

**CWF**

The Christian Women's Fellowship at FCC-Greenville supports the Woman-to-Woman Worldwide program. W2WW is sponsored by the International Disciples Women's Ministries. It is a yearly journey of discovery undertaken by a small group of women to a foreign country. It is a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with sisters worldwide. Moreover, it offers a way to respond to the call

for Disciples and Women to experience solidarity with and advocate for one another, affirm the unity of the Church in Jesus Christ, and join the common struggle for justice and peace in the world today by educating and advocating for those needs. This opportunity is not a vacation or a 'hands-on' mission trip. Rather, it is an immersion experience that involves deep, active listening to our sisters of other countries so that we may learn from them what it means to be a woman of faith in their context and, in turn, share that with our own congregations.



**ChildFund International**

CWF also sponsors a child through ChildFund International. This organization, formerly known as Christian Children's Fund, is a child-focused international development organization that provides assistance to children facing poverty and other challenges in 24 countries, including the United States.



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# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

*"All Are Welcome"*

## BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST THROUGH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,  
as faithful stewards of God's grace..." 1 Peter 4:10*



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# First Christian Church Outreach Ministries



## Backpack Pals and Student Support

FCC's Outreach Team works in partnership with guidance counselors at Elmhurst Elementary and E.B. Aycock Middle Schools to provide breakfast and lunch snack items to help supplement the students' breakfast and lunch on the weekends. Our Student Support efforts provide hygiene products, underwear, socks and other clothing items to get students through the school day.



## Hope is Alive

FCC supports the work of Hope is Alive. Whether it be drug or alcohol addiction, Hope is Alive helps people find freedom through faith and study. HIA in Greenville was opened in January of 2023. It is led by individuals who have overcome addiction. They have a house in Greenville with approximately 13 men. HIA began in 2012 to provide mentoring homes for individuals struggling with addiction who are transforming back into the real world from treatment centers, correctional facilities and poor life choices. The program lasts 12 to 18 months. They have an 85% success rate. Our partnership with Hope is Alive also provides our church with a 24/7 advocate for our staff and church family impacted by addiction. Learn more at [hopeisalive.net](http://hopeisalive.net)



## Clothing Ministry

FCC's clothing ministry distributes to: EB Aycock Middle School, Elmhurst Elementary School, Hope is Alive, My Sisters Closet and InJoy Thrift Store. We have chosen InJoy Thrift Store, on South Memorial Drive in Greenville because they donate 16% of their profits to the Third Street Academy, which is one of our Outreach Budget Items. This ministry also collects suitcases, totes and backpacks. We donate the suitcases and totes to the Community Crossroads Shelter and the backpacks to EB Aycock Middle School.



## Week of Compassion

As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world.



## Green Chalice Program

FCC is a Green Chalice Church. The purpose of the Green Chalice Program is to encourage and assist local congregations/DOC Offices and Assemblies who wish to live out their faith by caring for creation. With the urgency of climate change impacting our neighbors and world right now we have prioritized Carbon Neutrality while still inviting congregations to care for creation more generally. This program is designed to recognize congregations for being good stewards of God's creation. The program also aims to empower congregations/assemblies with ideas and resources to enable them to walk gently on the earth.

### Recent news about the success of our Backpack Pals Partnership with E.B. Aycock Middle School.....

10/2/2024

Dear First Christian Church of Greenville; and Mr. and Mrs. Hufford,

On behalf of E.B. Aycock Middle School, please accept our sincerest appreciation and gratitude for all that you do for our students!

At the start of the 2023/2024 school year, we were not certain that we would be able to continue our Backpack Pals program after we lost our previous sponsor. It was and continues to be, a huge blessing that you were willing to add our school to your Backpack Pals sponsorship.

In addition to providing food for our Backpack Pals, everything that you have given our school to have available to meet student needs has been so helpful! Throughout the 2023/24 school year, and continuing presently, we have provided students with hygiene products, underwear, socks, clothing, and food that we would not have had without your help. Everything that you have provided to us helps us get students through the school day and beyond. When we can mitigate some barriers to learning, we can grow stronger students and increase student success.

Again, thank you so much from E.B. Aycock Middle School!

Sincerely,

Kristy Kennedy  
School Counselor  
E.B. Aycock Middle School



**Disciples Mission Fund**

Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) brings the whole Church together, connecting us to the life-giving and life-saving work we have been called to do. It also simplifies giving for congregations and individuals, providing a way to support the entire Church at once. DMF-funded regional and general ministries offer opportunities for Disciples to serve as missionaries, attend college or seminary, advocate for the least of these, and so much more.



**Churches Outreach Network**

Churches Outreach Network, a faith-based non-profit organization recognized under section 501©(3), is dedicated to serving the community. Our mission is to alleviate hunger and provide resources and educational assistance to those in need. Our vision is to bridge the hunger gap and offer hope to the hopeless.



**FCC Christmas Angel Tree**

Every year Angels in our church choose ornaments from a tree placed in our narthex that hold Christmas gift wishes from deserving under-privileged students at Pactolus Elementary School. Our Angels fulfill these wishes and gift wishes from participants of the Creative Living Center as well.



**Foster Children Holiday Cheer Fund**

FCC partners with the Pitt County DSS Holiday Cheer Fund. This program provides Christmas gifts for the foster children in DSS legal custody. This program relies solely on donations from generous citizens and community partners. On average, Pitt County DSS maintains between 200-250 youth in foster care. Without community support, these children would not receive the toys, games, and comfort items of holiday gifts most children get to experience during this time. Donations include: Toys, gift cards, games, puzzles, coloring books, and monetary donations.



**Third Street Academy**

FCC supports the work of Third Street Academy in Greenville. Accredited by Cognia, an internationally-recognized accrediting agency, Third Street Academy is an all-young men's Christian school dedicated to developing leaders with firm academic foundations and strong moral values



**Community Crossroads Center**

FCC contributes annually to the work of Community Crossroads Center. CCC seeks to serve the homeless and those at risk of homelessness by providing safe housing and assisting them in developing a long term plan that leads to self-sufficiency. FCC's various mission teams and individual members serve the clients at CCC one hot meal one night every month.



**CareNet Counseling**

As a non-profit mental health counseling organization that was formed in 1972, CareNet Counseling improves the health of the mind, body, spirit and community through spiritually integrated counseling, psychotherapy, research and education. CareNet exists to help its clients restore and maintain mental wellness. There is no real health without mental health.



**Interfaith Clergy**

FCC is a member of and supports Interfaith Clergy. This organization is committed to promoting unity and peace through service to all of God's children. Our unified purpose and commitment are to encourage and engage in faith-based initiatives and interventions in addressing various societal needs and issues.



**Blessing of the Badges**

Through our partnership with Interfaith Clergy, FCC actively participates in and provides space for the annual Blessing of the Badges. In this event we celebrate, bless, minister to, and pray for all first responders in our area all while providing a hot meal.



**Alcoholics Anonymous**

FCC works with AA to provide a safe meeting space which helps promote anonymity for those in need. We provide the space for AA, AA/STEP and AI-Anon programs.



**Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina**

FCC actively supports the local food bank through donations. FCC also encourages its members to donate by providing a food pantry drop-off site in the church office/FLC foyer.



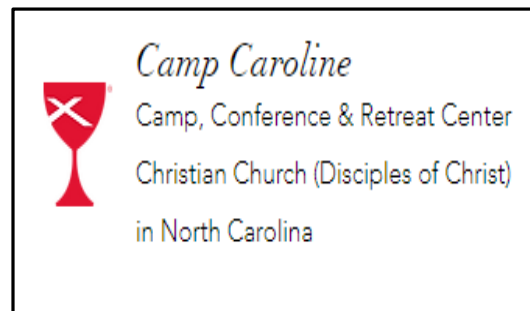
**Pitt County Council on Aging**

FCC actively supports the Council on Aging by providing a rotating team of volunteers to help deliver Meals-on-Wheels one day every week. The council seeks to enhance the quality of life for adults by providing access to a wide range of services, programs and resources that promote healthy living and independence.



**Lexington Theological Seminary**

FCC supports LTS with funding to provide scholarships. LTS seeks "to prepare faithful leaders for the church of Jesus Christ and, thus, to strengthen the church's participation in God's mission for the world. LTS seeks to be a servant of the church preparing God's people for ministry in congregations through innovative instruction, flexible curriculum, congregational experience and compassionate engagement with the needs of society.



**Camp Caroline**

FCC supports the efforts of Camp Caroline, the year-round camp ministry of Disciples of Christ churches in North Carolina. Because we believe in the comradery, fellowship and spiritual impacts of Camp Caroline, FCC subsidizes the cost of the camp for youth in the church.



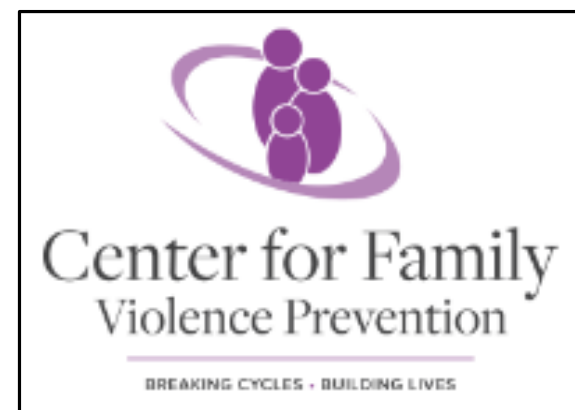
**Pet Food Pantry of Eastern North Carolina**

FCC collects pet food and monetary donations for the Pet Food Pantry. Their mission is to keep pets with their people by helping families that are struggling financially to feed and spay/neuter their pets. Their clients include the elderly, disabled, underemployed, domestic violence victims, Veterans, and those who are battling long term illness. They believe they can make a difference in overburdened shelters and rescues by also requiring pets to be spayed or neutered, a service they provide at low or no cost.



**Creative Living Center**

FCC supports the Creative Living Center. CLC is a dual licensed adult day-health and day-care program. Creative Living Center provides day services for both older adults and individuals with physical and cognitive impairments. As the only adult day-health facility in Pitt County, Creative Living Center is licensed and certified by the NC Department of Health and Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services. The mission of CLC is to enhance the quality of life for older adults and adults with physical and cognitive impairments, by providing an alternative to residential health care placement.



**New Directions Safe House**

FCC gives to New Directions. New Directions is an emergency safe house for abused individuals and their children. They provide individual case management, counseling, support groups, food, clothing, advocacy and referrals to other agencies in the community. Their mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence while enhancing individual self-sufficiency and promoting healthy family relationships in the community.