

# THE SOUTHWOOD CHALICE

SHARING CHRIST'S MINISTRIES & MISSIONS

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FEED the Spirit!

*From Matthew 26:*

<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father **feeds** them. Aren't you worth much more than they are?

*From John 21:*

<sup>15</sup> When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

<sup>17</sup> He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

*From Ephesians 5:*

<sup>29</sup> No one ever hates his own body, but **feeds** it and takes care of it just like Christ does for the church

I was having a conversation recently with a few colleagues. We were discussing among other things why people leave the church. It seems many complain that they don't get what they "need". As I've reflected upon this statement, it seems to me we sometimes do not take up "ownership" of our faith. We are proud members of the Disciples of Christ. A denomination which prides itself in allowing each member to "own" their faith. We cannot sit idle, we must seek out what it means to be a Christian. Whether it is through worship, service, giving of ourselves, study, and/or prayer; we must seek to further our faith. Why are people leaving churches throughout the US? Because they have never sought out what it really means to be Christian. We cannot come to church just to be entertained or because it is our social club. We come to church to glorify God for the great blessings. Perhaps this is part of my own Lenten reflection... Whatever this thought process is, I know that as we celebrate the Risen Savior, I cannot help but think of the great sacrifice of Christ. Jesus died for us, should we not commit whole heartedly in committing to our relationship with Christ? The call is made at the cross, by the empty tomb, at the communion table each Sunday. The call is to serve Christ daily, hourly, and every minute. We must invest in our faith, feeding our Spirits! We are blessed at SMCC to have multiple opportunities to feed our faith. Find something for you here and invest whole heartedly! This is a church made up of Christian love. Love you have so precious and freely given. Let us never find ourselves in the position of those who leave the church because they could never find something to feed their Spirit. They will search their earthly lives blind to the fact that Jesus calls for us to invest. Do not wander or search for

### Each Sunday:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School Assembly  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

### CMF Breakfast:

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

### Prayer Team:

10:00 a.m. Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

### Board Meeting

Board Meeting – April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
in Music Room

### Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

### Each Wednesday

Bell Practice: 6:30 p.m.  
Choir Practice: 7:15 p.m.

### CWF Groups

- SHINE: Apr 6
- Dorcas Circle: Apr 22
- Young at Heart: Apr 23

what is already here. Christ is alive and with us at SMCC! Pray earnestly for our lost brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, the numbers of people leaving churches in the US vastly outnumber those coming in. We are blessed to have such a wonderful faith foundation! Let us share this with those in the community who desire a relationship with God. We will work to "own" our faith and to relish every minute of our faith journeys as we grow together in Christ!

With great LOVE,

Pastor Andrew



## April Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Donald Tart
1 <sup>st</sup>	Warren Tyndall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	George Basden
6 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Grant
8 <sup>th</sup>	Blair Dawson
8 <sup>th</sup>	Jay Robinson
9 <sup>th</sup>	Ginny Moody
10 <sup>th</sup>	Scotty Hill
13 <sup>th</sup>	Coleman Taylor
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Daughety
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jody Hill
20 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Burkett
29 <sup>th</sup>	Darcie Bumgarner

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## DAYS FOR GIRLS

The ministry will meet April 13 and April 27 at 9:00 a.m.



The Prayer Shawl ministry has touched many people in our Church Family and Community and is an important ministry for our Church. It is our opportunity to spread love, blessings and comfort. Susan Baker reports for the past 3 weeks, she has averaged 5 blankets per week. If you would like to help restock the needed supplies and inventory to continue this ministry, any amount will be greatly appreciated!

**April 6:** Armenia Christian Church is holding an indoor/ outdoor yard sale from 7 am – 2 pm. All benefits will be used for church restoration caused by Hurricane Florence.



**April 8:** Board Meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

**April 27:** Mark your calendar for Regional Assembly. Must register by April 21.

**May 3:** The Lenoir County Chapter #NC016 of Church Women United has asked to hold their spring meeting at Southwood Memorial Christian Church in Kinston, NC and the office has the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center reserved. The date of the meeting will be on Friday, May 3, 2019 with the meeting starting at 9:30 a.m. and running until about 11:30 a.m. Refreshments begin around 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Different denominations of churches in the area gather and share a program and interactive bible study with any announcements for churches in the area, etc. We expect about 15-20 women to attend. If you know of others who wish to attend, please let us know if we need to increase our number for refreshments. Those who attend are asked to bring canned food items to collect for our ICOR ongoing project.



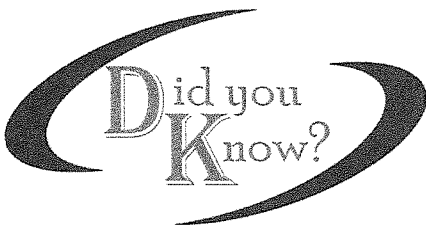
### 2019 Camp Schedule

June 14-16  
Camp Caroline  
UNO Camp  
K-2 (w/a parent)

June 16-21  
Camp Caroline  
CWY 9<sup>th</sup> – 12 Grade

June 23-28  
Camp Caroline  
Sailing, Arts & Spirituality  
4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

July 14-20  
Camp Caroline  
Created To Be Me  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only



The church year runs from  
July 1st - June 30th.

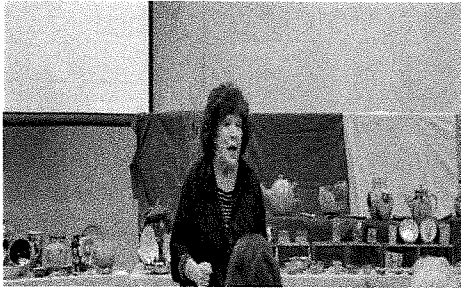
***Submitted by Constitution &  
Bylaws Committee***

## Christian Education Updates

- ✓ Sunday, April 14 - Dance for Christ show at Goldsboro Paramount Theater (20 tickets have been purchased- please let Michelle Smith know asap if you would like to attend)
- ✓ Saturday, April 20 - Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast
- ✓ June 13-15 - tentative dates for White Water Rafting Youth Retreat (we are currently raising funds to provide a long-overdue retreat full of fun, spiritual fellowship added with a potential missions project in the NC mountains) **\*\*more info to follow\*\***
- ✓ July 14-17 Vacation Bible School


## 2019 A DAY APART HIGHLIGHTS

Potter and artist Pat Montgomery made the recent Disciples Women retreat such an inspiring and uplifting time of fellowship for all ages at Camp Caroline. We had 5 ladies from Southwood to attend. Our baskets were well received and beautiful at the Basket Party. Ask Linda, April, or Nancy or myself for more details.



**5 THINGS YOU DIDN'T  
KNOW ABOUT WOMEN  
GLOBALLY**

*UPDATE FROM THE  
UNITED NATION STATUS ON  
WOMEN MEETING*



WITH REV. PAT DONAHOO,  
REV. CHESLA NICKELSON,  
AND MARILYN WILLIAMS

Wed., April 3 at 4:30 p.m. Pacific / 7:30 p.m. Eastern

<http://bit.ly/2HGYKzm>  
Ctrl+Click to follow link or paste in Web Browser

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### *An Special Announcement from Disciples Women*

*Disciples Women/Christian Women's Fellowship* is passionate about justice, equity, and the lives of women around the world -- from global to your own backyard. Did you know that we have three amazing Disciples Women attending the UN meeting on the Status of women right now .... and they will be sharing with you exactly what's going on around the world and how you can connect?

We are excited to bring you this FREE webinar on April 3 at 4:30 pm Pacific / 7:30 pm Eastern with Disciples Women staff Rev. Dr. Pat Donahoo and Rev. Chesla Nickelson and IDWM President Marilyn Williams.

Register by clicking here:  
<http://bit.ly/2HGYKzm>

# CHRISTMOUNT RETREAT

Christmount retreat is making history this year on August 9-11, 2019. State presidents Rev. Andrew Shue and Mary Evans have planned for the women and men to both retreat at Christmount having separate workshop times and all enjoying meals and keynoters together. Keynoters will be General Minister and President of the Disciples of Christ Rev. Terri Hord Owens and also keynoting will be Rev. Andrew Shue. Mark your calendars and get your registrations in. You do not want to miss this!

## Regional Assembly

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019**

Registration Opens at 8:00AM  
Barton College-Wilson, North Carolina

### FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Purcell Bible Lecture



**Matthias  
Henze, Ph.D.**  
Professor, Rice University  
Houston, Texas

Sprinkle Preaching Lecture

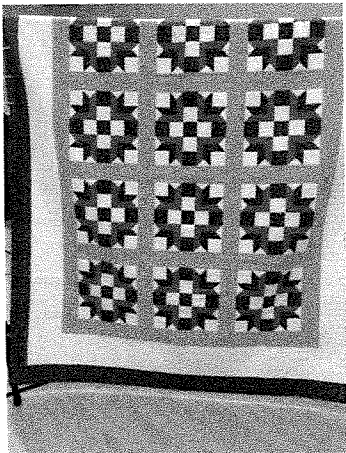


**Anna Carter  
Florence, Ph.D.**  
Professor, Columbia Theological Seminary  
Decatur, Georgia

Fellowship  
Business with Strategic Focus  
Lunch Cafeteria Style

**CHILDCARE PROVIDED**

Represent - Wear your church, camp,  
retreat or christian t-shirt!



This quilt was made for the Disciple Women of North Carolina. They are selling chances on the quilt to raise money for the Woman to Woman program and other projects the women are working on. Mary Evans is the president of the region and Nancy Parker is the district coordinator. Nancy has tickets she would like to sell you and the drawing for the quilt will be at the Regional Assembly in Wilson in April. You do not have to be present to win.



**Thank You Notes for the Prayer Blanket!**



Jonathan Grant  
Jack Stroud  
Larry and Susie Letchworth  
Raymond & Roxanne Amyette  
Carter & Marie Hardy