

The Good News

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Partnership Thanksgiving Covered-Dish Luncheon

We hope everyone will make a point to be here for our **Partnership Thanksgiving Covered-Dish Luncheon** on Sunday, November 20th, when we share a meal with our friends in the Iglesia Cristiana congregation that meets here. ⊕ ♥

At this time of Thanksgiving, we find that both our congregations are in a state of transition. May we use this time to strengthen each other, support each other, and pray for each other as we move forward. And may we be thankful for one another and our congregations and the impact we are having in our communities. ⊕ ♥ Ω

Bring a friend for this time of fellowship. !!

A sign-up sheet will be available in the back of the sanctuary. ⊕

Sun., Nov. 6 ~ Wedding Shower for Tristan (see page 2) ⊕

Sun., Nov. 13 ~ District II Gathering (see page 7) ⊕ ♥ Ω

Sun., Nov. 20 ~ Partnership Thanksgiving Luncheon (see above)

Sun., Nov. 27 ~ Decorating for Advent/Christmas (see page 4) ⊕ □

All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 6th, guest preacher, Rev. Jim Clifford, will lead us in our annual All Saints Service.

We will remember the following three members of our congregation who have passed over this year:

Joene McKee
Thomas Sidney Downing
Julia Humphries Smith

If you know of friends and family of these who may want to be present, please invite them. ⊕ ♥ !!



Rev. Jim Clifford, a retired Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) pastor from Birmingham, will be here to lead us in worship on Sundays, November 6 - November 20. He currently works with hospice at one of the hospitals in Birmingham. Please welcome Jim and thank him for serving us in this capacity.

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Wedding Shower

On Sunday, November 6, at 12:30 following morning worship, we will have a wedding shower for Tristan DuBose, who married David W. DuBose III on August 8, 2011.

Tristan and David are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

Please come and share in this time of celebration. ⊕



A Great Big
THANK YOU
to all who helped with our
Neighborhood
Halloween
Party

Search Committee Update

The committee searching for our new pastor has hit the ground running. We are already in the process of trying to find a full-time interim pastor. Complete details about our progress and future tasks can be found in the letter printed on the back of the November calendar. Remember that an interim pastor cannot become our permanent pastor.

Please pray for us as we embark on this journey!

Best regards,
Suzy Spiceland

One + One + One Key

⊕ = You ♥ = Church Ω = World

!! = Bring a friend!

Notifications

Prayer Concerns: Anne Phillips

Webmaster: Colin Green

See you in church!

Service Schedules ♥

November Meetings ♥

Stewardship CT – Tue., Nov. 1, 4:30

Council – Wed., Nov. 16, 6:00

Elders ♥:

Nov. 6: Maria Zamarripa
Nov. 13: Suzy Spiceland
Nov. 20: Robert Soleman
Nov. 27: Marie Bittle

Communion Set-Up/Service ♥:

Lori & Kenny Hays

Fellowship Hosts ♥:

Nov. 6: Robin Andrews
Nov. 13: Suzy Spiceland
Nov. 20: Partnership T'giving Lunch
Nov. 27: NEEDED

Liturgists ♥:

Nov. 6: Colin Green
Nov. 13: Kenny Hays
Nov. 20: Shawn Taylor
Nov. 27: Mary Elizabeth Johnson

Storyteller / Greeter / Floater ♥:

Nov. 6: Tristan / Colin / Trace/Anne
Nov. 13: Janie / Janna / Nancy
Nov. 20: Lori / Marie / Julie
Nov. 27: Jenn S. / Dick / Susan

Disciples Women ⊕ ♥

Disciples Women will meet Saturday, Nov. 19th at 10:00 am at Marie Bittle's home. Julie Nix will present a second session on human trafficking. All women of the church are warmly invited! ⊕

Poinsettia Orders

We will again be ordering poinsettias from Rainbow Omega. A sign-up sheet will be available beginning Nov. 6. Please also fill out an envelope to indicate if the flowers are in honor or in memory of someone and enclose your payment in the envelope. ⊕ ♥

Decorate the Church

On Sunday, November 27, following worship we will decorate the church for Advent/Christmas. Many hands make light work. Please plan to stay and help. ⊕

PAGE TURNERS ⊕

The Page Turners book group will be discussing another of Ann Patchett's books, "Run," on November 21st at 1:00 pm.. Anyone who reads the book is welcome to join the group. See Anne Phillips for more information. ⊕

Mission Adventure

During December we will have the opportunity to do gift wrapping at the mall to benefit Second Chance. This is their major fund-raiser to assist domestic violence victims and their children in the shelter. We will have a sign-up sheet available prior to that time. Trace Fleming-Smith is coordinating this project. ⊕

Ecumenical Book Group

This semester the Ecumenical Book Group has read “Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life” by Karen Armstrong. We have learned about the Charter for Compassion, a document that is being circulated around the world. If you would like to know more about it, go to the website www.charterforcompassion.org. We also enjoyed a farewell luncheon for Rebecca at the home of one of the group members. Instead of having a final celebration meal, we will conclude with an act of compassion to ensure others will receive a Thanksgiving meal.

Ω Ω Ω “Pass the Salt” Recipient in November:
All Saints Interfaith Center of Concern Ω Ω Ω

Council Meeting



Council meeting on November 16, 6:00 pm.

Council reports due November 3.

At this meeting a 2012 Proposed Budget and a Nominating Committee report will be presented in preparation for our Annual Congregational meeting on December 4.

If you are a coordinating team chair who will be going off the Council, please bring your notebook to the meeting and leave it on the table in the church office so that it can be fixed for the incoming team chair.

Things that will help the Church Secretary:

1. For those who have mail boxes in the church office, please check often (for example, when you are here for church on Sunday or here for meetings).
2. Please get all information for the newsletter to the church office by the 20th of each month.
3. If you are a team chair, please set dates for your next meeting whenever you meet and go ahead and inform the church office as soon as the date is set.
4. When you are scheduled as an elder, deacon, greeter, fellowship host, CWW worker, etc., and not available on your assigned date and make arrangements for someone else to substitute for you, please notify the church office so that info in the bulletin and Friday Reminders will be correct.
5. Please get all reports for the Council meeting in on time so copies can be made and available in church approx 10 days before the meeting. If you are in church that Sunday, please remember to pick up your packet (it saves postage) and also sign that you picked it up, so it is clear who needs to be mailed a copy.
6. You can contact the secretary by phoning, leaving messages on the church answering machine, by email at fccanniston@bellsouth.net, or leave a message on the notepad on the refrigerator in the kitchen. There is also a bulletin board in the office near the copier where information can be left.

Thanks for your help. ☺

PRAYER CONCERNS

Urgent Prayer: Sue Reaves, Karen's mother-in-law, continuing chemo, but doing well. Joanne Wells, waiting for right eye to improve enough to have second cataract surgery. Karen Reaves, working out meds for fibro myalgia. Charley Bedwell, Susan Roszell's dad, facing frustrating lack of treatment options for leukemia. James McIntyre, Julie Nix's grandfather, moved to rehab 10/6 after aortic aneurysm 9/12. Lela Davis, recovering from injuries from a fall.

Congratulations to Don Jones and Karen Williams who recently became engaged to be married.

Congregation: Our season of transition & our Search Committee: Robin Andrews, Lori Hays, Julie Nix, Anne Phillips, Arlan Roszell, Susan Roszell, Geeter Smith & Suzy Spiceland, chair. Our mission to be a spiritually vibrant & growing church. The people in our area who will discover the joy of life in Christ when we welcome them into our church family. Our "True Community" commitment to reconciling the brokenness caused by racism. Our partnership with Iglésia Cristiana.

Community: For all those helping our neighbors in need, especially our ministry partners: Interfaith Ministries, Northeast Alabama Crisis Center, All Saints Interfaith Center of Concern, Habitat for Humanity, Community Enabler-Developer, and Second Chance Women's Shelter.

Our Servant Leaders: John Mobley, Regional Minister; Dale Braxton, Associate Regional Minister; Kay Stegall, Regional Moderator. Sharon E. Watkins, General Minister and President. Todd Adams, Associate General Minister and President.

Missionaries: Elena Huegel, our Region's Global Ministries Partner in Chile. Clayton & Vickie Morris, missionaries in Romania, friends of Susan Roszell.

Week of Compassion: Crises in Sri Lanka, Darfur/Congo, Ethiopia; Earthquake victims in Haiti and Chile. Cholera outbreak in Haiti. Mali and Southern Sudan, drought victims including animals. Flooding in Australia, Brazil, and Sri Lanka. Earthquake in Pakistan. New Zealand earthquake. Japan and Pacific earthquake and tsunami and nuclear threats. Tornado survivors. Famine & governing/aid crisis in Somalia. Fires in Texas. Flooding in U.S. Earthquake in India. Typhoon Roke in Japan. Flooding in Thailand and Cambodia. Earthquake in Turkey. See WoC station for more info.

Overseas & Military: Tom Redding, Jennifer Roszell's brother, working in Kuwait; Chad Norton, Janna Sutherland's nephew, Marines; Mike Andrews, Lloyd Andrew's nephew,

training in Hawaii, will be deployed to Afghanistan in January; Geeter Smith's brother, Gary Smith, in Tikrit, Iraq; Keith Krapels, Suzy Spiceland's brother, Afghanistan.

World Concerns: All service personnel and their families; World Peace; Genocide, civil unrest and independence transition in Sudan; Peace efforts in Middle East; Famine & AIDS crisis in Africa; Situations in Afghanistan and Iraq; Relations with Iran; world economic crisis; global climate change; Relations with North Korea and the plight of its people; Civil unrest across Northern Africa and the Middle East.

Church in Covenant Opportunities and News

District II Gathering



Our District II meeting will be on Sunday, November 13th, at Macedonia Christian Church, 2438 Wenonah Oxmoor Road SW, in Birmingham.

Registration starts at 3:30; program starts at 4:00.

Welcoming speakers: George Dudley, Loretta Rucker, Dale Braxton

Worship by FCC, Tuscaloosa.

Childcare by Grace Christian Church.

We are a region on a mission: A Conversation About the AL-NW FL Region Partnership with Honduras.

Maps to the church are available in the church office.

Sharing about Stewardship ~ "Raising Up Servant Leaders" ♥

On November 13 and November 20 we will receive our Thanksgiving Special Offering. The Thanksgiving offering benefits the colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve. Your support provides scholarships, church relations programs, and chaplaincy offices. But most importantly, it helps Disciples raise up servant leaders! ☩

Regional Prayer Calendar

In 2011, we will continue to send cards with our prayer blessings to our partner churches in the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region. Iglésia joins us in signing the cards. In the summer, we also pray for ministers serving in non-congregational settings as well. The Prayer Calendar for November is:

- Nov. 6: First Christian Church, Valhermoso Springs, AL – Mickey Johnson
- Nov. 13: First Christian Church, Jasper, AL – Jack Baldwin
- Nov. 20: Fairfax Christian Church, Valley, AL – Duwayne Bridges
- Nov. 27: United Christian Church, Montgomery, AL – Larue Smith, Jr., & Bernice Stewart
Mount Pleasant Christian Church, Matthews, AL – Danny Reeves

Long-Term Calendar

Sun. Nov. 6



- Sun., Nov. 6 ~ All Saints Memorial Service
- Sun., Nov. 6 ~ Wedding Shower for Tristan DuBose
- Sun., Nov. 13 ~ District II Meeting at Macedonia
- Nov. 13 & 20 ~ Thanksgiving Special Offering for Higher Education
- Wed., Nov. 16 ~ Council Meeting
- Sun., Nov. 20 ~ Partnership Thanksgiving Covered-Dish Luncheon
- Sun., Nov. 20 ~ Interfaith Ministries Community Thanksgiving Service
- Sun., Nov. 27 ~ First Sunday of Advent
- Sun., Nov. 27 ~ Decorating the church for Christmas
- Sun., Dec. 4 ~ Annual Congregational Meeting
- Sun., Dec. 11 ~ Cookie Exchange