### **FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:**

- 7/5 Johnny, Barbara, Tara, Ann, Krystal, VOLUNTEER, and **VOLUNTEER**
- 7/12 Johnny, Tara, Virginia, Teresa, Pat, Lee, and Linda
- 7/19 Lynn, Veronica, Kayleigh, Robin, Kastina, Jimmy, and
- 7/26 Lynn, Jen, Harold, Allan, Amanda, Allen, and Jeanne

#### **NURSERY SCHEDULE:**

7/5 - Gayle H., Carolyn B., Melanie J.

7/12 - Diane B., Brandy, Leigh S.

7/19 - Brandy N., Kastina R., VOLUNTEER

7/26 - Brandy N., Kathryn D., Cheryl P.

## **CONNECTION CAFÉ SCHEDULE:**

7/5 - Sh1: Steven K; Sh2: Amanda L & Allan L; sh3: Isa L & Virginia S

7/12 - Sh1: Steven K; Sh2: Barry & Gina W; sh3: Griff C & Garrett C

7/19 - Sh1: Steven K; Sh2: Brandy S & Deborah F; sh3: Pat P & Ann V

7/26 - Sh1: Steven K: Sh2: Isa L & Cheri R: sha: Teresa A & Amanda B

#### Weekly at FCC:

## **Sundays**

8:00 a.m., Worship Team rehearsal (sanctuary) 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service & nursery 10:25 a.m., Junior Church, 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders \* (\* - Junior Church meets right outside the main entrance to the sanctuary, when directed) 6:00 p.m., Walk thru the New Testament

#### Tuesdays

6:30 p.m., Ladies Bible Study (Café Conf. Room)

#### Wednesdays

6:30 p.m., Men's Bible Study (Café Conf. Room) 6:30 p.m., Summer Small Group (Teen Center) 6:30 p.m., Worship Team rehearsal (sanctuary)

CONNECT / GROW / SERVE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

# Ministry Staff

Ron Nolen, Pastor **Kevin Adkins**, Minister of Worship & Connections

Mon-Thur.....8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday......8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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# First Christian Highlights **JULY 2015**

"Connect to God, Grow in Christ, Serve Others"

# **FOUNDING FATHERS' QUOTES**

"While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian."

#### **GEORGE WASHINGTON**

-The Writings of Washington, pp. 342-343

"God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever; That a revolution of the wheel of fortune, a change of situation, is among possible events; that it may become probable by Supernatural influence! The Almighty has no attribute which can take side with us in that event."

#### THOMAS JEFFERSON

-The Writings of Thomas Jefferson, p. 385

"The hope of a Christian is inseparable from his faith. Whoever believes in the divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures must hope that the religion of Jesus shall prevail throughout the earth. Never since the foundation of the world have the prospects of mankind been more encouraging to that hope than they appear to be at the present time. And may the associated distribution of the Bible proceed and prosper till the Lord shall have made 'bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God' (Isaiah 52:10)."

# **JOHN QUINCY ADAMS**

-Life of John Quincy Adams, p. 248

#### **WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS AT FCC:**

Our meal-makers will be taking a well-deserved break during June and July, but when they get back to cooking, you don't want to miss Wednesday Evening meals at FCC! You have a standing invitation to join us for Wednesday Evening Meals, August through May, at 6:00 p.m. The price is always only \$2 per person or \$7.50 per family.

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Our FIRST IMPRESSIONS MINISTRY is looking for volunteers to serve on a rotational basis (roughly one Sunday each month). If you know how to smile and shake someone's hand, you are qualified! Contact any of our FIT Team members on any given Sunday, or contact Pastor Kevin (478-987-5428 or kevin@firstchristian.net), if you are interested.

FIRST FAMILY E-NEWS is our weekly e-newsletter (if you have not been receiving this email, check your email SPAM or JUNK folder). To receive this email, and/or add prayer re-

quests to it, make it known on a Connection Card, call us at 987-5428, or email us at **fcc-staff@firstchristian.net**.

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#### **OUR WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK!**

We want our website to adequately represent who we are as a church. Check it out and let us know if there is anything that needs corrected or added: www.firstchristian.net.

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Wednesday Night Activities have temporarily stopped so that those who serve from August through May can get a much deserved break to refresh and re-group! This includes youth group activities, adult Bible study, and our din-

ners. Wednesday night activities **will resume in August**. For more information, contact Lee Dunbar.

There will be no MONTHLY LADIES MEETINGS for June and July. But if you are interested in sewing some bears that will be helpful. In August we will be working on the Christmas stockings for Metro Ministries. For more information, contact Diane South, at 860-908-6687.

# WALK THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

Sundays, at 6:00 p.m. (Café Conference Room)

# LEADERSHIP MEETING Sunday, July 12, at 11:15 a.m.

in the Café Conference Room

# ELDER'S MEETING Monday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church is on **Facebook**. Just go online to **www.facebook.com/fcc.perry** and check us out! LIKE us on Facebook and please mention and/or link to FCC's Facebook page on <u>your</u> Facebook page. You never know who might be out there searching... Who knows—you may even change a life by pointing him/her to FCC's Facebook page!

Free copies of our Sunday morning sermons are available upon request at the Sound Booth or listen online at <a href="https://www.firstchristian.net">www.firstchristian.net</a>, under RECORDED MEDIA.

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## **CAN YOU SERVE IN FCC'S NURSERY MINISTRY?**

If you would like to serve in our Nursery Ministry, on Sundays and/or Wednesdays, contact the church office at 987-5428, or email us at <a href="mailto:fcc-staff@firstchristian.net">fcc-staff@firstchristian.net</a>.

Looking for a Place to Serve? First Christian Church has a threefold mission statement: CONNECT to God, GROW in Christ, and SERVE others. First things first, we desire that everyone make that vital, life-changing connection with God, and continue to connect with Him through worship. Second, we want everyone to build a close relationship with God, in Christ, and continue to grow in that relationship by going to a Sunday School class, Wednesday night Bible studies, and/ or small group studies. Third, you need to find the area(s) in which you can serve.

God has gifted each of us with gifts for service and there are so many areas in which to serve at FCC! Not sure what God would have you do?

Start by seeking God's guidance through prayer and the Word, take into consideration what you are good at doing and what you like to do, then step out on faith and start serving! And if you are still not sure, contact the church office and we will work with you to help you find the right place to serve!

In this very publication, there are TWO areas where you may be gifted to serve. One is our First Impressions Ministry and the other is our Nursery Ministry. Give one a try!

#### FCC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are in the process of finalizing an update to our directory, which will be ready for you to pick up around mid-July or so. If you have any changes that need to be made or wish to have your photo added or revised, please contact Pastor Kevin or Dianne Belcher no later than July 8.

#### **UPCOMING MARRIAGE RETREAT!**

We will be having a Marriage Retreat at Adrian Campground, in Adrian, Georgia, on November 13 and 14. Keep watching for more information as we get closer to October / November timeframe.