



## *The United Church of Christ*

The Church is a gathered fellowship of believers. We invite you to join in Covenant with God and with the members of First Christian Church. Membership is attained through one of the following:

1. Baptism/Confirmation
2. Profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
3. By letter of transfer or certificate from Christian church.
4. By reaffirmation of your profession of faith.

The basic unit of organization of the United Church of Christ is the congregation, that is, the local church. We believe that each person has some distinctive talent, gift, power, knowledge, or skills which the church needs for the fulfillment of its mission.

The government of the United Church of Christ is exercised through Congregations, Associations, Conferences and the General Synod in such a way that the autonomy of each is respected in its own sphere, having its own rights and responsibility.

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## *Welcome To First Christian United Church of Christ*

*Founded February 16, 1884*

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*The Faith which unites us and to which we bear witness is that faith in God and Jesus Christ, which the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments set forth.  
The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the major celebrations of faith and mark of our Church*

## *Ministry Through Worship*



Worship is at the heart of our congregational life. Worship services, Sundays at 10:30 a.m., are a source of binding strength for our members as we offer praise and honor to God in worship.

We are challenged to a discipline of prayer and personal devotion as we develop a deepened awareness of God's loving power.

We are sent into the world with the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit to be disciples, and to live as children of God.

Our Worship Services are enhanced by music. The Chancel Choir welcomes all who enjoy singing. The choir presents concerts and programs each year. Music for children is directed through the Church School Departments.

### **PASTORAL CARE**

The Pastor is available for those in need. The Pastor is also assisted in visitation by the Board of Deacons.

## *Ministry Through Christian Education*



Church School classes and Special Bible studies are the basic programs through which the study of the Bible and the study of the teachings of Jesus Christ are conducted for all ages.

The Nursery has provisions for both babies in cribs and toddlers at 9:30 a.m. Church School hours and 10:30 a.m. services and for special events.

A Confirmation Course of Study is held for youth considering church membership. Special orientation is conducted for new adult church members.

Bible School and other activities are conducted for adults, youth and children during the summer.

The Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ has camping programs at the John's River Valley Camp and at the Blowing Rock Camp and Conference Center, both in Blowing Rock, N.C. Conferences and retreats are held at both locations throughout the year.

The monthly First Christian Newsletter and weekly Wednesday Musings keep the membership informed of Church news and planned events.

## *Ministry Through Fellowship and Service*



Our relationship to others is enriched through our extended Church family as we share our experiences, our troubles, and our celebrations. We are challenged to act on our faith through service.

Our Church offers opportunities for fellowship and service through:

- The Women's Fellowship
- The Churchmen's Fellowship
- Family Ministry Events
- Numerous Volunteer Opportunities

We support Community Services such as:

- Food Pantry
- Meals on Wheels
- Christmas Cheer
- Emergency Care
- Scouting Program
- Allied Churches

We support instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ such as:

- Elon University
- Elon homes for Children
- United Church Retirement Homes, Inc.
- Our Christian World Mission