

July 2017

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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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 9-14

6:00-8:00 p.m.



At Mighty Fortress, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. So raise your banner! In Jesus, the victory is won!
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Thrive mission trip announced

THRIVE is heading to New Bern, North Carolina July 23-29th. The poverty rate there is upwards of 25% and there has been a reduction in housing assistance funding from local, state and federal sources resulting in increased unmet needs. The kind folks of New Bern will really benefit from THRIVE serving them this summer. Youth will have an opportunity to work on things like handicap ramps, floors, facades, weatherization, painting, porches and steps.

Thrivers attending:

Ainslee Lowry	TJ Wood
Chantal Muhlbach	Sierra Braun
Carlee Lowry	Michael Lowry
Blessing Thompson	Kayla Swicegood
Blessed Thompson	Emery Baker
Diego Corona	Pastor Carl Haynes
Jackielynn Mancian-Davis	Brittney Barnhardt

Thanks to all who helped Thrive raise over \$6000 for this trip!

Christiana Rowdy Seniors

China Grove Family Restaurant

Thursday, July 6
at 12 noon



Last Month's Attendance

June 4

Sunday School: 99
Worship: 141

June 11

Sunday School: 94
Worship: 151

June 18

Sunday School: 87
Worship: 159

June 25

Sunday School: 67
Worship: 133

Summer Bible Reading T.R.I.P

Way to go!

You have finished reading the Gospel of Matthew and started the Gospel of Mark.

You are now 1/3 of the way through the Summer Bible Reading T.R.I.P. Stay focused! Continue to open your heart and mind to the message of these scriptures.

Those Who Serve in July

Nursery Attendants

July 2 April Smith & Jeniffer & Aubrey Honeycutt

July 9 Wendi & Caylee Hawkins

July 16 Chris & Katie Sease

July 23 Kevin & Susan Holland

July 30 LuAnn & Jeff Scott

Children's Sermon Pt. 2

July 2 LuAnne Scott & M Riddle

July 9 B Barnhardt & youth

July 16 K Haynes & K Goodman

July 23 Wendi & Caylee Hawkins

July 30 Jason & April Smith

Offering Counters

July 2 M Zieverink & K Goodman

July 9 Laurie & Cam Ritchie

July 16 Marsha & Dale Beaver

July 23 R Crouch & E Eller

July 30 M Zieverink & K Goodman

July Birthdays

4 Doris Pethel
5 Vickie Keene
8 Linda Haynes
12 Larry McKenzie
16 Jeff Fleming
16 Matthew Morris
17 Cindy Thomas
17 Teresa McKinney
18 Ashley Coffey
20 Alease Cline
22 Ansley Lyerly
22 Colten Hawkins
24 Sandra Fesperman

24 Kevin Holland
25 J Wood
27 Dean Crouch
27 Adam Lingle
30 Savannah Lyerly
31 Kathy French



July Altar Flowers

July 2 Jan Pruette

July 9 Vickie Keene

July 16 Carmen Merrell

July 23 Susan Holland

Pedestals: Wendi Hawkins, Camille Abernathy, Patti Holshouser

July 30

Altar flowers are needed most every Sunday in August & September Volunteer today!





How's It Going?

Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions.

Psalm 119:18 (NLT)

So, those of you who signed up for the Summer Bible Reading Challenge, how's it going? Are you on target? Are you behind in your reading or ahead? What have you found in your reading thus far that you didn't know? How has God spoken to you? What has God revealed to you in your readings? What has been the most eye opening thing you've read thus far?

I got a call not long after we started the challenge, from a grandmother who is reading the Bible to her granddaughter. They got to the part in Matthew 18 where Jesus says if your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off... if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out, and she was very concerned about it. So they called and asked me if Jesus really meant for her to cut her hand or foot off, or pluck her eye out if they caused her to sin. What would you have told her?

Much to her relief I told her Jesus did not want her to maim her body, but that in the Middle East where Jesus lived when someone wanted to make a strong point and get your attention they did so with exaggerated language. What Jesus is saying is to stop sinning. Sinning is terrible and one should take whatever steps are necessary to get rid of the sin in one's life.

Have you come across anything that you question? Where did you go for the answer? Or did you? If you read something in the Bible that gives you pause, email me, text me, call me and let's talk about. I love to discuss God's Word.

Parents this is a wonderful opportunity for you to read God's Word to your children and talk with them about it. Let them see you reading the Bible on your own too. That will have quite an impact on them. When they see you reading God's Word that says to them that it is important to you. Then you have the opportunity to share with them, that it is through the Word that God speaks to us. What a blessing for your children to develop the habit early in life of reading God's Holy Word. You can teach them nothing finer.

The Scripture verse listed above is from Psalm 119:18: *Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions.* This verse is a prayer and one that is good to pray every time we get ready to read God's Word. When we read Scripture we should do so fully expecting God to speak to us. In order for that to happen we need to pray to God asking him to open our eyes, our heart, our mind to see and understand and take seriously what he reveals to us. And then we need to obey the Word. We need to do what it says.

James 1:21-22 says: *Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

From these two verses James tells us the importance of getting rid of sin in our life (Matthew 18) and humbly receiving God's Word in our heart. Then in verse 22 he says we need to "do" the Word, that is do what the Word of God says do. In other words, "obey it." If we just hear the Word and then ignore what it tells us to do we're just deceiving ourselves.

So, my prayer for each of us as we read God's Word in the Summer Reading Challenge, is that we will become more familiar with it, grow in our understanding of it, but most importantly, we will do it. We will obey God's Word and do what it says and then see the difference it makes in our lives.

Pastor Carl

LCW

Miss Katherine Group

will not meet in July.

Next meeting will be August 1 at the church.

Sister Lucille Group

will not meet in July.

Next meeting will be August 20 for a covered dish lunch and pool party at LaVaughn Beaver's home.

July Scripture Lessons

4th Sunday after Pentecost, July 2

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalms 119:153-160

Romans 7:3-13

Matthew 10:34-42

5th Sunday after Pentecost, July 9

Zachariah 9:9-12

Psalms 145:1-14

Romans 7:14-25a

Matthew 11:25-30

6th Sunday after Pentecost, July 16

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 65:9-13

Romans 8:12-17

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 23

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalms 119:57-64

Romans 8:18-27

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

8th Sunday after Pentecost, July 30

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Psalms 125

Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 13:44-52

Gifts to our Church

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Jim Duncan's mother and sister by Dale & Marsha Beaver and Cam & Laurie Ritchie, Mike & Vickie Keene, the family of Bobby Spears, Madeline Zieverink

To Brighten the Beacon in honor of the Men of the Church by Sister Lucille Circle

To the Bus/Van Fund in memory of Jim Duncan's mother and sister by Doris Ritchie.

To Scout Troop 317 in honor of Jeff Fleming and Mike Egloff by Mike & Vickie Keene

Dear Christiana Lutheran Church, thank you so much for the \$75 for Melissa Steele's rent. It was a wonderful gesture on your part to help her family,
Thanks,
Mildred Cheek, landlord

I want to thank everyone for the visits, phone calls, and transportation after my accident. I hope to see everyone soon.
Nancy Agner



Remember our shut-ins:

Genesis Healthcare:
Carolyn Barringer Corl

Brookdale Assisted Living:
Juanita Hovis

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:
Katherine Lyerly

Carillon Assisted Living: Pauline Lyerly

The Meadows of Rockwell: Pat Ramsey

Liberty Commons: Elizabeth Ritchie

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

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Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris
Youth Director: Brittney Barnhardt

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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Prayer Concerns

Charles Roberts, recovering from knee replacement surgery. Zelia Frick, gamma knife procedure postponed until Sept. due to pain of procedure. Ed Clark, recovering at home from light cerebral stroke. Colten Hawkins awaiting surgery on cyst in neck. Patti Boles taking PT at home. Ron Smith, recovering at home from emergency surgery in Aruba. Tommy Stoner, recovering from knee surgery. Drew Hill diagnosed with a brain tumor. Pat Ramsey sores in mouth and on feet from chemo. Nancy Agner back at home after hip surgery. Greg Taylor recovering at home from being burned at Hitachi. Alease Cline fell, recovering from a broken wrist. Ricky Cross, COPD. Gloria Cross, stage 3 kidney disease. Kathie Albright, under doctor's care. Glenn Wilson, under doctor's care. Wanda Smith, spinal stenosis & stage 2 kidney disease. Denise Koehn's friend Sandy Morris, stage 3 breast cancer. Marsha & Dale's friend, Gail Reynolds, stage 3 pancreatic cancer. Ann & Bill Meacham poor health.

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Sympathy is extended to Betty Rose Witty and family upon the death of her grandson Mike Thomas's wife, Allison.

Sympathy is extended to Judy Stoner and Patti Boles and families upon the death of their father, Gib Russell on June 26.

Council Meeting Minutes June 11, 2017

Members Present:

Madeline Zieverink, Vice President	Banks Kluttz
Bruce Wilhelm, Secretary	Leanne Kluttz
Pastor Carl Haynes	Harold Morris
Dale Beaver	Charlotte Pacillio
Jeff Fleming	Branson Pethel
Vicki Agner Keene	Cam Ritchie
Jenny Roberts	Terry Ritchie

Members Absent:

Richard Crouch, President
J. Wood

Also Present:

Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer
Brittney Barnhardt, Youth Director

Council Business

Approval of:

Minutes of May Council Meeting May 14, 2017 The May council meeting minutes were approved as submitted.
Financial Report for May The financial report for May, 2017 was presented and explained by Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer.
The financial report was then approved as submitted.

Reception of:

Pastor's Report for May The pastor's report for May was presented and accepted as submitted.
Youth Director's Report for May Brittney Barnhardt, Youth Director. Report not available at council meeting. Report to be emailed at later time.

Committee Reports & Auxiliary Concerns

Stewardship Committee Cam Ritchie presented proposed guidelines for the use of Dedicated Funds (see attached guidelines). Cam also reviewed the pastor's pension and equity payments.

Christian Education Dale Beaver reported that they are making plans for a rally day and a Reformation 500 day. They are also looking for volunteers for Sunday school teachers.

Property Committee New lights were installed in the front of the church. The toilets in the women's restroom have not been replaced.

Evangelism Committee 95 people have signed up for the summer TRIP reading program. A lot of the youth have signed up for this summer Bible reading program. A "new visitor" package has been created for first time visitors. This welcome package includes a welcome card and home baked cookies. Pastor Carl stated that he has recently visited with several potential new members.

Facilities Committee Jeff Fleming contacted the martial arts group and the pre-school and asked them to provide a letter of insurance in order to continue using the church's facilities. The head of the pre-school stated that they provide an insurance coverage letter every September and that it should be on file. The martial arts group stated that they also have insurance and will send a letter to Ann.

Health Committee Leanne Kluttz No report.

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LCW (Katherine Lyerly) Met and had lunch with members. Exploring the possibility of putting on a “mystery dinner theatre” as a fundraiser. Will not have a meeting in July.

LCW (Sister Lucille) Raising funds to pay for a “refreshment” of the women’s restroom on the second floor. No meeting in July.

CLM \$2,300 was raised at the recent chicken dinner sale.

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters

Voting Process for New Vehicle After several minutes of discussion, Council decided to have a congregational vote consisting of two separate paper ballots. The first vote would be on whether or not to buy a vehicle. The second ballot would be on which vehicle to purchase, either the 26 passenger church bus or a 15 passenger van. The vote would take place on June 18th.

Beacon Center Council approved a request from the Brighten the Beacon Committee for a congregational meeting on June 25th to vote on approving the design and putting out bids for the new Beacon Center. The architects from Ramsey Burgin Smith would do a presentation and then the congregation would vote by paper ballot.

Projection Screen Vickie Keene proposed that the projection screen used in the sanctuary be permanently mounted and left in place rather than putting it up and taking it down every time it is used. After some discussion, a motion to permanently mount the projection screen was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Lightning Protection New lightning protection and power back-up for the phone system was discussed. A proposal from Prodigy Voice and Data was presented. The question was raised as to whether this quote also included labor costs. Since the answer to the labor cost was not known, a proposal was made to move forward with the purchase of the APC back-up system and let Pastor Carl get a quote for the labor charge. If the cost of the labor was less than \$100 he could then proceed with the purchase and installation. If the cost was greater than \$100 he would need to get Council approval. A motion to proceed was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Bible Study:

“Authentic Leadership” postponed until next council meeting due to lack of reading material. This study will continue at the next meeting.

Next Council Meeting

July Council Meeting: The council will meet on **Sunday July 9, 2017 from 7:30 am until 9:00 am.**

Church Lock up Schedule

July - Jenny Roberts

August - Richard Crouch

September - Banks Kluttz

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Wilhelm

Church Council Secretary