

The Good News

April 2013

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world

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

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All Church Work Day

April 6, 9:00-2:00

in preparation for our New Sunday School Classes.

Everyone is needed.

(see page 2 for more details)

Children's Class will meet in last room on right in Children's Department.

Parents location to be announced.

Classes beginning April 7, 10:00 a.m.

From Your Pastor...

Why Christian Education?

For many of you, words like "Sunday school" and "Christian Education" might leave a dry and bitter taste in your mouth. If you are like me, your experiences with Sunday school included a burned out and uninspired teacher using outdated curriculum. You spent the whole time watching the clock and just counting down until the hour was up. Hopefully, you do not have this experience in your background. Unfortunately, I do. That is why it took me so long to realize how important, how exciting, and how inspiring Christian Education should be. No matter what a church's C.E. program looks like, the number one characteristic should be "enthusiastic." This is the time when fellow believers get together to figure out WHAT we believe and why we believe it. This a time when we learn about the Christians who came before us, and it's a time when we begin to understand who we are in the context of God's world.

Worship is a very important part of the life of a Christian because that is the time when we Praise our God together as a community. But true Christian faith development needs so much more than one hour of worship a week. That is why we at First Christian Church have made a commitment to growing our "Faith Development Opportunities." We have added a Sunday school class for our children AND we have added a Sunday school class for their parents.

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Monday, April 8, 1:00 pm

"One Thousand White Women"

by Jim Fergus

(a novel about 1,000 white women sent to the Cheyenne nation to marry & assimilate the Indians into American culture)

Read the book and join us!

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All Church Work Day!
Saturday, April 6, from 9am-2pm

This is a very important day because it is a time for us to prepare for all of the upcoming ministries our Congregation has planned! That means that we need ALL of you to be there. *Some* of the projects will include:

- Preparing 2 new Sunday school classrooms – one for the children and one for the parents.
- Preparing a room in which to store all of our supplies for our new Open Table Food Ministry.
- Preparing a Youth Room.
- Organizing the Worship and Wonder Room.

Lunch will be provided for a small price to help offset the cost. Price TBA. Please mark this in your calendars and plan to be there. There will be projects for the children to do as well. If everyone comes, then no one person has to do too much work!

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A very special "Thank you!" goes to the four people who volunteered to teach the Children's Sunday School Class —

Judy Bell, Tristan DuBose, Lacy Frintner, & Lori Hays

Service Schedules

Meetings

Partnership ~ Wed., April 3, 6:30 pm
Spiritual Formation ~ Wed., April 10, 5:00 pm

Elders

April 7: Lori Hays
April 14: Kenny Hays
April 21: Marie Bittle
April 28: Maria Zamarripa

Communion Set-Up/Service

Robin & Lloyd Andrews

Fellowship Hosts

April 7: Lori Hays
April 14: Marie Bittle
April 21: NEEDED
April 28: Suzy Spiceland

Liturgists

April 7: Lacy Frintner
April 14: Judy Bell
April 21: Mary Elizabeth Johnson
April 28: Dick Bell

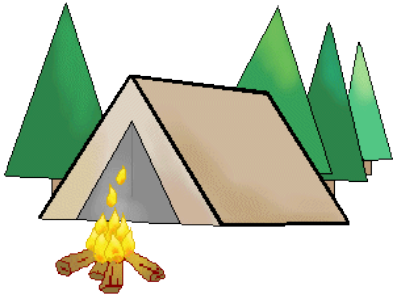
Storyteller / Greeter / Nursery

April 7: Jennifer S. / Dick / Julie
April 14: Tristan / Suzy / Trace
April 21: Janie / Janna / Julie
April 28: Maria / Geeter / Trace

Church Greeters

April 7: Julie Nix
April 14: Janna Sutherland
April 21: Marie Bittle
April 28: Kenny Hays

Also, a great big thank you to the estate of Bill Rowland, which allowed the office to receive 3 new computers (for the pastor, treasurer, and secretary). We are now really up-to-date.



CAMPING SCHEDULE

**REGISTRATION
FORMS AVAILABLE
IN OFFICE**

Traditional Summer Camps
(all at Camp Chandler near Montgomery)

All begin and end at 10:00 a.m.

Grades are for grades completed

Discovery Camp, June 22-24 (2nd/3rd grade)

Cost: \$135.00, after June 1st \$155.00

Junior Camp, June 24-28 (4th/5th grade)

Chi Rho, June 24-28 (6th/7th/8th grade)

CYF Camp, June 24-28 (9,10,11,12 grades)

Junior, Chi Rho, CYF cost \$225, after June 1 \$265

Beach Camp, June 9-14

Beach Camp at Romar Beach, AL
6th-12th grades

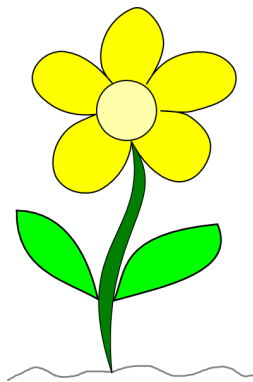
Begins 7:00 p.m.; ends 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$250.00; after June 1st \$290.00

"Little seeds"

Raindrops tumble to the ground
'cause God directs them to come down.
Little seeds sprout from the ground
'cause God directs them up, not down.
Tender roots sink in the ground
'cause God directs them to go down.
Pretty flowers will be found
where raindrops tumbled to the ground.

—Mary Ann Sundby



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"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of
weather inside of 24 hours." —Mark Twain
(sounds like Alabama doesn't it)



For these upcoming events

CWF/Disciples Women's Spring Event

Saturday, May 18

First Christian Church

1705 Taylor Road

Montgomery, AL 36117

Theme: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray:
Generation to Generation"

Speaker: Sheila Spencer, a writer/poet
who is the Program Director of
Disciples Women's Ministries at the
denominational headquarters in
Indianapolis, Indiana

Registration: 9:30; Program begins: 9:50;
Ends: 2:30. Lunch provided

Regional Convocation

Sellers Memorial Christian Church

Hayneville, Alabama 36040

June 21-23

Theme: Lord, Teach Us to Pray

Week of Compassion is giving our church a \$500
grant to help repair our roof damage from the
storm on Monday, March 18. These grants show
love and support from the larger church.

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Friends are flowers in the garden of life.

From Your Pastor (continued from page 1)

Parents, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is that you as a family make a commitment to your, and your child's, spiritual development! I know that the idea of getting to church by 10am seems daunting because I am sure that, for many, Sunday mornings are crazy and chaotic at best. But I am asking each and every one of you to make a commitment to your children and to your family and to our church. **I am asking you to make a commitment to attend Sunday school every Sunday that you are in town for at least one year.** We are attempting to change the Sunday morning culture of this congregation, and in order to do that we need a core group of people who are dedicated to making that happen.

Committing to coming to Sunday school does 4 things: 1. It will lead to a stronger life-long faith for your child. 2. It will lead to a stronger family because you are all working together on growing your faith and your understanding of your faith. 3. It will help create a stronger congregation because Sunday school classes help people build friendships and develop bonds in a way that nothing else can. And, 4. It will ensure the future of this congregation because we have created strong social and faith based groups that are inviting to potential new members.

Please be in prayer with your family and decide together whether or not you are willing to make this very important commitment.

Peace and God Bless,
Pastor Laura

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