

We are a Christ-Centered congregation committed to the authority of the Bible as the inspired Word of God. We follow His Word, which commands us to reach out to all people with the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness and service.

# Christiana Courier

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# **Bible Study on Parables Begins August 12**

Pastor Carl will teach a Bible Study on Select Parables in Luke on Thursday evenings at 6:30 beginning August 12th and ending September 9th. Parables to be studies include:

> Good Samaritan Pharisee and Tax Collector Rich Fool **Great Banquet** Two Debtors

The Bible Study will be held in the Smith Assembly Hall. Bring your Bible, note pad and a writing instrument. An outline of each parable will be provided.

## **Sunday School Rally Day set for** August 29

Rally Day is set for August 29th beginning at 9:15a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with breakfast for all members and guests.

The Rally Day Program will start there at 9:35 a.m. We will honor the 2020-2021 teachers and install the 2021 -2022 teachers during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Teachers give of their time and talent to teach Sunday School and do a superb job. All are encouraged to express thanks, appreciation, and gratitude to our faithful teachers for a job well done!

## **August Scripture Lessons**

### Pentecost 10 B, August 1

Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 145:10-21 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:22-35

### Pentecost 11 B, August 8

1 Kings 19:1-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:17-5:2 John 6:35-51

### Pentecost 12 B, August 15

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14:-18 Psalm 34:12-22 Ephesians 5:6-21 John 6:51-69

### Pentecost 13 B, August 22

Isaiah 29:11-19 Psalm 14 Ephesians 5:22-33 Mark 7:1-13

### Pentecost 14 B, August 29

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 119:129-136 Ephesians 6:1-10 Mark 7:14-23



# Blessing of book bags set

On Sunday August 8, Christiana will have the annual blessing of the book bags. All students and teachers are invited to bring their book bags to worship for a blessing.



### STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

What the World Needs Now

Practicing Christians to cope with life.

Kids stop speaking to parents.

Employees quit, couples divorce, neighbors feud, consumers boycott. Some feel fortunate to be alive.

Turns out what we all need is GOD. Jesus said, "I will always love you." Let's keep in touch; that's what GOD is asking us to do. When was the last time you thanked Jesus for his sacrifice? Whatever stage your life is in right now, Jesus is the answer.

What's your relationship with your neighbor, your co-worker, your family? The answer to all these questions is to plant the seed of stewardship before it's too late. Are you willing to serve GOD as he has served you?

### **August Nursery Attendants**

**Aug. 1** Emily Barnes & Laura Ritchie

Aug. 8 Chris & Katie Sease

Aug. 15 Jason & April Smith

**Aug. 22** Suzanna & Claire Roth-Tubman

**Aug. 29** Tara Beaver & Emily Barnes

### **August Worship Support**

Reader: Mike Keene

**Usher:** Brian Barringer **Greeter:** Jenny Roberts

Communion Assistant: Mike Keene

Sound: Terry Ritchie

Lock Up: Laura Ritchie

Altar Guild: Kathy Haynes

### **July Attendance**

July 4

Worship: 94 Sunday School: 50

July 11

Worship: 89

Sunday School: 50

July 18

Worship: 88

Sunday School: 56

July 25

Worship: 103 Sunday School: 61

# **August Birthdays**

- 1 Harold Morris
- 3 Joy Bernhardt
- 4 Jackson Pryor
- 5 Drew Pethel
- 7 Abby Cozart
- 10 Angie Hayes
- 12 Scott Hayes
- 12 Mike Keene
- 12 Dee Smith
- 14 Henry Holland
- 17 Barbara Crouch
- 18 Diane Smith
- 19 Zelia Frick
- 19 Brian Cross
- 19 Caidee Hawkins

- 20 Claude Lingle, Jr.
- 20 Ben Lyerly
- 21 Rebecca Kepley
- 22 Mike Merrell
- 22 Lindsay Wright
- 25 Louise Crowther
- 25 Marsha Beaver
- 27 Sandra Cross
- 28 Dale Beaver
- 30 Joe Haas





Aug. 1 Becky Morris

Aug. 8 Debbie Eller

Aug. 15 Angie Fleming

Aug. 22 Karen Goodman

Aug. 29 Jenny & Charles Roberts



### Children in the World Need to Be Children of the Word

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

It's August and our children will be going to school. For some it will be their first time in public education. For others it will be going back either to the same school as last year, or maybe it will be their first year in middle school, high school or college. Unless they are

attending a Christian School, we're sending them out into the world and in this day and time that is a scary place.

Parents and grandparents, it is imperative that from early on that we be intentional about rearing our children in the Christian faith, especially in the truth of God's Word. From early on we need to be reading God's Word to them so they can learn about God, but also to instill a love for God's Word in them so they want to read it for themselves when they learn to read. We need to instruct them in prayer and help them develop a prayer life, so that when they face tough times in school they can go to God in prayer. Public prayer may have been taken out of school, but a child's right to pray privately in school has not. Our children need to know they can go to God anytime, anywhere and he will hear and answer them.

As parents, we need to be teaching our children to memorize Scripture, that way when temptations arise they can bring to mind the Word of God. Psalm 119:11 says: *I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you*. This is a great activity for families to do together so that builds faith and a great way to challenge one another to memorize God's Word.

Sunday School, Worship and youth meetings are an integral part of our children's Christian Education. We have parents who do not believe this is necessary for their children, and unfortunately they are the same parents who are not training their children in God's Word at home. Our congregation provides quality Christian Education and training for children of all ages—but our children have to attend to take advantage of it. The day comes, all too soon, when our children leave home and go to college or just go out on their own. Will they be prepared?

Again, unless they attend a Christian College that believes in and teaches the truth of God's Word, they are going to have their faith challenged. State colleges are basically pagan institutions, as are many of the small liberal arts colleges. Professors in these schools take great delight in tearing down a student's faith in Jesus Christ. Our children need to be prepared to withstand such attacks on their faith, *and* to be able to defend their faith.

Their readiness depends on how well we have prepared them. The verse above from Proverbs 22:6 tells us that when we rear our children according to the truth of God's Word, they will not leave the faith in their later years. Every Christian parent's desire should be that our children remain faithful to Jesus Christ and are powerful witnesses all their lives.

Here at Christiana we support our children. We provide Christian Education through Sunday School, Children's sermons, youth meetings, First Communion Classes, and Confirmation Classes. We have Youth Ministry budgeted to help with expenses; we have dedicated adults doing an incredible job of inspiring and teaching our children and parents. We provide scholarships for high school seniors and college students. We even have a blessing of the book bags and pray for our students and teachers. But all of this is meaningless and useless if we as parents and grand-parents are not training our children in the Christian faith.

When we brought our children to the font to be baptized, God in his grace claimed them through the water and Word of Holy Baptism and made them his own. We promised to rear them in the faith, to teach them to know Jesus, to instill in them the importance of weekly Sunday School and worship attendance, to place in their hands God's Word and instruct them in it—all so that they might grow in their faith and make a mighty witness of their Lord Jesus Christ. Since our children are going to be out in the world, they need to be children of the Word.

Pastor Carl

## **Prayer concerns:**

Vaughn Hatley, awaiting pathology report from biopsy of tumor; probable lung cancer

Karen Goodman's brother Reid recovering from brain surgery & infection at WFBMC.

Louise Crowther, shut-in at home due to failing eyesight & balance

Pat Burris, shortness of breath

Mike Carscaddon, chemo treatments working, facing surgery

Mike Keene's cousin, Wendell Thornton, hospice care

Pr. Johnny Boggs, struggling with COVID

Ann Meacham at TOHAR in Virginia Casey Memory Unit

Suzanna Roth-Tubman, seeking employment

Kathie Albright, bone-on-bone knee pain

Woodrow Frick, fractured hip healing nicely

Ron Turbyfill, under Hospice care

Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health



### Our Sympathy is extended to:

Denise Koehn and family at death of her mom Shirley Buckner on July 23



# Mailing and e-mail addresses needed for college students

Christiana supports its college students by keeping them informed of the church's events so they will know they are still an important part of their church family while away in school. Please send mailing and e-mail addresses to the church office ASAP to: christianal@charlotte.twcbc.com

or call 704-279-4655.

### Remember those in nursing homes

**Autumn Care** Joe Haas

**Liberty Commons:** Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab: Cardell Gibson Ann Meacham



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# LCW August meetings

### **Miss Katherine Lyerly Group**

will meet on Tuesday
August 3 at 10:00 a.m.
Jan Pruette is program leader.
Lunch at Breakfast Time

### **Sister Lucille Lyerly Group**

will meet on August 15 immediately following worship for a covered dish pool party at the home of LaVaughn Beaver.



Confirmation Orientation is set for August 29th at 5pm in the Smith Assembly Hall

This is for 8th and 9th graders and their parents.

# American Red Cross Blood Drive Sunday, August 15 12:00 - 4:30 p.m.

If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Denise Koehn at 704-433-4877 to schedule a time.

Walk-ins are welcome Bring a friend!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Union Lutheran Church, thank you for giving us the opportunity to have our youth go on their Mission Trip to Gilbert SC on June 21-27. Eight youth and two adults participated in restoring and renovating homes destroyed by natural as well as economic hardships.

We're honored that you would bless us with your generosity of borrowing your church bus after our church trailer was stolen. Thank you for supporting Union Lutheran

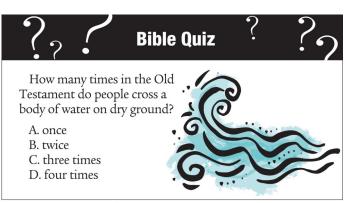
Church in our time of need!
Respectfully,
Genevieve Baker
ULC Staff Support



### **New Address**

New address for Glenn & Sue Wall and Kevin & Susan Holland:

11 Canyon Creek Court Carolina Shores, NC 28467



Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)

### **CRS** plans outing

Christiana Rowdy Seniors will gather for lunch at Cracker Barrel on Thursday, August 12 at noon. All are invited to come together for food and fellowship!





Chancel Choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday, August 25 at 7 p.m.

### **Christiana Lutheran Church Called Council Meeting**

Meeting: Called Council Meeting

Date: Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.

#### **Members Present:**

Jason Smith, President David Preslar, Vice-President

Laura Ritchie, Secretary
Earlene Ritchie
Eddie Eller
Jenny Roberts
Mike Yarbrough
Kevan Barringer

Marlene Pethel

#### Absent:

Jeff FlemingTony HawkinsHarry AgnerTommy MeadeRobbie RobinsonKevin Holland

#### **Items of Business:**

Called Congregational Meeting for July 11<sup>th</sup> notifications have been sent out.

Laura Ritchie to assume Kevin Holland's position as the council secretary for the remainder of his term this year. (Council approved it unanimously)

Jason proposed leaving Kevin Holland's council position on the council open until his term ends this year. (Council approved it unanimously)

Tommy Meade has resigned his position from the church council.

Jason Smith proposed Richard Crouch as his replacement to the council to finish his term. (Council approved it unanimously)

Jason ask the council to reflect on the number of council member positions the council maintains in the future. It has been adjusted in the past. This would need to be discussed at the annual congregational meeting.

**Next Council Meeting:** July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie Council Secretary

### Christiana Council Minutes July 11, 2021

Members Present: Also Present: Absent:

Jason Smith, President Kevan Barringer David Preslar, V Pres. Eddie Eller Tony Hawkins Mike Yarbrough Jenny Roberts Tony Hawkins Robbie Robinson Pastor Carl Haynes Laura Ritchie LaVaughn Beaver

### **Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:**

Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and approved with the following revision: Miss Katherine Lyerly Group and other group are switched. Otherwise approved.

### Treasurer's Report

June income was \$363.14 below budget YTD Income was \$853.05 below budget June Spending was below budget \$2,206.56 YTD Spending is below budget \$31,446.46 Cash on Hand \$64.481.19 (does not include \$

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June contributions for BTB \$1,385.00

### **Committee and Auxiliary Concerns:**

### **Stewardship:**

Discussed giving.

Discussed creating a new door alcove for FH. Will defer to BTB Committee.

Set up the budget meeting for August

Audit for 2019 of accounting was not performed due to Covid. Council approved auditing both 2019 and 2020 this year.

Property Committee: Sidewalks were cleaned. Looks really good.

Social ministry: Finished the Baby Bottle campaign. Little over \$1,000 received

**Evangelism:** Finished the parenting classes. Group wants to continue to meet. 14 Day Love Bible Devotion project should be ready to go soon.

**Nehemiah:** Congregational meeting today to vote on the outdoor cameras.

LCW: Sister Lucille Group gave \$100 to blessing bags.

MKL will meet on the 13<sup>th</sup> and then go to a packing party.

Rowdy Seniors: Still working on plans.

**Bus:** Union Lutheran had their bus stolen and they asked to use our bus. After contacting the executive committee this was approved. They followed all protocols set by Christiana and returned the bus in good condition.

#### **Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters**

NALC is wanting to expand attendance to the Convocation. PC has asked if LaVaughn Beaver can attend as the second lay person for approximately \$1,500. Council approved LaVaughn Beaver.

Discussed reducing number of council members from 15 to 12. After much discussion it was decided to table this for now and prayerfully consider this option.

Annual Fire Ant treatment:

After initial spray Acme Pest Control has had to come back and retreat at least 5 times. It is less expensive to have an annual spray for around \$500. Will get a set amount and plan to budget for this in next year's budget.

Terry Connell is building 5 detailed manger scene figurines. He would like to do a raffle and have the money go to BTB. There was no opposition voiced from council.

Car show was discussed and who may want to lead this.

Devotions for November will be handled by PC.

PC discussed the current method that Council voted on for sending funds to Mwavu Ronald. The Missouri Synod may not be the best options for getting him the funds. PC will look into some other options and bring these back to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer and Acting Secretary

Summer Reading Program using;

# The Oved Bible Project



# Coloring Book & Bevotional

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworth, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

Psalm 19:7-9

Pick up your copy in the Narthex

God's Word (the law of the Lord) refreshes the soul, gives wisdom, gives joy to the heart, enlightens the eyes and endures forever.

Whether you are reading through this for the devotional or drawn to it for the coloring pages, my prayer for you is to bring you into God's Word.

I challenge you to get a Bible and each day highlight the verse found at the top of each pages of the devotional. Rewrite the verse, memorize it, and tuck it into your Bible. Then enjoy a coloring page to continue meditating on the verse.

May you be refreshed and let your heart be nourished and your mind sharpened as you rehearse the truth of the gospel.

Pray this prayer to welcome the Holy Spirit as you go through this devotional.

"I welcome you right now. I pray that you would lead, guide and protect my mind as I study the Word. I pray that you would reveal your truth to me and teach me what you want me to understand. In your name I pray. Amen



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Sunday School 9:15 AM Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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Church Secretary: Ann Teague Email:christianal@charlotte.twcbc.com Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris

Christiana Lutheran Men: Jason Smith Christiana Rowdy Seniors: Jenny Roberts

Chancel Choir Becky Morris, Director Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Choir Kathy Haynes, Director On break

Children's Choirs Becky Morris, Director On break Mailed July 28, 2021



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**To Brighten the Beacon** in memory of Alan Beaver by Cam & Laurie Ritchie, Kevan Barringer, Dale & Marsha Beaver, Doris Ritchie, Frances Peeler, Charles & Jenny Roberts, Betty Weant, Jay & Karen Goodman, Mike & Vickie Keene, Denise & Joe Koehn, Beretsky kids: Dave & Jenny, Charlie & Erin, Max, Evan & Claire

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of David Wilhelm by Mike & Vickie Keene

To Brighten the Beacon in honor of Jason & April Smith by Jay & Karen Goodman

**To Brighten the Beacon** in honor of all those who make Facebook church possible by Mike & Kate Beretsky



To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Steve Kepley by Mike & Vickie Keene

**To Pastor's Discretionary Fund** in memory of Alan Beaver by Vaughn & Betty Hatley, Sheryl Lyerly, Sister Lucille Circle, Madeline Zieverink, Tamara & Jeffery Stenerson, Habitat for Humanity of Rowan, Angie Hayes, Betty Jordan, Kevin & Donna Jordan, Amy & Larry Defee, Matt, Garalyn, Ashlynn & Samuel Eddy

To Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of David Wilhelm by Sheryl Lyerly

**To the Memorial Fund** in memory of Alan Beaver by the families of David, Donald, and Brantley Lyerly, Ernie & Melanie Kirchin, Elliott Mathis, Alan & Teresa McKinney, Kay Abernathy, Bobby Barringer, Diane Bean, Eddie & Debbie Eller, Sonja Taylor & Gary Russell, Vickie Olsen

To the Memorial Fund in memory of Jennie Thomas by Patricia and Kaitlin Christiana Pena

To Thrive Youth in memory of Denise Koehn's mother by LaVaughn Beaver