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JULY 2010



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest Christian sympathy and love are given to Fleta Hutchinson and all her family upon the death of her brother, Marvin Sartin. Marvin died on June 6. A funeral service for Marvin was held on June 10 at the Givens Funeral Home with burial in Birchlawn Burial Park in Pearisburg.

May God richly bless Fleta and her family with peace and comfort at this time of separation.



A gift for the Memorial Fund in memory of J. Clarence Hare for Father's Day has been received from his daughter, April Yates.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH FOR KEVIN & LISA

On Sunday, July 18, we will have a fellowship lunch in honor of Lisa Frazier and Kevin White for their upcoming wedding in August. Everyone is invited to bring some covered dishes and enjoy the fellowship as we support this wonderful couple.

The meal will begin at about 12:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

Everyone please plan to attend and invite some friends to join you.

NOTE: This paragraph will not appear in Kevin's newsletter: as a special gift for Kevin and Lisa, we will have a money tree on which we will clip your gifts of money or gift cards. **PLEASE DO NOT TELL KEVIN AND LISA ABOUT THE TREE.**

We are pleased to announce the arrival of COOPER BRADLEY SUTPHIN, son of Sarah Bailey and Bradley Sutphin. Cooper was born on Wednesday, June 16, 2010. He weighed in at 8 lbs.



The proud grandparents are Jane and Tom Garrett and the proud great-grandparents are Ann and Bill Patteson.

We rejoice with Sarah and Bradley and all of their families over the arrival of one of God's greatest gifts.

HURRAH!! FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

We have a great group of young people in our church. We want to recognize their accomplishments this past school year. Some additional listings will be in next month's newsletter.

Congratulations to all of our young people for their wonderful accomplishments.

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**Chad Blaker**

Completed 3rd grade  
Certificate of excellence: A/B average entire year  
Sunshine Award for having a positive attitude for the entire year  
Certificate for the completion of piano during the school year

**Chase Blaker**

Completed 3rd grade  
Sunshine Award for having a positive attitude for the entire year  
Certificate Award as the most improved in science  
Certificate for the completion of piano during the school year

**Cole Blaker**

Completed 5th grade  
Mathematician award: certificate of achievement  
Spelling award: outstanding performance  
Science achievement certificate  
All A's: honor roll certificate for each six weeks  
Historian award: certificate of achievement  
Physical fitness award

**Chase Lawson**

Complete 6th grade  
Perfect attendance for the year  
All As for the year  
SOL testing: perfect score in history; advanced score in math and reading

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**Cristin Blaker**

Completed kindergarten  
Certificate in the completion of kindergarten  
Certificate in the completion of Giles School of Dance

**Caleb Johnston**

All Mountain Empire district honors: offense, 2nd team football  
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All Mountain Empire district honors: baseball, 2nd team  
Old Spice Red Zone player of the year -- football, NHS  
Sonny Hudson welding scholarship from Giles County Technology Center  
Green and Gold boosters scholarship, given by The Green and Gold Boosters of Narrows  
Active member of the Narrows Fire Department  
Currently working for CON-Weld as a welder in Princeton, WV.  
Will be attending New River Community College in the fall

**Chase Lawson**

Completed 6th grade  
Perfect attendance for the year  
All As for the year  
In SOL testing: perfect score in history and Advanced score in math and reading

**Amber Lee**

Completed 12th grade  
Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award  
Top GPA in all Animal Care Classes at GHS  
Certification in Microsoft Office thru New River Community College  
Ambassador/SODA Program for Giles High School

**Jonathan Light**

DAR Good Citizen – NHS & District Winner  
2nd place in science fair – southwest Virginia Governor's school  
Voted most valuable senior in NHS band  
Virginian Leader Student of the Month, April 2010

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Historian for NHS band (grade 12)  
Earned 4 additional Eagle Palms (fall 2009)  
Attended the University of Phoenix VHSL Leadership conference in Sterling, VA., April 2010  
Winner of district & state in the Virginia Educational Media Association student media festival for video entitled: "The Future of Libraries"  
Senior Superlatives: service, citizenship and most successful  
Received science award – NHS  
Attending Radford University in the fall

Rachel Palmer

Completed 11th grade  
Certificate for academic excellence in REAL class  
Certificate for student of the first six weeks at the Vocational School  
Award of Honor for excellence as a Certified Nurses Assistant  
Certificate for CPR certification  
Certificate for passing the Certified Nurses Assistant class and received a CNA license  
Received a \$100 scholarship toward LPN class

Mya Robertson

Graduated from preschool  
Completed third year of dance  
Received attendance award for dance (only missed 1 day)  
Completed coach pitch baseball – trophy

Ty Robertson

Completed 1st grade  
Made all As for the entire school year  
First place in NEMS academic fair  
Second place in Giles County academic fair  
Completed little league basketball – trophy  
Completed machine pitch baseball – trophy

Lindsey Trent

Attended Southwest VA Governor's School  
Maintained A-B Average all year  
Served as 4H President for Giles chapter  
Participated in National Honor Society and Keyettes  
Participated on the MACC Science & All-Around Team

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Participated in Basketball Cheerleading and played on Tennis Team  
Obtained her first part-time job -- a proud Hardee's Employee

Grace Trent

She loved EVERYTHING about her first year of school!  
She won 1st place in her grade level at the NEMS & County Academic Fair for her Science Project- Sink or Float  
She played on the K-1 Basketball Team – The Shock  
She played on The Gold Team for Coach Pitch Ball  
She loves to dance at Expressions Dance & Movement

Emilie White

Completed 4th grade  
A/B honor roll for entire year  
Member of the running club  
Played U-10 softball

HELP SUPPORT  
RONALD  
MCDONALD HOUSE



The ladies of the Christian Women's Fellowship are asking all of us to help support the Ronald McDonald House in Roanoke.

The idea behind the Ronald McDonald House program is simple: provide a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby hospitals.

The Ronald McDonald House provides a comfortable, supportive alternative. It serves as a temporary residence near the medical facility where family members can sleep, eat, relax and find support from other families in similar situations.

The red box will be in the back of the sanctuary during the month of July for your donations. If you write a check, make it payable to the Christian Women's Fellowship.

Thank you for your generosity.

**ATTENTION ALL OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS**

If you are an elder, a deacon, a deaconesses, a junior deacon or deaconesses, a trustee, a board officer, or a department chairman, you are needed at the official board meeting on **Wednesday, July 15, at 7:00 PM.** We will meet in the fellowship hall.

All members are needed to properly conduct the business of our church, which the congregation delegates to us.

Please be in attendance.

**TRIP TO CRAIG SPRINGS**

All members of First Christian Church are invited to a special outing to Craig Springs on Saturday, July 31, 2010.

- Leave church at 10:30 AM
- Arrive at Craig Springs at 11:30 PM
- Eat own picnic lunch
- Swim from 1:00 to 4:00 PM
- Relax, rock, hike 1:00 to 5:00 PM
- Supper in picnic shelter at 5:00 PM
- Smores after supper
- Devotions & singing
- Leave about 6:30 PM

A signup sheet for attendance and food and transportation will be passed around for two Sundays, July 18 and 25.

**YA'LL COME, YA HEAR?**



**ATTENTION ALL MEN !**



The Disciples Men's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, July 21, at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

All men of the church are encouraged to attend and invite a friend. You are needed at the meeting to complete our fellowship.

Special speakers are planned.

The cooking team will be: Robert Trent, leader; Lowell Deeds, Jerry Fowler, Bill Patteson, Tom Spangler, and Frank Trent.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**

On Sunday, June 6, our four-year-old preschool graduation was held in our sanctuary. Nineteen students were given their diplomas, indicating they were now ready for kindergarten. A large group of parents, family, and friends were present as the students shared music selections, Rev. Martin read a book accompanied by a power point presentation, and interviewed each student.

Our deepest thanks are given to some people who helped make graduation such a success:

- to Narrows Flower & Gift Shop (Cindy & Corky) for preparing the bows.
- to the ladies of the Christian Women's Fellowship for the wonderful reception in the fellowship hall.

We also say THANK YOU and WE LOVE YOU to our preschool teachers, Ms. Nikki and Ms. Angela. They do a wonderful job of teaching our young people and we thank God for them.

**NOTE:** both classes have room for the fall. Have parents of potential students contact Ms. Nikki at 726-2016 or the church office at 726-2111.

**UPDATED BIBLE  
READINGS**



|    |                                 |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 1  | Job 20 -- 21 ; Acts 10:24-48    |
| 2  | Job 22 -- 24 ; Acts 11          |
| 3  | Job 25 -- 27 ; Acts 12          |
| 4  | Job 28 -- 29 ; Acts 13:1-25     |
| 5  | Job 30 -- 31 ; Acts 13:26-52    |
| 6  | Job 32 -- 33 ; Acts 14          |
| 7  | Job 34 -- 35 ; Acts 15:1-21     |
| 8  | Job 36 -- 37 ; Acts 15:22-41    |
| 9  | Job 38 -- 40 ; Acts 16:1-21     |
| 10 | Job 41 -- 42 ; Acts 16:22-40    |
| 11 | Psalms 1 -- 3 ; Acts 17:1-15    |
| 12 | Psalms 4 -- 6 ; Acts 17:16-34   |
| 13 | Psalms 7 -- 9 ; Acts 18         |
| 14 | Psalms 10 -- 12 ; Acts 19:1-20  |
| 15 | Psalms 13 -- 15 ; Acts 19:21-41 |
| 16 | Psalms 16 -- 17 ; Acts 20:1-16  |
| 17 | Psalms 18 -- 19 ; Acts 20:17-38 |
| 18 | Psalms 20 -- 22 ; Acts 21:1-17  |
| 19 | Psalms 23 -- 25 ; Acts 21:18-40 |
| 20 | Psalms 26 -- 28 ; Acts 22       |
| 21 | Psalms 29 -- 30 ; Acts 23:1-15  |
| 22 | Psalms 31 -- 32 ; Acts 23:16-35 |
| 23 | Psalms 33 -- 34 ; Acts 24       |
| 24 | Psalms 35 -- 36 ; Acts 25       |
| 25 | Psalms 37 -- 39 ; Acts 26       |
| 26 | Psalms 40 -- 42 ; Acts 27:1-26  |
| 27 | Psalms 43 -- 45 ; Acts 27:27-44 |
| 28 | Psalms 46 -- 48 ; Acts 28       |
| 29 | Psalms 49 -- 50 ; Romans 1      |
| 30 | Psalms 51 -- 53 ; Romans 2      |
| 31 | Psalms 54 -- 56 ; Romans 3      |

**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS  
CALENDAR**

Below is the Count Your Blessings calendar for the ladies of the CWF to use as a guide for contributing to the blessings boxes.

All of us need to use this calendar in order to count our blessings from God.

**July 2010**

- 1 - .02 for each check deposited
- 2 - .05 if you packed for a trip
- 3 - .10 if you went on a trip
- 4 - .25 if you wore red, white, and blue
- 5 - .20 if you skipped church yesterday
- 6 - .05 if you drank orange juice
- 7 - .03 if you used the microwave
- 8 - .15 if you did not read the Bible
- 9 - .10 if you listened to music
- 10 - .05 if you cooked
- 11 - .05 if you went to bed before 11 p.m.
- 12 - .10 if you skipped breakfast
- 13 - .05 if you did not smoke today
- 14 - .05 if you watched a movie
- 15 - .10 if you ate salad for lunch
- 16 - .05 if you ate chocolate
- 17 - .10 if you went to a movie
- 18 - .05 if you went to a party
- 19 - .10 if you went to a pool
- 20 - .05 if you wore earrings
- 21 - .10 if you wore a necklace
- 22 - .02 for each ring worn
- 23 - .05 if you sang today
- 24 - .10 if you're glad it is Saturday
- 25 - .05 if you went to a concert
- 26 - .03 if you wore a blouse
- 27 - .05 if you went barefoot
- 28 - .02 for each pocket on your clothes
- 29 - .03 if you used hair spray
- 30 - .05 if you washed your hair
- 31 - .10 if you ate salad

**GOD IS LIKE**

*God is like BAYER ASPIRIN*  
He works miracles.

*God is like CHEVROLET*  
The heart beat of America

*God is like A FORD*  
He's got a better idea..

*God is like HALLMARK CARDS*  
He cares enough to send His very best.

**GOD IS LIKE**

*God is like TIDE*  
He gets the stains out others leave behind.

*God is like GENERAL ELECTRIC*  
He brings good things to life.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

## JULY 2010



### COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A BIG THANK YOU  
TO ALL WHO SERVED ...

- Brenda Caldwell      Michelle Robertson
  - Dennis Martin        Ed Tiller
  - Nancy Martin         Linda Tiller
  - Nancy Millirons      Chris Trent
  - Shaina Palmer        Robert Trent
  - Rachel Palmer        Allie Riffe
- Carolyn Williams



We had a great week. It was a wonderful experience to serve with other community churches. The average attendance each night was 40 children.

GLORY BE TO GOD!!

NEXT YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING  
NO JULY MEETING



### YOUR TURN TO SERVE

Workday at the  
Mission  
July 16, Friday

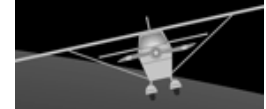
Ages: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 100 years old  
Leave the church @ 10 am  
Bring \$\$\$ for lunch @ Wendy's

We will learn more about how the Giles County Mission serves our community. We will help do the work that is needed- organize clothing, move items, clean up, etc.

Any adults who would like to join us are welcomed!  
Come ready to work hard!

We will go to Wendy's for lunch after we are finished.

SEND THE LIGHT



SHARE THE GOSPEL

### Calendar of Events

- 7/16 Fri. @ 10am-
- Your Turn To Serve @ Giles Co. Mission/ Lunch @ Wendy's
- 6/31, Sat. - Craig Springs Picnic & Swimming



**SWIMMING & PICNIC AT CRAIG SPRINGS**

**JULY 31, SAT.**

**SEE OTHER ARTICLE IN NEWSLETTERS ABOUT THE DETAILS!**



JOIN US @ 9:45 a.m.  
Music Class before S.S.

## SERVING IN JULY 2010

If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a substitute and contact Dennis Martin at 726-2111 so he will be aware of who is serving.

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| <b><u>ELDERS</u></b><br>Frank Trent<br>Corky Martin<br>Tom Johnson, alternate                                | <b><u>DEACONS</u></b><br>Lou Ward*      Donnie Crawford<br>Sharon Shrader Hollie Ferguson<br>* denotes chairperson of groups | <b><u>DEACONESSES</u></b><br>4th Freda Wright*<br>11th Jean Johnson<br>18th Cindy Light<br>25th Jennifer Crawford |
| <b><u>JUNIOR DEACON</u></b><br>Caleb Johnston<br><b><u>LOCK BUILDING</u></b><br>Frank Trent                  | <b><u>GREETERS</u></b><br>4th Pete Ferguson<br>11th John Robertson<br>18th Glenn Shrader<br>25th Lowell Deeds                | <b><u>NURSERY</u></b><br>4th Katrina Lucas<br>11th Chris Trent<br>18th Shaina Palmer<br>25th Michelle Robertson   |
| <b><u>ACOLYTES</u></b><br>4th Ty Robertson<br>11th Chase Lawson<br>18th Slater Ferguson<br>25th Emilie White | <b><u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u></b><br>4th Chris Trent<br>11th Dennis Martin<br>18th Joshua Palmer<br>25th Nancy Martin          | <b><u>READ SCRIPTURE</u></b><br>4th Jean Deeds<br>11th Robert Trent<br>18th Janice Austin<br>25th Nancy Martin    |

## *July Birthdays and Anniversaries*

|    |                                              |    |                     |
|----|----------------------------------------------|----|---------------------|
| 2  | Sandy Pruett                                 | 16 | Kevin White         |
| 3  | Jim Tabor                                    | 17 | Freta Lamb          |
| 5  | Freeda Williams<br>Joe & Beulah Huffman      | 21 | Shaina Palmer       |
| 6  | Terry Hess                                   | 22 | Brianna Lawson      |
| 8  | Beulah Johnson<br>Tim Johnson<br>Allie Riffe | 23 | Rick & Sandy Pruett |
| 8  | Beulah Johnson<br>Tim Johnson<br>Allie Riffe | 24 | Candace Martin      |
| 8  | Beulah Johnson<br>Tim Johnson<br>Allie Riffe | 27 | Jerry Fowler        |
| 11 | Tom & Jean Johnson                           | 30 | Katrina Lucas       |
| 15 | Leon & Cindy Light                           |    | Emily Wofter        |

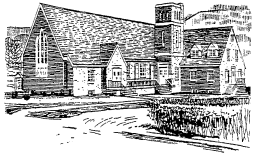
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# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, NARROWS

(Disciples of Christ)

## July 2010



| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Monday                                                                                                 | Tuesday                                                           | Wednesday                                                           | Thursday                                   | Friday                                                         | Saturday                                            |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS:</b> Monday – Thursday mornings, 8:30 AM – 12 Noon. Days off: Friday and Saturday. Contact at church at 726-2111, at home 726-7231, or in emergency, call minister at 599-3947.</p> </div> |                                                                                                        |                                                                   |                                                                     | 1                                          | 2                                                              | 3                                                   |
| <p>4 <b>SPECIAL CAMP OFFERING</b><br/>9:45 A Sunday School<br/>11 A Worship Service</p>  <p><b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b></p>                                                                      | 5                                                                                                      | 6                                                                 | 7                                                                   | 8                                          | 9                                                              | 10                                                  |
| <p>Minister at Special Camp, July 4 - 9 -- in case of emergency, contact Greg Lee at 726.3618 or 599.0618</p>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                        |                                                                   |                                                                     |                                            |                                                                |                                                     |
| <p>11 <b>SPECIAL CAMP OFFERING</b><br/>9:45 A Sunday School<br/>11 A Worship Service<br/>2 P Softball Game</p>                                                                                                                                                                | 12                                                                                                     | <p>13<br/>12:30 P CWF<br/>Group 2, Park,<br/>Upper Shelter</p>    | <p>14<br/>7 P Official Board<br/>Meeting, Fellowship<br/>Hall</p>   | 15                                         | <p>16<br/>10 A Youth<br/>Trip To<br/>Christian<br/>Mission</p> | 17                                                  |
| <p>18<br/>9:45 A Sunday School<br/>11 A Worship Service<br/>12:30 P Fellowship Lunch In Honor<br/>Of Lisa Frazier &amp; Kevin White<br/>3:30 P Softball Game<br/>5 P VBS Evaluation, FUMC</p>                                                                                 | 19                                                                                                     | <p>20<br/>6 P Preschool<br/>Committee<br/>Meeting,<br/>Church</p> | <p>21<br/>6 P Men's Fellowship<br/>Meeting,<br/>Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>22<br/>7 P Preschool<br/>Open House</p> | 23                                                             | 24                                                  |
| <p>25<br/>9:45 A Sunday School<br/>11 A Worship Service<br/>2 P Softball Game</p>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>26<br/>12 N Newsletter<br/>Articles To<br/>Church Office<br/>12 N Sunshine<br/>Group, First UMC</p> | 27                                                                | <p>28<br/>7 P Worship Depart-<br/>ment Meeting,<br/>Church</p>      | 29                                         | 30                                                             | <p>31<br/>10:30 A Trip<br/>to Craig<br/>Springs</p> |