

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

Carl Haynes, pastor
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BRAVE CAVE/TRUNK OR TREAT SET FOR OCTOBER 29

On Saturday evening Oct. 29 beginning at 5:00pm and going until 8pm, we will have our annual Trunk or Treat Block Party. It will consist of a bonfire and roasting marshmallows, hotdogs, popcorn and drinks, games and of course, Trunk or Treat for the kids.

This year we're adding something different—**Brave Cave!** Brave Cave is a follow-up fall program to the VBS program we had in July. Instead of games, guests will have their pictures made and we will email them out to them. There will be different "Caves" set up for guests to visit and learn something about Jesus and the Christian faith. This will truly be an outreach event to the community. For it to be successful we will need everyone's help. See information inside this newsletter on page 8 as to how you can participate.

Matthew to Receive 1st Communion

On Sunday, October 2nd, during our morning worship Matthew Rowland will receive his First Communion. He has been instructed in the sacrament and is ready to partake of our Lord's body and blood in the bread and wine.



Stewardship Sunday is October 16

Sunday October 16 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, members of Christiana will have an opportunity to make their financial commitment to God for the coming year. This year's theme is under the topic of discipleship. It is a part of the sermon series Pr. Carl will be preaching on during the month of October. Prior to the 16th, a letter will be mailed which will include the Giving Plan Cards. Prayerfully consider how God blesses you and then respond with your First Fruit gift toward the work of ministry in Christ's Church. Fill out the card and bring it with you to worship. Also included in the letter will be a Time and Talent sheet for you to fill out, listing the ways you would like to use your God-given talents and abilities to serve the Lord. Most importantly, be in prayer about all of this, that you might give and serve where the Lord is calling you.

THRIVE



- ◆ Thrive Lounge open every Sunday from 9:00-9:15
- ◆ Oct. 2 @ 9:15 Thrive kids will practice opportunities to serve during worship services
- ◆ Oct. 9 @ 3:00 Thrive will head to Holy Trinity to compete in festival-style games for a chance to win the Martin Luther bobble head trophy for 2016. Wear Reformation RED. Hot dogs will be served.
- ◆ Oct. 16 Thrive meets following church for lunch and to distribute *Trick or Treat So Others May Eat* bags to a local neighborhood. Bring \$5 for lunch.
- ◆ Oct. 16 Confirmation at 2:30 or when the youth return from handing out bags.
- ◆ Oct. 23 Thrive@5
- ◆ Oct. 29 Brave Cave Trunk or Treat



THRIVE Tutoring
Tuesdays & Thursdays 4-5 pm
Fellowship Hall

Those Who Serve in October

Nursery Attendants
Oct. 2 Wendi & Caylee Hawkins
Oct. 9 April Smith & K Swicegood
Oct. 16 Joe & Denise Koehn
Oct. 23 Chris & Katie Sease
Oct. 30 R Honeycutt & L Kluttz

Children's Sermon Part 2
Oct. 2 Jason & April Smith
Oct. 9 L Scott & M Riddle
Oct. 16 B Barnhardt & youth
Oct. 23 K Haynes & K Goodman
Oct. 30 Wendi & Caylee Hawkins

Offering Counters
Oct. 2 Laurie & Cam Ritchie
Oct. 9 Marsha & Dale Beaver
Oct. 16 R Crouch & E Eller
Oct. 23 D Smith & K Goodman
Oct. 30 M Zieverink & L Haynes

October Birthdays

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| 1 Ron Smith | 19 Oliver Shank |
| 2 Jay Goodman | 20 Linda Connell |
| 2 Matthew Roberts | 22 Terry Connell |
| 3 Dennis Pethel | 24 Christian Eller |
| 6 Betty Rose Witty | 24 Emma Shank |
| 9 Mark Albright | 24 Cynthia Lingle |
| 12 Janice Holshouser | 24 Caylee Hawkins |
| 12 Brian Barringer | 24 Kathie Albright |
| 13 Becky Preslar | 26 Pauline Lyerly |
| 14 Libby Cozart | 26 Banks Kluttz |
| 15 Jeff Yost | 26 Kay Abernathy |
| 16 Rufus Thompson | |
| 17 Kevan Barringer | |



Happy
Birthday!

October Altar Flowers

- Oct. 2** Charles Shank
- Oct. 9** Jim & Linda Duncan
- Oct. 16** New Life Bible Class
- Oct. 23** Chris Sease
- Oct. 30** Ron & Wanda Smith





Discipleship as a Wheel

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

We are dead. That is our old sinful nature. We died in Christ when we were baptized. Our old sinful nature was drowned and what Jesus did on the cross, namely paid for our sin, was applied to us. So Paul says in the verse above, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”

As disciples of Christ, when people see us they should see Jesus. If he lives in us, then it should be evident. Think of our life in Christ as a wagon wheel. In the center is the hub. Connected to the hub are the spokes which are held in place by the outer rim. The hub is Christ, the spokes are different aspects of our life as a disciple: Prayer, Word, Witnessing, Fellowship, Stewardship and Service.

When the wheel turns, we do not see the individual spokes, only the hub. It is the same in our life as a disciple—our goal is for the Holy Spirit to transform our lives in Christ’s likeness so that He is preeminent in our lives. The visible hub (Christ) is the driving force behind the wheel’s movement. When we realize all that Christ has done for us we are moved to give and live our lives to and for Him. When Jesus is Lord of our lives we are engaged in Christ’s body the Church and our lives are moved to pray to God, to read and study His Word, to give of our income as He has blessed us, to be in fellowship with His people, to witness of our faith by telling others what Jesus has done for us and can do for them and to serve others by helping to supply their daily needs.

All of this is held in place by our lives lived in obedience to Jesus’ commands. And we do these things, not because we have to, but because we want to. We are so appreciative of what Jesus has done and is doing for us that we want to love Him and do what He wants us to do.

Jesus tells us in John 14:15-17 (ESV) *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*

Do you love Jesus? Then it will be evident in your living your life in obedience to Jesus’ commands—the main one being to love one another as He has loved us. This way people will know we are His disciples. (John 13:35) The main thing however, is that we do not confuse the means with the end. Perfecting our witness, improving our prayer life, etc. is not the end. The end is knowing Christ as Lord. Our means to get there is through reading God’s Word, prayer, witnessing, serving, giving, etc. But again, our goal is not to perfect the means, but to know Christ.

To help us better understand this I am going to be preaching a sermon series on Discipleship as a Wheel during the month of October. I want to encourage you to bring your Bible and a note pad to take notes with on the sermons. This will help you to retain what I say and what you hear. This will also help you grow in your use of God’s Word.

The schedule is as follows:

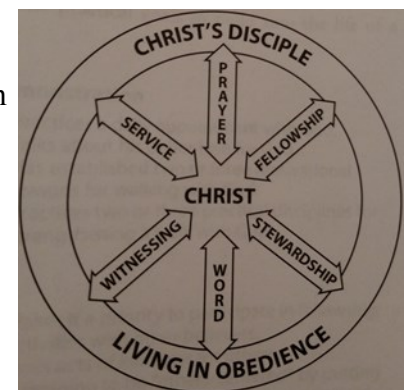
October 2 –Discipleship as a Wheel

October 9 – Prayer & The Word

October 16 – Stewardship & Service

October 23 - Fellowship & Witnessing

October 30 – Christ the Hub



Thank you so much for the meal that was provided for our family after our mother's funeral.
Randy Kluttz & family

Dear Christiana Friends,
To say that the surprise naming opportunity of Smith Assembly Hall on Sunday, Aug. 28 at the dedication and celebration of Phase I of Christiana's Brighten the Beacon project was overwhelming for us would be a huge understatement.
Although Janis and I do not feel we deserve or want any recognition for helping with this campaign, please know that we will never be able to adequately express our most sincere thanks and appreciation for this tremendous honor.
As we all agree, our special thanks for this wonderful blessing to Christiana must go first to the Glory of God and to all the many members of the church who helped to make it possible. We know that with God, all things are possible. May God always bless Christiana and our congregation!
Ronnie & Janis Smith

Thank You Notes

Car Show set for Nov. 5

The 4th Annual Car Show will be November 5. This event is rapidly becoming one of the outstanding events at our church.

We are reaching out to the community as well as our own members. This is a great time for fellowship and to show the community what a great church we are!

The Sunday School classes, women's circles and individuals will provide raffle baskets.

Barbecue chicken, hot dogs and drinks will be available.

Please support this project! You can help us that day or buy items. All profits will go to the All Purpose Shelter.

Most important of all is YOU. Please attend this event and make Christiana proud.

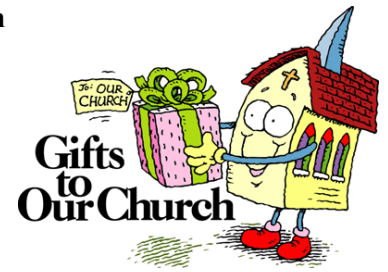
Brighten the Beacon
Dreams do come true

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Do we have the courage to make it happen?

To Brighten the Beacon

In memory of Jim Kluttz
by Mike & Kate
Beretsky, Charles &
Jenny Roberts,
Elvin & Kay Clapp,
GQHS Class of '55,
Douglas & Jayne Lingle



In memory of Nancy
Fisher by Dale & Marsha Beaver, Mike & Vickie Keene,
Larry Corl

In memory of C P Fisher by Doris Ritchie

In memory of Carr Peeler by Bill & Reggie Hardister

Service for the Blessing of the Animals will be

Oct. 2

On Sunday, October 2 at 4:00pm
Pastor Carl will conduct a service
for the blessing of the animals.
This service is open to anyone
with a pet.

Dogs, goats, sheep, horses must
be on a leash, cats should be in a pet carrier. Snakes and
mice, guinea pigs and such should be caged.
The service will take place outside in the grassy area in
the circle drive behind the church.



Congregational Concerns



Genesis: Carolyn Barringer Corl

Liberty Commons: Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab: Katherine
Lyerly

Autumn Care: Naomi Cates

NC State Veterans Home: Claude Lyerly, Gib Russell

The Meadows of Rockwell: Pat Ramsey

Carillon Assisted Living: Pauline Lyerly

Brookdale Assisted Living: Juanita Hovis

Gordon Conwell Reformation Conference, October 27 REGISTRATION

Register and Pay online at:

<https://my.gordonconwell.edu/charlotte/mcdaniel-conference-registration>

Or send in this form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Workshop 1: _____
(indicate A, B, or C)

Workshop 2: _____
(indicate A, B, or C)

Please send this completed registration form and registration fee of \$75.00 to:

The Rev. Dr. Mary B. Havens
14542 Choate Circle
Charlotte, NC 28273

Checks should be made out to:
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Memo line: **McDaniel Conference**

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 20



October Scripture Lessons

Sermon Series on Discipleship

October 2: Christ's Disciple Living in Obedience

Exodus 19:3b-8

Psalm 119:1-8

Romans 3:19-26

John 15:7-17

October 9: Christ's Disciple in Prayer and the Word

Philippians 4:6-7

Psalm 119:9-6

2 Timothy 3:16-17

John 16:13-15, 23-24

October 16: Christ's Disciple and Stewardship

Exodus 35:4-8, 36:3-7

Psalm 145:1-8

1Tim. 6:6-19

Luke 19:1-10

October 23: Christ's Disciple in Fellowship and Witnessing

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 133:1-3

Hebrews 10:19-23

Matthew 4:18-22

October 30: Christ's Disciple Reformed into Christ

Romans 12:1-3

Psalm 46:1-7

Galatians 2:20; 5:16-25

John 8:31-36

Lutheran Church Women Group #1 LCW

will meet on Tuesday
October 4 at 10:00 AM
with Harriet Lyerly and Wanda Smith,
program leaders.
Lunch at Capriano's

Sister Lucille LCW

will meet on Tuesday Oct. 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the
Smith Assembly Hall
with Michelle Yost, hostess
Karen Goodman, program leader

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Return Service Requested

Mailed Sept. 21, 2016

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

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Council Vice-President: Jeff Fleming
Council Secretary: Bruce Wilhelm

Church Secretary: Ann Teague
Email: christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com
Church Treasurer: Dale Beaver
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris
Youth Director: Brittney Barnhardt

Lutheran Church Women: Sue Wall
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
Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Children's Choirs
Becky Morris, Director
Sunday afternoons; times & days vary



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Congregational Prayer Concerns

Clarence Bostian, in ICU at NHRMC, critical condition. Pat Ramsey, back at the Meadows taking rehab therapy. Becky Preslar's mom, Ruby Peck, Lutheran Home, Albemarle, recovering from broken hip & wrist. Joyce Ketchie's daughter Tonya recovering from brain surgery to remove cancerous tumor. Charles & Jenny Roberts' friend, Sandy Moldovon, injuries from fall. Patti Boles, Cushing's disease. LaVaughn Beaver's husband Alan, renal dialysis. TJ Woods' friend Brandon Gullett, 11, recovering at home from injuries sustained in a fall. Katherine Lyerly, fractured pelvis; recovering at Trinity Oaks Nursing and Rehab. April Smith's brother, Chase Deal, continues to improve and gain strength. Dee Smith, at home, on oxygen. Linda Connell's co-worker, Michael Socorro, paralyzed in motorcycle accident. Denise Koehn's friend Sandy Morris, stage 3 breast cancer. Pauline Lyerly, Carillon, rm. C13. Gloria Cross, kidney issues. Marsha & Dale's friend, Gail Reynolds, stage 3 pancreatic cancer. Miles Rhodes, prostate cancer. Ann & Bill Meacham in poor health.



Congratulations to K.C. and Ashley Coffey at the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie.

Learn about Community Care Clinic on Nov. 1

On November 1, at 7:00 pm the Sister Lucille Circle will host a church-wide gathering for the purpose of learning about Salisbury/Rowan County's Community Care Clinic. Mrs. Christa Woolly, Executive Director of the Clinic, will be the guest speaker and will provide information on the Mission of the Community Care Clinic, how to become a patient, how to volunteer, and the physical needs of the Clinic.

The Mission of the Community Care Clinic is:

To provide primary medical and dental care as well as prescription medications to qualified under-served and uninsured adults in Rowan County. The only requirement to be a volunteer is a Caring Heart and a desire to serve.



Below is a listed of the needs of the Community Care Clinic:

- Volunteers: people who can commit to one day/half day a week
- Office supplies: Copy paper, Ink pens, File folders, etc. (Could use gift cards to Staples to purchase printer ink and paper)
- Household supplies/cleaning supplies: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Windex, Dishwasher Liquid, Liquid Hand Soap, Clorox Wipes, Lysol Spray, Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- Diabetic supplies: Small cans of juice (orange, pineapple), Peanut Butter Crackers, Sugar Packets, Brown Lunch Bags, Snack Size Baggies
- Larger Project Needs: (ideal for a community organization to completed)
- Contact the clinic for additional details

AmazonSmile Program

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our non-profit organization.

Reformation Conference at Gordon Conwell set for Oct. 27

This year The Michael C.D. McDaniel Center for Theology Reformation Conference will be very different. It has been expanded to offer workshops in the morning, lunch, lectures in the afternoon, dinner on site and closing worship with Holy Communion, also on site. There will be no traveling to another church for meal and worship or having to deal with rush-hour Charlotte traffic!

It all begins with Registration at 9am at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Worship follows at 9:30am. Workshops are at 10am and 11:15am. The workshops include: "Planting the Church" by the Rev. Gemechis Buba, Missions Director for the NALC; Worship/Music ADVENTures led by Candice Johnson and Beth Alford, musicians at St. Timothy's Lutheran in Goose Creek, SC; and "Advent Preaching" led by The Rev. Scott Suskovic, of Christ's Lutheran, Charlotte. Lunch is at 12:30pm. At 1:30pm the Lectures begin. Dr. Carl Braaten is first, followed by The Rev. Lance Henderson, GCTS DMin Candidate. Informal Discussion follows at 4:30pm. Dinner is at 5pm and the Reformation Worship Service is at 6pm. The Rev. Gemechis Buba is the preacher.

The cost for all this, including lunch and dinner is only \$75. Pastor Carl will be there and will be glad to provide transportation for up to six people who would like to ride with him. He'll be leaving the parsonage at 7:30am and returning following the worship service. You can register and pay online at the link below. Or you may use the registration form found on page 5 of this newsletter. The deadline is October 20.

<https://my.gordonconwell.edu/charlotte/mcdaniel-conference-registration>

**Christiana Lutheran Church
Council Minutes September 11, 2016**

Members Present: Laurie Ritchie (President), Bruce Wilhelm (Secretary), Pastor Carl Haynes, Jason Smith, Richard Crouch, Robbie Robinson, Glenn Wall, Jenny Roberts, Madeline Zieverink, Leanne Kluttz, Banks Kluttz, Charlotte Pacilio and J. Wood,

Members Absent: Jeff Fleming, Harold Morris, Joe Koehn

Also Present: Dale Beaver (Treasurer), Brittney Barnhardt (Youth Director), Cam Ritchie (Stewardship Committee Chairman)

Invocation: Pastor Carl Haynes

Prayer of Blessing: Council members in unison.

Council Business

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals

August 14, 2016 council minutes were approved as submitted.
Financial Report for August, 2016 was approved as submitted.
Pastor and Youth Director Reports were accepted as submitted.

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters

Member Transfer Requests

Membership transfer requests were approved for the following: Tommy Stoner, Rick Roper, Jeremy Cross and Barbara Crouch.

Christiana Rowdy Seniors

The Rowdy Seniors group will be going on a day trip to Shatley Springs for dinner. 23 individuals have already signed up for this trip.

Property Committee Report

Jason Smith, Chairman of the Property Committee reported the following items:

Several gutters on the church need to be cleaned out and have caused water problems. The gutters will be cleaned and the installation of “gutter guards” will be investigated.

Well water filter problems were reported at the parsonage. This will also be looked into and repaired if necessary.

A closet in the women’s Sunday school classroom was reported to be damp and wet with the possible presence of mold. The closet will be cleaned out and the carpet cleaned and dried to see if that helps with the odor problems.

A request was made to spend \$400 for a “dog house” enclosure to protect the newly installed audio and video control equipment from unauthorized use and damage. A motion was made and approved by voice vote.

Stewardship Committee Report – 2017 Proposed Budget

Cam Ritchie, Stewardship Committee Chairman presented the proposed 2017 budget that had been developed and approved by the Stewardship Committee at the recent annual budget workshop. See attached proposed budget for more information and details.

Madeline Zieverink informed Council that the waterproofing fund account has an average daily balance of over \$19,000. She brought a recommendation from the Stewardship committee to move \$10,000 of this fund over to the building and property maintenance fund. That would leave \$9,000 in the waterproofing fund. This came as a motion to Council from the Stewardship Committee. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote. This will be sent back to the Stewardship Committee who will revise the budget proposal and come back to Council with a final, revised budget in October. Once approved by Council, the proposed 2017 budget will then go to the congregation for a vote in November.

Brighten the Beacon

Richard Crouch, Brighten the Beacon Committee Chairman, informed Council of the results of the recent congregation poll regarding the next phase of the Master Plan project. Architect Bill Burgin is working on a possible 4th option that would incorporate an outdoor shelter/pavilion with a new fellowship hall in one structure. Bill Burgin will provide drawings of this new option at no cost to the church. This new option, along with the results of the recent poll will be presented to the congregation in the near future.

Wall of Faith

As part of the recent basement renovation project (Smith Assembly Hall) a wall of faith (wall of crosses) will be created on the wall near the sound control booth. A motion to proceed with this project was presented, seconded and approved by Council. More details on this project will be available in the near future.

Bible Study – “Growing in Christ”

Next Council Meeting: October 9, 2016 at 7:30am

Church Lock up: October - Harold Morris: November – Charlotte Pacillio

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Wilhelm
Council Secretary



BRAVE CAVE TRUNK OR TREAT 2016

Saturday, October 29

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Yes, I want to help with Brave Cave/Trunk or Treat. I have checked off how I can help.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

___ **Time:** ___ set up (1:30 pm)
 ___ clean up (8:00 pm)

___ 2 Liter Soft Drinks *

___ Trunk for Trunk or Treat

___ Candy *

___ Cave Guide ___ Marshmallows *

___ Cave Guide

___ Money for Popcorn, Paper Products, Candy, etc

* Place in box in narthex or place in offering plate



We All Are One In Mission: Carolina's Mission Network

*"But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body."
1 Corinthians 12:18-20*

This passage is plucked from the middle of Paul's explanation of Spiritual Gifts and our life as a church together. Paul pulls out this image of a body and reminds everyone that we are one body, united in Christ, designed by God to build up the people of God (the church), so that they may point unbelievers to Him (see 14:26).

One of the unique and wonderful things about the NALC is that mission is personal. Everyone is in mission, and mission partnerships are not just about sending checks. It is about active and intentional relationships. We cannot know how to give if there is not intentional communication. That is why the Carolinas Mission Network is being created. The network will provide a monthly mission focused article and a list of prayer requests and mission partnering opportunities from around the mission district. These opportunities are for individuals, small groups, mission teams, and entire congregations to consider and support. Please include these prayer requests in your daily prayer at home.

If you are a faithfully partner already, THANK YOU! If you would like assistance in finding a mission congregation or international mission to partner with, please contact the mission team. If you have any questions about the mission resource network or would like to submit a need, gift, or prayer request, please contact the district missions team chair, Pastor Stephane Kalonji at kalonjist@aol.com, or the newsletter editor, Rachel Sosebee at dmi.rachel@gmail.com, and they can help you find a connection.

No matter how old or new the congregation, we are all mission congregations and have gifts we need and gifts we need to give. We all are one body, called and arranged by God to build up believers to be sent as messengers into the unbelieving world.

Holy Father, Thank you for uniting us by the blood for your son Jesus. Send the Holy Spirit to empower us and embolden us to use the gifts you give to build up your body. Amen.

Mission Partnering Opportunities	Prayer Requests
<p>Addis Hiwot Ethiopian Ev. Church mission in Charlotte seeking mission partners and funds to help with building loan repayment. Contact Rev. Samuel Pawlos, samjkuk@gmail.com</p> <p>15 passenger van/raising funds for a van for refugee ministry. Contact Reformation Lutheran Church, Rev.</p>	<p>Lord, bless the mission district with more mission-al leaders and church planters</p> <p>Prayers for mission leaders in Raleigh as they meet and gather.</p>



NEW CHOIR! THRIVE TOTS for ages 2 1/2 to 4 years has just been organized and will meet with Miss Becky on the first and third Sundays of the month from 4:00-4:55. At least one parent should plan to attend with each child. We will follow the Kindermusik idea of playing and singing music, adding in a LOT of listening and moving to the music. We have not determined yet where we will meet because we need room to hop like frogs and fly like robins and roll balls and jump in hoops, but not too much room....so the children are reasonably contained. Please see Becky if you have an idea of a space this group could use. Sound like fun? Join us and see. Watch for an announcement about location.

BUT MY CHILDREN DON'T LIKE TO SING AND PERFORM. WHY SHOULD THEY COME TO CHOIR?

They should come for the fun and fellowship and getting the message of salvation in Jesus Christ through music. Sometimes we have food! Plus research has proven that quality music experiences in early childhood have measurable positive effects on brain development. We will be moving, chanting, playing instruments, acting out simple drama, listening, playing games, occasionally doing crafts. We will also spend time discussing what the lyrics really mean to us in our personal faith walk. And we pray together about our needs. Each song for this year was selected to amplify the scriptures for that Sunday and lift up the message Pastor Carl will bring in his sermon. Our hearts and minds will be prepared as a field is tilled and fertilized so the seed takes root! Do you wish you were more comfortable talking about your faith? That is what happens with Miss Becky in choir. We ALL get to know Jesus better, and get over our fear of being honest about our questions and experiences. Then when we sing for worship, we KNOW how the song applies in our lives. Plan now to come to choir and enjoy the music and sharing and prayer times.

LITTLE THRIVE for ages 5-7 will meet the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 4:15-4:55. In addition to learning the songs listed below to sing for Sunday worship, this group will focus on reading music, playing instruments, scripture poems and songs, and crafts to go along with the monthly themes. Below is our schedule for special songs during worship this year:

- September 25 My Hope Is in the Lord (#4 on Cd from VBS 2016)
- October 16 We Are (repeating from Beacon kickoff last spring)
- November 13 Days of Elijah
- December 4 Hanging of the Greens Service (involving all kids and youth)
- December 24 Christmas Eve (song to be announced)
- January 15 Jesus Messiah
- February 5 He Is the Light (#8 on CD from VBS 2016)
- March 5 God So Loved the World (from musical Come Together)
- April 9 (Palm Sunday) Little Grey Donkey
- April 16 (Easter Sunday) ALL children sing music from Sunday School
- May 14 (Mother's Day) God Loves Us All (from VBS 2014)
- June 18 (TBA)



THRIVE YOUTH CHOIR has gotten off to a great start. All youth from grade 3 (because we have no choir for upper elementary) through Middle and High School and even College are invited to stay after Thrive@5 meetings on Sundays twice a month to enjoy singing together from 6:00 until 6:30. We will sing for Sunday morning worship once a month this year. If you listen to K-LOVE radio, you will recognize these favorite contemporary songs. Here is our year's schedule at a glance!

- September 18 Blessed Be Your Name
- October 16 We Are (yes this is a repeat from the Beacon luncheon last spring)
- November 13 Revelation Song
- *December 4 Hanging of the Greens Service; ALL YOUTH involved in leading worship that day! (music TBA)
- December 18 Mary Did You Know?
- January 22 I Will Follow
- or
- January 29 All the People Said Amen
- February 26 Word of God Speak
- March 19 Flawless
- Lent Evening Service How Can It Be? (exact date to be determined)