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Because of the Resurrection!

Spring has finally sprung! It is a reminder of all things being made new as life springs forth! It is, for Christians, a testament to our foundational cornerstone of faith, the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

If you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that God has raised Jesus from the dead accepting Him as your Savior and Lord, then you qualify as a believer. We have certain benefits that belong to us as believers simply because of God's grace and mercy...period.

Reflect on these seven revelatory doctrines of faith that **belong to believers** *because of the resurrection!*

- I) We have **Redemption**
- II) We have **Salvation**
- III) We have **Eternal life**
- IV) We have **Heavenly Citizenship**
- V) We are a **New Creation**
- VI) We are **Sanctified**
- VII) We are **Righteous**

We have redemption.

This hymn verse encapsulates the wisdom of our redemption. "Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow." We are redeemed by the blood of Jesus. Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 1 Peter 1:18-19 You must know (recognize) that you were redeemed (ransomed) from the useless (fruitless) way of living inherited by tradition from [your] forefathers, not with corruptible things [such as] silver and gold, But [you were purchased] with the precious blood of Christ (the Messiah), like that of a [sacrificial] lamb without blemish or spot.

We have salvation.

Salvation is solely effectual in our reliance in the saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ. We were, are, and are being saved. Jesus is the author and the finisher of our faith for salvation. We are saved by Christ. Scripture states in Acts 16:31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me. Ephesians 1:13 In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. We are saved from sin to serve the living Savior. God's salvations supplies us with heavenly equipping for service.

We have eternal life.

Eternal life in Christ Jesus is granted to believers **now** by the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit. Contrary to persons who have not read the Book, I say again we have eternal life right now! It is so amazing that we have the life of God within us right now. It is manifested as the love of God that is shed abroad in our hearts. God is love. John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.



We have Heavenly citizenship. Heaven belongs to us because of our trust in Christ. Ephesians 2:19 Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. We are seated with Christ in heavenly places. Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: All of this is because of Jesus! We don't earn our way into heaven. We trust in Jesus for our "ticket to heaven!"

We are a new creation.

God has made something new out of me. It is an impartation of a new spirit within our bodies on this side of heaven by the Holy Spirit. It is made evident by our behavior and actions in conformity with the new nature that is alive to Christ. Scripture states in 2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. Galatians 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

We are sanctified.

Sanctification means for Christians that we set apart by God. Why are we set apart? I offer that we are set apart for a special purpose in service for God. Scripture states in 1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Philippians 2:13 [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure *and* satisfaction *and* delight.

We are righteous.

A preacher said that as a believer, "I am righteous before God - even justified - 'just if, if I'd' never sinned." Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Romans 4:4-5 Now to a laborer, his wages are not counted as a favor or a gift, but as an obligation (something owed to him). But to one who, not working [by the Law], trusts (believes fully) in Him Who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness (the standing acceptable to God). 1 Corinthians 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

The Apostle Paul admonishes us in 2 Timothy 2:15 to "Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth." So I encourage our study of these revelatory doctrines of faith that belong to believers because of the resurrection! They will yield greater wisdom and understanding in our journey as we walk in the love of Christ!

Peace,

Pastor Long

“Regional Personality Profiles”



Minister Earl W. Ravenell born and raised in Cross, SC. I am the son of Patricia Ravenell-Lane. I am a faithful member of Poplar Hill Christian Church (DOC) in Cross, SC where the pastor is Rev. Dr. Deveta Smith-Brown.

At the age of 18, I went into the Military and served honorably until I was discharged in 2000. When I walked out of the military from being a soldier for the United States Government I went on to be a Soldier for the Lord.

I answered my call into the ministry during the summer of 2000, and on June 3, 2001 I did my Initial Sermon as Applicant to the Ministry. And in 2008, I WAS ordained after completing the Requirement of The Commission on Ministry in SC.

I was assigned to co-pastor of the Shalom Christian Church (DOC) in Alvin, SC. I served faithfully until the Lord called me into a different area of his ministry.

I try to carry the gospel all over the United States as I continue my career in the field of television production and acting. I have appeared on many national TV shows such as Army Wives (Lifetime), Necessary Roughness (Showtime), Always and Forever (NBC) and many other productions as well as movies.

I attended Trident Technical College in Charleston, SC where I receive a degree in Criminal Justice Continued my education at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas where I obtained my degree in Radio and Television Production and now am one semester away from receiving My Associates degree in Film Production.

I live by the creed that when the Word is silent, he is silent. When the Word speaks, he speaks! My tenacity and desire to preach the Word and to lead people to Christ exudes from His presence and love of God and His children.



Frankie Walters, born in Charleston, SC, lived in Hampton, SC until the age 10, then lived in NJ until 17, Married right after high school later divorced Then I met and then married a wonderful man Bob Walters. Together we have six (6) children, three boys and three Girls. We instantly became the Brady Bunch. The children added to the family were 4 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

I worked as a CNA in a Nursing Home and then later went to work for a company named Pratt & Whitney that makes airplane engines. I went back to school for two years at UCONN in Business Management and held a position of supervisor for 27 years, overseeing that scraped engine parts were destroyed so they could not be used anywhere else.

In October of 2001, I took the family leave and came to SC to care for my mother who passed away. I retired in June of 2002 from Pratt & Whitney. Bob and I return to live in SC. I have enjoyed serving in the region, and have done with grace. I have been so fortunate that the Lord has guided me and allowed me to fill most requests. In 2010 I received the honor of the being (Disciples of the Year).

I held the position of SC regional secretary, presently SC Disciples Women President, Secretary and Treasurer of Luray Christian Church Disciples Women, Treasurer of LCC, Councilwoman for the town of Luray, and captain for LCC Relay for Life Team. It is through the prayers of my family, church family, regional brothers and sisters that I have been able to heal from recent injuries and I would never forget the one that healed me our Lord Jesus Christ and choose the path that I have gone down. I've learned what can and cannot be done, that prayers can change lives and people can change. Change is good.....AMEN

News from Around the Region:

District # 1: Quarterly meeting will be held July 25, 2014 @ New beginning Outreach Ministries

District Union # 1: Quartley Union will be held June 28-29 @ New Hope Christian Church 67 Parris Island Gateway Burton, SC 29906-4263 hosted by Rev Edward Cushingberry Jr. and his Congregation.

District Union# 2: Quarterly union will be held June 26-28 @ Zion Pilgrim Christian 168 Campbell Thicket Rd. Ridgeville SC 29472

Commission on Ministry:

May 24: Commission on Ministry Preparation Sessions @ Bethany Youth Center Holly Hill

June 28: Commission on Ministry Preparation Sessions @ Bethany Youth Center Holly Hill.

Cypress Creek Christian Church:

spring revival service on Sunday, May 25, 2014 at 3:00 PM. The Preacher for the service is Applicant Minister Rosa Orr, from Greater Cherry Grove Christian Church (DOC) Hampton.

Disciples Women Ministry:

Disciples Women's Leadership Conference June 6-7, 2014

@ First Christian Church, Charleston, SC
Theme "Inspire, Encourage, and Influence"
Registration Fee: \$25.00 per person
Please mail Registration Form and fee to the Regional Office.

Friday, June 6th registration begins at 4:00pm.

The Fellowship/Reception begins at 6:00pm
The speaker will be Mrs. Dee Long, First Christian Church, Aiken, SC. Her topic will be "Encourage"

Saturday Morning, June 7th registration begins 9:00am and the session will begin at 10:00am.

The speaker will be Evang. Lawanda Broughton, Indian Creek Church, Walterboro, SC. Her topic will be "Inspire".

Saturday Afternoon session speaker will be Evang. Gwendolyn Wright, New Grove Hall Christian Church, Summerville. Her topic will be "Influence".

*Hors d'oeuvres will be served Friday evening, refreshments Saturday morning, and afternoon lunch.

*There will be Vendors on site from 8:00am-12:00noon. We ask that you please visit their tables.

23rd Biennial Session of the National Convocation

of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Crowne Plaza North Hotel, Columbus, OH
July 24 – 27, 2014

“Be Still and KNOW”

“Be still. And know that I am God, I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

Schedule at a Glance

Thursday July 24,

8:00 am– 6:30 pm Registration opens

Pre-Convocation Faith Formation Institute:

Rev. Dr. Frank Thomas, Guest Lecturer Clergy C.E.U.'s and Generational Laity Tracks.

7:15 pm Opening Worship Clergy Robes, Department and Unit Presidents with their Unit Stoles
Servant Moments by Board of Trustees, Regional Ministers and Unit Presidents

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale Ray of Hope CC, Decatur, GA

Friday July 25

7:00 – 8:30 am Minister's W/H Breakfast

8:45 – 10:00 am Bible Lecture – Rev. Dr. Rick Lowery

Preacher– Rev. Courtney Clayton Jenkins, Euclid Avenue Congregational Church, Cleveland, Ohio

7:15p – 9:15p T-Shirts & Jeans Worship Svc. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Julian “J. Kwest” DeShazier University Christian Church Chicago, IL

Saturday July 26

8:00 – 10:00am. Inaugural Emerging Voices Breakfast

Chair: Rev. Edward Cushingberry Jr. Tamika Montgomery, Antonia Redd, Trayce Stewart with Participation from the Following The SC Region Ministers

Rev. Deveta S. Brown Pastor, Poplar Hill Christian Church Overseer Joseph Cobb Agape Christian Church
Rev. Dr. Freddie Lawton Pastor, Antioch Christian Church, Rev. Sotello V. Long South Carolina Regional Minister, Pastor, First Christian Church Aiken DOC SC
Bishop Melvin Brown Pastor, My Father's House

10:15am – 12:00 Noon “Status of Black America:

Health, Education & Violence” Hilary O. Shelton,

NAACP Washington Bureau, Shavon L. Airline Bradley,

NAACP Health Director and Keron Sadler, HIV/

AIDS Specialist Facilitator: Rev. April Johnson with

Audience Participation 6:15p – 7:15p Red Carpet Gathering

2nd Annual Disciples Recognition Banquet Chairperson Pat Pendleton, Vice President – Elect Emcee's Sheila Spencer & Matt Harris with Tiffany Murphy & Aaron Smith

7:30pm: Dinner Served Designated generational colors **White (Builders), Black (Boomers), Red (Busters), Green (Bridger's) and Inspirational Youth** -above color of choice

Sunday July 27:

All area Disciple Churches Early Morning Closing Worship (Communion, Anointing & Prayer) 9:00a – 10:30a
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Irie L. Session Warren Ave. CC, Dallas TX “Ancestor Libation Ceremony” 2014 - 2016 Officers Installation Communion Lead by New Officers
10:00am: President Maples, Adjourns 23rd Biennial Session .

Christmount Programs & Events:

Adult Conferences, Workshops & Retreats
Week of Wonder Adult Work Camp: May 25-30
Discovery Weekend Retreat for Women: May-30-June 1
Music Workshop: June 12-15
Stewardship & Generosity Conference: July 10-12
Music Camp: July 21-25 NEW!
Camp Lakey Gap for persons with autism

2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 24: Commission on Ministry Sessions
May 26: Memorial Day Observed
June 1: Pentecost Special Day Offering
June 6: Pentecost Special Day Offering,
June 7-8: Leadership Conference, First CC, Charleston
June 9-14: Youth Day Camp @ TBA
June 14: Flag Day
June 15: Father's Day & Juneteenth Celebration
June 28: Commission on Ministry Sessions
June 25-29: Quadrennial Assembly, Atlanta GA.
June 26-29: District Fellowships 5th Sunday
July 4: Independence Day
July 24-27 National Convocation, Columbus, Ohio
July 16-20: Hispanic and Bilingual Assembly @ San Diego CA.

On Sundaypray in Jesus= authority for

May 18: First Christian, Columbia; & Montana
May 25: Andrews, Andrews and Michigan
June 1: First Christian, Belvedere & Disciples Affiliated
Higher Education Institutions: Colleges, Universities and
Seminaries
June 8: Macedonia #1, Ehrhardt;
June 15: First Christian, Jackson & All Fathers
June 22: United Love, Fairfax & Illinois /Wisconsin
June 29: New Galilee, Holly Hill & Central Rocky
Mountain
July 6: Poplar Hill, Cross; Great River
July 13: Zion Pilgrim, Ridgeville; National Convocation
and Northwest
July 20: Faithful, Burton, General Assembly, and Georgia
July 27: Briner, Holly Hill and Upper Midwest

2014 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Date for submitting items for newsletter

July-August	July 11
September-October	September 8
November-December	November 10

2014 Pentecost Special Day Offering

Your church was new once! Do you remember what year your church started? Who was the person or persons who decided it was time to plant a new church in your community? Just imagine what your life would be like if no one answered God's call to start your church. Do you know that more than two-thirds of the United States population doesn't live within close driving distance of a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation? Because of the new church movement, Disciples have made great strides in correcting that sobering statistic. Disciples have started 830 churches since 2001, reaching more than

50,000 individuals who may not have had a relationship with God.

Our new churches

worship in at least 19 different languages.

Just as our ancestors started new churches, consider how you can support the creation of new churches in places that do not currently have a Disciples church witness. One important way that you can support this effort is through your generous gifts to the Pentecost Offering. By supporting the Pentecost Offering, you are making it possible for the Church to recruit, assess, train and coach new church planters. One half of the Offering collected stays in your Region and the other half goes to Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation to support their new church ministry work.

This year's Pentecost Offering will be taken on Sundays, June 1 and June 8. We give praise to God for the sacrifices of generations before us – the new churches that were started by courageous, visionary leaders. As a member of a Disciples church that was new once, will you consider participating in this offering so other churches can experience new life?



THE ELEVENTH SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM
SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST), AIKEN, SC

Theme: “...*IN CHRIST! GIVE GOD THE GLORY!*” *TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31*

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 2, 2014

7:00 - 9:00PM Evening Worship Service @ South Aiken Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
1711 Whiskey Rd (Hwy 19) Aiken, SC 29803
Hosted by: Commission on Ministry & Ministers Wives and Husbands Fellowship

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 3, 2014

8:00AM Registration/Exhibits/Health Screening (On Going)

8:30 - 9:15AM Gathering Devotion
Conference Welcome/ Greetings
Exhibitor & Health Screening Acknowledgements

9:15 – 10:15AM Preaching - In Christ! Give God the Glory!

10:15-10:30AM Break

10:30-10:45 Praise Gathering

10:45 – 11:45 Preaching - In Christ! Give God the Glory!

11:45-12noon Reflections, Thanksgiving, Announcements & Prayer

12:00PM-2:00PM Luncheon & Presentation

FRIDAY Evening

7:00 - 7:15PM **Processional of Program Participants and Congregational
Pastors/ Children/Youth/ Young Adult/ Young Adults at Heart**

7:15 - 9:00PM Worship: **Give God the Glory in....dance, song, poetry, mime,
preaching, teaching and ...!**
Speaker: Pastor Jose Morales

9:00PM – 10:00PM (After worship) Reception

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 4, 2014 CASUAL ATTIRE

8:00AM Registration/Exhibits/Health Screening (On Going)

8:30AM Gathering

9:00-9:45AM Morning Glory with Our Regional Pastor

9:45-11:00AM Worship: **Give God the Glory in....dance, song, poetry, mime,
preaching, teaching and ...!**

11:15-12:15PM Fellowship Group Time: **Disciples Men, Disciples Women,
Disciples Youth, Ministers' Wives & Husbands, Ministers**

12:30 -1:30PM **Memorial Service
Recognitions & Thanksgivings**

1:00 -4:00PM Cookout, Recreation and Games @ Odell Weeks Park
Featuring: **Basketball Exhibition;**
Other festivities include tennis, walking, etc

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 5, 2014

Worship – All churches are invited to worship in a spirit of unity centering on the theme and text:

“...*IN CHRIST! GIVE GOD THE GLORY!*” *1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31*

First CC Aiken @ 11:00AM Pastor Jose F. Morales, Jr. Executive Regional Minister, Central Rocky Mountain Region

The Tenth South Carolina Regional Conference of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
First Christian Church, Aiken SC, October 2-5, 2014
...IN CHRIST! GIVE GOD THE GLORY! 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

REGISTRATION FORM

Title Preference (Mr. /Mrs. / Ms. / Rev. / Dr. /Bro. / Sis)

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number () _____ E-mail _____

Church _____

REGISTRATION FEES

(Early Due Date: Registration postmarked by Wednesday August 20, 2014)

		Total
Church "Seed Money" Donation	\$100.00	_____
Pastor Registration	\$100.00	_____
Adult Registration*	Cost Number	
Adult Early Registration	\$65.00 x _____ (Postmark by August 20 th)	_____
Senior Citizens (65 & Older)	\$50.00 x _____	_____
Seminary & Commission on Ministry Enrollees	\$50.00 x _____	_____
Adult One Day (On Site Registration)	\$35.00 x _____ (Payable On-Site Only)	_____
Adult Late Registration	\$75.00 x _____ (Postmark received after August 20 th)	_____

Registration Children/Youth 17 years and less (\$5:00) * Please indicate the number attending by age!
 6 to 12 years # attending _____ 13 to 17 years # attending _____

I cannot attend, but want to make a donation to help the Conference! _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

(Note: Churches submitting multiple registrations please attach a list of all the names of those persons covered by the registration fee on an attached list!)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Christian Church in SC or CCSC and mail to:
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You may also submit payment via credit card online at www.scdisciples.org at the "Make a Contribution" link and send a copy of the payment confirmation to the Regional Church Office.

Registrations received by August 20th will include Friday and Saturday luncheon. Luncheon may not be available for registrations received after this date.

NOTE! NOTE! NOTE!

For the July-August Newsletter

The due date for articles is July 11, 2014

*Please submit any articles, church activities, church
Anniversaries, etc. to the Regional Church Office at:*

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*We rejoice in sharing the news of God at work
from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth
and from the ends of the earth to our doorsteps.*

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