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The Regional theme for 2011 is:

“God’s Grace Is Amazingly All Sufficient!”

The Scriptural Text: 2 Corinthians 12:9 KJV

... “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” ...

Grace and truth are released and revealed to us in Jesus, the Christ!

I welcome you to share in this year’s resolution to: **“Lovingly serve in the grace and truth of Christ!”**

We serve others because of the command and example of Christ to do so.

We are free to serve motivated by God’s love.

We are empowered to serve by God’s grace.

We are directed to serve in God’s truth.

Let’s aspire to live daily in the power of these divine declarations. I believe we can because **“God’s Grace Is Amazingly All Sufficient!”**

Our Regional Board meeting on February 5th will be led by our True Community team. They will lead us in our priority to live into the command of God for us to be one in Christ, in effect, demonstrating true community.



We have invited Dr. Chris Hobgood, Pastor of Bethany Beach Christian Church, Bethany Beach, DE and Dr. Bill Lee, Pastor of Loudon Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, VA to engage us in deepening dialogue to cultivate our life and witness together.



We have 40 churches with one new church in formation to be formally presented at the Regional Board in February.

Mark your calendars for a major new initiative in 2011 as the Region sponsors a **Holy Spirit** inspired **Transformation Symposium for congregational members and leadership** focusing on (1) Radical Hospitality – Making Vital Connections, (2) Woman! You’ve Still Got a Life - Help for Single Women and (3) a Church Makeover! Revisioning the Church: Connecting with Youth and Young Adults. It will occur June 10-11 in Charleston, SC!

Look forward to these major Regional and General events...

Regional Board led by True Community, Rice Patch CC, Islandton, SC, February 5

Camp Christian Community Barbeque, Hampton, SC February 26

Black Ministers Retreat, Wichita, KS March 7-10

Holy Spirit Transformation Symposium, First CC, Charleston, June 10-11

General Assembly, Nashville, TN July 9-13

SC Regional Conference, Burton, SC, September 29 – October 2

Happy New Year!
Sotello

The Christian Church in South Carolina (Disciples of Christ)
Pray and be thankful constantly to Almighty Godfor a strong and faithful church
....for compassionate, excellent, submitted and visionary leadership in 2011!

On Sunday....pray in Jesus' authority for

January 2: Our General Minister and President Sharon

Watkins and our Regional Minister Sotello V. Long

January 9: First Christian, Aiken and Church

Extension with our Church Extension

General Consultant Dee Long

January 16: Antioch, Varnville; Christian Board of

Publication; and Alabama/NW Florida

January 23: Lay Men, Women & Youth Ministry &

Hispanic Ministries

January 30: Greater Cherry Grove, Hampton; Christian

Church Foundation & Florida

February 6: Cypress Creek, Walterboro; District Fellowships
and Arizona

February 13: Three Mile Creek, Ehrhardt; North

Carolina and Week of Compassion Ministry

February 20: Global Ministry – Missionary Partners - Jon

and

Dawn Barnes & Global Ministries Rep: Julia Brown Karimu

February 27: Magdalene, Allendale; Office of General

Minister & President and Indiana

March 6: Ashton Branch, Ashton & Council on

Christian Unity

March 13: Holly Hill, Alvin; Disciples of Christ

Historical Society and Pacific Southwest

March 20: New Hope, Beaufort & Christmount

March 27: New Beginning Outreach Ministries,

Walterboro & Senior Adult Ministry

April 3: St. Phillip, Reevesville & Disciples

Benevolent Services

April 10: Rice Patch, Islandton,

Communication Ministries and Mid-America

April 17: First Christian, Charleston and Kansas

April 24: Agape, Columbia and Pension Fund

May 1: First Christian, Columbia & Montana

May 8: All Mothers and N. California/Nevada

May 15: Andrews, Andrews and Michigan

May 22: Poplar Hill, Cross; Great River and Disciples

Affiliated Higher Education Institutions: "Colleges,

Universities and Seminaries"

May 29: Camp and Conference & New Church Ministry

On Sunday....pray in Jesus' authority for

June 5: Macedonia #1, Ehrhardt; Congregational

Transformation Symposium

June 12: United Love, Fairfax and Illinois /Wisconsin

June 19: All Fathers & First Christian Jackson

June 26: Central Rocky Mountain

July 3: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

in US & Canada & especially South Carolina

July 10: Faithful, Burton, General Assembly Nashville, and

Georgia

July 17: Briner, Holly Hill and Upper Midwest

July 24: Central, Beaufort & World Convention

July 31: National Convocation and Northwest

August 7: My Father=s House Ministry, Ladson

and Ohio

August 14: Luray, Luray and Greater Kansas City

August 21: Canaan, Moncks Corner & Oklahoma

August 28: Church House of Ministries, Moncks

Corner and Oregon

September 4: Liberty Hill, Ridgeville and

Pennsylvania

September 11: Disciples Home Missions & Tennessee

September 18: Reconciliation Ministry and SERF

Reconciliation & Anti-Racism Minister Sekinah Hamlin

Sullivan and Kentucky

September 25: S C Regional Conference

October 2: Rhett Avenue, North Charleston & South Idaho

October 19: All Clergy Ministry & Southwest

October 16: St. Stephen, St. Stephen & Virginia

October 23: Rock Hill, Sycamore and Northeastern

October 30: New Grove Hall, Summerville

November 6: Church House of Ministries, Summerville

November 13: Zion Pilgrim, Ridgeville

November 20: New Galilee, Holly Hill & Higher Education

and Leadership Ministries and Nebraska

November 27: First Christian, Belvedere

December 4: Path of Life, Columbia: North American

Pacific Asian Disciples

December 11: Varnville CC, Varnville & Capital Area

December 18: Alpha and Omega Ministries, Bamberg

December 25: Shalom CC, Bonneau & West Virginia

Profiles In Ministry



My name is Susie H. Cobb and my call to ministry started many years ago. I have always been in church throughout my life and childhood, and I was saved and baptized at Galilee Christian Church in Holly Hill, SC where I grew up.

At Galilee, I was very active in church even as a youth. I loved singing and would travel with the choir to many different churches to sing.

In 1963, I left home for Boston, MA. In Boston, I immediately got involved in Christ Temple Church where I became a member of the Boosting Jesus Young Adult Bible Group.

Upon returning to South Carolina, I once again connected myself to Galilee Christian Church. I became very actively involved with the youth and young adults and organized and directed The Young Adult Gospel Choir.

Over the years I have been prophesied to many times. I would be told that I am or would be a preacher and that God had greater work for me to do. But I was satisfied with doing what I was doing and besides God had not spoken to me.

But in 1976, as I was sitting in service at the South Carolina State Convention, God spoke to me with a stunning command. It was a turning point in my life. I remember hearing the words that was to become my motivation and persevering strength: "I want you to go teach and preach My Word". I am always humbled when I recall that moment.

I wondered why God would call me, since women in ministry during this time were few and even the few had to cope with bias and rejection, and there were no female ordained ministers within the South Carolina State Convention.

At the time I didn't realize that perhaps God was using me to walk through a door through which other women could follow and churches could envision a different way of pastoral leadership. But at the time, the challenge was real, but God was faithful.

Therefore I accepted my call to ministry and began to train under Rev. Leon Simmons and through other educational opportunities. I was ordained November 1977.

In 1993, I became pastor of Agape Christian Church. While serving Agape, God led me to start a women's ministry. And in June 1994, Women Helping Others Outreach Ministry (W.H.O.) was organized. W.H.O. is a ministry where people from various walks of life can come and be encouraged and uplifted, especially hurting and abused women.



William J Reese served in the United States Navy from 1960 – 1970. After being discharged, he attended Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. and graduated Cum Laude with a

Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Education.

During the past thirty-five years his ministry has been that of a Missionary. Starting with an Outreach Mission in Pottstown, PA.

Presently he serves as Pastor of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Beaufort, South Carolina as well as Missions Director at New Beginning Outreach Ministries located in Walterboro, South Carolina.

Over the past thirty five years I have aided in the start and help of approximately eight congregations. Presently assisting another congregation nesting at New Beginning, with God's help and Rev. Donnie White New Beginning Outreach serves the needs of the Walterboro and surrounding communities.

Currently he and his wife, Mary, reside in Oxford NC.

News from our Region:

First Christian Aiken: From the Pastor's Heart Happy New-Year

When Joshua and Caleb returned from the promised land . They came with a fresh vision that god would give them the land before them . They had met obstacles from the giants and the other 10 spies said that they could not win . They said the “seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes” Caleb and Joshua responded that the land flowed with milk and honey and if God would be with them as he has been in the past ,He would give them the land. We at First Christian by God this past year . We have enjoyed many blessing . God has given us great growth and financial blessings. Now we are about to enter into the promise of His continued blessings. The message was" don't be afraid.” That same Word of God to Israel is the message to us here at First Christian. As we continue to trust and obey the voice of God. He will lead us into the plans He has for us to carry the truth of Jesus Christ to hurting world.

Canaan CC: Celebrates their Annual Friends & Family and Church Anniversary Program the week of January 12-16-2011 @ 7:00pm nightly and 3:00pm Sunday

First Christian Belvedere:



First Christian Church of Belvedere

203 Verdery Drive

Belvedere, SC 29841

(803) 279-2626



Join us for our Valentine's Banquet

Saturday, February 12th 6-9pm

Ticket Info: \$5 single \$10 couple

Contact: "Kathy O'Connell (803) 441-8091



Music Food Fun and Fellowship



Final day to purchase tickets: January 30th

My Father's House Ministry:

Annual Tea Revival: January 19-21st @ 7 p.m.
Sponsored by: Sunday School Ministry

Men's Ministry:

Project M & M ('Man to Man'):

"Manning up for Excellence" - January 21, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m. **Community Introduction Event**

*Tri-Community Center

1770 Poplar Hill Drive (near Poplar Hill Christian Church) Cross, SC 29436

Bible Enhancement Training Course:

Title: **Rediscovering Kingdom Worship**

Subtitled: The Purpose of Praise and Worship

Every Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. beginning January 25 -

March 1 ,2011 Donation: \$15 (includes all course materials) Sponsored by: Ministry Development Team

February Announcements:

"A Taste of Africa" - February 13 @ 4 p.m.

Contact: Deacon. Evelyn Locke - 843-875-0163

Marriage Workshop - February 19 @ 10 a.m

Sponsored by: The Women Ministry

Black History Program - February 25 @ 7 p.m.

Sponsored by: The Youth Ministry

L&M Charter Service Sponsor Bus To:

General Assembly

Roundtrip Cost \$100.00

July 9-14, 2011

For more detail information contact:

Melvin Brown—843-753-7417

Barbara Williams —843-852-4537

45 seats are available: Secure your seat with \$50.00 deposit by February 28, 2011

"God's Grace Is Amazingly All Sufficient!"

From Paul's letter to us from the Church at Corinth!!!

...“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the

😊 more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Convention District union #1: First District Revival. will take place on Jan. 24th - 28th, 7:30 pm nightly and culminating on Jan. 30th @ Cypress Creek Christian Church Walterboro Theme for the week is "Unity in the Body of Christ" (Phillipen 2:1-5).his is an opportunity for us to come together as a Union and fellowship

With each other and hear the Good News being preached to us. Please make plans to be in full

Support of our coming together and sharing of the powerful word of God and the moving of the Holy Spirit in our lives

Convention District Union# 2: Will be convene at New Grove Hall Christian Church Summerville on January 27-29,2011.Saturday Morning preacher will be Bishop Melvin Brown

Assembly District # 1 : will meet on Friday January 28,2011 7:30pm @ Luray Christian Church Luray

Luray Christian Church : is getting ready and prepared to participate in the Hampton County Relay for Life

Disciples Men News:

South Carolina Region men have been invited to join the men the Georgia Region Men’s Retreat March 25- enjoy an inspirational weekend in the mountains at Christmount Conference Center, Black Mountain NC.

B B Q @ Camp Christian

Saturday February 26,2011 from 4-6 PM

Serving pork and chicken



Asking for pies and cakes to be donated to serve for dessert. from all of the Churches

Clean up day for the BBQ is February 12 from 9- until.....

2011 Upcoming Events:

January 14-15: Clergy and Mates Retreat, Sea Mist Oceanfront Resort, Myrtle Beach SC

January 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (office closed)

January 17-20: Korean Disciples Convocation

January 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 23-29: Week of the Laity

January 27-30: District Fellowships 5th Sunday

January 28: Assembly District #1 @ Luray CC

February 5: Regional Leadership/Board Meeting and True Community @Rice Patch Christian Church

February 6-: Boy Scout Sunday

February 1-28: African-American History Month

February 6-13: Young Adult Week

February 13: Race Relations Sunday

February 20&27: Week of Compassion Special Day Offering

February 21: President's Day

February 26: Barbeque - Camp Christian

February 26: Commission on Ministry Open House

March 4: World Day of Prayer

March 12: Convention Fellowship Day

March 26: Assembly Fellowship Day

2011 Newsletter and Online Dates :

March –April	March 14	March 18
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May-June	May 12	May 17
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July –August	July 11	July 15
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September –October	September 8	September 13
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November –December	November 10	November 15
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2011 Regional Board Meeting dates and locations:

February 5 @Rice Patch Christian Church,Islandton

May 14@ First Christian Church, Church Columbia

August 13@ New Hope Christian Church, Burton

November 5@ New Galilee Christian Church, Holly Hill

Commission on Ministry

TRAINING SESSIONS SCHEDULE

NOTE: ALL TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE AT:

My Father's House Ministry Ladson SC,

9653 Hwy 78, Ladson, SC 29456

Phone # 843--818-2000



Date	Sessions # 2	Time
Feb 26	open House	9AM -12N
Mar 26	Biblical Knowledge	9-11 AM
	Theology	11AM-1PM
	Ethics	1-3 PM
May 28	Communication	9-11 AM
	Proclamation of the Word	11AM-1PM
	Worship	1-3 PM
Jun 25	Spiritual Development	9-11 AM
	Pastoral Care	11AM-1 PM
	Cross Cultural &Anti-Racism Experience # I	1-3 PM
Jul 23	Evangelism	9- 11 AM
	Mission of the Church in the World	
	Evangelism	11AM-1PM
	Stewardship	1-3 PM
Aug 27	Ecumenism	9-11 AM
	Understanding of Heritage	11AM-1PM
Sep 24	Education and Leader Development	9-11 AM
	Church Administration and Planning	11AM-1PM
	Cross Cultural &Anti-Racism Experience # II	1-3 PM

Sunday February 20&27: Week of Compassion

Special Day Offering is Collected:Mission

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

We seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.

Christmount News:Elders and Deacons workshop held March 4-5, 2011 Keynoter: Dr.Jerry Sumney of Lexington Seminary

Cost includes lodging ,meals, and conference fee:)

- Guest House:single \$122.00
- Double \$97.88per person
- Triple \$89.8300per person
- Quad \$85.81per person

Group lodge W/linens \$78.00per person

Please plan to attend.

Register online @ www.discipleshomemissions.org/BlackMinistry/retreat



Registration fee per person:
 Before January 29, 2011 \$150.00
 Jan. 29 to Feb. 26, 2011 \$165.00
 On Site Registration \$205.00
 Retirees & Seminarians \$100.00
 Retired Ministers on Site \$125.00
 *DVD upgrades \$ 35.00 Total enclosed _____
 This year's registration includes a 7 CD set of the 3 Bible Lectures and the 4 Preachers.
 Please make check payable and mail to:
 Disciples Home Missions, Black Ministers Retreat,
 Attn: Karen Jones, P.O. Box 1986
 Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986
 No later than February 25, 2011
 Preachers/Bible Lecturer
 Monday, March 7 Rev. Titus H. James, Sr.
 Sr. Pastor North Heights Christian Church
 (Disciples of Christ) Wichita, Kansas
 Tuesday, March 8 Rev. Dr. Mildred L. Butler
 Sr. Pastor United Christian Church
 (Disciples of Christ) Los Angeles, California
 Wednesday, March 9 Bishop Richard W. Johnson
 Sr. Pastor St. Peter Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ)
 Smithfield, North Carolina
 Thursday, March 10 Rev. Joseph Brown Sr. Pastor
 Canaan Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Moncks
 Corner, South Carolina
 March 8, 9 & 10 Rev. Dr. Claude Walker
 Interim Pastor Swope Parkway United Christian
 Kansas City, Missouri

Disciples News Service Young adults will explore inclusiveness through "Babel Table" experiences

A major initiative involving young adult Disciples will allow them to explore inclusiveness and how best to become a truly multicultural church.



The program is called "Babel Table: from Tower to Table" and seeks to engage participants in hands-on mission through work trips.

Forty-two young adult Disciples have been selected for the programs which will take place at three Disciples mission stations.

A team of young adults will meet next week at Westside Mission in New Orleans, La. (Dec. 16-19). Other trips include work at the Romero Center in San Diego, Calif.

(March 10-13, 2011) and Yakama Christian Mission in White Swan, Wash.

(June 9-12, 2011). Young adults selected to participate in the Babel Table were assigned to one of the three mission opportunities. Each includes equal numbers of men and women, is ethnically diverse and represents lay persons, seminarians, and young adult pastors from 15 regions of the Church.

"Congratulations" Representing the Region of **South Carolina** will be: **Hillary Duggins** she is the Young Adult Daughter of Martha Duggins and a member of Zion Pilgrim Christian Church Ridgeville SC, Hillary will participate in the "Babel Table: from Tower to Table"

Those who bring Sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

Galatians 6:7

Be not deceived ; God is not mocked; for whatever a man soweth ,that shall he also reap

NOTE! NOTE!

For the March –April Newsletter,

The due date for articles is March 14, 2011

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

roccsc@aol.com

*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.*

“Happy New Year”

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