women gathers around tables to share in light refreshments, deep discussions and purposeful planning for service projects. All women of the church are considered members!

Seven members of DW are planning to attend the Region of GA Disciples Women Retreat on September 27 – 29, 2019.

The next meeting is on Monday, September 23 at 6:30 PM.

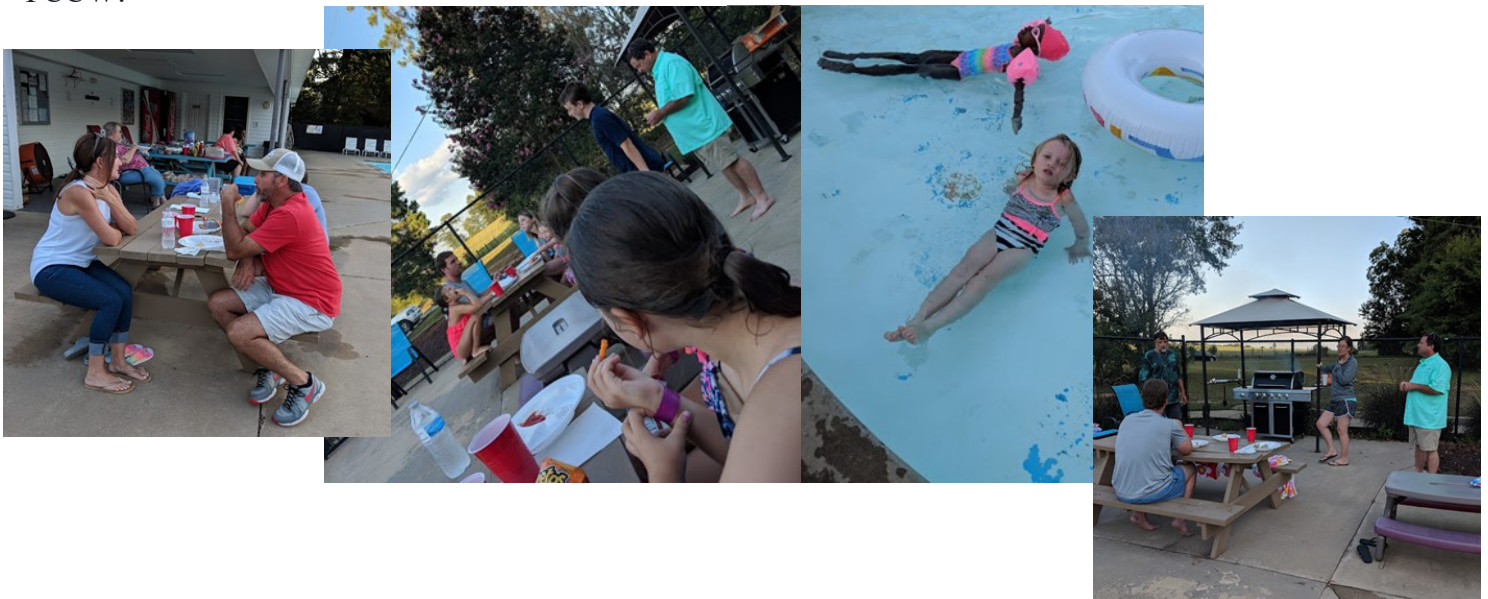


DW's September's Service to Others project is: All-Church Collection for the University of North Georgia- Oconee Food Pantry for students – named Nigel's Nest.
College Students use the food pantry on campus to help with their food and personal needs.

Needed Items include: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Individual Servings of the following: Chef Boyardee, Mac 'n Cheese, Tuna Pouches, Spam (yes, they love it!), Knorr's Pasta Side Pouches, Breakfast Bars, Pop Tarts, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Conditioner, Hygiene Products, School Supplies.
Please bring all donations to our church during the month of September.

Family Summer Fun

A FCCW family pool party was enjoyed by many of our FCCW families and friends. Kids of all ages played in the pool and their parents gathered around tables for conversation. Fun, faith and family go together at FCCW!



Church at the Lake

A Sunday at Clarke-Hill Lake is the perfect way for our children, teens and adults to relax and enjoy the beautiful natural world! FCCW has a long tradition of spending the time together in faith and in fun! On Sunday, August 25, thirty-eight people enjoyed time together. This year three water “vehicles” were used from 10:00 AM until evening! The fishing boat, the larger boat and the pontoon - all took turns touring the lake and pulling adventurous folks on tubes. Some folks enjoy the club swimming pool or played UNO to relax. And a few teens (with parents present!) were courageous and took the “leap of faith” off rock formation into deep waters!

There were even parents attending who could tell their own stories of water games and tube-bouncing behind ‘fast’ boats! Now their children enjoy the water!

Larry and Pam Gunter hosted the event with lots of support from caring adults including Leo Baker, Bob Bargfrede, Doug Baxter, Amy Baxter, Charity Baxter, Jenny Owens, Michael Zacher, Sam Gunter, Cindy Pritchard, Kristin Bays, Carol Bennett, David Smith, Fred Thompson, Amy Thompson, Adam Riley, Morgan Riley, Eddie Cobb.

Our Youth (grades 6th – 12th) start back on Sunday, September 8 at 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at the church. Friends are welcome to join! “Friends Forever” (K-6th graders) is on the schedule for Thursday, September 19 at 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Friends are welcome to this fun and faith afternoon! And then there is always – Sunday School! For all ages on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM! Connect to a group for you!!



Youth Lock-In

FCCW Youth (6th-12th) asked for a 'summer lock-in' And a 'summer lock-in' they got! A great group of kids with some great adults who chaperoned enjoyed a spaghetti supper and a surprise, mystery trip!

They enjoyed arrived at Stars and Stripes where they bowled, played laser tag and finished the night with unlimited video games! When they returned to the church building, midnight games ensued followed by inside games and movies and ice cream! Everyone had a good time!

Fall Youth Group starts back on September 8 at 4:00 PM!! Plan to attend!! And bring friends!!



So Great A Cloud

So great a cloud of witnesses
Surrounding us
Day by day

Though unseen
The saints who've gone before
Are so
Great a cloud
Of witnesses

Guiding
Comforting
Loving
Encouraging us still
Just as they did
In life

So great a cloud of witnesses
Surrounding us
Praying and praising
In the Holy Presence
Of the Father

So great a cloud
Of witnesses
Still...always near
As long as
We remember...
They will always remain

Always surrounding us
Always near
Though unseen....

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Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, (who by faith have testified to the truth of God's absolute faithfulness), stripping off every unnecessary weight and sin which so easily and cleverly entangles us, let us run with endurance and active persistence, the race that is set before us.

