

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN INFORMER

SEPTEMBER 2022

Established June 1926
FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
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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: sec.flcc@gmail.com
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



Jewell Epling, Richfield Living
Willow Cottage, 3719 Knollridge Rd.,
Salem, VA 24153

Jackie Reynolds, Richfield Living, 3719
Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

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

Thelma Wilkes, Richfield Living - Willow Cottage,
3719 Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

Helen Garrett, South Roanoke Nursing Home, 3823
Franklin Rd., SW, Roanoke 24014 (room 1, wing 1)
(expecting to move to Snyder's Nursing Home in September)

HOME BOUND: Brandy Dickerson and
Mike Prillaman

ONGOING RECOVERY:

Continue prayers for the following:

Bill Epling, the Oaks, Richfield Living,
Guy Jackson, Steven Brown, Cecily Morgan,
Joy Carter, Carol Oliver, Chess Lee, Don Dye,
Terry Wingfield, Betty Richardson,
Glenn Prather, David and Carol Brown,
Harvey Howell, Tom Cook, Allen Moran,
Marc Golden, Bari Neighbors, Carol Duncan Esau,
Lance Brewer, Edith Good, Maxine Hance,
Mark, Fredia, Larry and Debbie Blankenship,
Cliff Whitley, Dana Witt, Robbie Francisco,
Wayne Craig, Kati Wright, Sandy Mischianti,
Esta Griggs, Helen Granger, Chris Morris,
Monique Carroll, Betty Rice, Gary Baldwin,
Annis Eaton, Heather Lawrence, Nichols family,
Alouf family, Pete Broughman, Pruitt family,
Ryan Pry, David & Sharon Moran, Ernest Moore,
Patsey and Ortie Boyd, Betty Williams,
Jennifer and Indy Bradford, Eva Gordon,
Terry McVey, Diana Smith, J. L. Gordon,

Peggy Nixon, Dorothy Thompson, Travis Eaton, John Aker, Trish and Josh Hepler, Pat Byrd, Daniel, Arin and Jack Lowe, Wayne Ayers, Ricky Pinkerman and family, Jerry Cronin, Dawn Grant, Gale Bair, Sam Mountcastle, Doris Harris, Dale Byington, Lucy Prillaman, Joyce Lyons, Nastassia Huddleston family, Charlie and Guida Lefler, Ann Swain, Teacher, Olena Motsar and her students from Ukraine

- ~ Roger Lacy had two procedures to check out his heart valve. Good News! The artificial valve was OK, no need to replace at this time.
- ~ Chess Lee continues to recover from hernia surgery.
- ~ Bill Epling is back at the Oaks after a fall/surgery and rehab.
- ~ Annis Eaton continues to recover from a broken shoulder. NO more sling.
- ~ Joy Carter continues fighting 'long term covid'.
- ~ Lance Brewer continues with infusions that are going well.
- ~ Travis Eaton, grandson to Tobie and Annis, continues to recover from a broken shoulder.
- ~ Pat Byrd still in a lot of pain with shingles.

*Our deepest **sympathy** to Mark and Heather Burnette and family on the loss of Mark's father, Mark Burnette, Sr., who passed away on Thursday, August 11, 2022.

***CONGRATULATIONS** to D. J. and Sarah Sheppard on the birth of their 7 pound 11 oz. daughter, Sarah Violet, born Saturday, August 20, 2022. Proud grandparents, Carmel and Susie.

*Did someone loose a SUBARU ID TAG # card you hang with your keys. See Bobbie at the office. Lost in parking lot?

***Correction for your church directory:**

- ~ Jerry Brittain, 821 Stone Gate Drive, #5, Salem, VA 24153 (ghbri10@gmail.com)
- ~ Pat Byrd, 3321 Fort Lewis Circle, Salem, VA 24153 540-392-6620 (patbyrd1961@Icloud.com)
- ~ Sandra Patterson, 102 Sutherland Rd., Apt. 15, Bldg. B, Galax, VA 24333



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

'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us...bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. In Jesus Name, Amen'

*On the bulletin board, see sign-up sheets for: moments with children, lighting altar and memorial candles, reading scripture and there is a sheet for congregation members to suggest songs they would like to sing during worship service. Also, we are needing people to help and get more involved with our young people. We ask that you prayerfully consider helping with and be a part of the rotation of teaching and planning things with our youth/children programs as a whole, bringing new ideas and thoughts. Together this will hopefully expand our program and allow the church to build more unity and since of community across all age groups.

***ADULT STUDY GROUP** will resume - Sunday, September 18, 9:30 AM, meeting in the Hearts and Souls Sunday School Class. NO cost for the class, just be sure you have signed up (bulletin board) or let Dan Oyler know so books can be ordered.



Thank you to all who donated blood on our last drive on August 1, 2022. 15 pints of blood were donated. The Red

Cross had established a goal of 20 pints. Thanks also to Sandra Brewer, Pat Byrd, Annis Eaton, Margaret Lacy, Harriette Lawrence and Ellen Richmond who made and brought snacks for the blood drive. Our next blood drive is scheduled for October 3, 2022. ~ **George Hales**

*Thanks to all who donated school supplies to benefit Fort Lewis Elementary School. Items have been taken to the school. Sorry, I did not get a count on the items.

*Thanks to those who spend time at the church doing yard work, keep up the good work!

***RECONCILIATION OFFERINGS** will be taken September 25th and October 2nd. Reconciliation is a special mission of the Christian Church (DOC). It began in the 1960's as a response to victims of American racism. In the years since, Reconciliation has been a partner with local religious and secular groups in the struggle to overcome racism.

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

***RESULTS OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022:** "The congregation took a vote on August 14th to change the Church's Constitution and Bylaws to allow the Church to consider hiring either a full time ordained minister or commissioned licensed (DOC) minister. **The vote passed with 74% of the congregation voting "yes"**. The vote was counted by Paul Murphy with Ellen Richmond as witness. The constitution and bylaws under Article VII Section A will be amended to: Full-Time Minister or Associate Minister - An ordained (DOC) Minister or Commissioned Licensed (DOC) Minister, with standing, who is called by the Search and Call Ministry to fulfill either of these positions. These positions are subject to approval by the Board and Congregation".

~ Paul Murphy, Board Chair

***NO ELDER'S meeting in September**
***NO CHURCH BOARD MEETING in September**

***DISCIPLE WOMEN** will meet Wednesday, September 7, at 10:00 AM. Lesson 6 ~ "Called For Such A Time as This" is the theme of the Virginia Disciples Women's Ministry Fall Retreat to be held October 14-16, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lynchburg. (Registration/information can be picked up at the office)

~ **NEW PRICES:** Pecan halves \$10.75, Pecan pieces \$10.50, black walnuts \$11.50, 15 different flavors of Imitation flavoring (7 oz) \$3.00 each, natural flavoring (4 oz) strawberry \$10.25, \$8.25 each for maple, cherry, raspberry, brandy, blueberry, peach, dish cloths \$1.25 each.

***SENIOR SOCIAL SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, September 14th, at 9:00 AM at Famous Anthony's for breakfast.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Rowland & Sarah Wheeler 9-7-1957
Carmel & Susie Sheppard 9-10-1977
Donnie & Jo Ann Mitchem 9-27-1999
Derek & Nicole Jones 9-30-2018

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Teddy Baldacci (1), Carol Oliver (2),
Bill Epling (4), Indy Bradford-Oyler (5),
Caroline Eaton (5), Jason Otey (6),
Travis Eaton (10), Austin Ayers (12),
Nelson Prillaman (13), Scott Repsher (13),
Don Dye (14), Mollie Dunstan (16),
Madison Barnes (18), Ryan Pry (18),
Robert Mischianti (20), Joe Patterson (20),
Jason Higgs (22), Carmel Sheppard (23),
Claire Baldacci (24), Mike Altice (25),
Dot Dye (26),

***JOAN DORSEY CLOTHING CLOSET** at South Colorado and Seventh Street in Salem is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9AM to noon. Clothing is free and does not require a referral from a social service agency. Some household articles such as bedding and kitchen utensils are available.



"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 MONDAY MADNESS

9:00 AM - SIGN CHOIR
9:30 AM - LINE DANCE AROBICS
10:00 AM - GET OFF YOUR CAN
EXERCISE CLASS
11:00 AM - DRUM CIRCLE
(for more detailed information, see Gary)

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.



We got word that the Food Pantry is very low on food and needs help with peanut butter, canned goods, dried foods (beans, pastas, etc) and even garden vegetables. Requests have increased and donations have decreased, so anything you can help with will be greatly appreciated.

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

BEGINNING BALANCE \$84,321.31
(includes general fund, outreach, reserves)

JULY 2022 deposit \$6,658.00
Givelify deposits \$1,302.09

Disbursements: \$18,987.06

ENDING BALANCE \$73,292.34
7/31/2022

**KROGER COMMUNITY
REWARDS PROGRAM**

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

BEGINNING BALANCE \$49,580.19

JULY 2022 deposits \$2,408.86
(pledges, givelify, memorials, Kroger)

Disbursements \$4,709.36

ENDING BALANCE \$47,275.69
7/31/2022



"Fort Lewis family, thank you so much for all of the prayers and love. For stopping by the funeral home and the gift card. You all are very thoughtful". ~ Charlotte Burnette and family

***There will be another WORK
WEEKEND AT CRAIG SPRINGS
OCTOBER 7-10-2022**

SERMON/SCRIPTURE FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 04

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Sermon: Never Too Late

SEPTEMBER 11

Scripture: Luke 15:1-10

Sermon: Help, Where's My Sheep

SEPTEMBER 18

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13

Sermon: Choose Your Master Wisely

SEPTEMBER 25

Scripture: Nehemiah 6:1-4

Sermon: I Will Not Come Down



On the State Teachers Exam there was a question- "What stays the same but is always changing". In a world that is moving and developing at a rate never before seen in history, this is an interesting question.

What has stayed the same for the past 20 years? In the past 50 years? In the past 100 years? I remember sitting on my grandfather's porch as we looked up at the moon and he said, "No one will ever be able to mess up the moon, it is just too far away". They say today we can look out into the universe to the beginning of time. Getting to the moon is a piece of cake.

How has technology come so far so fast. My grandfather drove a Model A ford, my granddaughter wants a Tesla for her birthday. Kindergarten kids can whiz on the computer, many older adults struggle with the new stuff. It used to be that the Old was venerated and honored, now it is the newest and brightest that is proclaimed the winner. Tradition and values seem too often be slipping into the past.

In the face of the times in which we live and will continue to live stands the Word of God. Jesus Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are the Rocks upon which our lives are built. Any other foundation is sinking sand as the Bible teaches. There is every advantage in coming to church, studying the Bible, Christian Fellowship, and prayer. The Word of God calls us to stand on God's firm ground especially in times of rapid change.

The stronger your faith in God, the less concerting change will be.

The earth may pass away, and the mountains may crumble but the Word of God stands Forever. Hold tight to Jesus and say a prayer. That is good advice for anyone, anywhere, anytime. Amen

**In His Service,
Dr. John D**

**Fort Lewis Christian Church
Board Meeting at Church and via Zoom
August 8, 2022 - 6:00 pm**

The board meeting of the Fort Lewis Christian Church was held on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:05 pm at the church and via zoom. The meeting was called to order and Ellen Richmond opened with prayer.

Members Present:

Paul Murphy, Roger Lacy, Diana Curtiss,
Jerry Brittain, Judy Oliver, Ellen Richmond,
Carol Brown, Vickie Richardson,
Donita Moore, non-voting,
Pastor John Dunstan, non-voting,
Sid Witt, non-voting,
Linda Willis, non-voting

Absent:

Dan Oyler, non-voting, Ron Prillaman, non-voting,
Cindy Jones, non-voting

The minutes of the meeting held on June 20, 2022 were approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Ron Prillaman, Paul Murphy presented preliminary numbers for July, 2022. A complete report will be sent to the board once it is available.

Minister's Report - Pastor John Dunstan reported the position of the church was good.

Search & Call Committee - Sid Witt, Chairman, reported that the committee had been in communications with several prospective candidates. An email will be going to the membership this week, giving information for the Congregational meeting/vote to be taken on Sunday, August 14, 2022. This information will explain in more detail the difference between Ordained vs Commissioned.

New Business: It was noted that the Prayer Garden is in need of attention.

Diana Curtiss will send the deacons schedule out again with reminder to check your schedule.

There was discussion on traditional hymns/praise songs.

Motion was made by Judy Oliver, seconded by Carol Brown that the Bibles & Hymnals be placed back in the racks behind each pew. Motion was carried.

Next meeting will be held on October 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the church and via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Linda Willis

NOTE: if the chairs of committees have a report from August meeting, please turn into the office so they can be filed with minutes.

ELDERS ECHO: Roger Lacy

THE RESUME OF JESUS CHRIST

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ADDRESS: EPHESIANS 1:20

PHONE: ROMANS 10:13

WEBSITE: THE BIBLE.

KEYWORDS: CHRIST, LORD, SAVIOR AND JESUS

OBJECTIVE:

My name is Jesus – The Christ. Many call me Lord! I've sent you my resume because I'm seeking the top management position in your heart. Please consider my accomplishments as set forth in my resume.

QUALIFICATIONS:

I founded the earth and established the heavens, (see Proverbs 3:19)

I founded man from the dust of the ground, (see Genesis 2:7)

I breathed into man the breath of life, (see Genesis 2:7)

I redeemed man from the curse of the law, (see Galatians 3:13)

The blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant comes upon your life through me, (see Galatians 3:14)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:

I've only had one employer, (see Luke 2:49)

I've never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful or disrespectful, my employer has nothing but rave reviews for me (see Matthew 3:15-17)

SKILL WORK EXPERIENCES:

Some of my skills and work experiences include: empowering the poor to be poor no more, healing the brokenhearted, setting the captives free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind and setting at liberty them that are bruised, (see Luke 4:18)

I am a wonderful counselor, (see Isaiah 9:6). People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not fear evil (see Proverbs 1:33). Most importantly, I have the authority, ability and power to cleanse you of your sins (see 1 John 1:7-9)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom and understanding (see Proverbs 2:6)

In me are hid all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (see Colossians 2:3)

My word is so powerful; it has been described as being a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path (see Psalms 119:105)

I can even tell you all of the secrets of your heart (see Psalms 44:21)

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

I was an active participant in the greatest summit meeting of all times, (see Genesis 1:26)

I laid down my life so that you may live, (see 11 Corinthians 5:15)

I defeated the archenemy of God and mankind and made a show of them openly, (see Colossians 2:15)

I've miraculously fed the poor, healed the sick and raised the dead! There are many more major accomplishments, too many to mention here. You can read them on my website, which is located at: www.the-bible.com

You don't need an internet connection or computer to access my website

REFERENCES:

Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healing, salvation, deliverance, miracles, restoration and supernatural guidance

IN SUMMATION:

Now that you've read my resume, I'm confident that I'm the only candidate uniquely qualified to fill this vital position in your heart. In summation, I will properly direct your paths, (see Proverbs 3:5-6) and lead you into everlasting life, (see John 6:47). When can I start? Time is of the essence, (see Hebrews 3:15).