

# FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN INFORMER

MAY 2022

Established June 1926  
FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
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## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. John P. Dunstan	Interim Minister
Rev. Dr. Terry Elkins	Pastor Emeritus
Bobbie Morris	Church Secretary
(serving since March 1967)	e-mail: <a href="mailto:sec.flcc@gmail.com">sec.flcc@gmail.com</a>
Donita Moore	Minister of Music
Gary Baldwin	Minister of Drama
	Nursery
Dana Witt	Pre-kindergarten to kindergarten
Amanda Murphy	grades 1 - 5
Sid Witt	grades 6 - 12

## WORSHIP PLANS

**ALL OF US THAT LOVE THE CHURCH ARE  
NEEDED TO HELP BUILD IT BACK.  
HELP WANTED - RIGHT NOW!**

Worship Service is being held in the sanctuary and on YOUTUBE and FACEBOOK. Before you enter the sanctuary, pick up your bulletin and communion.

*THE MISSION OF  
FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
The Mission of this Congregation shall be to glorify God's grace through the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout our Community and the World.*

## WITHIN THE CONGREGATION



Visit  
Our  
Shut-  
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Jewell Epling, room 233WC,  
Richfield Health Care Center, 3719  
Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

Jackie Reynolds, Oaks at Richfield Living, 3706  
Knollridge Rd., Salem, room 202A.

Karen Shelor, Waddell Nursing and Rehab, 202  
Painter Street, Galax, VA 24333.

Thelma Wilkes, Richfield Living, The Health Center-  
Salem Campus, room 219, 3719 Knollridge Rd., Salem

Tom Stone, Our Lady of the Valley, 650 N.  
Jefferson Street, Roanoke 24016 (therapy)

**HOME BOUND:** Brandy Dickerson and  
Mike Prillaman

## ONGOING RECOVERY:

Terry and Carol Oliver, Bill Epling,  
Helen Garrett, Maxine Hance, Eva Gordon  
Mark, Fredia & Larry Blankenship, Don Dye,  
Tom Stone, Cliff Whitley, Guy Jackson,  
Dana Witt, Robbie Francisco, Wayne Ayers,  
Wayne Craig, Kati Wright, Sandy Mischianti,  
Esta Griggs, Chris Morris, Helen Granger,  
Lucy Prillaman, Monique Carroll, Dawn Grant,  
Garry Good, Jennie Sue Murdock, Mark Morgan,  
David and Carol Brown, Edith Good,  
Jennifer Bradford, Indy Oyler, Fentress Boley,  
Lance Brewer, Sherman Chisom, Glenn Prather,  
Doris Harris, Heather Lawrence, Allen Moran,  
Harvey Howell, Nichols family, Alouf family,  
Nastassia Huddleston family, Marc Golden,  
Carol Jackson, Joyce Morris, Ernest Moore,  
Cecily Morgan, Bari Neighbors, Sara Monar,  
Steven Brown, Michael Dunstan, Tom Cook,  
Pete Broughman, David & Sharon Moran,

J. L. Gordon, Carol Duncan Esau, Terry McVey, Dorothy Thompson, Terry Wingfield, Patsey & Ortie Boyd, Trish and Josh Hepler, Daniel, Arin and Jack Lowe, Ricky Pinkerman, Teacher and students in Ukraine,

~ Mark Morgan was a patient at Lewis Gale. Good news! Mark's echo was good! MRI showed the cyst has grown a little, 8mm, but nothing to be concerned about! It was 5 mm, 22 years ago. The Diltiazem Med for his heart is working! The Fioricet is helping the migraines! He continues to recover at home. Praise the Lord!!! Thanks for all the prayers. **Mark and Jan Morgan**

~ David Brown had emergency surgery this past month, had an infection they treated, and is now home and continues to recover.

~ Jackie Reynolds, after a few days at Lewis Gale, went to the Health Center for rehab.

~ Lucy Prillaman, mother to Nelson and Ron, is now at the Salem Health and Rehabilitation Center for therapy.

~ Sherman Chisom, father to Vickie Richardson and Peggy Carroll, has stopped chemo treatments and now has hospice.

~ Ricky Pinkerman had surgery to replace his mechanical valve in his heart.

**NOTE:** Any corrections to this list - (add a name or remove a name) let Bobbie Morris know. The newsletter is the only place this extended list of names will appear.

\*Our **CONGRATULATIONS** to Mary and Jan Vargas Machaj on the birth of their son, Ethan Luke, born March 28, 2022. Proud grandma, Brenda Johnston.



Pvt. Marisa Baumann,  
First Lt. Tom F. Faucher 111,  
Wally Puckett, Kaleb Gallimore,  
Zack Setchel, Lindsey Roop,  
Jason and Melissa Gilley, Jordan Griffin and  
all other Military Troops

**\*ADULT STUDY GROUP** has decided to take a break from May - August of this year. They will resume in September, meeting at 9:30 AM in the Hearts and Souls Sunday School class room and begin a study of *Galatians/Ephesians* (letters by Paul). We have selected the version by William Barkley. Books will again be provided to the class. We encourage anyone who would enjoy this study to come on Sunday mornings. We will again rotate teaching.

**\*YOUTH/CHILDREN CHURCH** inside at 10:30 AM on Sunday morning.

**\*DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY** will meet on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 10:00AM. Our study program will be *Lesson 3 Divine Connections - Exodus 2:4*  
Reminder: flavoring, nuts, dish cloths, for sale, see Bobbie Morris



Instead of printing a Mother's Day and Father's Day booklet, which we have done in the past, this year we will be collecting donations for blankets that will be sent to Church World Service for Ukraine. We will be collecting NOW until June 26.

**Blankets just \$5.00 each**

Regional Assembly  
June 4 - University of  
Lynchburg - go on line to register  
(ccinvaoffice@gmail.com)

SEE attached  
VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN  
FLYER ABOUT WORK WEEKEND AT  
CRAIG SPRINGS - May 27-30  
and plans to improve the facilities  
(pictures are available from our  
church office) CAN YOU HELP!

**FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND**

**BEGINNING BALANCE        \$86,486.90**

March 2022 deposit    \$15,830.83  
Givelify deposits      \$1,582.78  
Givelify - 3/31        \$96.80

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENT      \$21,987.39**  
(includes check and service charge)

**ENDING BALANCE            \$82,009.92**  
3/31/2022

**KROGER COMMUNITY  
REWARDS PROGRAM  
BUILDING FUND FUNDRAISER**

**FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
BUILDING FUND**

**BEGINNING BALANCE        \$51,265.85**

March 2022 deposits    \$7,565.73  
(pledges, givelify, memorials, Kroger)

Disbursements        \$8,930.40

**ENDING BALANCE            \$49,901.18**  
3/31/2022

**\*REGIONAL NEWS:**

**\*2022 CRAIG SPRINGS CAMP  
SCHEDULE:**

Nature Camp = June 20-24  
Grand Camp = June 24-26  
CAMPDD Camp = June 27-July 2  
Special Camp = July 3-8  
Triple 1 = July 10-15  
New Covenant = July 17-22  
Triple 11 - July 24-29  
Family Retreat = July 29-31

**\*WORK WEEKENDS FOR CRAIG SPRINGS**

May 27 - 30, 2022  
October 7 - 10, 2022

**\*REMINDER:** Graduation will be here  
before you know it. So, if you have family  
that will graduate, please give all that  
information to Bobbie Morris so we can put  
in the newsletter.

# *The Virginia Christian*

*April 18, 2022*



## ***Craig Springs Work Weekend***

May 27 - 30

Calling All Virginia Disciples:

More than ever I need your help as we continue with plans to improve the facilities of Craig Springs. Last week a mission crew from Iowa spent a whole week getting us started on Oak Lodge and inspiring us to see that together with God, we can make things happen. The pictures below list out the different specific projects we are hoping that Disciples groups across the region might adopt in work or funding. We have scheduled a long work weekend on Memorial weekend, but if you want to come another time that works too. Our focus on Oak is designed to make it more adult friendly (not to exclude using it for camp as well) so that other groups might be willing to rent the facility and thereby protect the future of our camp ministry. Take a look at the pictures (projects) and let me know if you or your church/family/camp friends might be willing to take on a project. I have adopted the sealing of the wood floors because I believe deeply in this project and the ministry of this Holy Ground.

P.S. On memorial weekend we will feed you and provide a taste of the Holy through worship and fellowship.

Please call Mary or Sue at the Regional office at 434-846-3400 to register for the weekend, or go to this link for the registration form and fill it out that way. RSVP by May 19, 2022.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaqHLvRDfGizMOV2Er7F2AnoF-2JJhPOV2t-eLx6l7o3aLvQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaqHLvRDfGizMOV2Er7F2AnoF-2JJhPOV2t-eLx6l7o3aLvQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Blessings

BSD

Regional Minister, Christian Church in Virginia

Direct Cell: 515-577-9050

**\*ELDERS WILL NOT MEET IN MAY.**  
(Next meeting will be held Monday, June 13,  
at the church at 5:00 PM)

**\*NO CHURCH BOARD MEETING in May.**  
(Next meeting will be held Monday, June 13,  
In person and on zoom)

### "GET OFF YOUR CAN!"



We're talking about exercise with a twist.  
Picture it . . . Get your body movin', listening to  
contemporary Christian music, while helping the  
food pantry. How is that possible you ask?

## **EVERY MONDAY 10:00 AM IN THE DISCIPLE HALL**

Instead of weights, each person is asked  
to bring 2 cans of beans, or soup, or corn (the  
list goes on). - OR - 2 bags of beans, or rice,  
etc. After class, the cans, bags of food are  
collected for the **FOOD PANTRY.**

**\* SENIOR SOCIAL SOCIETY** will meet on  
Wednesday, May 11, 9:00 AM at Famous  
Anthony's for breakfast.

**\* JOAN DORSEY CLOTHING CLOSET** at  
South Colorado and Seventh Street in Salem  
is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
mornings from 9AM to noon.



**\*Salem-Roanoke County  
Food Pantry** is now at their  
permanent quarters at 829  
Indiana Street, Salem.  
Support the pantry by  
bring non-perishable food items to the  
church and place in the donation basket as  
you enter the building.

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Norman & Bobbie Morris 5/5/1961  
Marshall & Michelle Barnes 5/7/1995  
Butch & Fentress Boley 5/18/2013  
Dexter & Joey Prather 5/18/2013  
Chris & Nicole Brown 5/19/2001  
Gene & Angels Morris 5/29/1999

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Dana Witt (1), Rosemary Boardwine (3),  
Alliseon Prather (6), Jeff Criner (7),  
Hazel Rottkamp (8), Donita Moore (9),  
Marianne Jones (11),  
Robert Mischianti, Jr. (13),  
Kyle Rottkamp (14), Kathy Comer (15),  
Mark Morgan (15), Esta Griggs (17),  
Sue Stone (18), Sandra Brewer (18),  
Lori Crockett (19), Donnie Mitchem (26),  
Taylor Burns (26), Linda Altice (28),  
Nicole Brown (29), D. J. Sheppard (29),  
Robbie Francisco (29),  
Jennie Sue Murdock (29),



## How To Make Your First Givelify Donation

What is Givelify? Givelify is a secure, online web site which allows anyone to make financial contributions to charitable organizations any time of day, any day of the year. Contributions to Fort Lewis Christian Church (DOC) through the Givelify site will be credited to the church bank account. When you make a contribution to the church you can select the amount to donate and the church fund to be supported. You can also allocate your contribution between multiple funds. For example, a donation can be allocated between General Fund, Building Fund, and any of the other special ministries supported by the church.

There are several ways to get started with your first contribution. The easiest is to log on to the FLCC home page at [flccsaalem.org](http://flccsaalem.org). Most of the pages on the web site have a "DONATE" button which redirects you to the Fort Lewis Christian Givelify account. You have the option to create your own account by clicking on "Sign In". All you have to do is provide your Name, E-mail address and your own Password.

If you are already a contributor to FLCC and have an envelope number, that can be entered for our record keeping. If you make a donation but do not have an envelope number, then one will be assigned to you after the church receives the record of your donation.

Another option to use Givelify is to login to [givelify.com](http://givelify.com) on your computer or download the free App to your phone. In this case you will need to select Fort Lewis Christian Church after tapping on "Locate our Place of Worship".

Whichever option you use, after selecting FLCC then you can tap on the amount you want to donate or enter a preferred amount. Again, an envelope number can be entered if you have one. After you Tap "Give Now" you will be instructed to create your account and Enter Payment Information. All contributions through Givelify will be included in your quarterly FLCC Contributions report.

Once you have made your first donation, future ones are as easy as logging in to your Givelify account or tapping the App on your phone.

If you have any question please call Roger Lacy at 540-380-4646.



Thanks to those who furnished palm plants and lilies for the Easter season.

## SERMONS/SCRIPTURE

### CALL TO WORSHIP WILL BE THE SAME EVERY SUNDAY

**Come, let us Worship the Lord Together**

#### MAY 01

Scripture: Luke 24:13-19

Sermon: Jesus is Risen: Road to Emmaus

#### MAY 08

Scripture: Luke 1:26-28

Sermon: A Mothers Love

#### MAY 15

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: Jesus is Risen in Galilee: The Mountain

#### MAY 22

Scripture: John 21:15-17

Sermon: Jesus is Risen in Galilee: The Lake

#### MAY 29

Scripture: Joshua 4:1-7

Sermon: A memorial to God



### FROM JESUS' RESURRECTION TO GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

The two biggest events of faith in the Bible are the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and God's pouring out of His Holy Spirit (Pentecost). The preparation to receive the crucifixion of Jesus and the resurrection are linked so closely that they are almost one event (Can't have one without the other). The Crucifixion, Resurrection,

and Ascension of Jesus Christ fulfilled scripture and opened the doors of Heaven for God to Pour out his Spirit on All Flesh. The church was born on Pentecost (Holy Spirit Day) and we live in the power of the Holy Spirit even today. Jesus instructed his disciples to be in Jerusalem preparing to receive the Power which would enable them to be witnesses to the whole world. Can you imagine the Faith involved here:

A few disciples in an upper room in a foreign city in a foreign country changing the whole world (including you and me). Faith can move mountains but the church of today is far bigger than a mountain.

In the second chapter of Acts the story is told. The Spirit fell on the house where they were. Sometimes the coming Spirit is called the comforter. Sometimes the Spirit shows up in preaching. Sometimes the Spirit shows up in prayer. Sometimes you can feel the presence of the spirit when Christian friends are fellowshiping or working together. Sometimes the Spirit comes to dreams. The Holy Spirit is our Sacred Resource.

June the fifth is Pentecost Sunday. We remember and celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit for the building up of the church and the development of our personal lives. You should plan to invite a family member or neighbor to come to church with you on Pentecost Sunday. The greatest gift you can give a friend is the gift of the Holy Spirit. God is serious, God wants the whole world to be saved and loved. Pentecost is the perfect opportunity for you to do your part. Introduce folks to God's Spirit. They will be glad you did. See you Sunday.

As Always,  
Dr. John Dunstan

Fort Lewis Christian Church  
Board Meeting at Church and via Zoom  
April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:00 pm

Call to Order & Prayer - Paul Murphy and Ellen Richmond

**Board Members Present:** Paul Murphy, Ellen Richmond, Roger Lacy, Jerry Brittain, Diana Curtiss, Carol Brown, Ron Prillaman, Non-Voting

**Absent:** Judy Oliver, Vickie Richardson, Linda Willis, non-voting

Minutes of March 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 Board Meeting. Minutes were sent to the congregation via the Church's Newsletter. Roger made a motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes. Jerry seconded and all members approved.

**Financial Reports** - Ron Prillaman provided a detailed financial report to the Board. Attached to the minutes.

**Minister's Report** - Pastor John Dunstan noted that he believes that attendance and mood have been consistently improving within the church. He has been pleased with efforts by the congregation to prepare for Palm Sunday and Easter. Overall, he is pleased with the current state of the church.

**Ministry Reports:**

~ **Elders** - Roger Lacy gave his report. Attached to the minutes.

~ **Stewardship/Finance** - Dan Oyler gave his report and also noted that he is concerned about the aggregate givings within the church and also future facility needs. Dan will work with Pastor John in finding creative ways to communicate this need to the Church.

~ **Worship** - Diana Curtiss gave a brief update to the Board and stated there is still a need for more Deacons.

~ **Search and Call** - Sid Witt gave an update on the Search and Call Committee's efforts on finding a full-time pastor. He is still compiling the responses given at the Congregational Café. He will report all information to the Search and Call Committee for further discussion. The committee plans to meet again within a week from this Board Meeting.

~ **Audio/Visual** - Jerry Brittain gave his report. Attached to the minutes.

**Other Old Business:**

Facility Updates - Paul Murphy gave an update to the Board on facility needs based on his conversations with David Brown. Paul will begin looking for a new Property Committee Chair. Any interested congregation members should email/call/meet with Paul.

**New Business:**

Boys and Girls Club - Jerry Brittain will begin to research how the church can assist the Boys and Girls Club as an outreach program. He will report his findings back to the Board.

Jerry Brittain recommended the church look to purchase a TV to be added to the Disciple Hall to replace the old projector. Roger made a motion to approve Jerry's idea as presented. Diana seconded the motion and all Board members voted to approve.

**Next Meeting** - June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:00 PM, at Church and via Zoom

Closing Prayer - Ellen Richmond



## ELDERS ECHO - Jerry Brittain

A scientist talked to God. He said, "I'm sorry God, but you are out of date. We can do anything you can do with science. We don't need you anymore. We can even create a man just like You did, with just a handful of dirt." God said, "I am sad that you have reached the point where you think you don't need me in your life. I don't think you understand where these miracles come from." The scientist said, "Oh, I do. I would bet You I can create a man just like you." God responded, "Okay, your on. You start." The scientist reached to the ground and got a handful of dirt. God said, "No, no, son, get your own dirt!"

Unfortunately, with the hustle and bustle, social media, buds in your ears, or Covid or other illnesses, too many people today think they don't need God or the Church, anymore. Hundreds of churches are closing every year. Let's not let our church be one of those who close.

God gave us the miracle of creating the knowledge for Zoom, Email, Text, Facebook, and YouTube. Use it for getting homebound members a way to be in our service. But, don't use it for an excuse for not coming to church. Use it for reaching out to our members in distress. Let them know we still care about you and look forward to seeing you in church.

From the big miracle of creation, to the big miracle of resurrection, to the little miracle of someone who holds your hand and gives you solace when life is hard, God's miracles are all around us, even the miracle of everlasting life. The miracle of life to the miracle of life after, what is important is the little miracles you give when you serve God and His children.

# CHURCH WIDE YARD SALE JUNE 3 AND 4 FROM 8am TO 3pm

We take everything from A to Z, so start gathering up.

We need HELP to set up rooms, price items and a clean up crew.

We need kitchen help to make and sell HOT DOGS and make HOMEMADE CHILI.

We need home made items for our BAKE SALE.

But most of all we need HELP (men, ladies, youth)

Please let Betty Richardson know if you can help in any of the above ways. 389-1313

# **FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Ron Prillaman, Treasurer

Date: April 6, 2022

Re: Treasurer Report, March 31 Financials

The Church did receive adequate contributions to pay its bills without using cash reserves in March. However, a one-payment annual contribution received was split between the General Fund (GF) and the Building Fund (BF) that totaled \$11,937 and comprised 55% of total contributions received in March. Monthly recurring donations softened for both funds.

Donations in March for the GF totaled \$15,531 of which \$7,163 were from the donation discussed above. Expenses totaled \$11,621 and again consisted primarily of personnel and occupancy related expenses. There were no unusual expenses noted in March. A monthly surplus of \$3,909 was realized for the month. Contributions year to date totaled \$41,355 with a surplus of \$5,534.

BF donations totaled \$6,029 in March with the monthly mortgage of \$4,465 being the primary cash need. A cash surplus of \$1,550 was realized for the month; however, the bulk of donations in this fund came from the one-payment annual contribution. The BF has received \$17,386 in contributions year to date and realized a cash surplus of \$3,918. Cash in the BF checking account can cover 11.2 mortgage payments which is considered an emergency fund for debt service as was needed during the recent pandemic.

Surpluses were noted in both funds and have been needed in the past to supplement slower months. Building maintenance needs have not been significant in 2021 or 2022 so far. However, the likelihood in the future of higher dollar maintenance is a certainty that has been discussed. There is a Facilities Reserve established in the BF for such needs but currently has no funds. This is a valid concern worth monitoring in light of difficulties experienced in the past year just covering mortgage payments.

Outreach receipts in March totaled \$1,215 with the Week of Compassion and Wee Care Baskets having the largest donations. Expenditures in Outreach totaled \$8,204 with \$5,139 used for Wee Care expenses, \$2,005 used for Good Samaritan purposes, and \$1,060 remitted for the Week of Compassion donation. Outreach receipts and expenditures year to date has totaled approximately \$12,000. Activity in the Committee Reserve accounts was minimal.

If I can answer any questions, please call me at (540) 761-1998.