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As I was sitting in the Worship Services at General Assembly in mid-July, it dawned on me, as it probably already has for many of you, that Worship can be a very passive endeavor. What I mean is, the congregation is asked to sit quietly, hands folded neatly in their laps, and to then listen without comment or questions the sermon/lecture that is being presented. There is no time made available for dialogue, for digging deeper into the text or for anything really. We receive, someone else gives, we go on our way home.

I want us at Red Oak to change that Passiveness in Worship and in our lives of faith. So, for the Fall, (September through November) I am calling upon the congregation to write down and to send into the office the Bible passages that have always been difficult to understand or the verses that have made you mad or sad or glad. We will be collecting these texts ideas during the month of August and starting after Labor Day weekend, the following will happen: On Wednesday night, we will read, pray over, and discuss that week's passage. Then on Sunday I will preach that same text using the insights and discussions we had on Wednesday night. I believe this Conversation with the Bible will be helpful to everyone as we get deeper into the Word.

Look up those challenging Bible stories or passages and turn them in and let's start digging deeper into the history and the tradition and the faith we share.



Love,
Pastor Craig



CHOIR NEWS

The Choir will start back up with rehearsals on Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:30 pm. Our first Sunday back in Worship will be on Sept. 10th.

Messages from the Missions Team

The emphasis for the Mission Team this year will be “Believe...Belong...Become”. We chose this because you first have to **believe** that Jesus Christ is your Salvation, then accept HIM as your Lord and Savior to **belong** to the family of God, finally you have to **become** disciples to fulfill his command to go and serve others.

The next Missions meeting will be held September 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP



Community Garden: Every third Saturday starting at 8am, the 3rd Street Community Center is open for volunteers to come and help in the Community Garden, to interact with the 3rd street community, and to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. You don't need special skills you just need to care. Share your caring this month, **August 19th, at the 3rd Street Community Center.**

FEEDING THE HOMELESS: August 23, 2017- Christian Men's Fellowship

Youth News



Hooker Memorial Christian Church and Red Oak are working together to provide Youth Fellowship for ALL our youth (grades K-12). Youth Fellowship is going to be the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Our youth program will resume in September.

Helping Hands Circle



Helping Hands will not meet June, July or August.

Christian Men's Fellowship

CMF will meet on August 12th at 8:00 am at Denny's.

Lunch with the Minister

Lunch with the Minister will continue in September.

Church Board News

Regional News-

The Regional Office in Wilson has been sold to Barton College and the physical office space has been transferred to the Christian Education Building of First Christian Church, Wilson.

Office Relocation Contact Information: The mailing address will stay the same as it currently is P.O. Box 1568, Wilson, NC 27894. The phone numbers will stay as they currently are. 252-291-4047. The email address will stay the same. By the middle of July, we expect the physical address will be changed to 207 Tarboro Street NE, Wilson. If you come to the office, you will need to use the side door. (Follow the signs)

Eldership News

The Elders will meet Sunday morning, August 6th at 8:30 am.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please hold our sisters and brothers in prayer:

Blanche Anti	Willard Kinsaul	Karen Chamberlin
Ed and Joann Cavanaugh	Gloria Boswell	Pattie Mercer (Lou Joyner's daughter)
Shemar Jordan	Grace Pate	Mary Grace O'Brien (daughter of Grace Pate)
Lou Joyner	Mike Rasberry	Ruth Haddock
Al Hedgepeth	Catherine McLean (friend of Sandie Worthington)	
Coye Lewis	Nicole McIntyre	

Cards for Karen Chamberlin can be mailed to 1209 Virginia Avenue, Durham, NC 27705

Year-To-Date Stewardship Report



Let these words from the scriptures guide you as you consider your financial gifts to the church in support of our programs and ministries:

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21.

The following figures are given for your information from **January 1 through July 23, 2017**. Remember, faithful Christian stewardship is **not** based on the Church's need to receive, but upon our need to give as Christ commands.

Total funds needed for 2017 \$ 125,058.00

Received for General Fund..... \$ 72,170.60

For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (II Corinthians 8:9)

Serving in August

ELDERSHIP

Ellie Boyd, Capt.
Marilyn Harris

DIACONATE

Sarah Pittman
Don Jackson
Mary Catherine Jackson
Curtis Gordon

FEED THE HOMELESS

Christian Men's Fellowship

COMMUNION PREPARATION

August 6 - Sarah Pittman
August 13 - Don Jackson
August 20 - Mary Catherine Jackson
August 27 - Curtis Gordon

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sarah Pittman – First Sunday

Scripture Lessons for August 2017

Date	Sermon Title	Lesson
August 6	"Dream a little Dream"	Genesis 28:10-22
August 13	"All is Not What It Seems"	Genesis 29:15-30
August 20	"Dreams Never Stop Coming"	Genesis 32:22-31
August 27	"No One Appreciates a Show-off"	Genesis 37:1-28

August 2017						
◀ July 2017						September 2017 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CRAIG/CATHERINE KIRBY-GROVE	2	3 JEREMY/SHARON O'KONEK	4	5
6 International Friendship Day Elders' Mtg 8:30am DANNY/ANNA GAYLOR	7 KATERI BLAZER GRACE PATE JEREMIAH/KAREN CHAMBERLIN	8 GREG/PAULA MAIN	9	10	11	12 CMF Meeting 8:00 am
13 BRENDA DICKERSON	14 BELINDA LEGGETT	15	16	17	18	19 Third Street Community Gardens
20 DARIN EDLEN	21	22	23 Feed the Homeless 6pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm	24	25 CHAD SINGLETON NANNIE SUE FIELDS	26
27 MIMI DENTON	28	29 TRINITY ROSS	30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm	31 SANDY HAZELTON	Notes:	