



The Chalice

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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November 2022 Calendar

Wednesday, November 2

5:30 PM – Meal Ministry
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 6 – All Saints Day

Daylight Saving Time ends
10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship
Elder: Cathy Moorehead

Monday, November 7

10:30 AM – Coffee Chat
2:00 PM – Bible Study

Wednesday, November 9

5:30 PM – Meal Ministry
6:00 PM – Supper & Study
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 10

Regional Assembly - Clergy
6:30 PM – Elder's Meeting

Friday, November 11

Regional Assembly
12:00 PM – Evangelism Workshop

Saturday, November 12

Regional Assembly

Sunday, November 13

8:00 AM - CMF Breakfast & Meeting
10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship
Elder: Bill Hunt

Monday, November 14

2:00 PM – Bible Study
6:30 PM – Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 16

5:30 PM – Meal Ministry
6:00 PM – Supper & Study
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 20

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship
12:00 PM – Congregational Meeting
Elder: Mary Lillie Watson

November 20 – 26

Family Promise Week

November 21 – 26

Sheila will be in MN

Wednesday, November 23

No Meal Ministry
No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving – Office Closed

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship
Elder: Rosa Hall

Monday, November 28

10:30 AM – Coffee Chat
2:00 PM – Bible Study
6:30 PM – Disciple Women's Mtg.

Wednesday, November 30

5:30 PM – Meal Ministry
6:00 PM – Supper & Study
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

DW

Disciple Women met on October 24, 2022, with twelve members present.

Nominations are complete as follows for 2023:

Susan Hansford—President

Joan Taylor—Vice President

Rosa Hall—Secretary

Cathy Moorehead—Treasurer

October Towel Project for ACTS was a huge success! Thank you to all who gave towels! Our group donated \$250.00 to purchase new towels and many members brought in more.

Our Regional Director of Women's Ministries will be resigning at the end of the year. Betty Brewer-Calvert is retiring after almost 19 years of service.

Sheila encouraged all members to attend the 170th Regional Assembly at the First Christian Church in Athens on November 11-12.

November Project: We will do a project helping Family Promise. We can pick from the list they provided and turn in by the end of the month.

SHELTER SITE NEEDS

DROP OFF AT THE DAY CENTER (FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH) WEEKDAYS BETWEEN 9 AND 5

- SWIFFER WET PADS
- HEAVY DUTY VACUUM
- LYSOL SPRAY/CLOROX WIPES
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT/DRYER SHEETS
- LARGE TRASH BAGS
- RUBBER GLOVES
- BASKETBALL FOR THE GYM
- SMALL BOOK SHELF FOR KIDS BOOKS
- PLASTIC PLATES, UTENSILS, CUPS

Cathy Milligan had a meaningful program and read a story entitled "Fire Storm" with scripture from Hebrews 2.

Pam Crawford, President

"TRAVEL AND SEE" Looking toward November's Adventure



Join us on November 29th as we venture out to the beautiful ATHENS BOTANICAL GARDENS Winter Wonderlights exhibit.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE.

Please sign up by texting Barbara at 706-207-0625 or use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Tickets are \$15 unless we get more than 20 then they will be \$13.50. Church bus will leave the church at 5:15 pm SHARP.

Correction: The date has been changed to December 1. There are still tickets available if you want to attend.

CMF

When did the chicken mull begin? Most people agree that it began sometime between 1972-1975. The photo is marked 1975.

Homer Hansford came up with the idea for the church to make chicken mull. At first, it was just several pots (maybe 8) for church members and their friends. So many people liked the mull that it developed into a fundraiser for the CMF. Homer also shared the mull idea with other churches that needed to raise funds.

Albert Smith and Ed Harris were the first wood choppers. Later, Leo Baker, Bob Bargfrede, and Russell Lee would cut the wood from Leo's trailer park and then chop it at the church.

Woodson Montgomery would purchase the chicken for the men. They used whole chickens for most of the years and then changed to breasts and thighs to cut down on waste.

The men borrowed pots from everyone they could until they started buying their own. Leo provided the barrels to be used as firepits for the pots to sit on.

The ladies always helped by picking off the chicken before it was ground and added to the pots of broth along with ground onions and ground crackers, along with the special spice blend (don't ask what it is—it's a secret).

During the early years, the men would finish the clean-up by having a bonfire to burn all the chicken boxes and scraps. The men would also enjoy Fred Foster's tea. They never left before making sure the parking lot was cleaned up for church the next day.



Give While You Shop



Did you know Camp Christian and the Christian Church in Georgia has received more than \$1300 this year through their participation in the AmazonSmile program. Learn how easy it is to set this up on your computer or download an app for your phone.

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1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
3. Select your charity
4. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity.

Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app
2. Navigate to the main menu (≡)
3. Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"

BOARD MEETING - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - WATKINSVILLE, GA, 9/12/2022

Present: Rosa Hall Larry Gunter Pam Gunter Tracy Henson
Joan Taylor (C/E) Melba Baker Kathy Reising Bruce Greenwall
Leo Baker Mary Lillie Watson Michelle Greenwall (Diaconate)
Cathy Milligan (Chair-Elect rep.) Sheila Hunter

Chair-Elect Rosa Hall called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.
Elder Chair Mary Lillie Watson gave a devotion and led the Board in communion.

Minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Melba Baker, second by Larry Gunter, the minutes were approved.

The Financial Reports though August, 2022 were presented for the general accounts and the committees by Kathy Reising. She will provide budget information for the past year to the committee chairs to assist them in the budget preparation for the 2023 budget.

Prayer concerns were given; Larry Gunter lifted them in prayer

COMMITTEE REPORTS PRESENTED:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Joan Taylor - Committee sponsored the early meet & greet on Homecoming Sunday on the Front Porch. New Sunday school materials distributed. Considering some evening Bible Study. Advent books will be ordered soon,

EVANGELISM & MEMBERSHIP: MBaker - Committee coordinated the Homecoming Luncheon which was a big success.

OUTREACH: THenson - Reconciliation Offering will be received September 25 - October 23.

PROPERTY: BGreenwall - Plans are to have the annex painted this fall. Stiles Heating and A/C did the semi-annual check-up on our systems, The Copier in the Media Room needed to be replaced. It was replaced at a cost of \$2100.00. Property Committee expects to reimburse funds for this with proceeds from Fall Festival Parking (back lot). Front parking will be for Handicapped. Funds received TBD. Mary Lillie Watson suggested that we look at the bathrooms and the nursery and give these areas some attention - painting and minor face-lifts.

ELDERS: MLWatson - Elders met. We will get out the Advent books to members. Bill Hunt will be the Elder Chair for next year.

DIACONATE: MGreenwall - Meal was provided for the Durden family. There will be a Diaconate meeting this Sunday.

CMF: Met on 9/11 with 8 members present.

DISCIPLES WOMEN: DW met 8/29 with 11 members present. Group voted to pay up to \$400.00 expenses for Cathy Moorehead to attend DW retreat.

TRUSTEES: LBAKER discussed the increase in our insurance. To offset some of this increase, it was a recommendation to increase our deductible (\$1,000 to \$2500.). Coming from the Trustees as a recommendation, board voted to do this. We will also inquire about reason for increase.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

1. Constitution Committee will meet Thursday and continue work.
2. Nominating Committee - names not available tonight. Will go back to Chair for appointments.
3. Proposal for Computer Services (service contracts, new computer) - Sheila Hunter. Current provider is changing service October 1. On our service, it was decided to go with an hourly rate effective October 1 with current contractor, More information is needed for Board to consider what route(s) we need to take long term.

Meeting was adjourned. Then Board was reconvened as Quarterly Employee Relations Committee.

Pam Gunter
Secretary to the Board.

Month Report for September, 2022:

Individuals Drop-in/calls/text Initiated by others.	FCC-W Meetings planned	Fellowship groups	Fellowship /meals invitation of others /Home visit	Pastoral phone call/email text	Hos/ Nursing Home Visits	FCC Education Prep/teach
4/5call/txt 6/3 call 6/10calls 1/10 visit 4/20 calls 6/22 calls 1/22 visit 1/24 call 3/26 calls 4/27 calls 7/28 calls 3/29 calls 3/30 calls	1/7/Athens Micro 1/15/22 constitution 6/Elder 7/duplicating 8/staff 8/Elders 12/staff 12/board 26/Enterpris 25/deacons 29/staff	12/26 coffee chat 26/DW	20/Powell	5/durden 1`3/grief 15/Michael visitation	1/6/ Reising 12/Burges	

Service to others	Worship Services	Other preparation	Regional Events	Continuing Education
7/14/21/28 Wed Meal Ministry	Coordinated worship services and leadership for 4 @ 5 services. 7/14/21/28 Choir	4 @4 Worship Bulletins 1 Board Report Weekly FB Events Movie night promo	13/RA Planning 15/RAExe 19/4C mtg 23/24Disciple Women Retreat	8/22/upgrade Thursday

Highlights:

August, 2022:

1. Homecoming Weekend – August 13-14 – Sat. Coffee Chat and Homecoming Sunday.
2. Doyle Powell Memorial Service – August 6
3. 2 surgeries

July, 2022:

1. Worship led by Elders (July 4), worship preached by Bill Hunt (July 24), worship led by Young Adults (July 31). Guest preachers: Daphne Reilly – July 10, Rev. Orlando Scott- July 17. Elders served as worship leaders.
2. Community Movie night on Friday, July

Dirt Digging, Design, and Reflection

by Nancy Watkins

Life does evolve. Often whatever magically pulls us to, or pushes us away from something, evolves over time. Usually, it just doesn't happen or suddenly appear.

My passion for gardening did just that. It started many decades ago. I was 5ish, living with my Granddaddy. He joyfully tilled the soil. He planted tomatoes, corn, green beans, roses, petunias, and zinnias, which he called Old Maids. I came to think of myself as helping. I would plant petunias in the holes he dug for the tomatoes. I planted roadside weeds where the corn was to be put and on and on and on. At times I would gather hands full of pink rose petals from his prized rose, tossed them in the air to make pink snow. My Granddaddy never scolded me. I am not sure if he wanted me to love planting or if, in his heart, he just saw all those blonde curls, chubby knees and big brown eyes.

As time progressed, I continued seeing the beauty of a planned garden. I saw color, smelled heavenly aromas, and found unusual plants. Then one day, just after my husband and I bought our very first home, a neighbor came by to invite me for coffee and banana bread in her garden. I soon realized the beauty of the garden was the calling card, while the garden's message was one of pausing, being in the moment and purging oneself of concerns of the day.

Mabel became a gardening mentor for me. She was an old-fashioned gardener who had forgotten more than I will ever know about it. Little did she know that through her knowledge and joy of gardening, she encouraged me to explore design.

I learned the elements, the dos and the don'ts of gardening. Lawsy yes, one must keep in mind repetition, pathways should be 4 feet wide, fences, function, texture, and a gazillion other musts. Yes, I learned all that, however each time I settle down to the drafting table, it is Mabel's Garden that is my point of reference. Before the first line is drawn, I think of how to create a place for joy, calmness, and solitude as well as a place for prayer and healing.



Now the day has come. The plan is complete. The plants are on site, the workers are eager to dig, a cooler with Gatorade and water are nearby. I stand aside to allow it to happen. I am in awe of Nature's paint brush that brings into reality what only I have been able to see.

When the day ends, I begin moving empty pots, coolers, and dirty gloves back to the truck. It is then that I look to the Heavens and say, 'What'cha think about that Granddaddy'? After my words to Granddaddy, I then give the plants one last bit of Mabel's very special, very potent verbal fertilizer. I turn to say, 'Grow, dxxx you, Grow!' It worked for Mabel, so why not me. Then and only then do I head home reflecting on another day of soul searching, joy and gratitude. I have been blessed.

My garden blessing began when I was 5 and continues to evolve with each time I step out my door. I check out Granddaddy's rose, his boxwood, Mabel's hydrangeas, my girl scout leader's Lady Banks rose and my Aunt LaVera's forsythia. Although, the gardeners are all gone now, they are still there to soothe an aching heart or to share the joy of the day.

I have come to realize some blessings have thorns while others wrap you in wonderful aromas, sweetness and beauty that can only come from a garden.

