

# Miracle Day Update!

## A NOTE FROM OUR MIRACLE DAY LOCAL CO-CHAIR

As Christians everywhere wrap up the season of Advent, we at First Christian Church are entering into another season of anticipation. Over the next 5 months, we will be preparing for Miracle Day! I know these words carry a lot of emotions for our church family, some excitement and some uncertainty. I have heard such comments as “Will we be able to raise the money?” and “Do we have enough people in our church to do this?” and even “Could we possibly find enough for all of the volunteers to do?”

So I would like to invite everyone who may feel anxious about Miracle Day to take a step back and surrender your fear to your faith. For when we let our faith take control, we will experience God move through our congregation in ways we never thought were possible. We will watch our family work through conflict and compromise with grace. We will witness our brothers and sisters in Christ join together in prayer, hard labor and sharing talents. We will enjoy fellowship with strangers within and outside of our church.

You see, Miracle day is so much more than the paint on the walls, and the ground we will dig. It is about experiencing growth spiritually within our selves, and our relationships at First Christian Church, and ministering to others in the greater Christian church without even realizing it. But we also have the opportunity to show our community how at First Christian Church of Anniston, faith, hope and love abide. And that is why the emotion I am filled with is pure excitement! I hope that you will join with me in anticipation, and eagerly and faithfully watch as this miracle unfolds.

Blessings to you all,

Lori Hays

## NEWS AND UPDATES

The congregation’s final decisions on the sanctuary project, based on polls done December 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, are as follows: The paneled areas will be re-surfaced with sheet rock and painted, with the wall around the cross archway painted the same color as the beadboard, to add color and emphasize the architectural detail there. The beadboard and the trim (woodwork and doors) will be slightly different shades of the same color. The half-walls on the front of the chancel will be kept, re-surfaced and painted the same color as the beadboard.

Communications Coordinator Julie Nix has been hard at work getting our Miracle Day t-shirts designed. We hope to have the t-shirts ready for purchase by late January. We think you will like them a lot. Most sizes will sell for \$10, with 2X and 3X for \$12. Plan to buy a couple! Also, mark February 12-13 on your calendar so you can attend the Region’s Congregational Transformation Event and help sell Miracle Day t-shirts. We all can help spread the word!

The next Miracle Day Committee meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00. At this time our work project team leaders will be presenting detailed plans for each project, with tasks, materials, volunteers and cost estimates listed. At that same meeting, each member of the Committee will be asked to write down their financial pledge (anonymously) to Miracle Day. The total amount pledged by the Committee will be used to inspire others to support our work. Please be in prayer for this meeting, for all the work that is being done, and for all those who will support it.

## **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS!**

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