



Fund Raiser

The New York City Summer Trip Group is taking orders for **Smoked Boston Butts!** Cost is \$30 and the average weight is 8-10 pounds. Please place your order by May 20. They may be picked up Saturday, May 26, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thanks for your support.

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Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mae Lindsey. Mae had been a member here at First Christian Church for the past fifty-six years. She will be greatly missed.

Our heartfelt sympathy is also expressed to Betty Potts in the death of her brother, Joe Holland of Oklahoma.

May the peace of God comfort and strengthen each family in this time of grief.

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Calling All Ladies!

The FCC Ladies' Circle Fellowship will be meeting here at the church on Monday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. All ladies are invited to join us in the Break Room!

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Congratulations!

Our own **Jerry Holt** was inducted into the Delta State University Sports Hall of Fame on April 13, 2012! Jerry started as offensive tackle for the Statesmen in 1971 and 1972. He was named All-Gulf South Conference, All-Region by the NAIA, and All American by the Associated Press in 1972. Congratulations Jerry! We are very happy for you and proud of this accomplishment!

Plus, we congratulate **Lexi Fowler** for being given the following awards at the Water Valley High School Awards Day program:

- ❖ Academic Excellence in English, Reading, and Computer Discovery
- ❖ Principal's Honor Roll – All A's for the school year

Lexi also received a Superior rating in percussion at the Oxford, MS Solo and Ensemble competition. This was the only Superior score given in percussion by her judge!

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Jot it down...

Mr. and Mrs. Troy (Jo) Stark Jr. have a new phone number: 701-1017.

Serving On Sunday May, 2012

Greeter: Malinda Walker

Communion Preparation: Carol Brown

Accompanists:

- 6** – Rachel Bell [O] & Lou Ann Holt [P]
- 13** – Lou Ann Holt [O] & Mary Freeman [P]
- 20** – Rachel Bell [O] & Lou Ann Holt [P]
- 27** – Lou Ann Holt [O] & Mary Freeman [P]

P.M. Piano: Mary Freeman

Sound and Video Projectionist: Cheryl Hughes

Worship Team:

Starr Guest & Pam Samuels

Sunday Night Songleader: Donny Guest

Nursery Workers:

Sunday Morning Worship:

- 6** – Patricia Eubanks & Betty Potts
- 13** – Bea and Kristin Tidwell
- 20** – Sonya Lafayette & Viola Moore
- 27** – B.B. Thomas & Betty Potts

Sunday Night: Carol Brown

Wednesday Night: Carol Brown

Communion Meditation:

- 13** – Bobby Cox
- 27** – Larry Bell

At the Table:

- 6** – Bobby Cox, Donny Guest, Pete Eubanks, Jerry Hill, George Lambert, Jerry Holt, **Richard Walker**, Lee Eubanks, JW Tutor, Ronnie Stark
 - 13** – Billy Wilbourn, Larry Bell, JW Tutor, Bill Bo Samuels, Donny Guest, Steve Hardy, **Al Reed**, Lee Eubanks, Pete Eubanks, Jerry Hill
 - 20** – Jerry Holt, Eddie House, Al Reed, Donny Guest, **Lee Jones**, Jerry Hill, George Lambert, JW Tutor, Ronnie Stark, Richard Walker
 - 27** – Bill Bo Samuels, Lee Eubanks, Bobby Cox, **Neal Eubanks**, Billy Wilbourn, Pete Eubanks, Steve Hardy, Jerry Holt, Donny Guest, Eddie House
[Name in **bold** will have the Offertory Prayer.]
- Round Up Man:** Billy Wilbourn

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Thanks!

We appreciate the following families and individuals who supported the Mississippi Christian Convention through their registrations:

- Sharon Allen
 - Breck and Carol Brown
 - Dexter and Barbara Brown
 - Bobby and Dee Cox
 - David and Mary Freeman
 - Jerry and Rosa Ruth Hill
 - Jerry and Lou Ann Holt
 - Ben and Lily Loyce Horan
 - Eddie and Shirley House
 - Annis Morgan
 - Betty Potts
 - Polly Reed
 - Teri Rounsaville
 - Billy and Ruth Wilbourn
- Special thanks to Rosa Ruth Hill for being our Registration Chairperson!*



**Are you looking
for
some
GOOD NEWS?**

Well, "Good News" is coming! The high school choir from Lincoln Christian Church in Lincoln, Illinois, "Good News" will be our special guests here at First Christian Church of Water Valley, Friday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m.! They will be on tour June 4-10, 2012, with stops in Missouri, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Illinois.

The musical message of GOOD NEWS is entitled "Know You?" Through a collection of worship songs and brief drama sketches, "Know You?" is a relevant message for all ages that will encourage and uplift us as we seek to know the nature of God. The songs are great arrangements from such Christian recording artists and worship leaders as Kristian Stanfill and Passion, Starfield, Tim Hughes and Jeremy Camp, Matt Redman, Aaron Keyes, Travis Cottrell, and Mercy Me.

We will be receiving a special Love Offering for them and providing housing. We will need housing for 10 boys, 9 girls, 2 men, 2 women and a sponsor family of four. If you would be willing help house some of these youth/adults for Friday night, please see Starr Guest or call her at 638-3151.

Mark your calendar now and be inviting others to join us for this very special evening!

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Youth News!

Materials have arrived for the 2012 Camp Season at Mississippi Christian Service Camp in Newton, MS. See David for registration forms.

May 27-June 1 Fine Arts Week – High School Youth, Frank Williams, Dean

June 3-8 High School Week – Grades 9-12, Ron Medlock & Tony Stahl, Deans

June 10-15 Middler Week – Grades 3-4, John Cash, Dean

June 17-22 Junior Week – Grades 5-6, Kelly Carmichael & Danny Horton, Deans

June 24-29 Jr. High Week – Grades 7-8, Danny Horton, Dean

Cost is \$100 per week. Financial help is available from FCC.

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A challenge to our youth!

Borrowing a thought from Dave Ramsey, why not start now practicing financial management? When you are given an allowance, or pay for chores, or wages from part-time jobs, divide your money into three jars or envelopes: **1. Giving** – For church and/or charities - consider 10%. **2. Saving** – For something you really want with your parent's approval. **3. Spending** – your decision (but parents do have a veto). As an incentive, and with parental approval, you are invited to announce your Giving, Savings, and Spending Goals in "The Water Valley Witness" and update your progress monthly. Not only will you see your name in the newsletter, you may inspire other young people, and maybe even some adults to get involved!

David's Dab...

April was an amazing month for us here at First Christian Church! The church was full for our Resurrection Celebration and our children did an outstanding job with their spring musical, "Bible Tails"! On a sad note, from my perspective, we lost a faithful member in the death of my friend, Mae Lindsey. Although she is rejoicing in the presence of the Lord, many of us are still grieving. As Eleanor, Rocky, Kevin, Phillip, Mary, and I shared at her funeral she was a faithful Christian lady whose life was lived as a servant of Christ. I was amazed as I listed the ways Mae served here at FCC. Some of which include:

- When we started having babies/children in the Nursery Mae would stay there each Sunday so they would have a familiar face each week.
- She sewed costumes for the youth plays.
- She helped feed revival speakers and house special guests.
- For several years she helped in the kitchen during VBS.
- For several years she cooked hamburgers each week for those in the Youth Christmas musicals.
- She served on the Phone Committee notifying people of deaths or special prayer needs in the church.
- Until she got sick, Mae was a faithful attender; attending every time the doors were open.
- For a long time she folded, labeled, and stamped the monthly church newsletter.
- She folded the Sunday bulletin and fed me lunch each and every Friday; and prepared a take-home box for Mary as well!
- She took cassette tapes of the Sunday sermon to various shut-ins of the church.

Realize she did all of this and more while in her 70's & 80's! She was a dear, loving friend to Mary and me from Day 1, January 1, 1999, the day we moved to Water Valley, MS.

She will definitely be missed. Her service puts many individuals to shame! As our youth shared, God can use even animals to do His will and He can use you also! Are you available? He may use you as a head or a tail or as some part in between, but He will use you if you are willing. Coming up are Vacation Bible School and the group from Lincoln, IL. With these special services come special opportunities to serve. Will you help? Remember the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" [Acts 20:35]. Because I care I will be looking for you this Sunday!

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The Influence of Mothers

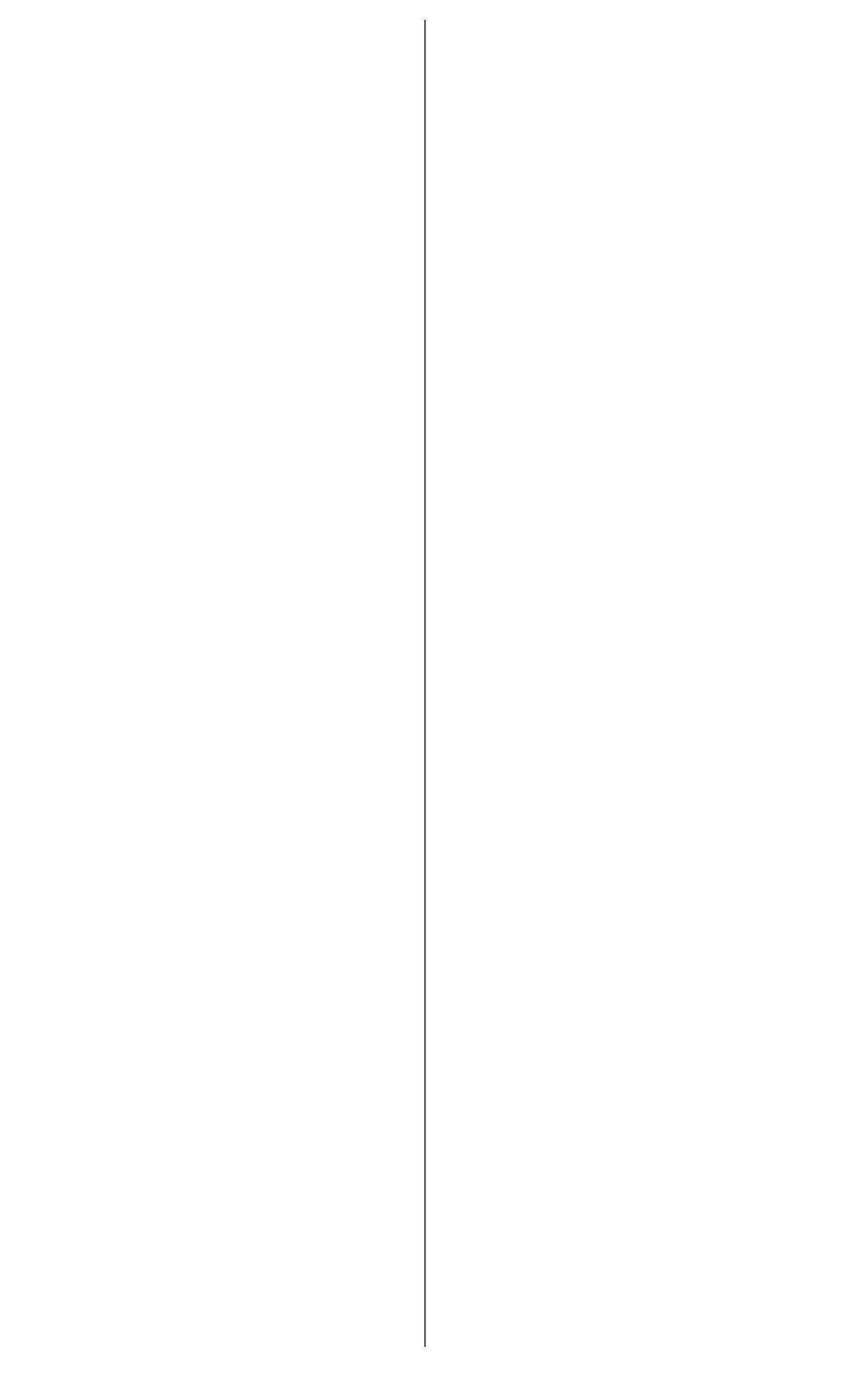
Author John Maxwell has collected some notes from children who have written to their Moms on past Mother's Days. Here are just a few samples. This is from Angie, who is 8 years old: "Dear Mother, I am going to make dinner for you on Mother's Day. It's going to be a surprise. P.S. I hope you like pizza and popcorn."

Robert, age 8: "I got you a turtle for Mother's Day. I hope you like the turtle I got you this year for Mother's Day better than the snake I got you last year."

And here's my favorite. This is from Carol who is 8 years old: "Dear Mother, Here are two aspirins. Have a Happy Mother's Day."

This month we will celebrate Mother's Day in this country. And, while it's not a "Christian holiday" in any sense, I certainly think it's certainly an appropriate celebration. Paul said that we as Christians are to "give honor to whom honor is due" (Romans 13:7), and I can't think of anyone any more deserving of honor than our mothers. "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her" (Proverbs 31:28).

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HEY YOUTH!
Kick off your summer at
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Join us at **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
North Main & South Court Streets
Water Valley, MS

May 27-31
6:30-8:30 p.m.

All youth ages three through high school are invited!

We will be joining the *GoFish* Guys as we praise God for

- ❖ His Greatness
- ❖ His Authority
- ❖ His Providence
- ❖ His Power
- ❖ His Love

There will be fun songs, interesting Bible stories, cool crafts and delicious refreshments!

Come visit the Fiery Furnace, the Jailhouse, the Graveyard,
the Lion's Den, and the Candy Store!

For more information call 473-2884



The GoFish Guys and all your friends at First Christian Church will be looking for
YOU!