

*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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## Council Officers for 2022 & Retreat Date

The Congregation Council Officers for 2022 are:

Richard Crouch- President

Jason Smith-Vice President

Laura Ritchie- Secretary

The new council members serving the term 2022- 2024 are:

Richard Crouch

Todd Koontz

Charlotte Pacilio

Brittney Ritchie

Laura Ritchie

The council retreat is set for January 8 beginning at 8 am in the Smith Assembly Hall.

Members should dress comfortably and bring with them their council notebook, a writing instrument, and Bible. There will be coffee and lunch will be provided by the outgoing council members.

**The Church Office  
will be closed  
December 24-29**



## Youth to lead worship in January

During the month of January, Christiana youth will be taking part in various aspects of worship and will serve as ushers and greeters during the entire month. We are blessed with many children and youth here at Christiana and it is wonderful to see them growing in their faith as well as taking part in leading worship.

## Brighten the Beacon Fellowship Meals will resume on January 11 at 5:30

The Fellowship meals we had before COVID will start back in January. The menu will be chicken and dumplings, vegetables and dessert. We have folks lined up to cook, but we need help in setting up the dinning room and most importantly in cleaning up afterwards. Many hands make light work. We had 40 people raise their hand on Sunday, Nov. 14 saying they were interested.

In the past we relied on donations to cover the cost and any left over went to Brighten the Beacon. This time we will have a set cost for the meal—\$10 per person. Kids under 12 free.



If you are interested in helping, contact Harry Agner. He is willing to help with the meals, but not do them. So if we want to continue to have these wonderful fellowship meals, we are going to have to have people step up and be willing to be on one of three crews: setup, cook or cleanup.

Let's work together to make it happen.

## Have you passed the test?

We take a test every day. If we don't pass the test today, remember that tomorrow is another day. Passing the test—that's the same as serving GOD. Just don't run out of days!

Christiana is Christ's church. When we serve Christ, we are serving our church.

Think of it as driving your car: the cost of the car, the gas, the taxes, the insurance.

That's the way of our church; it costs money to do GOD's work.

Can we count on you? Every little bit counts and helps. Take that step. Plant that seed of Stewardship.

## Christiana Rowdy Seniors to gather at Rockwell Diner

This group of active seniors will meet for lunch at the Rockwell Diner on Thursday, January 13 at noon for a delicious meal and great fellowship.

### January Nursery Attendants

**Jan. 2:** Jason & April Smith

**Jan. 9:** Tara Beaver & Emily Barnes

**Jan. 16:** Suzanna & Claire Roth-Tubman

**Jan. 23:** *Volunteers needed!*

**Jan. 30:** Emily Barnes & Laura Ritchie

### January Worship Support

**Readers:** various youth

**Usher:** Brian Barringer

**Greeter:** Jenny Roberts

**Communion Assistant:** Judy Stoner

**Sound:**

**Lock Up:** Robbie Robinson

**Altar Guild:** Debbie & Eddie Eller, Linda Crouch, Wendie & Tony Hawkins

### December Attendance

**December 5**

Sunday School: 56  
Worship: 91

**December 12**

Sunday School: 52  
Worship: 86

**December 19**

Sunday School: 52  
Worship: Attendance not reported

## January Birthdays

1 Erica Isley	19 Katie Sease
3 Scott Isley	20 LuAnne Scott
5 Emily Haynes	21 Kent Cozart
10 Megan Lyerly	21 Dollie Lingle
12 Matt Fleming	22 Chase Hawkins
13 Pr. Carl Haynes	23 Marshall Shank
13 Sheryl Lyerly	23 Meredith Diaz
14 Jeremy Cross	24 Dylan Kluttz
14 Camille Abernathy	24 Tara Beaver
14 Eddie Eller	25 Hannah Isley
14 Denise Koehn	25 Riley Isley
16 Emmett Shank	26 Marlene Pethel
18 Roy Pethel, Jr.	29 Lynda Pethel



### January Altar Flowers

Jan. 2: Kathy Haynes

Jan. 9: Debbie Eller  
*Pedestal Emily Barnes*

Jan. 16: Suzanna Roth-Tubman

Jan. 23

Jan. 30

*Please notify Kathy Haynes if you would like to provide flowers for any available Sunday throughout the year.*



## *Learning to Number Our Days*

*"For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday  
when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night."*

Psalm 90:4

Where have the years gone? The night I graduated from South Rowan High School I lamented to myself, "I have eight more years of school! It is going to be forever before I become a pastor." Next thing I knew, I had been a pastor for four years and I thought, "Where have these last twelve years gone?" As I write this article I'm thinking, "Where have these 30 years gone?" I was 35 when I became your pastor, I am now 65. It is easy to relate to Psalm 90 verse 4 printed above. These thirty years seem like a watch in the night, a blink of the eye.

When I began my time here as your pastor, I had no idea I would be here 30 years. Maybe 12 or 15, as we wanted our girls to finish high school here. At 15 years I prayed to God about my call here to Christiana and He affirmed this was where He wanted me to be. I prayed the same thing at 20 and 25 years with the same response. God used you to affirm my call here. Soon after that prayer more than one person would unknowingly comment to me, "Pastor, you've been here over 20 years, you may as well retire here. I took that to heart, and came to the conclusion that's what God wanted me to do.

It was then that Psalm 90:12 spoke to me in a new way: "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." The psalmist is talking about our time here on earth, but I came to see it as my time here with you as your pastor. At some point I knew my time as pastor would end. My call from God, would be over. My prayer was that I would know when that time would be. For when a pastor stays beyond when God calls him to a congregation, things do not go well. This is where 'the heart of wisdom' the psalmist speaks of in verse 12 comes into play. As Christians it is imperative that we remember our lives and times are in God's hands and are to be lived according to His will, not ours.

Our days as pastor and congregation are numbered and will come to an end in June of this year. But we must not be discouraged, for the same God who called us together in 1992, is the same God who already knows who your next pastor is and He will care for you and lead you until the day Christ returns. Hear 90:1-2 speak to us: "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

We dwell in the Lord. Our lives are formed, begun, lived and ended here on earth in the Lord. We are guided by the Holy Spirit who gives us faith in Jesus and reveals to us God's will for our lives. In prayer and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we discern God's will for our congregation. When we trust God to guide us we cannot go wrong. Therefore it is imperative that we seek to know and do God's will for our lives as individuals and together as a congregation. There is much we have to do together before my call comes to an end, but again, the same God who brought us together is the same God who will bring you together with your next pastor. So be earnest in prayer that you may discern who that person is when God sends them to you.

In the mean time there is worship and education to be done; there is a gospel to be preached and disciples to be made; there is ministry in our community, our mission district, our state, our country, indeed the world to be done that we might serve our God who is from everlasting to everlasting!

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Carl*





## Congregational Prayer Concerns

Patti Holshouser, with son after surgery for compression fracture. Marlene Pethel, hospitalized with COVID & pneumonia. Pr. Dieter Punt recovering at home after stroke. Frances Peeler fell at home, hit head on dresser, gash, concussion, stitches, home with daughter. Sue Wall recovering from COVID. Glenn Wall, Susan & Henry Holland now quarantined with COVID. Barbara Crouch diagnosed with A-fib; heart now back in rhythm. Betty Rose Witty at the Citadel, rm 209 for PT. Shelby

Harwood, recovering from pneumonia. Lynda Pethel, recovering from aortic valve replacement at Presbyterian. Marsha & Dale's friend, Cindy Miller, continuing health issues. Kathie Albright, recovering at home, facing physical therapy; her friend Maxine Campbell, 82, hospitalized with injuries from a car wreck. Nick Pacilio's nephew, John O'Hanlan, hospitalized with serious illness. Michael Carscaddon doing well but will begin 3 months of chemo. Vaughn Hatley taking immunotherapy treatments every 3 weeks. Linda Crouch's sister, recovering from reconstruction surgery. Onetia Bruce in poor health. Ethan Martin, Lyme Disease. Louise Crowther, shut-in at home; failing eyesight & balance. Ann Meacham, at TOHAR. Don & Rose Dedmon in poor health.

Dear Christiana family,

First, I want to thank God for his mercy, but to thank each and every one of you for your cards, texts, calls, checking on me with Banks, and especially all the prayers I felt and still feel during my COVID and now recovery!

Love to each of you!

Shelby Harwood

May God bless you all!

*thank you*

## Packing Away the Christmas Decorations

On Thursday, January 6 at 6:30pm, Christmas decorations will be taken down, carefully packed, and put away. This is a big job that takes a lot of help. The Worship Committee & Altar Guild of Christiana invite all who will come to help.

## Free Catered Luncheon planned for Sunday, January 23

Stroll over to the Fellowship Hall right after the worship service and enjoy fun, fellowship, and a wonderful hot lunch sponsored by the Christiana Endowment Fund board. There will be a brief presentation to share various new and exciting ways you can help sustain the church you love long into the future. Don't miss this great time—mark your calendar now!

## Our Members in Nursing Homes

**Autumn Care:** Joe Haas

**Liberty Commons:**  
Elizabeth Ritchie

**Trinity Oaks:**  
Cardell Gibson, Ann Meacham

**The Citadel,** Betty Rose Witty, for PT



## Winter Snow Schedule

If it snows or ices on Sunday morning and the roads are too dangerous for travel, worship services will be cancelled and the church phone tree will be activated to notify you. Also check our Facebook page or call Pastor Carl at 704-223-1468.

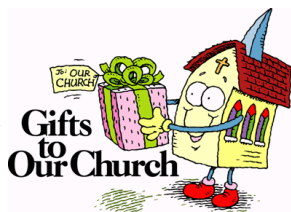


### **To the Memorial Fund**

In memory of Billy Day Witty by Patricia Thomas Pena and Kaitlin Christiana Pena

### **To the Cemetery Fund**

In memory of Miriam and Harry Fox from Donna Fox  
In memory of Moses and Mac Kluttz by Kay and Elvin Kluttz



### **To Brighten the Beacon**

In honor of Glenn Wilson's 90th birthday by Charles & Jenny Roberts, Mike & Vickie Keene  
In honor of New Life SS Class Teachers by Roy & Lynda Pethel  
In honor of Jason Smith by Roy & Lynda Pethel  
In memory of Carolyn Corl by Roy & Lynda Pethel

### **To the Building Fund**

In honor of Glenn Wilson's 90th birthday by Eddie & Debbie Eller

### **To the General Fund**

In memory of Nellie & Arthur Trexler by Kenneth and Janet Trexler

A **Chrismon** was created and given to the church in memory of Alan Beaver by Brad and Melonie Beaver

## **Scripture Lessons for January**

### **Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 2**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-11(12-15)  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

### **The Baptism of Our Lord, Jan. 9**

Isaiah 43: 1-7  
Psalm 29  
Romans 6:1-11  
Luke 3:15-22

### **2nd Sunday after the Epiphany, Jan. 16**

Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm 128  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11

### **3rd Sunday after the Epiphany, Jan. 23**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19:(1-6)7-14  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:16-30

### **4th Sunday after the Epiphany, Jan. 30**

Jeremiah 1:4-10(17-19)  
Psalm 71:1-6(7-11)  
1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13  
Luke 4:31-44



The Church Office is in the process of compiling the 2021-2022 Annual Report Booklet and Church Directory. If your personal information was incorrect in the last directory or if you have a new address, phone number, E-mail address, or if your birthday was not listed or was incorrectly listed, please notify the church office ASAP. The information may also be e-mailed to: [christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com](mailto:christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com).

**Annual Reports Due Jan. 5**  
**[christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com](mailto:christiana1@charlotte.twcbc.com)**

## **Time Capsule is reloaded**

On Sunday, January 23, 2022, please bring an item related to Christiana to be placed in a new time capsule to be opened in 50 years. We will have things like a church directory, pictorial directory, hymnals, a pew Bible, a copy of the history of Christiana, The Salisbury Magazine. Paper items will be vacuum sealed and placed in a plastic tub. The tub will be placed under the pulpit and a plaque will be mounted in the pulpit telling about the time capsule and when it should be opened. January 22, 2071 is a Thursday, whoever is here may want to open it on Sunday, January 25, 2071.

## Scholarships Available Through Christiana in 2022

The following scholarships are available through Christiana Congregation. Those interested in applying please note the requirements. Complete information about each scholarship and applications are available on the church website, [www.christianalutheran.org](http://www.christianalutheran.org). If you have any questions or if you need assistance in accessing the information, please contact either Branson Pethel, chairperson of the 2022 committee, or the church office.

### Lena Bangle Lyerly Scholarship

Must be a Christiana Lutheran Church member that participates and attends Christiana Lutheran Church as school schedules allows.

Enrolled in a two or four year college/university.

Working toward a degree in Health or Christian Ed. and having accrued 12 or more credit hours in that school of study.

### Brad Patrick Scholarship

Scholarship will be awarded to a Rowan-Salisbury Public High School Senior with a financial need to further their education.

Applications may be obtained in the Guidance Counselor's office in any Rowan County High School.

### Hubert & Blanche Ritchie Scholarship High School (1)

Must be a participating and engaged member at Christiana Lutheran Church for the previous 24 months prior to the application deadline.

High school senior.

Enrolled full time in a two or four year college/university.

### Hubert & Blanche Ritchie Scholarship College (2)

Must be a Christiana Lutheran Church member that participates and attends Christiana Lutheran Church as school schedules allow.

Full time college student

See full eligibility requirements on the church website.

All scholarship applications must be completed and returned to the church office by 12 noon on Friday, March 12, 2021. Any applications received after that date will not be considered. All applicants applying for scholarships must have an official transcript from the school sent to the church office. No others will be accepted. For those applying, and meeting scholarship requirements, checks will be made payable to the educational institution and the recipient awarded the scholarship only. This way we ensure the funds are going to support the student in their academic endeavors and not for miscellaneous or erroneous expenses.

## LCW Happenings

MKL Group  
will meet at the church  
on Tuesday, January 5 at 10  
a.m.  
Program Leader TBA.

Sister Lucille Group  
will meet  
at 7:00 p.m. on January 4 in  
the Smith Assembly Hall.  
Hostess is Earlene Ritchie  
and program leader is  
Brittney Ritchie

## Camp Counselors needed

The Solid Rock Day Camp team is looking for faithful college-aged young people with a passion for sharing the love of Jesus with kids. We need those who will have at least graduated high school by June 2022 to apply to work as a Day Camp Counselor or Area Director for summer 2022.

Counselor and Area Director Application

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSdAijsVM1keCFSzk2P2PCwdC-KL6yW5bv8ATycrJ6LnC\\_HWhA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSdAijsVM1keCFSzk2P2PCwdC-KL6yW5bv8ATycrJ6LnC_HWhA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Job Description- Counselor

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Uh6DzeRhRjkbGk\\_4tWF7A6-zvKG4Hp8cNYC4NuXHT-o/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Uh6DzeRhRjkbGk_4tWF7A6-zvKG4Hp8cNYC4NuXHT-o/edit?usp=sharing)

Job Description- Area Director

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pgn9H5zDhXkldX5QPT6HZF4NKg3fNrZwmlCKZOhQKKk/edit?usp=sharing>

## Council Meeting Minutes December 12, 2021

### Present

Jason Smith, Pres.    Eddie Eller    Brittney Ritchie  
David Preslar, VP    Harry Agner    Robbie Robinson  
Laura Ritchie, Sec.    Jenny Roberts    Mike Yarbrough  
Jeff Fleming    Tony Hawkins    Laurie Ritchie, Treas.

### Also Present

Richard Crouch    Carl Haynes, Pastor  
Earlene Ritchie  
Kevan Barringer

### Absent

Marlene Pethel  
Todd Koontz  
Charlotte Pacilio  
Eddie Eller

### Items of Business:

November Meeting Minutes: Approved.

Treasurers Report: Approved.

November Envelope Income was above budget: \$1,394.31

Total October Income was above budget: \$1,110.15

YTD Envelope was behind budget: \$3,417.81

YTD Total Income is behind budget: \$6,860.70

October total expense was under budget: \$5,466.27

YTD total expense was under budget: \$45,285.51

Expense Notes:

Music Supplies- **Over** budget. Budgeted \$450.00, Spent so far \$524.34

Pastors Business Expense **Over** Budget. Budgeted \$3,000, Spent so far \$4,716.66

Postage **Over** budget. Budgeted \$1,500. Spent \$1,599.65.

Mission Delegate **Over** Budget. \$2,000 was budget- Spent so far \$3,360.51

Nehemiah Group Expenses **Over** Budget. Budgeted \$1,500, spent so far \$1,631.26 = Monthly fee has increase by \$5.13 per person.

Water & Sewer **Over** budget. Budgeted \$900.00 Spent so far \$970.20

Cash on Hand: \$69,103.86

New Account was set up for the Boy Scouts Fund as a Designated Account waiting for us to identify where it will go.

Designated Funds:

Brighten the Beacon November donations: \$600.00.

Report was accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report:

Approved as presented.

Nomination of 2022 – 2023 Executive Officers:

President:

Jason Smith nominated Richard Crouch = (Approved unanimously)

Vice President:

Kevan Barringer nominated Harry Agner = Harry Agner declined

Harry Agner nominated Jason Smith = (Approved unanimously)

Secretary:

Jason Smith nominated Laura Ritchie = (Approved unanimously)

Sign-Up for Lock-Up & Devotional Duties for 2022 – 2023:

January—Laurie Ritchie	July—Earlene Ritchie
February—Laura Ritchie	August—Brittney Ritchie
March—Jeff Fleming	September—Kevan Barringer
April—Charlotte Pacilio	October—Tony Hawkins
May—Harry Agner	November—Todd Koontz
June—Richard Crouch	December—Robbie Robinson

## Committee Reports:

### Stewardship:

Attendance in worship is up in recent weeks.

Plan to move back to passing the offering the plates. Council approved this motion.

Concern mentioned about whether Facebook Live is affecting church attendance.

Concern about attendance of children in church = plan to make an action plan to address that beginning in January.

### Property:

The ice machine is fixed.

New door was added to the fellowship hall. It is handicap accessible. Originally was to be two 36inch doors but had to change to one with skylights on either side due to regulations. Will now have a keypad entry.

The entrance to Hwy 52 has been fixed.

The furnace for the sanctuary's right-side igniter was not working correctly. It has been ordered and installed and is not working correctly.

### Social Ministry:

Angel tree is up and all of the angels have been taken by church members.

### Evangelism:

Thanks to all who participated or supported the Thanksgiving meal this year. We raised more money this year than ever before. Extra money will be carried over for next year.

### Membership Review:

Reviewed progress on reaching out to visitors.

### Nehemiah Group:

There are two blind spots when it comes to property surveillance. Stewardship will review plans to add two cameras to remedy it.

### Cemetery:

A letter was received inquiring about cemetery plots by an extended family member of a Christiana founder.

They were sent the requirements. Since she has never been a member here, she will have to pay the \$800.00. It will be discussed the first of the year by the cemetery committee on how to respond.

### LCW – SL Group:

Request approval to collect new or used blankets (money for blankets) for January & February to give to NALC disaster relief. A motion was made and seconded. Council Approved.

Made gift bags for all the shut-ins and are delivering between December 7<sup>th</sup> and Christmas.

### LCW - MKL Group:

Gave 1,040 lbs. of food to Rowan Helping Ministries.

LCW Christmas Party turkey dinner hosted by everyone on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Delivered 20 bags for children at Battered Women's Shelter.

Visited shut-ins and gave them cards and Christmas gifts.

### Youth:

Christmas Caroling on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30.

Phone tree message to go home this week.

Harold Morris will drive the bus.

Pastor Carl recommended that the Christmas Eve Offering to be given to NALC Disaster Response Group = Council approved that unanimously.

David and Emma Apple have applied to become associate members = Council approved this motion.

A motion from the Endowment Committee to Fund Luncheon on January 23<sup>rd</sup> is requesting \$750.00 to cover the meal and program roll out = To come from Unbudgeted Expense.

All Annual Reports should be sent to Ann by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Next meeting: **Council Retreat/Monthly Meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 – 2:00** (Pastor Carl would like to meet with the Executive Council prior to it.)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura E. Ritchie  
Council Secretary



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**Mailed Dec. 22, 2021**

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

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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 p.m.

Handbell Choir  
Kathy Haynes, Director  
3 p.m. Sundays

Kids' Puppet Team  
Becky Morris, Director  
3 p.m. Sundays



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**Blood Drive**  
**January 16**  
**12-4:30 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

There is a huge need for donors!

Please call Joe Koehn at

704-642-1658 or Denise Koehn

at 704-433-4877 or email them at

[dizjoe7@gmail.com](mailto:dizjoe7@gmail.com)

to schedule an appt.

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**2022 offering envelopes available**

Please begin using Sunday, January 2. **Do not use 2021 envelopes** because your envelope number will not be the same number as last year and contributions are **posted by number**. Please put your name on the envelope. If you make a contribution to any special fund such as the Brighten the Beacon Fund, etc., please write a **separate check** and place it in a separate envelope as these monies are deposited into a separate account from your regular envelope offering. These procedures will help ensure that your contribution gets posted to your name.