



The Chalice

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Worship Committee

Hydrangeas have been ordered for Easter.

March 26 baptism service for Elizabeth and Ella Tyre was well attended. Welcome ladies.



April 2 was Palm Sunday. Palms were plentiful and beautifully waved during the worship service.



Easter Sunday April 9th: 9:00 AM – Early Service – FCCW Gardens, 9:30 AM – Front Patio – Refreshments and Fellowship, 10:00 AM – Sunday School Classes, 11:00 AM – Sanctuary Service – Easter!

April 16, immediately after worship service, there will be a New Member Reception in the Fellowship Hall.

April 30: Garden Worship Service in our side garden.

Lectionary selections for Worship

April 9

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

April 16

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 23

Acts 2:14s, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 30

Acts 2:43-27
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Calendar

Tuesday, April 4

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – A.C.T.S
Volunteers

Wednesday, April 5

No Meal Ministry
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6

7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday

9:00 AM – Early Service
FCCW Gardens
9:30 AM – Refreshments & Fellowship
Front patio
10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship
Elder: Ann Smith

Monday, April 10

6:30 PM – Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 12

6:00 PM – Choir Supper @ Leo's

Thursday, April 13

6:30 PM – Elder's Meeting

Friday, April 14

6:00 – 10:00 PM – Relay for Life
Oconee Middle School

Sunday, April 16

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship
12:00 Noon – New Member Reception
Elder: Rosa Hall

Monday, April 17

10:30 AM – Coffee Chat

Wednesday, April 19

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

Saturday, April 22

Regional DW Spring Retreat

Sunday, April 23

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship
Elder: Cathy Moorehead

Monday, April 24

6:30 PM – DW meeting

Wednesday, April 26

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

Sunday, April 30

10:00 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship (Change for Change)
Elder: Bill Hunt

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will have a church team for Relay for Life, April 14th at Oconee County Middle School. Donations can be made online at: Oconee/Clarke Relay for Life with the team: First Christian Church, Watkinsville or by giving with regular church offering and memo notation: Relay for Life.

Pledge sheets are still coming in for Camp Christian 60/60 campaign. Donations will be accepted until August.

Our special Easter offerings are going on now as well as volunteering with Family Promise.

60 Celebrating years OF CAMP

We are excited that 2023 will be the 60th year of camps, programming and activities at Camp Christian and we would like to honor this milestone. Some of you may have been at the camp when it was first called "The State Camp", "Camp Gordon", or "Camp Christian" and now named "Camp Christian Conference Center" located in Gordon, Georgia.

Please support the Fundraising Campaign, "Celebrating 60 Years of Camp"

Would you Consider a one-time gift, a gift each month January 2023- August 2023 (8 months) or your own choice?

We want to honor the Vision of camp for the fundraiser.



CAMP CHRISTIAN



Celebration will be in Sept. 2023



Donate:

60 pennies (\$.01)= &.60
60 nickels (\$.05)= \$3.00
60 dimes (\$.10)= \$6.00
60 quarters (\$.25)= \$15.00
60 dollars (\$1.00)= \$60.00
60 Five dollars(\$5.00)= (\$300.00)
60 Ten dollars (\$10.00)= \$600.00
60 Fifteen dollars (\$15.00)=(\$900.00)
60 Twenty dollars(\$20.00)= \$1200.00
60 Twenty five dollars (\$25.00)= \$1500.00



Donations accepted thru August 2023

Thank you for your support for this fundraiser as we work together honoring the milestone and move forward at "The Place to Be in the Heart of Georgia".

✉ If you have questions, contact Pam and Marilyn at campoffice@gadisciples.org
Please make checks to CCin Ga. and memo line(60 for 60-Camp)

I will support the Fundraising Campaign, "Celebrating 60 Years of Camp"

Name _____ Address _____
City/State/Zip _____ Email/phone number _____
A one-Time gift of _____ or I will give monthly for 8 months(beginning January 2023- August 2023) in the amount of _____ to total _____
Other _____

ACTS update: 2022

A total of 1558 families were served in 2022. There was a total of 4869 family members.

ACTS continues to receive donations from Trader Joe's three times each week. They donate good fruits, veggies, breads, and meats.... also eggs.

ACTS is now purchasing all the turkeys and hams we distribute at holidays with Antioch and North Oconee Rotary going 150 Fixings Bags.

A storage building, a floor cleaner machine, and freezer were purchased. Gift cards were purchased from Bell's, Walmart, and Kroger to also help clients purchase gas, etc.

Thank you to Leo and our ladies for volunteering each week.

Annual ACTS Board Meeting Update

ACTS has a total of 493 clients on file with 296 active clients who can come in once per month for food, clothing, and household items.

Currently, ACTS is in good shape financially and the Outreach Committee voted to lower our Church donation but will continue to volunteer because fewer churches are able to serve.

Only 16 churches made donations to ACTS in 2022.

Our Closet ladies worked approximately 864 hours, and most are from FCCW.

Disciples Women

The Disciples Women meet on March 27, 2023. We opened with the DW Prayer with 12 Members present. Refreshments were provided by Sheila Hunter and Connie Wheeler. Marsha Lee provided our Program on Forgiveness. Prayer Concerns were noted, and Ann Smith prayed for those mentioned. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were given and accepted. Pam Crawford suggested our March Projects be a \$250 donation to the Property Committee to help pay for the Church's new stove and another shipment of books to Patti Wagner; both were approved. Pam also suggested our April Projects be a pledge of \$600 for the "60 for 60" for Camp Christian and a donation of \$100 to Relay for Life; both were approved. The meeting was closed with the DW Benediction.

The next DW meeting will be April 24, 2023, at 6:30 PM. All women are invited to join us.

WFCC Board Meeting – February 13, 2023

Members Present: Ann Smith, Rosa Hall, Ray Watson, Pam Crawford, Mary Lillie Watson, Wayne McTyre, Steve Hansford, Bruce Greenwall, Tommy Branch, Cathy Moorehead, Joan Taylor, Gina Hansford, and Rev. Sheila Hunter.

Call to Order: Chair Ann Smith called the meeting to order and provided an opening prayer.

Prayer Concerns: Prayers concerns were shared and uplifted in prayer.

Minutes: On motion by Wayne McTyre and second by Steve Hansford, Minutes of the January 2023 meeting were approved with modifications.

Treasurer's Report: Roger Smith presented the January 31, 2023 Financial Report. On motion by Rosa Hall and second by Pam Crawford, the report was approved as submitted.

Minister's Report: Rev. Sheila Hunter presented her monthly report for January 2023. She noted Youth Assembly is scheduled for the last Sunday in February. Rev. Orlando Scott will be preaching in her absence.

Committee Reports:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Cathy Moorehead reported the Lenten books were delivered and passed out to the congregation.

OUTREACH – Pam Crawford stated the Outreach Committee met on February 8th and discussed the mission and duties of the committee.

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE – Wayne McTyre reported lightbulbs were replaced as needed, supplies were picked up and the banner from the front of the church was removed.

WORSHIP – Mary Lillie Watson said the Lenten Service and Fat Tuesday celebration will be held Wednesday, February 22nd. Palms are being ordered for Palm Sunday.

ELDERS – Ann Smith noted the Elders have discussed Communion service and ways it could be structured.

DEACONS – Bruce Greenwall (reporting for Michelle Greenwall) said the Deacons provided a meal to Doug Baxter's family. The group met on January 22nd and signed up volunteers for the upcoming church services.

DISCIPLE WOMEN – Joan Taylor reported the Disciple Women met on January 23rd. Their January project involved sending books to Patti Wagner and their February project will be to provide cards to the recipients of the Oconee Senior Center's Meals on Wheels.

CMF – Steve Hansford reported the CMF met on February 6th. It was agreed to ask \$75.00 for this year's lawn maintenance contribution. Members were asked to bring a younger person to the next meeting.

Old Business: Chair Ann Smith said the Personnel Committee will be meeting next week. Members of the Committee include Rosa Hall, Mary Lillie Watson, Ray Watson, Bill Hunt and Chair Ann Smith.

New Business: Chair Ann Smith discussed the need to update the video recording equipment. Wayne McTyre, Mary Lillie Watson, Bill Hunt, Rev. Sheila Hunter and Chair Ann Smith will serve as an Audio/Visual Task Force.

It was noted that Committee Chairs should look for at least 3 – 4 members to serve on their respective committees.

Rosa Hall requested information for the Chalice.

Devotion and Communion: Chair Ann Smith provided a devotion, followed by Communion.

Adjournment: Reverend Sheila Hunter delivered a Closing Prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Gina L. Hansford, Board Secretary



2023 Church Board Members

Front Row: Steve Hansford, Gina Hansford, Ann Smith, Rosa Hall

2nd Row: Pam Crawford, Mary Lillie Watson, Joan Taylor

3rd Row: Wayne McTyre, Roger Smith, Bill Hunt, Cathy Moorehead, Michelle Greenwall, Tommy Branch

“Heart Matters”
April 2023
Sheila Hunter, Minister

Easter is known as a “moveable feast” in the Christian calendar year. It floats to different Sundays each year. Jesus was said to rise from the dead on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. Its anniversary depends more on the spring season and the moon than the numerical date on the calendar. In 2023, Easter is on April 9.

The scripture story from John 20: 8 -9 reads as following:

“Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, *and he saw and believed*; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.”

For the early followers of Jesus, the beginning point of their Christian witness was the Easter event. The first ones to the tomb responded to their discovery of mystery. Over and over the disciples shared the story of the early morning experience.

There was something in the story of resurrection and Easter that reached to the deepest parts of their hearts and minds. In the resurrection God gave a miracle of love and forgiveness that brings them to faith and to doubt. It is at the crossroads of both faith and doubt that the disciples grew into being witness and encouragers of the story of God’s love. It was the beginning of sharing the good news!

Do we understand the meaning of Easter?
Do we believe in Easter?

The following may offer some thoughts to help answer the above questions, borrowed from the writings of SALT, an online lectionary commentary:

For those who despair that death-dealing powers have the upper hand: *fear not*. Easter means God ultimately is and will be victorious over the powers of death.

For those who feel isolated and lonely: *fear not*. Easter means we are all together in the risen Body of Christ, even if we’re physically unable to gather.

For those who despair that our guilt is too great for God to forgive *fear not*. Easter means God has cleared all accounts, liberating humanity from shame, reconciling us to God and each other as God’s children.

For those who despair amid pain and anguish: *take heart*. You are not alone: Jesus suffers with you in solidarity and companionship, and Easter means you will rise with him.

For those who despair over a world filled with hate, violence, and scapegoating: *be encouraged*. In Christ’s passion, God has taken the place of the scapegoat to highlight and transform humanity’s violent ways — and Easter means God one day will overcome violence.

Easter is known as a “moveable feast” in the Christian calendar year. For us, Easter means God enters our lives with love and forgiveness.

Peace to you,
Sheila