



The First Word

THE PASTOR'S PEN *(Disciples of Christ)*



June 25th, 2018

Pastor's Pen

There are several items in my notebook I want to share with you today.

First of all, we are continuing to celebrate with Michele and the nine young people who were at camp last week. As we welcome them back let's take a moment and ask them to share some of their experiences at Camp Chandler. Church camp has been a positive spiritual influence for many of us. It is one of the major reasons I am in ministry.

Secondly, as many of you know Tanya Ogletree, our church secretary, will be on medical leave beginning next week. Our prayers and good wishes go with her and her family as she begins cancer treatments. If you can assist in the church office by answering the phone, greeting folks and being a ministry of presence between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm (2 or 4 hour shifts) Monday through Thursday, contact Linda Fields (850) 255-1629 to schedule a time.

Thirdly, I am in the church office on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and of course on Sunday. Pastoral care is an important part of our ministry together. If you are being hospitalized or have other needs or concerns let me know. My cell number is (270) 836-1062, or you may call the church office at (850) 477-1642.

We received information from the Regional Office that our church is ranked in the upper portion of several categories for 2017. This gives us appreciation for these good accomplishments and helps us cast a vision for areas of ministry we want to grow.

Finally, let me ask you to consider how you came to First Christian Church. The overwhelming majority of us came because someone was kind enough to invite us. We are looking forward to a good and positive future as a church family. So let me ask you to share that future by inviting a friend, relative, neighbor, or a co-worker to worship with us on Sunday.

It is a joy to share the journey of ministry with you.

Grace and peace,

Don McLaughlin