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On the following pages, you will find reports from several council members, committee chairs, and team leaders. Enjoy!

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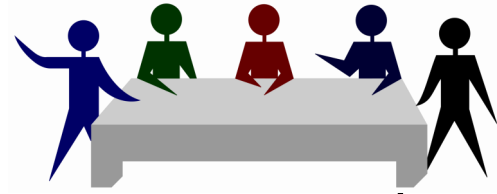


Governing Council

Bruce Gilbert, Chair

Hello everyone and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Thank you for your continued support of CCC during the challenging year past, and into the future. The Governing Council and Pastor Derek have worked diligently to safely conduct worship services. Firstly, as Car Church only in the east parking lot, and secondly by later reopening the Church for Sunday Worship Service while retaining the option of listening while in your vehicles in the parking lot. Upon reopening the Church, certain inside safety precautions were put into place and remain indefinitely. The safety precautions before entering include digital temperature screening, (one-time) liability waiver, wearing a face mask, and answering several virus related health questions. Numerous inside safety precautions are also in place to observe social distancing. A special thank you to Property Committee Chair Mike Kordich and Security Team Leader Glenn Ulman and his security team/ushers for their dedication to these safety protocols.



Even with the pandemic, many ministries are able to continue at CCC. These include, but are not limited to, our numerous outreach ministries, small group bible study, Church property improvements, excellent Church communications via newsletters, website, Facebook, and emails, work on special committee projects (see report in this newsletter) and other financial/administrative functions we sometimes take for granted. A big thank you to all Committee chairpersons and Committee members for your hard work in 2020. Welcome to new members Anne Wood, Jody Barbour, Charlie Barbour, Becky Meldrum and John Meldrum. These friends are no strangers to our congregation but have now more formally entered the Christian fellowship of CCC. We look forward to their fellowship, skills and input.

Asking members to take on more responsibilities and/or do certain tasks is not always easy. But the 2020 Nominating Committee accepted that challenge and did an excellent job in filling expiring term Committee Chairs and Church Officers. Thanks to Nominating Committee members Anne Wood, Emogene Weller, Marilyn Hanover, Randy Agee and Jim Wilson (Chair). A short Orientation Meeting is scheduled after Worship Service on Jan. 10th for all new incoming first time Governing Council members.

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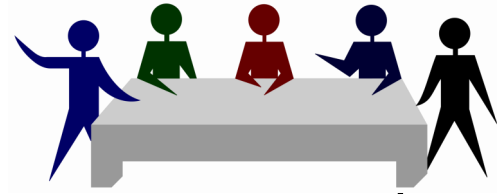
Governing Council

Bruce Gilbert, Chair

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Your Governing Council members as of January 1, 2021 are:

Chairman	Bruce Gilbert
Christian Education	Heather Layman
Communications	Laura Southall
Fellowship	Denise Wilson
Member-At-Large	Lynn Brooks
Membership	Jim Wilson
Outreach	Anne Wood & Jody Barbour (co-chairs)
Pastor	Derek Layman
Property	Mike Kordich
Secretary	Howard Noel
Strategic Planning	Randy Agee
Treasurer	Michel Kordich
Trustee Member	Jan Mawyer
Worship	Deborah Smith



Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday December 13th, immediately following the Worship Service. The Agenda consisted of nominations for expiring term Committee Chairs, expiring term Church Officers, the 2021 Financial Operating Budget and election of Trustee Jan Mawyer to Trustee Chair. All Agenda items passed.

Governing Council meetings are open to everyone. Please feel free to attend at any time to give your ideas, issue viewpoints, etc., to me or any Governing Council member. Your opinions are important. Our 2021 Governing Council meetings are scheduled for Jan. 21st, April 15th, July 15th and October 21st.

Finally, and most importantly, please pray for God's Church, our Pastor and his family, and for each other.

For The Governing Council

Bruce Gilbert, Chairman

Worship Service Time

POLL

What is your opinion on the 10:00AM Sunday Worship Service time? The time was changed to 10:00AM when Car Church (only) began, in order to avoid uncomfortable outdoor summer temperatures.

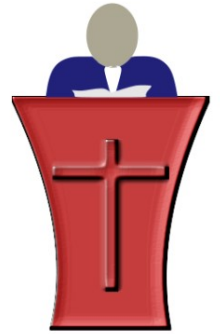
The Governing Council would like your input as to whether we should continue to begin Sunday Worship Service at 10:00AM or revert to 11:00AM.

Please contact any Governing Council member or respond to Chairman Bruce Gilbert at gilbert2141@yahoo.com.

Your opinion is important.
Thank you!



Pastor's Perspective



¹³ Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." ¹⁴ How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. ¹⁵ What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil. (James 4:13-16 NLT)

I remember watching Star Trek as a child. The most fascinating part to my young, inquisitive mind was the phenomenon of teleportation. How could a human being be transported from one location to another without traveling the space between the two points? I was intrigued! I would imagine myself being teleported out of difficult situations, especially those involving my parents and the trouble I found myself in. If only I could simply say, "Beam me up, Scotty!" and avoid the discipline I was facing!

2020 has been a year most of us would have liked to escape. If only we could have teleported directly to 2021! In 2019, none of us would have imagined what was awaiting us in 2020, even in the worst-case scenario. The words of James, the half-brother of Jesus, ring true in light of the happenings of 2020. None of us know what our lives will look like tomorrow. What lies ahead of us in 2021? Will it be better than 2020? There is no way to know. This fact of uncertainty is why we need to trust God and have faith in Him. We should be willing to submit our wills (plans) to His will (plan).

2020 has been a year of loss for Christ Community Church, with most of those losses being unexpected. Because we do not know what is in store for us tomorrow, we need to cherish today. We need to consistently appreciate and express our love to our family members, friends, and church family. As we have seen this year, they can be unexpectedly taken from us. We also need to remember to support those who have experienced loss. This is not only our duty as a Christian but serves as evidence of our love for God and our neighbors. For me, 2020 has served as a reminder of the brevity of life and the need to appreciate and cherish every moment we have, especially those precious moments with loved ones. What insight have you gleaned from 2020?

Blessings!

Derek

You may reach Pastor Derek at 540.420.6836

Christian Education Committee

Norma Gilbert

I would like to thank the members of CCC for allowing me to chair the Christian Education Committee for the last few years.

I have enjoyed planning adult Bible studies and working with our children. Heather Layman has been my assistant for the last two years and I am confident she will step with ease right into her new position as chairperson. Thank you so much, Heather.

The Bible Study, **Stories Jesus Told, How To Read A Parable** by Greg Carey will continue in the Spring. Lent Bible Study, **He Chose The Nails** by Max Lucado is planned for February/March. Actual dates will be released after beginning of the New year.

Respectfully,

Norma Gilbert



Outreach Committee

Barbara Armstrong



We have distributed 10 comfort quilts. Participants in our quilt making will be notified if we will meet in January at Dill's Lakeside Marina.



57 Box Tops for Education were given to Glade Hill School. Your receipt must be scanned for credit so it is a much more involved process than in the past.



Can tabs worth 182 hours' stay at Ronald McDonald House have been collected.



\$48 worth of Coke bottle caps were donated to Glade Hill School PTO.

Outreach Committee

Randy Agee



Shown below is the first page of the Fall-Winter 2020 LCM Heart and Hope quarterly newsletter. You can download the full newsletter in PDF format using the link at the bottom of this page.



A Season for Thanks and Giving

Dear LCM Friends,

As this very challenging year draws to a close, our hearts are full of thanks and giving. We were overjoyed with the outstanding community support from the very successful Capps & Community Charity Challenge. I am also grateful for a number of other community benefits and grants that supported our emergency services during the pandemic. So much is happening at LCM right now. Our small but mighty volunteer crew continues to address increased needs for food, financial assistance and New Tomorrows services while we work to give hope and joy to a growing number of children in need through A Child's Christmas.

We are truly blessed to have the support of a compassionate and engaged lake community. This year has been trying for us all. In a year when finances and volunteers were in short supply, it would have been easy for LCM to scale back and provide only food assistance. The community rallied around LCM and enabled us to continue to provide a full array of crisis services in collaborative and innovative ways to meet the needs of a growing number of vulnerable families. If I had one wish for the holidays this year, it would be to see more people, who are able, join us in our efforts to impact poverty in 2021. Consider joining the LCM family of volunteers. I promise the blessings you gain from the experience will be "priceless."

We wish you and your family a happy holiday season and the blessing of a safe and healthy 2021!

In appreciation,

Jane Winters
Executive Director
Lake Christian Ministries

A Child's Christmas



Although Christmas may be weeks away, Lake Christian Ministries' volunteers have been busy organizing A Child's Christmas for a growing number of children in need. This year, many local families are struggling with the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and are seeking assistance from LCM for the first time.

Christmas should be a joy-filled time of year for all God's children, rich and poor. Our volunteers have been processing A Child's Christmas applications since mid-October for children whose family income is often not enough to pay bills and never enough to buy new clothes or gifts. Parents provide the sizes and types of clothes each child needs, as well as the toys or gifts their children want for Christmas. Last year, 358 children who live in poverty in the Smith Mountain Lake area received gifts, joy and hope through this program.

This year, many of the community activities that traditionally supported the program were cancelled due to the pandemic. Despite the setbacks, our volunteers have found innovative ways to work with businesses and churches to make this program possible during the pandemic.

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Download the full LCM by using the following address:

https://www.lakechristianministries.org/uploads/2/0/5/5/20552650/winter_2020_donor_newsletter.pdf

Outreach Committee

Randy Agee



The Caring Crafters are working on several projects from their homes and the Youth Enrichment Program has resumed the Flower Ministry.

The Penhook Food Pantry dates are January 14th and February 11th. The Food Pantry will remain a curbside event. Please help our Neighbors in need with a donation to the Food Pantry. Make checks payable to CCC.

We continue to collect Coke product bottle caps, can tabs, and box tops for education. Our School Ministry will continue this winter with weekend backpack food for Rocky Mount Elementary and Glade Hill Elementary. The CCC Sweatshirt Ministry has been a huge success. We distributed a total of 1,500 sweatshirts to schools in our area. We continue to support the Franklin County Resource Center/Shelter, Faith Network, Helping Hands, Lake Christian Ministries and other local organizations with financial resources. Please sign up for Kroger Cares and Amazon Smile and select Christ Community Church as your charity. A percentage of each purchase will be donated to CCC Outreach.

You can be specific with your donations to CCC Outreach Ministries. Donations to the General Outreach will go to local organizations and Caring Crafters. Specify your gift for the Family Outreach or the Y.E.P. and the funds will be used to help local families and youth enrichment in our community.

We are looking forward to working with Ann Wood and Jody Barbour, the new co- chairs of CCC Outreach, to have a smooth transition. With their experience and commitment along with CCC family, they will do an outstanding job.

It has been a humbling experience serving as CCC Outreach Chairman the past four years. I would like to THANK everyone who donated their time, talent and funds to make the CCC Outreach possible. A special Thank You to the CCC Governing Council, the Outreach Committee, Pastor Derek, the Caring Crafters, the Youth Enrichment Program, the Comfort Quilters, the Saturdays are Marvelous Team and our Church Donors for all your support. It has been a pleasure to serve our Church with you all. We continue to make a difference in our Community.

God Bless You All.
Randy

Outreach Committee

Emogene Weller



This year everyone continues to anticipate getting back to our "normal" lives. The question remains to be answered if that will ever happen. Caring Crafters has been busy trying to do all we can to be ready for that time when our former activities may be resumed. The ladies have been working from home to bolster up our supply of lap robes for residents of Franklin County Nursing and Rehab so that we may celebrate missed birthdays with all who have missed theirs this year. We provided a small place favor for each resident with a Christmas card from our church to let them know they are not forgotten. This year they did an angel tree for the residents and Community Outreach provided the funds to meet the requests of 18 residents. Most asked for snacks, some needed night clothes and others asked for shirts and pants. As soon as the visitor ban is lifted I would like to visit each room for a few minutes if anyone is interested in joining me.

The NICU received 30 Christmas blankets made by our ladies. At the time I delivered them, I was only allowed to meet outside with the head nurse. She was so appreciative of the blankets, scent pads and placement squares. We are certainly making a difference in the lives of those families. Each family will take their precious baby home swaddled in a blanket made with love. The parents were given a Christmas card from our church as well. There were over 20 babies in the NICU the day I was there.

Due to the restrictions at the VA nursing home in Salem, we were unable to visit for Veterans Day. We had ordered pins for them and they will be kept for next year. We will plan a visit there to distribute them at the appropriate time. That activity is a very heartwarming experience if anyone cares to join us. The vets are so happy to see us and some remember from year to year of our visit.

Community Outreach provided funds to fill 21 boxes with food for 20 needy families at Rocky Mount Elementary School and 1 box requested for Glade Hill Elementary. Each box provided the family with a Christmas dinner appropriate to the size of the family and 5 breakfasts, lunches and dinners for the week school would not be in session. Not enough can be said about the needs of our community at this time. Thanks to our church donors we are able to help with a portion of those needs. Caring crafters provided a small gift of a handmade winter hat to each child in the family thanks to the efforts of Pat Van Dyke. She made all the hats using our leftover yarn from other projects.

Caring Crafters will continue to work on our lap robe project, supplies for the NICU and other needs we come across as we start our new year. My sincerest thanks to our church donors for giving us the means to help our community. I thank those ladies who have given of their time to work on projects at home. I am anxious to begin our meetings once again but I know that it may be spring before that materializes.

I end this report by referring you to Ephesians 2:10....." For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do"

Have a Blessed Christmas,
Emogene Weller

PROPERTY

Mike Kordich

As part of the COVID-19 precautions, the restrooms in the church now have motion detector light switches. These switches will automatically turn on the lights whenever anyone enters a restroom and keep them on for 30 minutes.

We also installed ultraviolet-c lights in the duct work of the four HVAC units serving the church. These unit kill mold, mildew, odors, and viruses including COVID-19. They should help us by providing a cleaner and safer environment for the congregation. A fifth light was purchased for installation in the duct work of the little house. As of the writing of this article, it has not been installed, but it will be done shortly. Thank you, Ken Van Dyke, for doing the research on this technology and bringing it to my attention.

Work on our three large projects is progressing. We have received drawings for the covered handicap walkway and will be submitting them for quotes. A copy will be displayed inside the church for everyone to see. When we get quotes back, the project will be submitted to the governing council for approval and determination if congregational approval is required.

The second project, headed by Gary Wood, is the pavilion. Preliminary plans have been received and submitted to two construction companies to determine a rough cost.

The final project is the playground. We have contracted to have the eaves of the garage enclosed. When work started, structural problems with the garage itself were discovered. These include mortar between the cinder blocks separating in a number of locations and the lack of a lintel above the large door. This work has also been contracted and must be finished before the eaves can be enclosed. Weather permitting, hopefully the work will be accomplished shortly. The layout of the playground has been completed and the sod will be removed within the area before the equipment is delivered so installation of the equipment can be done.



PLAYGROUND

Anne Wood

Hear the children laughing soon as they play on the back lawn of Christ Community Church. Through many generous gifts, we will soon have an enchanting play area for children of all ages. The committee selected quality equipment that would aid the physical development of children within a Christian environment. There will be climbing, balancing, sliding and even lily pad hopping.

After careful consideration of the existing trees and the need for level terrain, the site has been selected and the equipment ordered. The garage will further engage children with vibrant murals to set the stage for play and learning.

The installation will proceed in accordance to the receipt of the equipment, the site preparation and equipment installation which will depend on the weather and temperatures.

We hope this is just the beginning of a plan to further landscape for a peaceful yet interactive learning center for children. Future project ideas include Stepping Stones with the 10 Commandments, Learning Boards that can be changed for lessons, and a Story Time/Learning Center.

Thank you to the Picnic Pavilion/Playground Committee for their many hours of discussion and head scratching to bring this Playground to reality! We are moving forward in our service to the Lord.

PICNIC SHELTER

Gary Wood

During our festive gatherings, the narthex can accommodate approximately eighty persons seated at rectangular tables. This limited space also requires the use of the kitchen as a serving area. Most of you will agree that this arrangement is not ideal.

How to solve the problem? A committee was formed earlier this year, and discussions have been ongoing, covering a range of solutions, the simplest being a picnic shelter with an adjacent playground, the most ambitious being a year-round use facility. I have listed below the criteria submitted by the committee to an architect for preliminary drawings.

END GOAL:

Large open building which will transition easily for multiple civic functions

FEATURES:

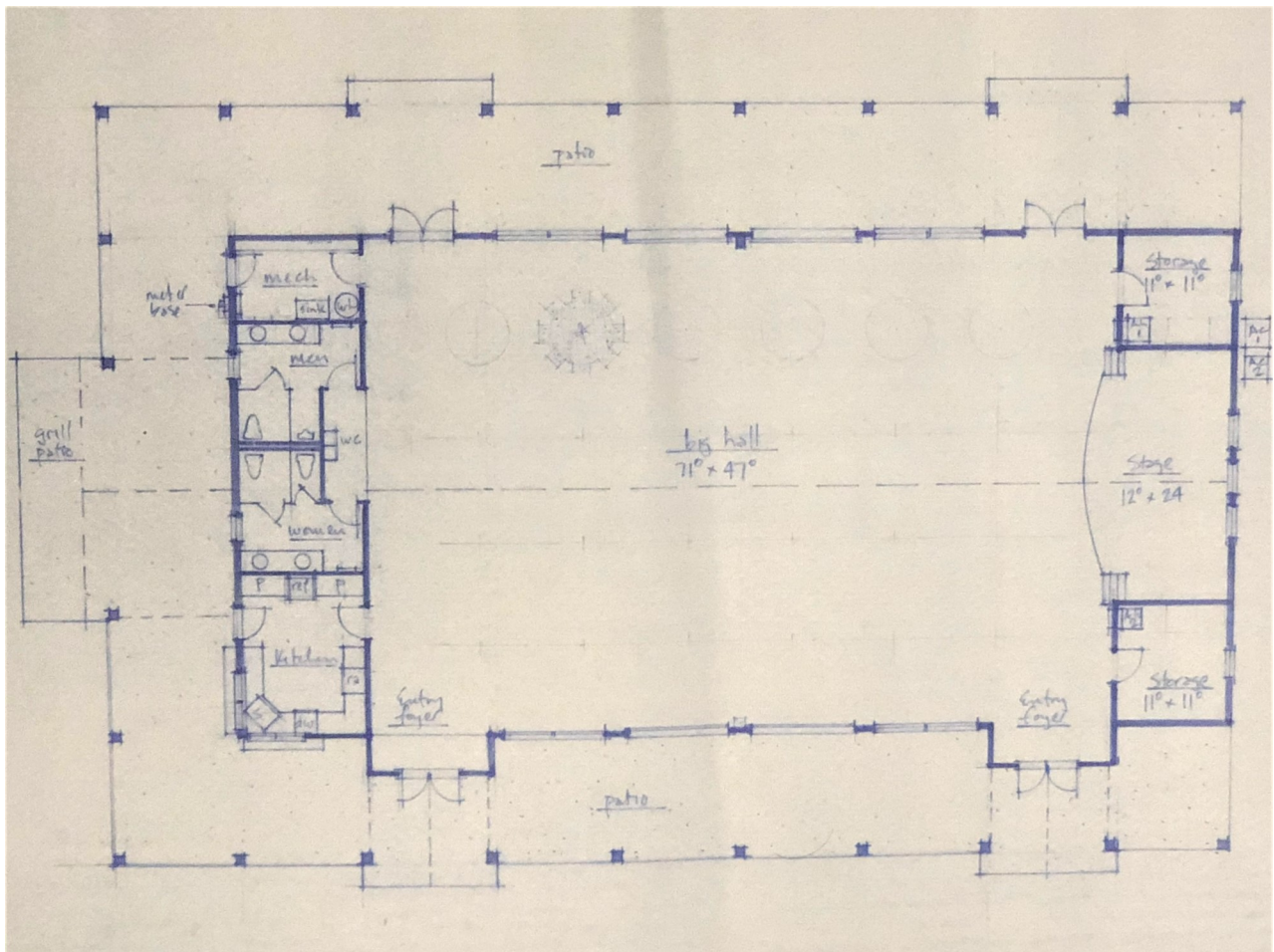
1. Accommodate 200 persons seated at round tables
2. Kitchen area where the primary function will be warming and serving with minimum cooking (Cafeteria)
3. Gas grill near kitchen
4. Separate kitchen stores area (pantry)
5. Storage area with utility sink (chairs, tables and cleaning equipment)
6. Restrooms plus one family restroom that is wheelchair accessible and includes changing tables
7. Multiple overhead doors (for ventilation/viewing)
8. Shed roof on North, East and South sides (12' wide)
9. Gable vent fans
10. Overhead fans
11. Accessible from both parking lots, play area and all buildings
12. All walkways lighted
13. Must be designed for phased construction

The preliminary drawings have been valuable for our evaluation, discussion and changes. Changes from the preliminary drawings are: Elimination of the stage area, moving the restrooms to the former stage area and adding a family restroom. As drawn the building is approximately 4700 sq. ft. enclosed plus 3400 sq. ft. shed roof. This project has the potential to have a dramatic impact on Christ Community Church and the surrounding communities. Therefore, your thoughtful critique will be valuable for the Church.

DRAWINGS ARE ON FOLLOWING TWO PAGES.

PICNIC SHELTER

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