



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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**Sharing
Brings Joy**
To Us, To Others,
To God
Share the joy!

You know the joy of giving— the delight you share when your gift makes a difference in someone's day. Imagine the joy when your gift changes someone's life. In church, we talk about God providing us with his blessings in abundance, yet everyday we see people who live with far less. Millions of God's children in the world live on less than we spend on one cup of coffee. Hundreds of thousands live everyday in the midst of violence and war. And countless families both here and abroad find themselves at the mercy of nature's fury with few resources to restore their homes and rebuild their lives. Ever think God wants you to be a bearer of abundance— to be more than just a recipient of God's love and blessing? That you can be the channel through whom God satisfies the hungry, comforts the distressed, and brings hope to the hurting? For over 65 years, Christians in North America have changed lives with their gifts to Week of Compassion. By sharing our resources, we share God's love and blessing, bringing joy to thousands of God's children who wait for their seed of hope to bloom. Even when times are tough and the world around us seems uncertain, are we confident enough in God's blessings to share abundantly with those in need? Create more joy in the world with your generous gift to Week of Compassion.

2012

Summer Camp Information

The 2012 camp theme is "Faith Book 2012" and will focus on the Bible, how it came into existence and its importance in our daily lives. Every week of camp will strive to be Christ-centered and Bible-Focused so that our campers will come to know God in a deeper, more personal way.

Here is your invitation to attend the Christian Church Conference Center in Silver Springs this summer as a camper, and adult volunteer, or a counselor in training! Yes, YOUR presence is requested! The forms will be available later on the region's website (www.floridadisciples.org) and can be downloaded from there. Registration open on January 15, 2012. Camp costs have increased \$10 over last year's rates, and we want to encourage your camper and youth from our church to begin now to raise part of the fees through fund-raisers and work projects. Some scholarship funds will be available to help with those in financial difficulty, and those application forms are available on line as well. If you register before June 1, \$25 may be deducted from the fees.

Elders for 2012

The following are the elders for 2012.

The Chair of the Elders is Mary Ann Hughes. Eloise Allen, Dottie Lee, Ron & Faye Nell Allton, Jo Strandjord, Bill Gullledge, Debby Hardy, Anne Kendall, Steve Quarcelino, & Bill & Donna Barr. They are the spiritual leaders of our church. If you need assistance in the areas of prayer, or are in the hospital, homebound or need communion served to you please call the church office at 723-6831 and we will make arrangements for you to be visited and prayed for.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

February

1 - Fred Farney
 5 - Rebecca Pryor
 6 - Esther Spellman
 7 - Doris Massa
 8 - Olivia Sinotte
 9 - Evy Nigh
 10-Emme King
 14 - John Liles
 23 - Bob Glass
 24 - Cheryl Everette

Anniversaries
 9 - John & Velma Wall
 11- John & Shirley
 Massie

Keep Them In Your Prayers

Pat Foster, Ann Marciano, Shirley Massie, The Family of Phil Everette, The Family of Anna Sinotte, Audrey, Olivia, Marilyn. The Family of Erik Fisher, The Family of Dale Suter, The Family of Barbara King, Joyce Emmons, Yale Goldstein, Mary Oberg, Robbi Armstrong, Pat Parker, Anne Kendall, Brandi Simms, Kyle Kettner, Lola Bishop, Gomer & Jean Davis, Cindy Matthews, Marie Joseph, Stan Dykstra, Helen Jennings, Holly Dolci-mascola, Nance Ellen Blattner, Chuck Reisinger, Floyd Johnston, Ron Strandjord, Edie Farney, John Ruhl, Annette Warrick, Jim Mathis, Irma Dixon, Lucitia Navarroza, Pat Mason, Virginia Santos, Joan Glass, Robin Moser, Alice Wheeler, Glenn Morris, Ross and Connie Dixon, Lucelle Buchanan, Verla Dudley, John Wall, Deloris Winslow, all our shut-in and hurting folks, those traveling, our Armed Forces here and abroad, our country and its leadership and each other.

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 ~Father,  
 Teach us to pray in one accord with other people, while they are praying audibly, so that You will

**THE CHRISTOPHER CRINGLE GIFT**

A small, light box arrived in the mail for Page Foster shortly after Christmas. The return address read as follows:

Christopher Cringle  
 121 St. Peter Avenue  
 Melbourne, FL 32904

Directory Assistance had no record of Mr. Cringle, and Mapquest had no information about St. Peter Street.

The following Sunday, Reverend Foster asked Bill Gullede, a man with EMT experience, to open the box. There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that Bill had to don a Hazmat suit to protect himself from the contents. He did, however, take the box outside to protect his wife, Mary and the Pastor from the contents. You can never be too careful.

Bill returned from the parking lot, where the box had been opened with a large collection of \$100 bills and a note. Reverend Foster read that the first \$1000 dollars were to be set aside for next summer's Vacation Bible School. The rest he could distribute at his discretion. He counted the money, and then Mary Gullede counted the money, and there was agreement – 30 \$100 bills!

Mr. Cringle, or Santa, or St. Nick (take your pick) – thank you for your gift. It's a first for the pastor, and a real boost for the church. You have funded the growing youth programs here, and allowed us to reach out as well. The distribution of the funds has been made.

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| Vacation Bible School  | \$1000 |
| Disciples Mission Fund | \$300  |
| Children's Ministry    | \$850  |
| Youth Ministry         | \$850  |

Mr. Cringle, you have done a lot of good!

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IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

...to **Phil Everette, Cheryl, Jake and family** in the death of Phil's father, Marshall. The Everettes attended his funeral service in Smyrna, GA on Sunday, January 22.

...to **Anna Sinotte, Sean, Audrey, Marilyn and Grace**, in the passing of Anna's brother, Mike. The family drove to Kalamazoo, MI for his memorial service.

...to **Georgia Suter and the family of Dale Suter**. Dale passed away at the family home on Tuesday, January 10, and his services were held on Sunday, January 15 at The Advent Lutheran Church in Sun-tree.

Notes" from the Music Ministry

WELCOME and WELCOME BACK: The Lord continues to bless the music ministries here at FCCM. The Adult Choir recently welcomed the following new ministers: Lory Dunham, Patty Dunham, and Diane Poirier. We were also blessed to welcome back, Patti & Kevin Kaylor, Anne & Roger Kendall, and snow bird, Ann Todd. As I write this article, I am also aware of the potential of two additional music ministers to our ranks this Thursday evening. Praise God, for the abundant blessings.

If you'd like to join this exciting and uplifting ministry, we meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Music Room, (north end of Fellowship Hall).

"T-O-N-E-C-H-I-M-E-S": Yes, ladies and gentlemen, that spells Tonechimes and one of our own, Elorah McIlvaine recently won the Harbor City Elementary Spelling Bee. Though only a 4th grader, our amazing Elorah beat out numerous 5th and 6th graders for the title. Please, keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she prepares for the Brevard County Bee in February.

The Tone Chime Ensemble meets every Monday afternoon from 4:30-5:30 p.m. We also meet in the Music Room which is located on the north end of the Fellowship Hall.

SENIOR SINGER PERSONNEL: Heather Landers and Gary Stark have joined the ranks of music ministers who serve the residents of Crane Creek. John Massie and I are thrilled to have their expertise and amazing musical talent join us in this ministry. Let me say it again: Praise God!

SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE: The musical messages scheduled for the month of Feb. are:

2/5: instrumentalist-Gary Stark, introit-"Sweet Hour of Prayer"-Hand Bells,
special-"Songs of Peace" - Adult Choir

2/12: instrumentalists-Tone Chimes, introit-"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"-Adult
Choir,
special-"We are the Children of Promise"-Adult Choir & Junior Choir

2/19: instrumentalist- Dore Davich, introit-"This Little Light of Mine"-A.C. ladies,
special-"Holy"-Adult Choir

2/26: instrumentalist-Carolyn Drown, introit-"Offering"-Adult Choir,
special-"There is Power in Jesus' Name"-Adult Choir

May we continue to praise the Lord with excellence and may we continue to grown in our understanding of the task/ministry before us.

Serving the Master,
John Hays

Those Who Serve The Lord

Lay Readers for February

Feb. 5 –John & Karlene Tuttle

Feb. 12– Jim Todd & Mary Oberg

Feb 19– Sean & Anna Sinotte

Feb. 26– Cheryl Everette & Ron Cox

Fellowship Hour

Feb. 5 - The Schumachers and Hansens

Feb 12 - Betty Dykstra

Feb. 19 - Mary Ann Hughes & Pat Foster

Feb. 26- Cheryl Everette & Dottye Lee

Flowers: The head of Flower Ministry is Helen Jennings. If there are any changes you would like to make please contact Helen at 321.259.7248 or call Patti in the office **321.723.6831. Thank you.**

Feb. 5 - Helen Jennings

Feb. 12 - Martha Mc Neal-Delores Winslow

Feb. 19 - John & Shirley Massie

Feb 26 - Open

Deacons for the month of February

Kara Brooks

Betty Dykstra

Marge Lamendola

Jay Rudy

Annette Warrick

Elders for February:

Feb. 5 - Jo Strandjord & Anne Kendall

Feb. 12 - Steve Quarcelino & Mary Ann Hughes

Feb.19 - Dottye Lee & Debby Hardy

Feb. 26 - Dottye Lee & Debby Hardy

Welcome back Show Birds:

The return of the Snow Birds. Please join us in welcoming back or regular winter residents.

Jean Cooper

Ann and Jim Todd

Gomer & Jean Davis

Karl & Dee Malmin

Dan & Maxine McIntyre

Congratulations!

To Harold & Juanita Bridgewater on the birth of their great granddaughter, Claire Noel. She was born on December 25th 2011. Claire Noel, was brought to her mother Amanda's room in a Christmas Stocking.



Caring Hearts and Helping Hands

FUND RAISER for Protestant Campus Ministry at FIT,

March 23.

This will be a delicious meal that can be picked up on your way home or eaten at the campus center, prepared by an expert chef. Further details in the next issue of Inner Space. Benefit for PCM Protestant Campus Ministry at FIT. Enjoy a delicious meal and hear Christian music (or take the meal home with you) on Friday Evening, March 23, at the campus ministry center on the FIT campus. Tickets for this event will be available soon.

Daily Bread:

Thursday, February 2, is our day to serve at Daily Bread. Please come lend a hand in serving a hot meal to God's hungry people. Help is needed between the hours of **10:30—2:30 at 815 Fee Avenue.** We need you!

Make this a Souper Super Bowl! Bring a can or cans of soup to donate to the Sharing Center to the church on Sunday, **Feb. 5.** Other packaged food and hygiene items, as well as socks and clean clothing, are also needed and welcomed.

Crop Walk (Communities Relying to Overcome Poverty) is scheduled for **March 18.** This will be a walk from FIT to FCCM and back to raise awareness and funds for Church World Service in meeting needs of peoples around the world in the Spirit of Christ. The walk begins at 2:00 AND USUALLY TAKES AN HOUR AND A HALF. Please plan to come join us!

A GOOD WEBSITE FOR DAILY WORSHIP

www.d365.org: (a lectionary-based devotional, with outstanding music)

d365.org, a daily online devotional series, was created and is produced by Passport, Inc. Passport is a student ministry organization focused on creating meaningful experiences and resources for students. From Youth and Children's camps, to international awareness and youth leader training events, Passport, Inc. gives students a chance to see and experience their world in new ways.

Grief Support

Experiencing grief affects your head, heart and spirit. You may experience a variety of emotions, confusion, disorganization, fear, guilt, relief, or explosive emotions and they might all occur at the same time. After time has passed and you think you have it all together again, you may be surprised as out of nowhere, at the most unexpected times, you experience surges of grief. All of this is very natural in response to the death of a loved one, a loss of job or home, a child going away to school, a divorce. When it happens, find someone to share with who understands your feelings and will allow you to talk about them.

The members of the Grief Ministry meet the first Wednesday (February 1st and March 7th) of each month in the parlor at 11:30. Lunch is potluck and there is always room for one more at the table.



Yarn Ministry

Members of the Yarn Ministry are again supplied with the baby yarn needed to make baby hats for Wuesthoff Hospital-Melbourne's nursery. Each month the offering table is full of the prayer shawls, baby hats and blankets and cold weather caps for the children served by the Craddock Center in northern Georgia.

The yarn given to the ministry often arrives in large plastic bags and sorting it is rather like discovering a yarn shop treasure. The group has purchased several more cubbies to 'store' our latest gifts of yarn and make it easier to see what is there. Take a peek in the parlor at the new wonderful and colorful 'stash' that the congregation and friends have made possible.

Yarn Ministry meets the second Tuesday of each month (February 14th) at 10 a.m. in the parlor. All knitters and crocheters are welcome.

Women's Study Group

The new year brought new growth to the membership of the WSG. What a wonderful problem it is ... enough books and seats for all who have joined the discussions.

The group is currently discussing *Loved by God: Trusting His Promises & Experiencing His Blessings* by Liz Curtis Higgs. Each week during the group discussions of the reading done in personal study the women seek ways to apply the lessons of the week to daily life. We frequently remind ourselves that the Scriptures are ever new and apply to our lives. Following the discussions wonderful, humorous, encouraging Liz Curtis Higgs takes over via DVD. Liz makes the Bible come alive and together we learn how to claim God's unconditional love.

The WSG meets each Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the church parlor/board room. Any Thursday is a good one to join the discussions.

Cook Books for Sale

Do you want to learn to make some new delicious meals on a budget?

The Women's Ministry Cook Book for just \$10.00 is one way to prepare delicious meals for your family. Try our easy recipes. They will make you say, "YUMMMM, more please!"





I am FCCM
by Dottie Lee

This month I would like to introduce you to Linda and Roy Melinchak.

Linda was born in Abbottstown, PA, just outside Hanover, PA., and lived there until January of 1990, when her job, Public School Employees Retirement System, transferred to Pittsburgh, where she met Roy. Roy had lived in Pittsburgh all his life. He started working on cars when he was 14, a life driven mechanic. He worked 27 ½ years at the Buick dealership there in Pittsburgh. If you need mechanical help, he is the one to call.

Their claim to fame: They were married in 1998 at the Grayson Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Linda was given away by the Elvis impersonator who sang all the way down the aisle. Wish I had been there.

They bought a house here in FL in 2007, and moved their things a little at a time, finally making the complete move in 2011. Linda's hobbies are taking pictures and scrapbooking, quilting, making fleece blankets, playing bingo. She is also the "Queen Bee" of the Quail Run Red Hatters. Roy's hobbies are working on anything electrical, bowling and boating. If you need any electrical help, please call him.

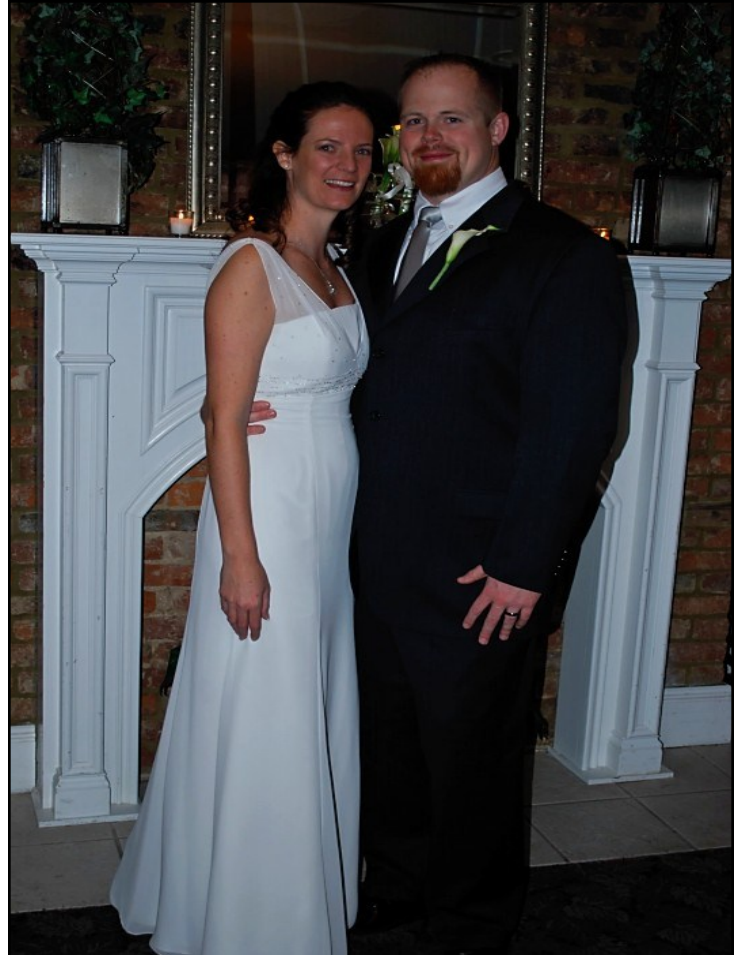
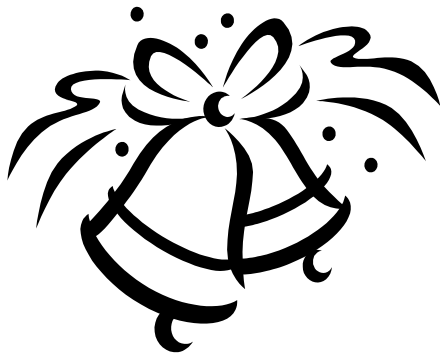
Linda has 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren. Roy has 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

We are happy to welcome this interesting couple to our Church.

CONGRATULATIONS!

On New Year's Day, Steve Quarcelino and Beth Gardze were united in marriage in Bowling Green, KY. Steve's father, Nate, presided over the ceremony for this great couple, who will be of one accord except when the Kentucky Wildcats are playing the Florida Gators at anything. They are in complete agreement in their intense dislike of Tennessee Volunteers!

Best wishes for a life time of happiness from your church family.



THE BACK PAGE

We have a bit of a problem here at First Church. We've fallen on good times and are beginning to run out worship bulletins on Sunday mornings. Don't be alarmed. Please, keep coming to church regularly and rely on our resourcefulness in dealing with this wonderful problem. We will start by making plain copies of the bulletin for the choir members (and there are 30 members of that august body now) while leaving the more colorful ones for you to view every Sunday morning. When we get closer to 150, we will order more of art bulletins. The usual question "Where will the money come from for that?" can be answered with, "The Lord will provide."

We don't have a space problem on Sunday mornings, and there is still a good selection of seats, week in and week out. That is usually the reason why an additional worship is added to the Sunday morning schedule of events. So, why are we adding an additional service?

We are adding an additional service of worship, but it will be on Wednesday evening at 7:05pm, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22. The idea began and was first called "Vespers," but that changed when I had difficulty explaining what the word "vespers" means. I now know that the word can be defined with a lot of high-fallutin' language drawn from ancient Catholicism or Eastern Orthodoxy. It's easier to say that the singular word *vesper* is a Latin word meaning "evening star." The word "vespers" was first used in 1595, but the first time I heard the word used was as a youth at summer church camp and conference in Craig Springs, Virginia. Vespers was simply the early evening worship service we attended.

The Wednesday night service will be called "**WHERE TWO OR MORE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME,**" and not because we have set low goals for attendance figures. It will be worthwhile if no more than two come to worship, but we believe that this service will be engaging enough to attract a good group on a regular basis. The service will be forty-five minutes (or so), featuring music, prayer and a meditation. The offering plate will not be passed, but will be present for any and all who wish to give to the church and her ministries. This service is designed as a good way to bring a day to a close.

There is a reason for the Wednesday evening format. We have known for a long time that the greater the number of opportunities we offer for people to worship, the greater the number of people we will have worshipping. That is true everywhere. An early Sunday morning service was considered, but what we envisioned was a smaller crowd for the regular 10:00am service, presenting us with what I call the "bee-bees in a boxcar" look. From 10:00 to 11:00 every Sunday, our sanctuary really looks good. Were we to see 20-30 less of you in the sanctuary during that time slot, it would not look as inviting as it does at present.

It is also true, unfortunately, that two worship services on Sunday morning have a way of creating two distinct congregations. That is something we wanted to avoid at all costs, and that remains true even where the mid-week service is concerned.

A Wednesday night service will not eliminate the need of anyone to worship on the Lord's Day. What we are planning is a service that is not only worshipful and dignified, but unique. We want you to attend that service, and come back to church on Sunday morning. "Where Two or More Are Gathered," is not an either-or gathering, but hopefully a both-and experience. If anyone leaves this new service feeling as if they have done their duty for the week, the purpose of the service has been defeated.

If you can't come to church on Sunday morning, join us every Wednesday evening. If you want to worship with a community during the week, come to "Where Two or More Are Gathered." If you have a friend, relative, acquaintance, or neighbor (aka FRAN), that you've wanted to introduce to our church, "WTOMAG" provides a good setting for it. And I know that none of you can relate to this, but if I'm wrong, consider this: if you just don't enjoy sitting through a long worship service, the Wednesday night service beginning at 7:05 is just the thing.

Come on Ash Wednesday, February 22 and have the sign of the cross placed on your forehead. That won't happen again until February 13, 2013 – but something of value will always happen. In worship that is good, something of value always happens.

Grace and peace,

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