



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

Keith Less, Interim pastor
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**Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 6.
Remember to turn back your
clocks on Saturday night,
November 5.**

Service of Remembrance is November 6

On All Saints Sunday we will remember during the Service of Remembrance those members of Christiana who have died in the past year. Joining the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday are:

Helen Kiker

Charles Roberts

Voight Basinger

The service is at 10:30 AM on Sunday, November 6. We give thanks to God for the privilege of knowing and loving these dear departed saints and we look forward to the day when we will join them around the throne of glory singing God's praises for all eternity.

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 13th

10:30 AM

for the purpose of:

+Voting on council members
for 2023-2025

+Benevolent Foundation Member 2023-27

+Endowment Fund Member 2023-27

+Voting on the 2023 Spending Plan
for Ministry

All voting members are asked to be present for this meeting and prepared to vote.

The children of Haiti Missions were scheduled to begin the new school year this month but the political unrest in the capital of Port-au-Prince is shaking the whole country. Several of the ports have been shut down and multiple countries are considering intervention but politics in the United Nations is hindering any activity. Inflation is running rampant. Please continue to pray for this work. The 1000 kids of Haiti Missions are counting on us.



STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

Give as you have been blessed; you will be given more.

Whoever has will be given more. (Matt. 13:12)

In a society driven by unrelenting desire for more of everything, Jesus' statement might appear to strike a false note. Hasn't this led to inequality, diets, and misuse of creation?

The last thing we should do is store up for ourselves. That would defeat the purpose GOD gives so we may give. And when we give, He loves to give us more.

Reflect on all you have received from GOD. How can you share with those in need? Where is there a need? How can you be generous to others as GOD has been generous to you? Remember, you can't out-give the Lord. The more you give, the more you will receive.

CRS
Los Jacubes
Tuesday
Nov. 15 at
11:30 am

November Children's Church leaders

Nov. 6 Tara Beaver & April Smith

Nov. 13 April Smith & Diane Smith

Nov. 20 Debbie & Eddie Eller

Nov. 27

November Worship Support

Reader: Terry Ritchie

Usher: Brian Barringer

Greeter: Jenny Roberts, Camille Abernathy, Linda Crouch

Communion Assistants: Terry Ritchie & Vickie Keene

Sound:

Lock Up: Todd Koontz

Altar Guild: Carmen Pethel, Linda Connell, Earlene & Brittney Ritchie

October Attendance

October 2

Worship: 79

Sunday School: 31

October 9

Worship: 68

Sunday School: 40

October 16

Worship: 86

Sunday School: 49

October 23

Worship: 102

Sunday School: 54

November Birthdays

2 Nancy Huneycutt

3 Cristin Smith

3 Toby Sease

4 Todd Koontz

5 Melissa Pethel

5 Becky Morris

7 Ann Swanner

9 Kristy Cowden

11 Don French

13 Suzanna Roth-Tubman

15 Boni Lowry

16 Linda Duncan

17 Kaleb Lingle

17 Kaylee Lingle

19 Glenn Wall

20 Bruce Wilhelm

21 Robbie Robinson

21 Weston Boles

22 Mike Yarbrough

22 Vaughn Hatley

22 Tom Chapman

23 Charlotte Pacilio

26 Jeremy Connell

29 Ashley Rowland

30 Kate Beretsky



November Altar Flowers

Nov. 6 Debbie Eller

Pedestal Harold Morris

Nov. 13 Shelby Harwood

Pedestal Jeff Vail

Nov. 20 Altar Guild/Thanksgiving

Nov. 27

Throughout November, Vickie Keene will be in the narthex taking reservations for altar & pedestal flowers for 2023.

Council Nominations for 2023-2025 Announced

The list of persons who are to be nominated by the Church Council to the Congregation Council will be published when the list is complete.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Nominations from the floor will be received Sunday, November 6 and elections held on Sunday, November 13. Before a nomination is made, **the person must be contacted and agree to serve if elected.**

Those not eligible for nomination include:

Council Members whose term ends this year or who have not been off Council for 3 years:

Term ended 2020

LaVaughn Beaver
Linda Crouch
Jay Goodman
Boni Lowry
Sue Wall

Term ended 2021

Marlene Pethel
David Preslar
Jenny Roberts
Mike Yarbrough

Present Council Members

Term ends 2022

Eddie Eller
Earlene Ritchie
Laura Ritchie
Jason Smith
Robbie Robinson

Term ends 2023

Harry Agner
Kevan Barringer
Jeff Fleming
Banks Kluttz
Richard Crouch

Term ends 2024

Richard Crouch
Todd Koontz
Charlotte Pacilio
Brittney Ritchie
Laura Ritchie

Give prayerful consideration to those you ask to be nominated or if you are asked to be a nominee. This is a decision that should be made with lots of prayer. Council members are the spiritual leaders of the congregation.

Congregational Prayer Concerns



Sympathy is extended to Jenny Roberts and family upon the death of her husband Charles Roberts and to Frances Basinger and family upon the death of her husband, Voight.

Marsha Beaver, knee surgery scheduled for Nov. 1. Betty Rose Witty, Autumn Care, rm 602. Eileen Full, at home. Linda Cline’s neighbor Ann Mitchell, NHRMC, stroke. Bonnie Sechler, at son’s with PT & OC. Tumor size reduced and no new growth. Kay Abernathy, at home. Don & Rose Dedmon, rm. 405, The Laurels of Salisbury; Dee Smith, kidney issues. Kathy Haynes’ sister Karen Smith, no sign of cancer after surgery biopsies! Vaughn Hatley, immunotherapy. Patti Holshouser, Ann Meacham, Cardell Gibson, TOHAR. Joe Haas, Autumn Care. Kathie Albright, spinal stenosis, spondylolisthesis, and osteoarthritis; her friend Maxine Campbell, multiple health issues.

FROM THE



PASTOR

*Psalm 100:4 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!"*

It's that time of year again where we take a moment to pause and thank God for the many blessings of the past year. Interestingly, we should be doing this often enough that it is second nature to us, and we shouldn't need a reminder to give thanks. But sadly, we do need to be reminded that God is the sole provider of our wealth and health. So, here we are needing that gentle reminder again. It only becomes problematic when we fail to take the time to pause for a season of thanks. We really don't need a special time or place to do this. It should be part of our daily expression of faith and total trust in God. This is a good thing. It should become a daily habit. Taking the time to meditate on God and His provision gives us perspective on the totality of our relationship with God. It can become a daily habit if we work at it. You will be surprised at the results. There is so much to thank God for. No blessing or gift is too small to just take for granted. Each of us has much to be grateful for. Much of our lives are pretty average and even that is something to bring us to God in thanksgiving. The past couple of years though, much of our lives, especially our health, is something to be grateful for. The protection God has provided for our loved ones and ourselves is worth noting. Our continued prosperity is another item on our list of things to praise and thank God for. Take a moment of your busy day and list the things that you are grateful for, both the small things as well as the big things. I believe that you will be surprised at how large your list is. I continue to give thanks for you all as a wonderful congregation that loves Bible study and is constantly hungry to learn more. Thank you and God for providing for me and my family. You are a constant blessing, and I appreciate it.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Pastor Keith

Thoughts from the Prayer Team

As we start into the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas and a New Year I just wanted to pause for a moment and take a deep breath. Sit back and get a little sip of your favorite beverage and let's think about November.

First, on my list is thankfulness to our Father in heaven for blessing us this year and comforting us in our times of hardships and sorrows. Christiana Lutheran Church has accomplished so much so far this year and we have been able to minister to so many folks. Thank You, Jesus!

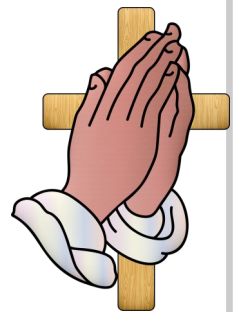
Please continue to pray for our pastor during this exciting time. Every day is a day closer to the pastor's arrival. Certainly pray for Pastor Keith and thank The Good Lord for sending him to us during this time. We are blessed.

I believe our daily prayers should also include praying for the sick, military and missionaries. In addition— pray for our council, church leaders and staff. Also, our committees, choir and preschool program. And that's just our church. There are tons of other things to pray for. I think that is why we are told to pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:16) Please know that your prayers are the keys to the front door of our church.

Thank you to the Prayer Team for your dedication and faithfulness in your prayer time.

The Prayer Team is having a great time meeting together and I have heard there is room for a few more. Come join us in November right after the BTB supper.

—Jim Duncan



Gifts to the Church

To the Endowment Fund in memory of Charles Roberts by Madeline Zieverink

In memory of Voight Basinger by Madeline Zieverink, Doris Ritchie

In memory of her husband W J who died to eternal life on Oct. 26, 1981 by Doris Ritchie

To the Memorial Fund

In memory of Charles Roberts by Mike & Vickie Keene, Kate & Mike Beretsky, Faithful Friends, Teresa McKinney, Onetia Bruce, Kay Royer, Sharon Hoffman, Ronnie & Janis Smith, Eddie & Debbie Eller, Nancy Huneycutt, Greg & Wanda Pennekamp, Amanda, Brian, Tanner & Elena Bluestein, Don & Shelia Smith, Tanner & Elena Bluestein, Jon & Suzanne Amos, Jay & Karen Goodman

In memory of Gary Neil Gardner by Patricia and Kaitlin Pena

In memory of Voight Basinger by Bobby Barringer, Onetia Bruce

To Brighten the Beacon

In memory of Mike Carscaddon by Dale & Marsha Beaver

In memory of Charles Roberts by LaVaughn Beaver, Frances Peeler, Doris Ritchie, Kevan Barringer, Mary Neidy

In appreciation of Richard Crouch, the Church Council, Prayer Team and all who have assisted in the worship services and supporting the life of our church family as needed since Pastor Carl retired by Mike & Vickie Keene. *Soli Deo Gloria. 1 Peter 4: 10-11*

In memory of Ann Doyle by Gwen, Kate, LaVaughn, Matilda, and their families.

In memory of Voight Basinger by Mike & Vickie Keene, Jay & Karen Goodman, LaVaughn Beaver, Nancy Huneycutt, Kevan Barringer, Frances Peeler

In memory of Jan Swinson by Mike & Kate Beretsky, LaVaughn, Gwen, Matilda and their families

Remember those in Nursing Homes



Autumn Care:

Joe Haas, Betty Rose Witty

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:

Cardell Gibson, Ann Meacham, Patti Holshouser

Liberty Commons: Elizabeth Ritchie

The Laurels: Don & Rose Dedmon



The Altar Guild will decorate for Thanksgiving Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m. Please bring fruits, vegetables, gourds, pumpkins, greenery, and leaves for the display.

November Scripture Lessons

November 6 All Saints Day

Revelation 7:(2-8) 9-17

Psalm 149

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

November 13 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-6

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13

Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)

November 20 Christ the King

Malachi 3:13-18

Psalm 95:1-7a (or Psalm 46)

Colossians 1:13-20

Luke 23:27-43

November 27 First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, Nov. 5 at 10 a.m.
in front of Fellowship Hall



All animals should be on a leash, or in a carrier/crate.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, November 20
12 pm—4:30 pm

Christiana Fellowship Hall



**American
 Red Cross**

Bring family and friends to help out those in need by donating! Call Denise or Joe at 704-642-1658 to schedule an appointment or you can go online and register at: www.redcrossblood.org

Poinsettia Orders Due Dec. 4

Please use this form to order your Christmas poinsettia. Cost is \$15.50. (6" pot/wrapped & bow). Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.

Name _____

Phone number _____

Number of Poinsettias _____

Given in Memory of:

By:

Given in Honor of:

By:

**Council Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2022**

Present

Jason Smith, V President	Kevan Barringer	Keith Less, Interim
Laura Ritchie, Secretary	Harry Agner	Pastor
Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer	Banks Kluttz	
Eddie Eller	Jeff Fleming	

Absent

Richard Crouch	Earlene Ritchie
Brittney Ritchie	Charlotte Pacilio
Todd Koontz	Karen Goodman
Robbie Robinson	

Items of Business:

September Meeting Minutes

Council approved as presented.

September Treasurers Report:

September Envelope Offering: \$19,287.18
September Offering Variance: \$3,436.98
Total September Income: \$19,605.18
Total September Income Variance: \$3,529.40
YTD Envelope Offering: \$197,171.15
YTD Envelope Offering Variance: \$7,346.29
YTD Total Income: \$199,362.35
YTD Total Income Variance: \$8,848.87
Total September Expense: \$14,001.82
Total September Expense Variance: \$9,132.75
YTD Total Expense: \$168,251.74
YTD Total Expense Variance: \$39,959.39
Cash on Hand: \$61,218.70
Cash on Hand Money Market: \$100,000.00
Designated Funds:
Interest earned: \$26.75
September contributions to BTB: \$225.00
BTB Meal: \$393.00
Total Contribution to BTB: \$618.00
Council approved as presented.

Pastor's Report for September:

September 28th met with staff and had a meeting to plan and coordinate the entering process as interim pastor.
September 30th death call
October 4th conducted funeral service
October 5th attended stewardship meeting
Made additional hospital calls on 10/4, 10/5, & 10/6.

Committee Reports:

*** Committee Chairs: Please make sure you are communicating with Ann Teague to ensure she is aware of any prayer concerns, updates, and important information to ensure that we keep our committees active and our church members ministered too during this transition. ***

Stewardship:

Received a request to consider contributing extra money to the SMI Haiti Sundouloi Ministries Inc. Stewardship recommends a \$500.00 donation to be used from the pastor's discretionary fund. Council approved.
Theme is to give as you have been blessed.
November 13th will be the annual congregational meeting and giving pledge commitment Sunday. There will be temple talks leading up to this Sunday.
Received a request to send a \$100.00 to the inmate group from the discretionary fund.

Property:

Fixed the heat in the sanctuary so that it will be heated using both units.

Social Ministry:

Served at Rowan Helping Ministries on September 2nd and 23rd

Evangelism:

Trunk or Treat is the next project coming up on October 29th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Goal is to have 20 trunks, a few games, and food for the event. We currently have 16 trunks and will be asking the congregation for donations for candy. Veterans donated a \$100.00 to the fund.
Thanksgiving Meal donations will begin the Sunday after the Trunk or Treat. Will also need drivers for the event.

Fellowship: No report.

Hosted a funeral meal for Charles Robert's family.
Christiana women provided the deserts.

Landscape:

The two trees in the cemetery are dying and probably need to be removed. Made a motion to the council to have a workday in November where they will remove those trees and replant crate myrtle trees in their place. Council seconded and approved this motion.

Membership Review:

We have a large number of people who are listed as inactive members of the congregation. Harry Agner pulled that list and wanted to suggest sending out a survey to share their feelings and intentions.
Council recommended the committee get together and finalize a survey to present to the council next meeting.

Brighten the Beacon:

Council will be responsible for the Brighten the Beacon meal this Tuesday, October 11th from 5:30 – 6:30. We need council members to show up at 4:30 to help and bring a dessert for 45 – 50 people.

CLM:

Has been inactive and they would like to move the funds in their account to a designated account under the church's management. Council approved this request.

Youth:

Reformation Party upcoming on November 6th 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Youth Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat = Rowan Helping Ministries Service Project will begin next Sunday. Sunday school kids will decorate bags and then pass them out during children sermon.
Youth Committee has planned one event for our youth each month to keep them active during the transition. The events coming up are set for the following dates:
October 29th, "Trunk or Treat" 6-8 p.m.
November 19th, "Drive in Movie Night" 5-8 p.m.
December 11th, "Christmas Caroling" 5-8 p.m.

Prayerful Considerations:

Pre School Update: Teachers finished the CPR training and are all now CPR certified.

Pastor Call Committee: Put up a sign-up sheet for the Congregational Meeting Workshop on November 22nd, from 9:00 – 12:00 with lunch and only have one name on it so far. We will re-announce today.

2023 Proposed Budget: The budget was provided for council review. Stewardship made the motion to council to present this to congregational at the congregational meeting on Sunday, October 16th at 10:30. Council approved this motion.

Blood Drive Coordinator: We need a church member to be a coordinator.

Council Nominations: The following nominees will be presented at the council meeting next month for approval.

Tara Beaver

Terri Ritchie

Cameron Ritchie

Endowment Committee: Made a motion to add Jason Smith to the ballot as the next member of the Christiana Endowment Committee.

November Lock-Up, Devotions, & Closing Prayer: Month of November is Todd Koontz.

Next council meeting: **Sunday, November 13th at 8:00 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie
Council Secretary

Called Council Meeting Sept. 9, 2022

Members Present: Richard Crouch, Jason Smith, Harry Agner, Kevan Barringer, Brittney Ritchie, Earlene Ritchie, Charlotte Pacilio, Karen Goodman, Eddie Eller, Banks Kluttz, Laurie Ritchie. Members Absent: Robbie Robinson, Laura Ritchie, Todd Koontz, Jeff Fleming.

The meeting was called by President Richard Crouch to review the motion from BTB committee to purchase/upfit the church's sound system. The committee recommends that we spend \$14,982.06 with Virtual Sounds to install digital sound system. This will include the basement sound system for Sunday School. This will include video system. This will solve the Facebook sound issues. The funds are to come from the BTB account.

The motion was seconded, there was no further discussion and the motion passed.

There will be a Called Congregational Meeting for the congregation to approve the system in 3 weeks.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer

Called Congregational Meeting September 25, 2022

Richard Crouch, President called the meeting to order.

Richard called for a motion to wave the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. This was seconded and approved by the congregation.

Motion was made to refurbish the Pastors study not to exceed \$6,500. Funds to be used are from the Thrivent Fund. The Sister Lucille Women's Group will oversee this project. The project will include new toilet and sink; carpet needs to be removed and replaced; painting, new flooring in bathroom and entrance to office; shelving and wood walls need to be cleaned; window frames need to be refinished; small wooden chairs (6) need to be refurbished with new seating; lighting and new desk. Will wait on new desk until we have new Pastor for them to have input in desk/window toppers.

The motion was seconded and approved. There was no discussion. The congregation approved motion unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer

Christiana Creative Preschool Happenings!

I just wanted to give the congregation an update on the preschool! Things are going very well. We currently have an enrollment as follows:

2 year old Class- 7 students - Becca and April, teachers

3 year old class- 13 students - Becca and Jennifer, teachers

4 year old class- 10 students - Kathy, Kelly, Diane and Abby, teachers

- We will embark on our first field trip to Carrigan Farms October 21st! We have a total of 61 children and adults going! Asking for prayers for a safe trip and safe return home!! We will have a hayride, pick a pumpkin, and go to the petting zoo!
- The Rockwell Fire Department brought the Fire trucks and dressed in their gear for children early October.
- The teachers and assistants have completed CPR training.
- Pastor Keith will start doing Chapel with the 3s and 4s on Wednesdays!
- Miss Music "Becky" continues to do music for all classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the children love it!
- We will have Picture Day on November 7th!
- The Polar Express will be here in December!!!

A huge thank you to our volunteers who have stepped up to help so far this year. Marsha Beaver, April Smith, Janet Allen, Karen Goodman and Diane Smith.

I just want to say a huge THANK YOU to my church family for your ongoing support and faith in me as the director. I cannot tell you what this program has done for me and how much I have enjoyed being a part of it. I hope I will be able to continue for years to come! (If these germs don't get me first) 😊

Thank you!
Laurie Ritchie



**Called Congregational Meeting
October 16, 2022**

Number of Members Present: 86

Presenters:

Richard Crouch, President
Jason Smith, Vice-President

Congregational Speakers:

None

Items of Business:

Called to order by Richard Crouch, President.

Moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous congregational meeting. It was seconded and passed.

Purpose of the called congregational meeting is to vote to approve the motion from the Brighten the Beacon Committee that was approved by the council to spend \$14,982.06 from the Brighten the Beacon fund to replace the sound system with an updated system that includes a number of updates (refer to contract)

We will be leaving the sound system in the basement.

The contract will include some minor repairs as needed (refer to contract).

This new system will solve the Facebook feed, hearing issues, and other feedback sounds that distract during the service.

The organ will remain as it is because the system was checked and works fine.

Question: How will this affect downstairs and Sunday School system? There will be a new camera installed utilizing the existing computer and it will feed into the sound system.

Question: Will we have the ability to have personal receivers for people who are hard of hearing? We have that capability now and this will work with the new system.

Question: Will we be adding additional wireless mikes with this system? It is not included in part of this quote, but the system will be compatible with it.

Question: Will this be a complicated system with the new sound board, or will it be easy to use? Yes, the system will not be that different

Question: Will this new system allow for shut-ins to receive a copy of the service in a format other than Facebook?

Yes, we will be able to duplicate and create DVDs and other formats.

Richard called for the vote and it passed unanimously.

With no further questions the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie
Council Secretary



**Brighten the Beacon
Meal**

November 8, 5:30 pm

**Sponsored by the
Chancel Choir**

**Baked Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread
dessert and beverage**

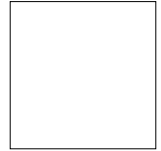
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Mailed Oct. 26, 2022



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

Council President: Richard Crouch
Council Vice-President: Jason Smith
Council Secretary: Laura Ritchie

Interim Pastor: Keith Less
Church Secretary: Ann Teague
Email:christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com
Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris

Chancel Choir
Becky Morris, Director
Wednesdays at 6 pm

Handbell Choir
Marsha Beaver, Director
Sundays at 4 pm

Puppet Team
Becky Morris, Director
Sundays at 4 pm



LCW Group #1

will meet at 10 am on Nov. 1 at the church
with Charlotte Pacilio,
program leader.

LCW Sister Lucille Lyerly

will meet in the Smith Assembly Hall on
Tues. Nov. 1 at 6 p.m.

***Please note new start time!**
Becky Morris, program leader
Shelby Harwood, hostesses

The Evangelism Committee would like to provide a
Thanksgiving meal to families in need in our community
on Thanksgiving morning.

**You can help by
donating \$100 (or whatever you can)
towards the cost of a meal
for one family.**

Meals will include ham, turkey, green beans, corn,
stuffing, dessert, rolls, and tea
as well as plates, forks, cups, and napkins.
All can pray for the families who will receive this food
and those who
deliver this food and the Word of God.

For additional details contact Brittney Ritchie,
David Preslar, or Jason Smith.



In everything
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB

