



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.

June 2021

Christiana Courier

Carl Haynes, pastor
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Pastor Carl and family will be on vacation June 12-19.

Pastor Gary Coble will lead worship and preach on June 13th.

June Scripture Lessons

2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 6

Genesis 3:8-15;
Psalm 130;
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1;
Mark 3:20-35

3rd Sunday after Pentecost, June 13

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 1
2 Corinthians 5:1-17
Mark 4:26-34

4th Sunday after Pentecost, June 20

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 124
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

5th Sunday after Pentecost, June 27

Lamentations 3:22-33
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15
Mark 5:21-43

Save the Date for Day Camps

K-5th Grade July 18-23

Orientation Sunday July 18 at 4 p.m.

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thursday 6 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Camp ends Friday at noon

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Cost:\$100 (see PC re: scholarships)

Singing, creative crafts, engaging Bible lessons, games, and more!

Middle School/High School

July 25-29

Orientation Sunday, July 25 at 4 pm

Monday-Thursday 9a.m.-4 p.m.

Thursday 6 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Followed by overnight camp

Camp ends at noon on Friday

Union Lutheran Church

Cost:\$50 (see PC re: scholarships)

Games, crafts, skits, Bible studies, singing, and lots of fun!



This replaces VBS at Christiana this year

The oldest and most recent fathers present will be recognized during the announcement time before worship on Father's Day, June 20, and will receive one of the altar flowers given by the Peggy Boggs Bible Class.



STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

“YOU WILL CRY FOR HELP; HE WILL SAY: HERE I AM.”

When was the last time you reached out and touched someone? Even when you didn't have time? Even when you didn't want to? You have a special talent. When was the last time you failed to give of your money because you had something you wanted more...something for yourself?

I believe all of us have a built in compass to help us get to wherever we desire to go. Trust your compass. With that trusting will come the strength to bear whatever life deals you.

Every day the Lord provides us a compass that points us in the right direction. We learn love, fairness, integrity, honesty, human dignity, patience and encouragement.

Each day, let us remember that weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning.

Plant your Seed of Stewardship now so you can shout for joy every morning.

Nursery Attendants

June 6 *Sunday in the Grove-no nursery*

June 13 Suzanna & Claire Roth-Tubman

June 20 Leanne & Jason Klutz

June 27 Susan & Kevin Holland

Worship Support

Reader: Joyce Cavanagh-Wood

Usher: Brian Barringer

Greeter: Jenny Roberts

Communion Assistant: Terry Ritchie

Sound: Mike Keene

Lock Up: Kevan Barringer

Altar Guild: Jeniffer & Aubrey Honeycutt, Judy Stoner, Suzanna Roth-Tubman, Emily Barnes

May Attendance

May 2 Worship: N/A
Sunday school: 49

May 9 Worship: 99
Sunday school: 57

May 16 Worship: 106
Sunday school: 53

May 23 Worship: 92
Sunday school: 57

June Birthdays

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| 3 Rose Dedmon | 24 Scott Kelsoe |
| 5 Aubrey Honeycutt | 27 Alisa Mead |
| 5 Harriet Lyerly | 29 Patsy Holshouser |
| 8 Sue Wall | |
| 9 Claire Roth-Tubman | |
| 11 Tony Hawkins | |
| 14 Kevin Coffey, Jr. | |
| 15 Tammy Hill | |
| 17 Gene Edens | |
| 18 Nathan Richardson | |
| 19 Jenny Roberts | |
| 19 Judy Chapman | |
| 21 Bonnie Sechler | |
| 21 Wanda Smith | |
| 22 Eston Doyle | |
| 23 Ainslee Lowry | |



June Altar Flowers

June 6 Suzanna Roth-Tubman
Pedestal-Emily Barnes

June 13 Sheryl Lyerly & Megan Richardson

June 20 Peggy Boggs Class
Pedestal—Pastor Carl

June 27 Charlotte Pacilio





Being a Faithful Witness

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:2-6 (NIV)

The above passage of Scripture is often called the *Witnessing Passage*. In it the Apostle Paul asks the Christians at Colossae to devote themselves to prayer for the purpose of sharing their faith with others. Paul also asks for prayer for himself that he might proclaim the gospel in a clear, concise way so that people will understand and come to faith in Jesus.

As disciples of Christ we need to do the same thing. Every day we should devote ourselves to prayer so that we become aware of any and all opportunities God will send our way to share our faith with the lost. And then we need to pray that God will give us the strength and courage to make the most of the opportunity to plant the seeds of the gospel in each person's heart.

It is imperative that we study God's Word and practice sharing our faith with others so that we "*may know how to answer everyone.*" As we are convinced that our eternal destination rests upon our belief and trust in God, we need to realize, so does everyone else's. Those who die without Christ will spend eternity in hell, and we should not want that for anyone—not even our worst enemy.

One of the challenges you will run into as you share your faith is to prove there is a God. Sounds difficult, but it isn't really. Mark Cahill, in his book "One Thing You Can't Do in Heaven" says it is really not difficult at all. Romans 1:19 says: *What can be known about God is clear to them (i.e. unbelievers) because he has made it clear to them.*

Within his creation God has revealed proof of his existence. Cahill says one of the basic proofs for God has four points: 1) Creation; 2) Design; 3) Art; 4) Order. When witnessing to an unbeliever you can use the objects around you to talk about these four points. Say for instance you're walking downtown, you could say "Every time you see a building you know there had to be a creator. Every time you see a car (or truck, or watch or computer) you know it had a designer. Every time you see a piece of art (in downtown Salisbury there are all kinds of examples, but wherever you are, point out something artistic) you know there had to be an artist. Every time you see order, like 20 cups placed in a row, you know there had to be an orderer." Then you change the topic to the universe or the world. "When you look around at this world what do you see? You see creation, design, art and order. If manmade things have a creator, a designer, an artist and an orderer behind them, why would you not think that there is a Creator, a Designer, an Artist and an Orderer behind this world?"

Romans 1:20 says: *From the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly observed in what he made. As a result, people have no excuse.* The Bible tells us that people will have no excuse before God if they claim there wasn't enough proof of his existence. Creation itself cries out with proof. How do we know a building had a creator? Just by looking at it. The building itself is proof there was a creator. The world itself is proof that there is a God.

The other thing you can do when witnessing to an unbeliever is to turn the question back on them. Ask them to prove to you that there is no God. They can't do it. We Christians are often accused of basing our belief on blind faith. The truth is we have a very calculated faith based on logic and evidence. Atheists are the ones going on blind faith. To believe that this universe, this world and even our own bodies just came about by random chance is mathematically impossible. We have 206 bones in our body. How long would it take for them to randomly come together in the right order? For 200 things to occur in order the probability is 1 in 10³⁷⁵. Any mathematician will tell you that anything over 10⁵⁰ is absolutely impossible. Our bodies are enough proof in and of themselves that there is a God.

We who have the heart of God and the mind of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, are called to be intentional about sharing our faith with others. Life on this earth is short. Eternity is forever and that's a long time to not have the right answer as to where one is going to spend it. We have the right answer, may God bless us to share with others.

Pastor Carl

CRS plans trip

Christiana Rowdy Seniors will meet on Thursday, June 10 at 8:30 at the church for a bus trip to Chimney Rock State Park. The trip will include a 30-minute walk to Hickory Nut Falls. Anyone unable to walk that distance may sit, relax, and visit with others while you wait.

Cost for the group rate is \$14/person based on 15 persons. It is important that you contact Jenny Roberts by June 6 if you plan to go.

Please note that the group has changed its regular meeting date to the second Thursday each month.

LCW HAPPENINGS

LCW Miss Katherine Lyerly

will meet on Tuesday, June 1 at 10 a.m. at the church with Charlotte Pacilio, program leader

LCW Sister Lucille

Sister Lucille Group will meet at 7 p.m. on June 15 (note date change) at the home of Linda Crouch, program leader.

Gifts to Our Church

To the Nehemiah Group in honor of Jay Goodman's retirement by the Peggy Boggs Class

To Brighten the Beacon in honor of Frances Peeler on Mother's Day by Bill & Reggie Hardister

To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in honor of Jay Goodman's retirement by Dale & Marsha Beaver

New Kids Sunday School format

On Sunday, On Sunday, June 6 we will begin a new format for Sunday School for Kindergarten – 5th grade. We are excited about this new format and pray that parents will make a special effort to bring their children. There are also several Adult Sunday classes that parents who are not teaching or helping can attend.



We will begin Sunday School for all the K-5th grade students in the current downstairs Kindergarten classroom. On the 1st Sunday of each month, students will be treated to a breakfast prepared by Jason Smith and David Preslar. This will begin at 8:50 and will conclude at 9:20 am. **NO BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AFTER 9:20 AM.**

Sunday School will start all other Sunday's at 9:15, beginning with a prayer. After the prayer, Kindergarten-2nd graders will stay in the same classroom, while 3rd-5th graders will go next door to the other downstairs classroom. At that time a lesson will be given by the teacher, or perhaps a drama will be done by the older students which will be based on the same lesson as the younger children are hearing. After lesson time, we will all come together for a craft, indoor or outdoor games, music, or creative time. All crafts and games will be age appropriate, so the younger children may not be doing the same craft as the older students. Activity time will also include Bible verse memorization, learning the Books of the Bible and other fun and educational Biblically based activities.

After activity time, we will end with a closing prayer, and students will be released to their parents for the 10:30 church service at the ringing of the 2nd bell.

More information will be presented to teachers, helpers and parents through an email that will be coming to you soon. If you would like to be a teacher or a helper with either of these age groups, please let me know! Working with children is such a joy, and we can use as many of you as would like to be involved! Thanks and God Bless us all!

Marsha Beaver
Kindergarten – 5th Grade Sunday School Coordinator

Congregational Concerns

Remember those in nursing homes:

Autumn Care:
Joe Haas

Liberty Commons:
Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab:
Cardell Gibson and Ann Meacham



**Council Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2021**

Present:

Jason Smith, Pres. Jenny Roberts Robbie Robinson Harry Agner
David Preslar, V. Pres. Earlene Ritchie Eddie Eller Tommy Mead
Kevin Holland, Sec. Laura Ritchie Harry Agner

Also present:

Carl Haynes
Laurie Ritchie

Absent:

Marlene Pethel
Jeff Fleming
Tony Hawkins
Jeff Fleming

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:

Votes of Reception and Approval

- Minutes from April 2021 were approved.
- Financial report from April 2021 was approved.

Pastor's report presented. Excited to see more people coming back to church.

Treasurer's Report

April income was \$2,632.77 below budget

YTD income was \$2951.56 below budget

April spending was \$6,138.76 below budget

YTD spending was \$22,148.18 less than budgeted

Cash on Hand \$61,149.91. (\$50,000 Cash on Hand in Money Market Account)

April contributions to Brighten the Beacon were \$1,425.00.

Committee and Auxiliary Concerns:

Stewardship:

- Cost of property insurance is going up. Adding a premium (\$50) for Cyber security. Annual premium is also going up at total of \$1200 (to cover upgrades to property).

June 13 Loose offering changing from baby bottle drive to Haiti missions work for Banks Kluttz. Motion to change June 13 loose offering from baby bottle drive to Haiti missions approved.

Christian Education:

- Starting new Sunday School material (Sola) for the children.
Meet again on May 27th.

Property:

Reoccurring issue for power line to Fellowship Hall. Line was dug up and repaired.

Social Ministry:

- Baby bottle campaign starts today.
Serving meal on 27th and 28th.

Evangelism:

- One additional favorite scripture came in. Still need three more.
 - Blessing bags. Hopefully packing bags May 23
- Had parenting session. Still planning one more.

Fellowship:

- Wonderful fellowship at clean-up day. Estimated 30+ people participated.
Yard sale idea was declined.

Landscape:

Very happy with the turn-out. Grounds look good.

Brighten the Beacon:

- We need someone to organize/lead car show. It has been an effective fundraiser for BtB.
Meeting this Thursday at 10am.

LCW: Sister Lucille-
Miss Katherine Lyerly-

- Packing party on May 18.
- Still collecting food—individual containers of apple sauce. Donated 161 lbs. of food. Collecting wash clothes, flip flops.

CLM:

Planning a fishing trip this year. Using as a tool to bring in new members.

CRS:

- Went to the Classic on May 1.
- Going to Chimney Rock on June 10.

Bus:

- Bus has new battery
- License plate is inside the bus. Has magnets to put on the bumper. Put tag bag in bus afterward (theft prevention).

Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters:

- Motion to add Jim Duncan back to the security team and insurance was approved.
- Motion to approve restoration of the playground as Michael Lowry's Eagle Scout project approved. Michael has completed some of the project.
- Discussion about security cameras for exterior of church.

Motion to continue to virtual services approved.

- Upgrade camera equipment for broadcast.
- Other uses beyond Sunday services?

- Service in the Grove: 1st Sunday in June

Next Council Meeting: June 13, 2021 7:30 am

Church Lock-Up and Devotions for June: Kevan Barringer

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin B. Holland
Council Secretary

Scholarships to be awarded June 6

The Brad Patrick Scholarship:

Miss Bailey Brooke Webster, a senior at South Rowan High School. Amount \$1,000. Bailey will attend Catawba College, majoring in Therapeutic Recreation. Her plans are to obtain both a Master's Degree and Doctorate in Occupational Therapy. Her career goal is to work in the military as an OT with both active, retired and veteran military personnel.

Landon William Shuping, a senior at East Rowan High School. Amount \$500. Landon will be attending East Carolina University. His major will be either Education (Math/History) or Physical Therapy. Future goals include furthering his education with a Master's Degree in his chosen field.

Stephen Alexander (Alex) London, a senior at Jesse C. Carson High School. Amount \$500. Alex will be attending North Carolina State University as a Civil Engineering major. His love of the railroad industry, along with this degree will enable him to be involved in both fields in the future.

The Blanche and Hubert Ritchie Foundation Scholarship:

Chasten Alexander Hawkins, a senior at Salisbury High School. Amount \$1,000. Chase will be attending Western Carolina University this fall, but is undecided about declaring a major at this point.

Aubrey Taylor Honeycutt, a senior at Jesse C. Carson High School. Amount \$1,000. Aubrey will be attending Western Carolina University, majoring in Education. Her goal is to teach History.

Congratulations to these five highly qualified students and best wishes to them in their education and lives.

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

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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
Now on hiatus

Children's Choirs
Becky Morris, Director
Now on hiatus

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This month's prayer concerns:



Mike Keene's cousin, Wendell Thornton, very sick.
Pr. Johnny Boggs struggling with COVID.
David Apple recovering from abdominal surgery.
Alan Beaver at home, recovering from surgery to amputate a toe.
Joe Koehn recovering from knee replacement surgery.
Ann Meacham at TOHAR for rehab.
Mike Carscaddon chemo treatments for peritoneal Mesothelioma.
Lynda Pethel healing from surgery to repair broken wrist.
Roy Pethel injections in back for pain.

Sandra Fesperman recovering from broken ankle.

Linda Cline's dad recovering from emergency gall bladder surgery.

Suzanna Roth-Tubman, seeking employment.

Kathie Albright, bone-on-bone knee pain.

Woodrow Frick, fractured hip healing nicely.

Ron Turbyfill recovering from seizures.

KC Coffey's sister in law Angela, radiation treatments.

Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health

Our Sympathy is extended to Becky Kepley at the death of her husband Steve due to complications from COVID 19.