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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF  
GREENVILLE, NC

Each Sunday  
Worship begins @  
10:45 a.m.

In-person services will  
also be live streamed via  
Facebook Live  
& Zoom

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The Mission of First Christian Church (DOC) Greenville Is To  
Impact Lives by Loving God, Growing Together and Serving Others

# The Voice

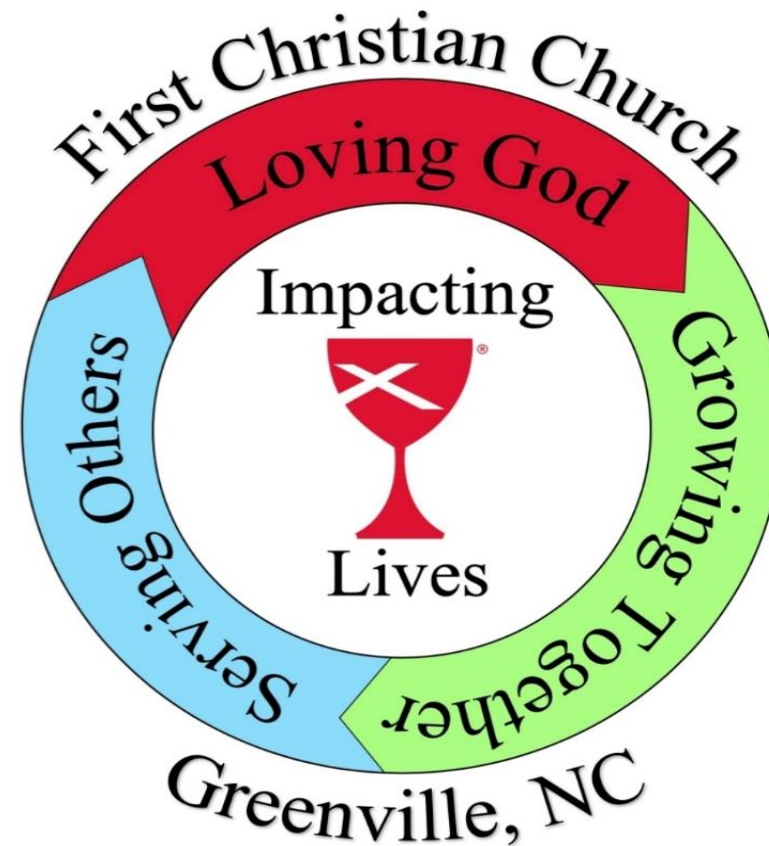


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Birthstone: Emerald Birthflower: Lily of the Valley		May 2026		First Christian Church		
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Sunday Worship Weekly at 10:45 a.m.					1	2
3 Doughnuts & Devotion 9:30 Theme: Determination  Elders' Meeting After Service	4 	5 Tuesday Table Talks 10:30 a.m.  FLC in use 6-7 pm	6 Worship @ Cypress Glen 11:00 a.m.  <b>Rally Night</b> 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  Choir 7 p.m.	7 Meals On Wheels 10:30 a.m.	8	9  ECBL Games 1:00 - 4:00 Elm Street Park
10  Radiate: 12-1:30  Salt & Light 6:00 - 8:00 pm with Hope Is Alive	11 CWF Spring Luncheon 11:45 a.m.  Shelter Meal 6:30 p.m.	12 Tuesday Table Talks 10:30 a.m.	13 Congregational Care <b>Fiesta Night!!</b> at 6:00 p.m.  Choir 7 p.m.	14 Meals On Wheels 10:30 a.m.	15 Out-of-the- Box Starts at 5 pm  	16 Out-of- the-Box Ends at 8 am  Sanctuary in use for Barbershop Quartet Concert 12 - 6 p.m.
17 Graduation & Youth Sunday  Board Meeting	18 Sanctuary in use 6:30 - 8:00 pm Fundraiser at Burrito Shak 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.	19 Tuesday Table Talks 10:30 a.m.	20  Choir 7 p.m.	21 Meals On Wheels 10:30 a.m.  CMF at 7pm at Atavola	22	23
24 Pentecost Sunday	25 	26 Tuesday Table Talks 10:30 a.m.	27  Choir 7 p.m.	28 Meals On Wheels 10:30 a.m.	29 Salt & Light Retreat at Camp Caroline	30 Salt & Light Retreat at Camp Caroline
31 Reception after service: Betty Lou Howard's 100th birthday						

# Celebrating & Remembering in May

Three Meaningful Observances That Inspire Faith, Gratitude, and Remembrance



### The History of Mother's Day

Mother's Day, as we celebrate it today, has roots in both ancient traditions and more recent history. Early cultures honored mother figures through spring festivals, while in medieval Europe, "Mothering Sunday" was a time to return to one's home church.

In the United States, the modern observance grew out of the work of Ann Reeves Jarvis, who organized efforts to improve health and care for families in the 1800s. Her daughter, Anna Jarvis, later led the movement to establish a national day to honor mothers and their sacrifices.

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Though it has become a widely celebrated occasion with cards and flowers, its original purpose was simple and heartfelt: to express gratitude and love for the women who nurture and guide us.

As we observe Mother's Day, may we give thanks for the mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers who have shaped our lives with faith, compassion, and love.

*"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."*  
— Proverbs 31:28



### The Meaning of Pentecost

The Day of Pentecost is one of the most significant moments in the life of the Church. Celebrated fifty days after Easter, Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples, as described in Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2).

On that day, the followers of Jesus were gathered together when a sound like a rushing wind filled the house, and tongues of fire rested on each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, enabling people from many nations to hear the good news of Christ.

Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the Church" because it marks the beginning of the disciples' bold mission to share the gospel with the world. No longer hidden in fear, they were empowered to witness with courage, unity, and faith.

For us today, Pentecost is a reminder that God's Spirit is still at work—guiding, strengthening, and equipping us to live out our faith. It calls us to be a Spirit-filled people, sharing the love of Christ in word and deed.

*"In the last days I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh."*  
— Joel 2:28



### The History of Memorial Day in the United States

Memorial Day began in the years following the American Civil War, as communities gathered to honor fallen soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers.

In 1868, John A. Logan, a leader of a Union veterans' organization, proclaimed a national "Decoration Day," a time set apart to remember those who died in military service. Over the years, the observance came to be known as Memorial Day and expanded to honor all American service members who gave their lives in war.

Following World War I, the day took on broader meaning, remembering all who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. In 1971, Memorial Day was officially recognized as a federal holiday and is now observed on the last Monday in May.

Today, Memorial Day is a time of remembrance and gratitude. As we honor those who gave their lives, we also reflect on the freedoms we enjoy and the cost at which they were secured.

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*  
— John 15:13

Let us give thanks, be filled with the Spirit, and remember with grateful hearts.

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IT'S THE RESTART OF

# THE CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

HERE AT  
**FCC**



WE WILL BE MEETING AT  
**ATAVOLA  
MARKET CAFÉ**  
620 RED BANKS ROAD

WE HAVE A ROOM  
RESERVED FOR US.



THURSDAY,  
MAY 21, 2026



7:00 P.M.

COME OUT FOR A  
**GREAT NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP!**

THIS WILL BE A **PAY-YOUR-OWN-WAY** GATHERING.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

May 2026

Dear Church Family,

I find myself writing to you one month away from sabbatical. As promised last month, I want to continue to express the importance of this journey. One might ask, "What is the purpose of a sabbatical?" For those called to ministry, it is like many other callings, in which one tries to always be available. Because we are called into the sacred spaces of people's lives, we typically absorb some of the stresses families go through. Even though we try to take care of ourselves to the best of our ability, there comes a time when we need to disconnect for our own spirituality. Thankfully, our church recognizes this and grants a sabbatical once every 5 years.

This summer will be a challenge for me, because disconnecting sounds strange. You will even see my cell phone number and email disappear from the bulletin as I try to honor the disconnect. I'm beyond thankful for Pastor Bob Wynn and Holly! We are in great hands! Pastor Bob will assume all responsibilities of the senior minister until I return.

When I return, I will be renewed and refreshed. Just as a battery's charge begins to diminish and needs to connect to a charger, a sabbatical serves the same purpose for ministers. I go to renew and nurture my own spirituality. And I cannot wait to come back and share what I have experienced!

With great love,

*Rev. Andrew Shue*

# May Birthdays

- |                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : Lasseter Wooten   | 17 <sup>th</sup> : Susan Edwards  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : Bryce Martin      | 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Erv Evans      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> : Louise Gurganus   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Howard Lee     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> : Ruby Bates        | 24 <sup>th</sup> : Graham Wicher  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> : Malcolm Williams  | 26 <sup>th</sup> : Deborah Price  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> : Seth Brown        | 28 <sup>th</sup> : Chris Knight   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> : Tiffanie Herring  | 29 <sup>th</sup> : Nancy Williams |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> : Kim Shue          | 30 <sup>th</sup> : Memrie Scales  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> : Jonathan Wooten   | 31 <sup>st</sup> : Cyndi Budacz   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> : Stefanie Schooli | 31 <sup>st</sup> : Billy Davis    |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> : Mary Whitehurst  |                                   |

# May Anniversaries

- 6<sup>th</sup>: Jeremy & Stacey Cook  
29<sup>th</sup>: Tom & Dynita Gottschall  
31<sup>st</sup>: Carlton & Nancy Corbett



CWF & CMF INVITE  
YOU TO A

## Spring Luncheon

TO CELEBRATE THE LAST GATHERING  
PRIOR TO SUMMER

This luncheon is the last gathering of CWF until next September. All women and men of FCC are invited to attend. Prepare your best dish or pick up your favorite dish and bring it to share with everyone. Representatives from Pitt County Social Services will be our guests and will receive lots of stuffed animals. This event is always a lot of fun. The food will be delicious, the conversations interesting and the fellowship delightful.

Hope to see you.  
Lee Martin Adams

MONDAY | MAY 11, 2026 | 11:45 AM  
IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM WILL HOST

# UNA GRAN FIESTA

Enjoy a taco bar from  
La Rancherita along with  
games and music!

**Wednesday, May 13  
at 6:00 p.m.**

Bring your favorite  
dessert to share!

Everyone is invited!!!

What if the roof over your head...  
was made of cardboard?



## OUT of the BOX for HOMELESSNESS

First Christian Church  
2810 E. 14th Street  
Greenville, NC

May 15 5pm - May 16 8am

Join us for a soup and sandwich dinner, a night of fellowship,  
guest speakers, and music, while raising awareness for  
**HOMELESSNESS!!!**

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such  
sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16




The Outreach Committee is seeking volunteers to support the Exceptional Community Baseball League on Saturday, May 9, from 1–4 p.m. at the field behind the Little League complex on Elm Street. Many Camille Gaylord class members participate in this league. Volunteers can serve as buddies, cheer from the stands, or help distribute refreshments. Sign up in the narthex, or contact Sandy Steele at 252-531-5156 with questions.

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**  
**1:00 - 4:00 P.M.**  
**Elm Street Park**



JOIN US FOR A  
**Reception**  
 — CELEBRATING —  
**Betty Lou Howard's**  
**100<sup>th</sup>**  
**Birthday!**

 **SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026**  
*after the morning service*

Join us as we celebrate  
**Betty Lou!**

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*This will also be Rev. Shue's final church event before going on sabbatical.*

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



### Member Concerns

Judy Budacz  
Dorothy Burkett  
Karen Carraway  
Bob Gurganus  
Louise "Weezie" Gurganus

Don Hardee  
Family of Tena Hardee  
Beatress Heath  
Wanda Harrington  
Ray Hart

### Other Concerns

Marie Allen (mother-in-law of Marla Harrell)  
Family of Sarah Baldree (friend of FCC)  
Ray Barbee (father of Kim Shue)  
Val Barnhart (friend of Wanda Harrington)  
Katy Boone (stepdaughter of Jewelle Boone)  
Nora Boone (granddaughter of Jewelle Boone)  
Family of Ruth Brown (mother of Whit Brown)  
Angie Bullock (friend of Marla Harrell)  
Mike Bundy (father of Dawn Manning)  
Family of Cindy Canning (daughter of Betty Lou Howard)  
Austin Cherry (student of Dawn Manning)  
Dwight Collier (brother of Randy Collier)  
Jordan Corbett (student of Dawn Manning)  
Taylor Dail (grandchild of friends of Marla Harrell)  
Susan Dawn (sister of Martha Alligood)  
Family of Joseph Delandar "JD" Briley--  
(Brother of Ronnie Briley)  
Dean Dellinger (Son-in-law of Diane Martin)  
Walter Dorsey (brother of Deborah Dorsey)  
Andrew Douglas (friend of Marla Harrell)  
Benton Edwards (friend of Marla Harrell)  
Peggy Elmore (grandmother of Lana Warren)  
Carolyn Everette (friend of Wanda Harrington)  
Ken and Hazel Furr (uncle and aunt of Kim Shue)  
Delia Garrison (friend of the Reynolds family)

Charles Griffin (Father of Marsha Griffin)  
Wayne Harrell (brother-in-law of Marla Harrell)  
Marty Harrell (husband of Marla Harrell)  
Walter Harrington (Friend of FCC)  
Stephanie Hill and Family (friends of Tom and Dynita)  
Christy Hines (friend of Lisa Mayo)  
Louie and Jennifer Johnson (friends of Gabrielle Boyd)  
Nicholas Manning (friend of Frederick Pollard)  
Ricky McLawhorn (friend of Marla Harrell)  
Barbara Mosely (friend of Wanda Harrington)  
Holden Newman (friend of Deborah Price)  
Barbara Pawlin (daughter of Dorothy Burkett)  
Family of Glenn Penuel (father of Jennifer Blizzard)  
Steve Pierce (father of Stefanie Sohooli)  
Tristan Pinner (grandson of Johnny and Myra Pinner)  
Kimberly Schlien (friend of Wanda Harrington)  
Jason Semple (friend of Frederick Pollard)  
Kathy Spruill (friend of Marla Harrell)  
Lonnie Wells (uncle of Marla Harrell)  
JoAnn Westbrook (mother of Anthony Westbrook)  
James Whitfield (Friend of FCC)  
Alysia Williams (daughter of Wanda Harrington)  
Olivia Wooten (friend of Dawn Manning)  
Jackie Yongue (niece of Bonnie Perkins)

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer  
and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

*Philippians 4:6*

# YOUTH NEWS

May 2026

● First Christian Church ●

Greenville, NC

## Radiate and Salt & Light to meet

Sunday, May 10

Radiate (K-5) will meet on Sunday, May 10 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center for lunch and fun. Don't miss the action! Salt & Light (grades 6-12) will meet on Sunday, May 10 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. We will again welcome the guys from the Hope Is Alive House. A great dinner and lots of fun is planned.



### Salt & Light headed for Camp Caroline

Salt and Light will head to Camp Caroline for a spring retreat May 29-31. It's going to be a blast! Along with plenty of fun, we'll tackle the topics of anxiety, burnout, fear, and unforgiveness. For more information, please see Pastor Bob Wynn.

## Graduation & Youth Sunday Planned

Sunday, May 17

Don't miss this exciting day as our youth will be conducting our service. We will also honor our graduating seniors on this day. If you are graduating this year, please send your name to the church office for our graduation program. If you are graduating from high school this year and would like to apply for the FCC Senior Award, please see the link in the email.



**Elder's Meeting**

Sunday, May 3 at 12:00 noon

*Church Board Meeting*

Sunday, May 17 at 12:00 noon

**Who's next for service?**

Next ?

**IF IT IS SERVING, LET HIM SERVE; IF IT IS TEACHING, LET HIM TEACH;**  
*- ROMANS 12:7*



**Serving in May 2026**

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
W & W Leader	Misty J. Ellie B.	Adrienne F. Georgia W.	Kasey S. Elizabeth G.	Misty J. Cameron W.	Robin W. Rhonda A.
W & W Greeter	Isaac Callis	Emily Reynolds	Kayleigh Shue	Ellie Boyd	Cade Martin
Shine Leader	Kasey Shue	Erin Cox	Misty Joyner	Lasseter Wooten	Kasey Shue
Gaylord Class	Cindy Goff	Deborah Dorsey	Lisa Mayo	Cindy Goff	Holly Wynn

**SPIRIT NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

SUPPORTING THE CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

So what is a Spirit Night??  
 A "Spirit Night" is an easy and enjoyable way to support our church through a partnership with a local restaurant. On a designated date and time, members and friends are invited to dine at the restaurant, and a percentage of the evening's sales is donated back to the church. In some cases, participants may be asked to mention the church or show a flyer to ensure the donation is credited. It's a simple way to share fellowship, enjoy a meal, and support the ministry all at once!

Join us Monday, May 18, 2026 at Burrito Shak  
 2035 Flower Dr., Suite #5, Winterville, NC 28590



**Burrito Shak** JOIN US AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FROM **4 - 9PM**  
QUICK. CRAFTED. COASTAL.