

First  
Christian  
Church  
Williamston, NC

Family Ties  
A Newsletter for Church  
Family & Friends  
May 2025

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### Pastor's Message

“I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. Where? ... Down in my heart to stay.” Catchy little tune. I bet you’ll be humming it all day now.

It’s the perfect theme song for the season of Eastertide. Yep, it’s still Easter – so don’t pack up your bunnies just yet.

On the church calendar, Easter is a 50 day season from Easter Sunday to Ascension Sunday. We will continue to drape our outdoor crosses and Sanctuary in white and sing our favorite Easter hymns. For the resurrected Jesus walked on earth for 50 days until his ascension into heaven. Ascension Thursday is May 29<sup>th</sup> (celebrated on the following Sunday), to be followed by Pentecost Sunday on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

So it is with much joy – resurrection joy – that we continue to sing our “alleluias” to Christ’s victory over death and sin. And we contemplate, what does it mean for us to live into the resurrection of Jesus? How does (should) Jesus’ resurrection affect our daily lives?

Much to think about and celebrate this holy season.

Happy Easter to all!  
Pastor Karen



## **HOLY COMMUNION CHANGES ARE COMING**

Periodically our elders review and re-evaluate our procedures for communion. At the April elder prayer breakfast, it was decided that they would like to return to passing trays for communion, as well as the offering plate. (Perhaps they were inspired by the youth wanting to pass the trays during Youth Sunday.) This change will start in September. Deacons will be advised of the effect on their schedule.

## **CELEBRATING EDNA GRAY!**

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> will be Edna Gray's last Sunday playing as our organist. For 60 years she has blessed us with her musical talents and she will be sorely missed. A special celebration reception will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> to properly express our love and gratitude.

## **VBS CO-DIRECTOR NEEDED**

Julia could use some help planning and directing VBS this year. Dates are Mon-Wed June 16-18, 9 a.m. to noon. Please contact the office if you can help.

## **COIN COLLECTION**

Thanks to your generosity our last 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday coin collection was \$698.16 for our food pantry.

## **THANK YOU, ELIZABETH EARLY**

Praise God, Elizabeth has expressed an interest in being our organist and pianist this summer. Please give her encouragement as she shares her musical talent with us.

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Men of the church and friends are invited to a fellowship meeting at Skeeter Holler on Sun May 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF APRIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

Worship: If we haven't found organist yet, we will need a music coordinator for the summer to ensure we have a musician each Sunday.

Property: The a/c unit in fellowship hall is 36 years old and needs to be replaced. Cost is \$13,700.

Personnel: Continues meeting to find organist/pianist; will also now begin search for choir director.

Stewardship & Finance: Collections are up through March as compared to same time last year.

CWF/CMF: Will provide mulch for playground. CMF will cook for Easter egg hunt picnic and breakfast Easter Sunday.

Old Business: Scholarship applications were received and 7 awards have been made.



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| May 04 | Matt Oglesby    |
| May 06 | Claudia Lilley  |
| May 12 | Vinya Ward      |
| May 13 | Ken Teeter      |
| May 15 | Gary Sproat     |
| May 15 | Serena Paschal  |
| May 19 | Janice Gray     |
| May 19 | William Peele   |
| May 20 | Carla Lilley    |
| May 20 | Sully Ross      |
| May 22 | Ben Shelton     |
| May 22 | Lauren Newman   |
| May 24 | Minnie Harrison |
| May 26 | Levi Oglesby    |
| May 27 | Bill Jones      |
| May 29 | Wanda Johnson   |

| Monday Meals |   |
|--------------|---|
| May 5        | Susan & William Peele                     |
| May 12       | Brenda & Andy Clements                    |
| May 19       | Wanda Johnson & CeeCee Darden             |
| May 26       | Melanie Delph, Katherine and Finley Crisp |

| SERVING IN MAY    |             |                                |                |                  |               |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| WEEKLY DUTIES     |             |                                |                |                  |               |
|                   | Elder       | Deacon                         | Nursery        | Sound/Projection | Acolyte       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>   | Ben Shelton | Tommy Roberson                 | Vinya Ward     | Rock & Maria     | Grace Sessoms |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>  | James Ward  | Bonnie Robertson               | Melanie Delph  | Wayne & Austin   | Cole Sessoms  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>  | Vinya Ward  | Mary Katherine Saunders        | Karen Hardison | Rock & Maria     | Sarah Scott U |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>  | Becky Bundy | Susan Shelton                  | Sharon Griffin | Wayne & Austin   | Finley Crisp  |
| MONTHLY DUTIES    |             |                                |                |                  |               |
| Home Communion    |             | Phil Griffin & Melanie Delph   |                |                  |               |
| Open/Close church |             | Levi Oglesby & James Ward      |                |                  |               |
| Altar Guild       |             | Claudia Lilley & Susan Manning |                |                  |               |

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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                                | TUESDAY                                  | WEDNESDAY                           | THURSDAY                   | FRIDAY | SATURDAY             |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|----------------------|
|  |                                       |  |                                     | 1<br>Grateful gamers 1:30  | 2      | 3<br>Tiam Food Drive |
| 4<br>Home Communion<br>Tiam Worship                        | 5<br>11:30 Lydia<br>7pm Martha        | 6<br>7am Elders<br>Breakfast<br>7pm Ruth | 7<br>10am Mary Martha<br>7pm Choir  | 8<br>Grateful gamers 1:30  | 9      | 10                   |
| 11<br>Tiam Worship<br><i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>           | 12<br>5:30pm General<br>Board Meeting | 13                                       | 14<br>10am Mary Martha<br>7pm Choir | 15<br>Grateful gamers 1:30 | 16     | 17                   |
| 18<br>Tiam Worship<br>5:30pm Men's<br>Fellowship @ Skeeter | 19                                    | 20                                       | 21<br>10am Mary Martha<br>7pm Choir | 22<br>Grateful gamers 1:30 | 23     | 24                   |
| 25<br>Tiam Worship   | 26<br>Office Closed<br>Memorial Day   | 27                                       | 28<br>10am Mary Martha<br>7pm Choir | 29<br>Grateful gamers 1:30 | 30     | 31                   |