

The Good News

October 2013

A Movement for Wholeness in a Fragmented World

Sunday School 10:00 AM, Sunday Worship 11:00 AM, Fellowship 12:00

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Stewardship Kick-off

October 13

“Giving Everything to God”

Consecration Sunday, November 3

Please bring your commitment form from page 4 on Nov. 3

See below for info on our financial situation.

Wonderful Congregation,

Pastor Laura has requested that I write a paragraph explaining to you about the gravity of our current financial situation. If you have been following the donation information in the weekly bulletins, you might have noticed that we have not been meeting our monthly needs this year. In fact, there have been four months in which our donations have fallen more than \$2,000 short. Our donations for the year are about \$9,000 below what is needed to stay afloat. The only reason we have been able to pay our bills this long is because we have been spending the Julia Smith insurance monies that we received from her estate. Those monies are now all gone. We will begin spending from our local savings account this month, as we receive our workmen's compensation and building insurance bills. If we continue down our current path, we will have a difficult time paying any bills, much less payroll. Please be in prayer for our church.

Suzy Spiceland

Church Treasurer

What's going on with the Roof and the Air Conditioning?

I'm excited to tell you that our insurance company has agreed to cover the expense of completely replacing our roof. The adjustor found wind damage from one storm, and hail damage from another. They have already cleared everything with our roofer and have sent us a check for about \$80,000. The construction on the new roof should begin in a few weeks! Thank you to Don Jones for helping to make this happen!

At the last Council meeting the Council voted to contact the Board of Church Extension of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to invite them to come and evaluate our Air Conditioning system. Church Extension will also help us go over the rest of the building to make sure there aren't any other problems lurking in the shadows. The evaluation is free. From there, we will apply for a low interest loan (based on the results from the evaluation) from the BCE. If they approve us for the loan, they will also help us develop a plan to raise the money to pay it back. God is in charge of all things great and small; and while the idea of replacing our A/C units seems overwhelming right now, God will give us the ability to do it! Please keep praying for the perfect solutions to any facility issues that arise.

Pastor Laura

Game Night with Iglesia!

The Partnership Team has planned to have a game night in the fellowship hall at 5:00 on Saturday, October 5th. Please bring a few dollars to help pay for the hotdog dinner AND bring your favorite board game, card game, or group game! Bring the kids, bring your friends, and bring your neighbors. We will play until we don't want to play no more!

Service Schedules

Spiritual Formation, Wed., Oct. 16, 5:30 pm

Elders

Oct. 6: Marie Bittle
Oct. 13: Maria Zamarripa
Oct. 20: Judy Bell
Oct. 27: Suzy Spiceland

Communion Set-Up/Service

Dick Bell and Shawn Taylor

Fellowship Hosts

Oct. 6: Marie Bittle
Oct. 13: Joanne Wells
Oct. 20: Karen Jones
Oct. 27: **NEEDED**

Liturgists

Oct. 6: Julie Nix
Oct. 13: Lacy Frintner
Oct. 20: Mary Elizabeth Johnson
Oct. 27: Julie Nix

Storyteller / Greeter / Nursery

Oct. 6: Julie S. / Geeter / Julie N
Oct. 13: Maria / Marie / Trace
Oct. 20: Jennifer S. / Dick / Julie N.
Oct. 27: Tristan / Suzy / Trace

Church Greeters

Oct. 6: Julie Nix
Oct. 13: Janna Sutherland
Oct. 20: Marie Bittle
Oct. 27: Kenny Hays

Office Notes:

Pastor Laura will be away from Oct. 24 through Oct. 28. Carlos will be preaching on Oct. 27.

Secretary out of the office Oct. 14-18.

WORLD

Communion Sunday October 6



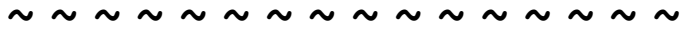
*During a time like this
we realize how much our
family and friends
really mean to us...*

*Your expression of sympathy will always
be remembered.*

The boys and I are deeply grateful for the love and kindness you all shared with us.

I thank you all for being our new-found friends.

Love,
Doris Hoover & family



Our **Regional Prayer Calendar** churches
for October:

- Oct. 6: First Christian, Robertsdale, AL, Tom Stephenson
- Oct. 13: Grace Christian, Helena, Tommy Morgan & Phyllis Kirk
- Oct. 20: First Christian, Montgomery, Susan Diamond
- Oct. 27: First Christian, Florence, Tonitia Butler, Board Chair

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

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Retreat! Retreat! Retreat!

3 Retreats Coming Up

Disciples Women

“Here I Am, Lord”

Speaker: LaVerne Thorpe

Vice President of International Disciples Women Ministries

Oct. 11-13, Camp Chandler, Wetumpka

Young Adult Beach Retreat

at “The Lighthouse” Orange Beach, AL

Oct. 11-13, Cost: \$50, \$85 if arrive Thurs.

Senior Adult Retreat

“Spirituality and Aging”

Nov. 7-8, Rolling Hills Camp, Calera, AL

Speaker: Jim Clifford

Early bird registration feadline is Oct. 17

Registration forms for all retreats are on the
Engage Your Faith table.

Primera Iglesia Cristiana

(Discipulos De Cristo)

Anniston, Alabama

has the honor

to invite you to

our Anniversary Service

October 20, 2013

2:00 p.m.

1327 Leighton Avenue

Come share with us

the blessings of our Lord

"Giving Everything to God"

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33

"We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ..." 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

With gratitude for all that God has done and excitement about being part of what God is doing at FCC,

I/we commit to participating in the spiritual growth of First Christian Church in 2014.

- By giving a gift of \$ _____ per month/week (**please circle one**) for a total of \$ _____ for the year, believing that tithing is an act of faith and gratitude for all God does in my life.
- By _____ attending Worship (**please check if you agree**) as often as is possible with the understanding that the Body of Christ is strengthened when all its members are present, AND my own spiritual growth increases when I worship God in the presence of fellow believers.
- And by attending either the 10am Sunday School Class OR the Monday Night Prayer Service (**please check one or both**) as often as possible, knowing that we must first *SEEK* the kingdom of God before we can find it.

Name(s): _____

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