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Going on mission—AGAIN!

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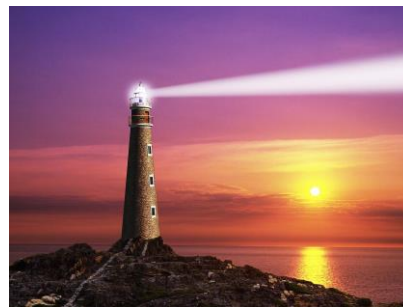
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Over the last couple of weeks we have talked about this mission and that mission and what would be the best one to support and what that support would look like.

Yet, at the end of the day—when all the dust has settled—our primary mission is to this place in this town at this time.

Yes, we are to care for those missions both locally and abroad that God directs us to, but our primary mission is to first be a light and a positive witness here in this building to one another, then to those we encounter daily, and finally to those whom God will bring to our church and give us the privilege and the responsibility to serve and to be beacons of His love.



New members received

The First Christian Church family warmly welcomed new members on April 23rd. These included Shelby Alessandroni, Sam and Cheryl Davis, Tim and Lisa Goodwin, Paula Hoyt, Richard and Sandi Paczkowski, Joan Sayce, Ann Scott, and Tucker Van Brunt. We're so blessed to have these in our church family!

This summer we will again be given the honor to serve and to be a witness to God's love to the many visitors He will send our way. May we be beacons of His hope, and extensions of His love, as we walk in the unified faith of our ever-present Lord! May our hearts be an echo of His, to all!

▪ *Til next time, I remain,
 Unworthy, but His, Thom*

*You're invited to
 Youth
 Sunday!
 June 4th, 10 AM*



Please join us as we:

- ▶ *Celebrate our children!*
- ▶ *Honor our teachers!*
- ▶ *Recognize our graduates!*

Library News

Have you not seen? Have you not read? Have you not listened? Our church library is filled with materials which will satisfy all of your senses! As meetings and winter obligations wind down, take some time to look at what our library has to offer.

For example, Grammy, when summer comes and the grandchildren with it, when all of the tuna sandwiches have been doled out, the "ants on a log" have been washed down with Smart Water and the little ones are down for their naps, when the teenagers have asked for the keys to your car to go "cruising," take time to read *The Power of a Praying Grandparent*, by Stormie Omartian. This book shows how prayer can affect the lives of those you hold dear.

For the dads, granddads, and young men, read *Saved by a Series of Miracles*, written by our own Rodman Dickie. In it he relates his experiences as a World War II veteran. This book tells of a time in our nation when so many of our military served and sacrificed their personal lives so we could remain free.

The library shelves are also filled with new DVDs and CDs. *God is Not Dead II* is a good DVD to watch on a rainy afternoon. There so many offerings in all genres. Take time to enjoy.

It is simple to take out any of these materials. Choose what appeals to you and just sign the binder in the inner library with your name and the date taken. Include your phone number. When you return the items, put the date returned in the binder next to your name and place ALL materials in the plastic box provided in the inner library next to the main office. Please do not place anything back on the shelves.

Enjoy the summer and our church library!

▪ Ali Nelson



Who lives in a pineapple under the sea? No, it's not Sponge Bob! It's our very own sweet church librarian, Ali Nelson! We wish her a complete healing!

Easter services

Easter services this past April included Good Friday stations for prayer and meditation, a well-attended community Sunrise Service at The Wolfeboro Inn's dock, and two worship services at First Christian Church.

On April 30th, George LeClair and his dedicated crew, along with the Worship Team, presented Easter worship services for the residents of Mountain View Nursing Home.



How many FCC guys does it take to hang a sign?

Our wonderful First Christian Church family stepped up to get the church ready for a God-honoring Easter celebration! New baseboard was installed, electrical wiring was updated, fresh paint was applied to walls and woodwork, and the yard was raked and mulched. Many, many thanks go to all who helped!

Some of the guys from the Men's Bible Study were on hand for the final touch—hanging the carved sign back up after the painting was complete!



Painting is finished; time to restore the carving. Team work is essential! Thom and Gerry on hand to tackle what appears to be an easy job.



No project is as easy as it first seems. Sam Davis joins the team.



Much more difficult than anticipated! Dave Harubin steps in to help complete the job.



SUCCESS AT LAST!

Scholarship awarded

The Pay-It-Forward Scholarship of First Christian Church is available annually for students attending college during the upcoming school year. In order to be eligible for this award, the applicant must show that First Christian Church of Wolfeboro is their home church by their attendance and by their service to the church.

The successful applicant this year has fully shown this and also presented very high academic achievement. It is with great pleasure that all members of the Committee give this scholarship to a most deserving student—Tucker Van Brunt—whom you will meet on Youth Sunday. Please be sure to congratulate him!

Compassionate Knitters

The Compassionate Knitters have been busy knitting and crocheting bears, blankets, and squares. They are taking a break for the summer but hope you will consider joining them in September!



Sew Blessed!

What do dogs, cats, cows, butterflies, frogs, farms, flamingos, stars and stripes, children, crayons and sunflowers all have in common? They are the colorful kid-friendly fabrics that eight women in Sew Blessed have been cutting, sewing, ironing, sandwiching and machine quilting to make twenty-two 45X40 lap quilts for children in the hospital, who would appreciate a cuddly comfort quilt!

In an effort to reduce her “stash” of fabrics, Bette Frazier, who is accustomed to making charity quilts for David's House in Lebanon, NH through the Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild, thought it would be fun to offer the simple pattern to church friends who were available on Tuesdays, starting May 1st.

By June 20 the process of making quilts will be complete. The women are praying for the children that will receive the quilts in hopes it will bring them joy. Sew Blessed plans to show you their finished projects when they are completed.



Keeping up with our church family!

Our church family has had a busy spring! From activities here in our own community, to neighboring New Hampshire cities, to overseas, FCCers have been on the move!



Jeanne Hunt and Robert Dow step out at a community dance...



...and Midge Levesque and Joan LeClair are the door prize winners!



Mark Wingate and helpers plant gardens for the New Life Home in Manchester.



George and Jill Paul enjoy the amazing beauty of South Africa!



Andy and Nancy Mako and their daughter Caroline finish the grueling 500-mile El Camino de Santiago in Spain.

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