The Good News

July 2013

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. Sunday School 10:00 AM, Worship 11:00 AM, Fellowship 12:00 First Christian Church 1327 Leighton Avenue Anniston, AL 36207 email: fccanniston@bellsouth.net 256-236-1316



Vacation

Bible School

with Iglesia Cristiana

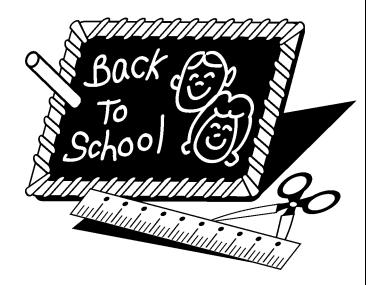
July 18-20 5:00 supper, 6:00-8:00 VBS

(see inside for more info)

School Supply Collection

On Sundays July 21, 28, Aug. 4

for Community Enabler to distribute to children in our area



New Sunday School class on

Cults

Led by Pastor Laura and her parents, Tom & Carol Hutchinson. Begins July 14 & will run through August.

Children's News

Kenny Hays and the children will be leading worship on Aug. 11. Kenny would like to practice with the children during Sunday School time (10:00) the last 2 Sundays in July and the first Sunday in August, so drop your kids off with Kenny and come to the Cults class mentioned above.

Supplies Needed for VBS

Crayons

Markers

Glue Sticks

Glitter

Construction Paper

Scotch Tape

Safety scissors

Hole Punch (one hole)

Yarn for Name Tags

(3 skeins each of White, Yellow, Red, Blue, Green)

Black ink pens

(2 dozen — for Registration tables)

A box is available in the back of the sanctuary for supplies.

Service Schedules

Spiritual Formation, Mon., July 22, 4:45

<u>Elders</u>

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July 7: Kenny Hays July 14: Marie Bittle July 21: Maria Zamarripa July 28: Judy Bell

Communion Set-Up/Service NEEDED

Fellowship Hosts

July 7: Judy & Dick Bell July 14: NEEDED July 21: Marie Bittle July 28: NEEDED

<u>Liturgists</u>

July 7: Robin Andrews July 14: Lacy Frintner July 21: Suzy Spiceland July 28: Julie Nix

Nursery

July 7: Trace Smith July 14: Julie Nix July 21: Trace Smith July 28: Julie Nix

Church Greeters

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

Our Regional Prayer Calendar churches for July:

July 7: Valley, Birmingham, Gary Edge, MinisterJuly 14: Woods Chapel, Hayneville, Alvin HowardJuly 21: Big Union, Letohatchee, Timothy SilmonJuly 28: Little Union, Hayneville, Willie Timmons & Salem, Letohatchee, Joan Andrews, Board Chair

Please be in prayer for these congregations and Ministers during the week indicated.

OFFICE NOTES:

Secretary out of the office July 25-26.

COUNCIL REPORTS DUE SUNDAY, JULY 21



Disciples Wormen

Saturday, July 27, 10:00 a.m. at Pastor Laura's 77 Sunset Drive



PAGE TURNERS

August 19, 1:00 pm "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini

This is a new novel about how we love, how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make resonate through generations. Following characters from Kabul to Paris to San Francisco to the Greek islands, the story expands outward becoming more complex and powerful with each page.

Start reading now & join us!



Bowling with Iglesia Cristiana Saturday, July 27. Meet at Pizza Hut on Blue Mountain Road at 5:00 pm. After we eat, we will go across the street to the bowling alley. Come join the fun!

MOW

Meals on Wheels (MOW) is looking for volunteers to serve their routes. They especially need substitutes during the summer when regular drivers may take vacation. If interested in helping, even if only once a month, contact Maggie Freeman at 205-612-9022 or maggie.freeman@hotmail.com

Have a safe and happy



Blessed to be a Blessing

God promised Abram, "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you...so that you will be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2, NRSV). Especially on the Fourth of July, we in the United States remember that God has blessed us as a nation, too.

That isn't to say everyone here has an equal share of resources. Our government isn't perfect, and our land isn't necessarily more beautiful than any other place on earth. It doesn't mean we alone model "liberty and justice for all" — or that we do so flawlessly.

Rather, God's promise to Abram and us means we aren't to hoard our blessings. We are to share our wealth generously, cultivate liberty and justice, and pass on to the world the gifts we enjoy in this land. From The Newsletter Newsletter, July 2012

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