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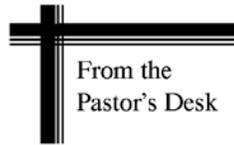
IMPORTANT DATES

May

- 8 Mother’s Day Service
- 15 Youth Choir Anniversary

June

- 5 Senior Choir Anniversary
- 12 Youth Recognition Day
- 19 Father’s Day Service
- ? Vacation Bible School
- 25 Family & Friends Day



From the
Pastor’s Desk

A learned Rabbi said once, “Learn from where you came, where you are going and before whom you must render your account.” Well, we at First Community have that; all of us are servants in the Kingdom of God. And, we have been given the space always to ask why. We want to know why about God, why about his direction in our lives and church. So often someone in casual conversation will say why should I give for this or why should I support that project? The why question always calls into question, where we are going, where we came from and to whom we must ultimately render our stewardship to. The essential purpose of my writing to you is that Christ our Lord’s work must continue through our congregational tithes and offering giving. I want to encourage each member that genuine giving is characterized by real faith in Christ. Jesus doesn’t force us to give but only provide an opportunity to share our sincerity and love for his ministry on earth. It is my desire that each member will take the initiative to imitate the sacrificial giving of Jesus our God! So let us work for excellence in our tithes and offering. I understand that sometimes it is hard to give, especially when you are on a fixed income or one income family. I am aware that the consistent committed contribution of giving tithes and offering is challenging, but remember He is the great enabler; He will give you strength to give.

On one occasion, Jesus told his disciples to exercise their freedom in giving, He said, freely you have received freely shall you give. Jesus wanted them to empower other lives, help to transform their environment with true generosity in personal giving to His gospel. Here was Jesus’ call to mankind stewardship for his disciples. The question now for us is not why but how, how can I pledge myself to become a better supporter to my church? These are some suggestions that might be helpful. First, don’t worry about what you don’t have to give, rely upon the Lord, depend on Him, He will meet your every need. Secondly, give in the right spirit, and the right way. Set aside His tithes and offering as the early church taught. Thirdly, become willing givers, open your heart to God in your giving, Lord here am I use my offerings. Genuine, loving giving is rooted in the wonderful promises of God. He stated, “give and it will be given to you, a good measure pressed down shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured to you.”

First Community this is a reality, it’s a promise from God, backed up by the bank of Heaven. Give in His name and you will be blessed accordingly.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. I have learned a long time ago that God is loving and He will give you strength to do His will. So together we have trusted in His wisdom and leadership for nearly thirty years and He hasn’t failed us yet. Let us continue on in His name, make no mistake about it, Christian giving as Jesus taught brings untold blessings. I am a firm believer that the more we obey Him, the more He bestows blessings upon us. One writer has suggested that Christians give with consistent praise. He states, “The distinction between gratitude and praise is this, gratitude is appreciation for what God has done, praise is appreciation for who God is.” King David knew the distinction: “Now our God, we give thanks and praise your glorious name.” Remember that He is your provider, let us give and pledge with gratitude and consistent praise.

Christ’s Resurrection Offers A Promise of Renewed Life

New Members



**Mary Villines
Keith Cook**

Welcome To First Community!
May God Bless You!



SICK & SHUT-IN

**Sister Esther Jeffries
Sister Mary McCauley
Sister Katie Roberson
Brother Henry Whitted
Sister Geraldine Wilson
Brother James Wilson**

Our prayers go out to all of our friends and neighbors who are sick and shut-in.

SANCTUARY

What does God's House mean to you? Yes, you go there each week to worship, but that special place has individual meaning to each worshipper. It's a place for peace and reflection, a place to gain strength and patience, a place for fellowship, a place for praise and joy through music and song. Most of all, it is a place for hope. In Exodus 25:8, God said, "Let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." Whatever your need, God is there. Won't you meet Him each week in your place of worship?

Keister-Williams Newspaper Services

First Community is a sanctuary and a place where you will hear the true Word of God.

SERVICES

Sunday School 9:30 am
Church Service 11:00 am
Bible Study (Wed.) 7:00 pm

Welcome to all of our services!

RESURRECTION HOPE

A heart-to-heart conversation with an elderly person can often give one the distinct realization that the modern focus on material things is misguided. Life and aging have a way of curing this false emphasis. At the end of our lives, we can look back and see that our relationships with God and those dearest to us are really what is most important. We can arm ourselves with a hope that stands the test of time.

We focus especially on the fact that we have been delivered from the wrath of God to experience the hope that He offers us as believers in Him. Many religions teach that we must work hard to reach salvation. In Christianity, we have a solid hope because Jesus has already accomplished salvation for us on the cross.

It is wholly appropriate that at this time of year we turn our minds to the hope Christ's resurrection brings. A major component of a life lived for Christ is service. That is true both here and now and in the coming kingdom. The objection of our service is twofold; we are to serve Christ, and we are to serve others.

Without Christ, we have no hope. There are many around us who need the hope Christ gives and the hope His coming again brings.

Bible Expositor and Illumination
Unit II Spring Quarter March, April, May 2013



<u>January</u>		<u>February</u>		<u>March</u>	
Marjorie Vanhooke	4	Deborah Taylor	11	Shanna Boswell	3
Asia Latta	6	Elizabeth Mayo	11	Linda Snipes	4
Wandra Richardson	12	Torenda Duff	17	Doniel Bullock	5
Arissa Duff	13	Jaquel Jackson	17	Crystal Wade	7
Jeffery Brooks	18	Isaiah Johnson	18	Cyani Jacobs	12
Devana Turner	20	Kareem Bethea	20	Geraldine Fennell	15
Lester Whitted	24	Barbara Jones	20	Samia Privette	21
Amy Mitchell	28	Justin Riley	26	Shawn High	23
Shirley Byrd	30			Brandon Johnson	23
Larry Alston	30			Christina Harris	27
Tameka Bethea	31			Dorica Jackson	29
				Annie Bell Jarrett	31



<u>January</u>		<u>March</u>	
Nkosi & Lacey Mtumwa	19	Leonard & Elizabeth Mayo	15
Anthony & Shereen Johnson	22	Johnny Sr., & Annie Bell Jarrett	31
Leon & Dorothy Lea	27		

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The month of February has been designated as a time to recognize the achievements of Black Americans, past and present. Their contributions and achievements have paved the way for the future success of Black Americans.

February 14, 2016
Black History Special Reading and Recognition
Architecture

Seletha Pherribo



Julian Abele



Asia Latta



Phil Freelon

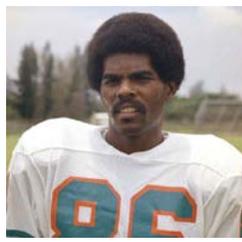


February 21, 2016
Black History Special Reading and Recognition
Sports

Deniya Turrentine



Marlin Briscoe



Stephanie Brodie



Cameron Newton



February 28, 2016
Black History Special Reading and Recognition
Law

Kareem Bethea



Eric Holder, Jr.



Rev. William Richardson



Loretta E. Lynch



Donald McIver, Jr

Guest Speaker



Donald McIver Jr. was the guest speaker on February 28, 2016. Per Donald he received his foundation at First Community. He said you have to have a purpose. Donald's purpose is to do something good in this world. Two things are needed to accomplish this purpose, Faith and Love. When you know you are doing wrong you have to change. Donald expressed appreciation for the foundation that he received at First Community under the leadership of his Pastor, Rev. William Richardson. Donald's parents are Donald McIver, Sr. & Rita McIver. Donald was introduced by his sister Ashlyn McIver. First Community thanks Donald for a wonderful and encouraging speech.

Our Annual Black History Celebration culminated on today. Members dressed in their African Attire. Our Annual Soul Food Dinner was held following the morning service.

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PALM SUNDAY- EASTER SUNDAY PICTURES



EASTER EGG HUNT



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Please call the church office, when...

- A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.
- You have death in the family so that you can receive helpful advice and assistance from the pastor and the church family.
- Your group plans to have a meeting or program so that it can be placed in the church bulletin.
- Your home phone number is changed or you have a new address, so that the church records can be corrected.

Please feel free to call the church. We are here to serve. May God Bless You.

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