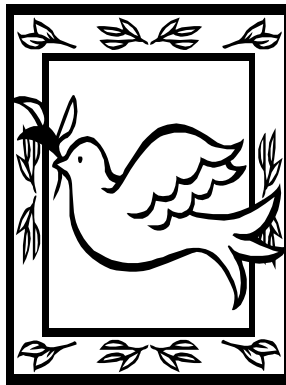




# ***TIDAL WAVE***

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**MARCH 2010**



## ***Holy Week***

### ***Palm Sunday, March 28***

*Children's Palm Parade at 9:00 am and 11:00 am  
Choir Cantata at Traditional Service*

### ***Maundy Thursday - April 1***

*5:30 pm Dinner / 6:30 pm - Narrow Way Players  
Present "The Room Upstairs"*

### ***Saturday, April 3***

*Children's Easter Egg Hunt - 10:00 am - Noon  
Easter Prayer Vigil*

### ***Easter Sunday - April 4***

*6:45 am Sunrise Service followed by Continental Breakfast  
9:00 am Traditional Service  
10:00 am Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service*

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## CWF Game Party & Luncheon

Tickets for the March 13th Game Party and Luncheon are on sale for \$10.00. Buy your ticket in advance from any CWF member. (If you wait to buy at the door, we may be sold out!!) Even if you can't come, we will take your donation! Last year we raised \$1,065 – all contributed to local charities. Can we do better this year? Let's try!

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## Thank You

*We are thankful to be part of such a loving church family! Thank you for your prayers, love, support and concern as you ministered to Mother and to us during these past weeks. God bless you for being His hands and feet extended in love toward us.*

*Marion Casey's children...*

*Barbara & Don Lynn, Patrick & Jennifer Casey, Deborah & Mehrdad Zarandi*

*Dear Choir and Congregation,*

*Thank you so much – what wonderful benefits program you spear-headed for John. God has truly used each one of you in a “special” way to help meet his financial need. The spirit of the Lord was definitely felt at First Christian on January 24th. May God bless each of you.*

*Jane Rappold*

*Thank you for the support you showed CWF by the donations for Blanket Sunday.*

*Mary Kessler, Service Co-Chair*

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## Notes from Nancy

There are many reasons I love the month of March. One of the main reasons is because it is springtime. When I lived in Missouri we considered March a promise month. Sometimes it was bitter cold and maybe even snowing but there was always that promise that spring was just around the corner. So, Happy Spring to each of you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING on Sunday March 28th? I'll give you a hint: it's Palm Sunday. The Choir is looking forward to singing the promise of Jesus: His blessed birth, His cruel death, His miraculous resurrection. We look forward to the children parading the palms as the people did so long ago. Come to the 9:00 service and find what's happening for yourself.

A special thank you to Jacquita Craven who is helping with the choir while John has surgery. We are all in prayer that John will soon be in good health. In case you haven't been previously thanked, please know that John and the Choir thank you for all your support with the Concert/Auction Benefit. You exceeded our expectations. God bless you and God bless John.

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## New Worship Experience

This will be for anyone looking to experience new and exciting ways to worship Jesus Christ. It will be a time of fellowship, discussion, and learning for anyone seeking to find relevance in worship, the Bible, in their life in Christ. So if you are interested, (or know someone) please come join in this new worship experience.

Last Sunday of each month

6:30pm

in the Fellowship Hall

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## OUTREACH -

Thank you, Patrick Mills and the Cold Night Shelter Team who faithfully served by cooking soup, calling for workers, driving the van, serving supper and breakfast, making lunches, greeting guests, supervising on site all night and cleaning up after everyone left each time FCCB opened its doors to the homeless during the cold blasts of winter.

Remember the B.E.A.M. basket when you shop. Drop in those "Get One Free" items. Look for the Lions Club eyeglass boxes outside the church office and in Fellowship Hall. Donate your old glasses when you get a new prescription. Drop your used Upper Room into the Love Packages collection box along with any other used Bibles, Christian books and magazines you would like to recycle.

The Easter Special Offering will be received March 28 and April 4. Your gift supports a wide variety of ministries that extend the church's witness from Neptune Beach across the globe. You may also give on line at [www.disciplesmissionfund.org/easter](http://www.disciplesmissionfund.org/easter).

Remain faithful in giving your tithe of time, talent and treasure. When you do you are saying that you believe in the power of the resurrection! It's exciting to be a witness to God's good news! Blessings, Deedee Ludlam and Barbara Lynn, Outreach Ministry Co-Chairs

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## Easter Lilies for Sale

We will be selling Easter Lilies for \$10.00 each "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" a loved one or friend. Collection envelopes will be available on Sunday, March 21st and 28th, or stop by the church office for your order.

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## Maunder Thursday, April 1

Dinner 5:30 pm / Play 6:30 pm – Dinner Theatre at it's Best – Back by popular demand – *The Room Upstairs* – written by John W. Carter and directed by Betty Mills. Starring James Collins as Jesus and the 12 disciples (listed in alphabetical order): John Campbell, Jim Chandler, Mahlon Dixon, Gary Grider, Shawn Ludlam, Doug McIntosh, Bob Meador, George Mills, Mark Perschel, Don Peters, Paul Robbins, Mike Witherspoon.

Come and enjoy the Passover Celebration.

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## Tidal Wave Deadline

April will be the last month for the mass mailing of the Tidal Wave newsletter. We are in the process of posting the newsletter, announcements and calendar on the church website. All members without internet please call Diana in the church office (246-2010) to continue your mailings.

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**Caregiver's Support Group**      Wednesday, March 3rd, 4:30 pm  
John Hamil, Speaker – "Protecting Your Identity"

**Christian Education**

Today we live in a world of instant potatoes and microwave meals, and we often wish for a quick solution to problems. We want instant answers, instant spiritual growth, and what we really need is patience. We are a work in progress.

Our growth comes in different stages and at different degrees. Pastor Mahlon's recent messages on ways we can revive the passion in our spiritual life have given us ways to develop. Our study of God's word, our attendance in activities with other Christians, and our faithful prayer time will nurture us and help us realize that good work referred to in Philemon 1:6: "God who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ."

During the season of Lent when we think of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection all because of His love for us, it is important that we focus on learning more about God's word. You are invited to select from our many opportunities for education and service at First Christian Church. Bible Study, Sunday School classes, participation in a family group or in a support group, and many activities for children are available for all ages.

The Apostle Paul told us in Ephesians 5:16, 19-20: "...make the most of every opportunity....Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Don't miss an opportunity. Come join us this week. There's something for everyone's interest and needs.  
Sarah Bledsoe, Chairperson

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**Welcome New Members**

- Michael Richardson, 2926 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32254; 759-6626
- Billie Perritte, 1413 N 10th St., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250; 631-0565
- Delores Young, 13700 Sutton Park Dr. N., #816, Jacksonville, FL 32224; 992-9252
- Rosie Campbell, 1412 Strand St, Apt. B, Neptune Beach, FL 32266; 252-7686
- Lucille Kuklantz, 115 S. 3rd St, Unit 1012, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250; 249-1387
- Tilda Granfors, 115 S 3rd St, Unit 204, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250; 738-5809
- Billie Swain, 115 S 3rd St, Unit 910, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250; 246-9278
- John & Marti Miller, 115 S 3rd St, Unit 513, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250; 249-6129

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**"Faith Journeys"**

The best news ever! You don't have to quit coming to church camp just because you've grown up! Come and spend 48 hours with Florida Disciples (55+) at the comfy conference center – complete with air conditioning/heated cabins, modern bathrooms, state-of-the-art swimming pool, golf carts to help those who need a lift, wonderful food prepared by a great chef, and a program that will inspire and challenge you. Won't you come to....

The Twenty-First Annual Senior Retreat, March 16 – 18, Christian Church Conference Center.

Speakers: Dr. James Collins, Mr. Don Sherman, Rev. Glenn Turner

Worship/Preaching: Rev. David Walton, Rev. Marilyn Spry

Music Leader: Rev. Joel Tucker

Cost: \$115 on the grounds; \$80 off the grounds – Registration forms in the church office.

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**Nifty 50's**

Thursday, March 11th, 10:30 am

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## Sermons On Line [www.fccbdoc.com](http://www.fccbdoc.com)

The Sunday sermons are available on the church website for your listening pleasure, as well as the monthly newsletter. Check the website for weekly news and announcement updates.

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## Church Women United

Friday, March 5th, Christ United Methodist, 10:00 am

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## Disciples You Are Invited

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida would like to cordially invite you to a Regional Gathering with Rev. Rebecca Hale (Florida Transitional Regional Minister). The gathering will have opportunities for worship and prayer with one another. Please join us on Saturday, March 27th at 10:00 am – Riverside Avenue Christian Church, 2841 Riverside Avenue in Jacksonville.

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## Crafting for a Purpose

Tuesday, March 2, 10:00 am

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

Katrina Brooks, Shirley Furber, Dorothy Grey, Bill Shimp, George Vangellow, Fay Walker, Heather Frost, Ed Miller, Dot Davis, Ethel Dixon, Glenice Fogg, John Porter, Marcella Shimp, Janice Rudd, Hazel Twitty, Louise Kilpatrick, Gene Jackson, Michael Blume, Yvonne Byars, John Rappold, Ruby Scott, George & Dora Huff, John & Marianne Hibbard, John and Ruby Cook, Shirley McSwegan, all Military and their Families, and new church start.

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## Serving Schedule

### ELDERS:

9:00 Sarah Bledsoe and Carl Selden  
11:00 Connie Wendt and Jack Garnett

### DEACONS:

8:00 Joy Casino and Gary Grider  
9:00 Linda Mahoney, Jim Bledsoe, Mark Lopiano, Tom Broner  
11:00 Matt & Terrill Chapman

### SANCTUARY GUILD:

8:00 Gary Grider and Pam Mangine  
9:00 Mark & Aimee Lopiano, Leslie Hale, Josh Mele  
11:00 Jimmy & Martha Nuckles

### GREETERS:

8:00 Bill & Jan Wilson  
9:00 Joe Bracewell, Carl and Fran Sellden  
11:00 Dendy Pappas and George Mills

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## Calendar

- 1 - Narrow Way Players Rehearsal, 6:30 pm
- 2 - Crafting for a Purpose, 10:00 am  
Disciples of Christ History, 12 – 1 pm
- 3 - Bible Study, 9:00 am  
Caregiver's Support Group, 4:30 pm  
Dinner 5:30 pm; Classes / Choir 6:30 pm
- 8 - Narrow Way Players Rehearsal, 6:30 pm
- 9 - Disciples of Christ History, 12 – 1 pm
- 10 - Bible Study, 9:00 am  
Dinner 5:30 pm; Classes / Choir 6:30 pm
- 11 - Nifty 50's, 10:30 am
- 13 - CWF Game Party & Luncheon, 10:00 am
- 14 - Daylight Savings Time
- 15 - Narrow Way Players Rehearsal, 6:30 pm
- 16-18 Senior's Retreat
- 17 - Bible Study, 9:00 am  
Dinner 5:30 pm – St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
Classes / Choir 6:30 pm
- 21 - Meetings – Elder's 5:00 pm / Board 6:30 pm
- 22 - Narrow Way Players Rehearsal, 6:30 pm
- 23 - CWF, 10:00 am
- 24 - Bible Study, 9:00 am; Dinner 5:30 pm; Classes / Choir 6:30 pm
- 27 - Regional Gathering, Riverside Avenue Christian Church, 10:00 am
- 28 - **PALM SUNDAY**  
CMF, 7:30 am  
"Relevant", 6:30 pm
- 31 - Bible Study, 9:00 am                      **NO DINNER or CLASSES, Choir 6:30 pm**