

The Good News

January 2012

Celebrating the Unity and Diversity of the Body of Christ

Bible Study 10:00 AM ~ Sunday Service 11:00 AM

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Leadership Conference

Saturday, January 14th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

All Council members should plan to attend.

Coordinating team members (other than chairs) should arrive by 10:00.

Note from the Walnut Tree

By Sam Fuson

Well the season to be jolly and happy is over – I think. Now is the time to live out all those wonderful resolutions you made when the ball dropped and you got kissed at midnight Jan 1, 2012. This is also the year when the world may end and it may end for some of those who are waiting on politicians to grow up and act like adults. There have been some great things happening beyond not keeping our resolutions and politics being poor. Our troops are home from Iraq, we missed several feet of snow and got rain instead, and we get to try new things in Worship at FCC.

Gerald, Lloyd and I are trying to plan how to introduce new music into the worship hour. Julie and the Spiritual Formations Team and I are working on simplifying our bulletin and maybe making some changes for the children as well. There are a lot of great things that will happen, and along the way some things might not work. That does not mean we were or are failures. It does not mean we have to work harder – just smarter. We don't want to throw the baby out with the bathwater so we will be asking for your input on these changes. If you don't like them after 4 weeks or so then we will try something else.

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But don't give up on us. Remember Romans 12:2, "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is." (NLV)

We are going to plan and engage in some events that will stretch your mind and maybe just maybe help you to become more secure and possibly transformed in your relationship to God, your family, and each other. So, put on your PFD (personal flotation device) and lets set sail for new shores, guided by the Holy Spirit compass and good humor.

God Bless this mess. Sam

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Please remember that the newsletter is now on letter size paper so that it should be more convenient to print it out for those who receive it by email or online. At least on my computer, the calendar looks weird (like the top is off the page). However, that I was how I had to fix it for it to print right on the page for me.

Disciples Women

We will meet on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10:00 a.m., at Julie Nix's. Mary Lib will do the program. Please join us!



Thank you for the Christmas bonuses.
From Your Staff:
Sam, Gerald, Freda, Tristan, Judy

Service Schedules

Meetings

Partnership ~ Tues., Jan. 10, 6:30 pm
Leadership Conference ~ Sat, Jan 14, 9:00-12:00

Elders

Jan. 1: Robert Soleman
Jan. 8: Marie Bittle
Jan. 15: Anne Phillips
Jan. 22: Suzy Spiceland
Jan. 29: Maria Zamarripa

Communion Set-Up/Service

Colin & Nancy Green

Fellowship Hosts

Jan. 1: Deane Alabright
Jan. 8: Anne Phillips
Jan. 15: Jennifer Smith
Jan. 22: Maria Zamarripa
Jan. 29: Suzy Spiceland

Liturgists

Jan. 1: Mary Elizabeth Johnson
Jan. 8: Janie Morrow
Jan. 15: Colin Green
Jan. 22: Getral Smith
Jan. 29: Joanne Wells

Storyteller / Greeter / Nursery

Jan. 1: Lori / Janna / Susan
Jan. 8: Jennifer / Geeter / Trace
Jan. 15: Janie / Colin / Anne
Jan. 22: Tristan / Marie / Nancy
Jan. 29: Maria / Suzy / Julie/Judy B.

Church Greeters

Jan. 1: Julie Nix
Jan. 8: Janna Sutherland
Jan. 15: Marie Bittle
Jan. 22: Kenny Hays
Jan. 29: Robert Soleman

Congratulations

to Casie Sanders
who graduated from UAB
on Sat., Dec. 17th, with a
physician assistant degree.

Installation of Lay Leaders

Sunday, Jan. 15

Please join us for installation of your new officers for 2012. Officers and coordinating team members should plan to stay after worship for photos to be taken for our website.

Voting for Billy Weeks Award

We will vote on this award on Jan. 15 and present the award on Jan. 22. Please be here to cast your vote and to see who receives the award.

New Church Directories

New church directories for 2012 with phone, address, email, offices held, are now available in the back of the sanctuary.

DISTRICT II MEETING

January 22

Grace Christian Church

Helena, Alabama

4:00 pm

Registration begins 3:30 pm

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Young adults from around the Region will gather at Camp Chandler on January 13-15, 2012, for a weekend of fun, fellowship, food, and discussion. The weekend includes a service project at the camp led by one of the camp staff. The program will feature spiritual practices based on personality type. One of the spiritual practices that participants may try is walking the labyrinth.

Please join us for this awesome weekend of adventure. Registration forms can be found online at www.alnwfldisciples.org.

A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
And by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope, and joy to you for the year ahead.

—Author unknown

Happy New Year!

Mission Statement

The members of First Christian Church commit to being a spiritually vibrant and growing congregation, by deepening our relationship with Christ through worship, prayer, study and stewardship; by engaging in service to God's people in Jesus' name; and by seeking out those in our community who will discover the joy of life in Christ when we welcome them into our church family.

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