The Staff of First Christian Church Wishes to all A Merry Christmas
May you have the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope and the Peace of His Love
A Christmas and Always…

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Please update your church directory with the new address for:
Buzz and Dawson Bartholomew
3450 Country Club Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27104
Phone number remains the same

First Christian Church
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
2320 Country Club Rd.
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27104

Return Receipt Requested

December 1
Elder: 9:00—Faye Calder
Elders: 11:00—Jim & Trish Eubanks
Acolyte—Camille Allison, Will Werner
Fellowship Time—Library

December 8
Elders: 9:00—Janice Taylor
Elders: 11:00—Tracy Glenn & Brenda Smith
Acolyte—Nelson Spencer, Austin Hudspeth
Fellowship Time—PINC Women’s Group

December 15
Elder: 10:30—Jim Eubanks & Janice Taylor
Acolyte—Paisley Digiacobbe, Walker Stephen
Fellowship Time—Opportunity Class

December 22
Elder: 9:00—Tracy Glenn
Elders: 11:00—Kathy & Mike Sink
Acolyte—Camille Allison & Will Werner
Fellowship Time—Seekers Class

December 29
Elder: 9:00—Kathy Sink
Elders: 11:00—Paul & Lee Anne West
Acolyte—Nelson Spencer, Austin Hudspeth
Fellowship Time—Mission Sunday

Responsibilities for the Month

Statistical Report for 2013

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Total of Pledges for 2013 — $198,566.00

Deacons for December—Team 2
Lindsey Haddock, Brad Weidemann, Shellie Veschio,
B.J. Carmichael, Bettie Carmichael

Junior Deacons
Emma Allison, Cameron Archer, Joey Beltran, Alyssa
Bledsoe, Lilly Sessions, Jacob West, Makenzie West,
Spencer West, Gabby Shutt
Youthful Information

Wow, what a month! The Youth have been hard at work preparing our annual Christmas play. This year, we will be presenting “Scrooge Revisited: A Dickens of a Sequel!”, which takes place a few years after the events of Charles Dickens’ famous A Christmas Carol when Scrooge still feels there is something more to Christmas beyond his newfound generosity. The play will take place after the Sunday Worship service on December 15th (around 12 noon). Please join us on that day for food, fellowship, and entertainment in support of our talented and dedicated Youth!

In addition to working on the play, the Youth got some time to relax and let loose as we journeyed to Airbound Trampoline Park on November 16th with a group of 14.

Upcoming events in December include a possible trip downtown to help Anthony’s Plot package meals for the homeless and provide them a warm place to stay as we head into the cold winter months as well as an end-of-year Youth pizza party (location and time TBD)! If you would like further information or to get on the Youth email list, please send an email to cbrinker19.23@gmail.com.

Interim Pastor, Bob Parvin

Outreach Updates

In October, eleven of us participated in the Crop Walk, and a total of $1085.00 was donated to help fight world hunger.

Our Backpack partner, Easton Elementary, was very happy to receive the many bags of donated school supplies that were accumulated in our Children’s Sabbath boat. Close to 20 of us attended the Community Thanksgiving Service, and the green beans donated were taken to the service.

Over 30 of the “Angel Stockings” were picked up to purchase gifts for the children of inmates, through Forsyth Prison Ministries. These unwrapped gifts need to be back to the church by Thursday, December 5th.

Watch for the “Angel Tree”, and help make someone’s Christmas special by purchasing a wish list item for those that are struggling this Christmas.
**Prayer Concerns**

**Members Homebound**
- Peebles, Virginia
- Glenn, Mildred
- Leonard, Mary
- McNames, Lyle
- Wommack, Ken
- Tesh, Dorothy
- Herring, Bobby
- Pardue, Faith
- Gledhill, Jim
- Ledwell, Barbara
- Hodge, Millard
- Angel, Gilbert
- Brown, Leona
- Glenn, Lexie

**Church Members**
- Hudspeth, Ben
- Ray Moser
- Bob Matthews
- Sellers, Billy
- Stephen, Paula
- Bob Fox

**Family and Friends of Members**
- Adams, Denise - Mother of Regina Craven
- Barrett, Marybeth - Friend of Kari Allison
- Bierie, Grace - Mother of Paul Bierie
- Bowen, Ronnie - Father of Nada Werner
- Carter, Ron - Family member of the Carmichaels and the Calders
- Chadler, Rob - Friend of Nada Werner
- Crossman, Ginger - Friend of Faye Calder
- Gerardy, Ben - Friend of FCC
- Halford, Steve - Husband of Sue Halford
- Hances, Randy - Father of Thais Black’s friend
- Johnson, Evelyn - Sister of Lou Morris
- Kazmarak, Kaylee - Friend of Shellie Veschio
- Shilling, Elizabeth - Daughter of Anne and Warren Hodges
- Salisbury, Shirley - Mother of David Archer
- Ward, Tommy - Cousin of Thais Black
- Weidemann, Peg - Mother of Brad Weidemann
- Young, Elisabeth - Friend of Kathy and Mike Sink

**Military Service**
- Hance, Drew - nephew of Charlie and Connie Hance
- Brammer, Roger and Family - Friend of Brenda Smith

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**Samaritan Ministries December**

**CRISIS CONTROL**
- Gift of the Month
  - Canned Meat
  - Canola Oil - 24 oz
  - Bib Aprons, Dish Towels
  - Penny Campaign

**CRISIS CONTROL & Samaritan Ministry** are two of the many missions that First Christian Church supports. You can help by adding to your grocery list each month a wish list item, then placing it in the wooden bin just outside the library. **Don’t forget the Penny Campaign!**

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**Poinsettias!**

With the coming of Advent and Christmas, we begin to think of Poinsettias. The Worship Ministry would like to decorate our sanctuary with these beautiful plants for this special time of year. We are giving you the opportunity to purchase these flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of a friend or relative. The cost of each Poinsettia is $12.00. Please include payment with this form.

Make checks payable to First Christian Church. Indicate on the check that the purpose is to purchase Poinsettia(s).

They will be red Poinsettias with green wrap and red bows.

Complete the form below then return the check and form to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

Please turn in your order by **deadline date December 1st**.

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**DWM/CWF Day Group**

The CWF Day Group will meet on Monday, December 16, 2013, in the church library at 3:00 p.m. Claudia Colter continues to lead us in the study of the Parables. Won’t you consider joining us for study and discussion.

Looking for a Christmas gift? Consider purchasing some of the nuts we are selling for our fundraiser.
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December 1st is the beginning of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical church year. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin word *adventus* which means “coming”. There are a number of ways that we will celebrate Advent, the beginning of the new church year, at First Christian Church.

On Sunday, **December 1st at 6:00 p.m.,** we will observe a **“Hanging of the Green”** service **at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.** This will be early enough for children to participate and still be home by bedtime. The service normally lasts about 45 minutes to an hour and it is an opportunity to “get in the spirit of Christmas” by remembering why we decorate the sanctuary in the ways that we do. By candlelight we sing carols, put up our decorations and remember what it is that we are anticipating. It is a great time to invite your friends, family and neighbors to church so that they can share in the festivities. You can invite them to the party in Taylor Hall afterwards, where we will enjoy fellowship with each other while enjoying Christmas treats and cider.

On the third Sunday of Advent, **December 15th,** we have lots of events planned. So that everyone can participate in them, we are changing the schedule for that Sunday. We will have only worship service that day, at **10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary,** which will be festive with lots of poinsettias. The chancel choir will present the cantata **“The Christ Child”,** by C.B. Hawley. Immediately after the service we will enjoy a congregational potluck luncheon in Taylor Hall and after the luncheon the youth of the church will present a Christmas play. And we are expecting a special guest! Please come and bring your favorite holiday dish to celebrate Christmas Dinner with your church family! You should be able to go home no later than 1:30 p.m. if you have other activities planned for that day.

On **Thursday, December 19th,** at **7:00 p.m. in Taylor Hall,** we will once again observe **Blue Christmas.** Some of you have expressed concern that you must be sad to attend the service. Not so! It is a service that acknowledges that while the constant refrain of our culture is that this is the “happiest season of all”, many people do suffer from sadness and depression---for a number of reasons---during this season of the year. But while this service, held on or around the shortest night of the year, does acknowledge this, it affirms that the coming of Jesus, the Christ, is an occasion for great hope and joy, a time for recognizing that the darkness is overcome by the Light. If you know someone who could benefit from this service we urge you to bring them. Or, if you know someone who might need this service but is unable to come to it, why not attend in their place and remember them?

On **Christmas Eve, December 24th,** we will observe two services. The first, geared toward children, is at **6:00 p.m. in Taylor Hall.** **Meeting the Christ Child** is the culmination of the Advent worship services in **Children Worship and Wonder.** We sing carols and hear the Christmas story and for our feast that evening we have gingerbread and cider. Bring your children, your grandchildren, your nieces and nephews and your neighbors’ children---everyone is invited. We have a good many adults who attend!

The second service, a Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, is at **11:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.**