

## A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** "Worthy of Worship" Blankenship

### **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "Sanctuary" Thompson & Scruggs

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

*Pastor: Most rulers are born in palaces;*

**People: Jesus was born in a stable.**

*Pastor: Most rulers never work for a living;*

**People: Jesus was raised in a carpenter's shop.**

*Pastor: Most rulers ride about in fine carriages;*

**People: Jesus walked wherever He went.**

*Pastor: Most rulers die in bed;*

**People: Jesus died on a cross.**

*Pastor: Most rulers reign from a throne;*

**People: Jesus reigns from people's hearts.**

*Pastor: Most rulers rule for a lifetime;*

**People: Jesus rules forever.**

**All: We come to worship Jesus Christ and commit our lives of living for Him.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Living for Jesus" Chalice Hymnal No. 610

**\*INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER (Trespass) and GLORIA PATRI**  
(Words to the Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri and Doxology are in the pews) Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer  
Children who are rising four years old through fourth grade will be dismissed to Children's Worship & Wonder. (An experiential worship experience for children which meets in our library).

### **PRESENTATION OF TITHES, and OFFERINGS**

**Call to Stewardship**

**Special Music Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

"Breathe"

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer  
Barnett

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**ANTHEM** "I Am His Child"

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Communion Hymn** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Chalice Hymnal No. 589

**Invitation to Communion** Charles Daniels

**Prayer of Communion** Peggy Daniels

(This is the Lord's Table. All believers in Christ are invited. As the emblems are passed, partake of the bread and hold the cup, offering your own prayer/meditation until after the congregational response.)

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**  
(Taken from the New Testament: First Corinthians 11:23-26)

**ELDER:** The Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My Body which is given for you."

**COMMUNION MUSIC** "Holy, Holy" Owens

**ELDER:** In the same way also the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant of My Blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

**CONGREGATION:** As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 18: 9-14 (Page 1628-1629) Rev. Edd Spencer

**SERMON** "Begging and Bragging" Rev. Edd Spencer

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" Chalice Hymnal No. 588

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

**CHORAL RESPONSE** "I Believe in Jesus" Praise Hymnal No. 129

I believe in Jesus; I believe He is the Son of God.  
I believe He died and rose again; I believe He paid for us all.  
And I believe that He's here now, standing in our midst,  
here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive.

I believe in You Lord; I believe You are the Son of God.  
I believe You died and rose again; I believe You paid for us all.  
And I believe that You're here now, standing in our midst,  
here with the power to heal now, and the grace to forgive.

**\*POSTLUDE** "I Must Tell Jesus" Hoffman

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

**LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK**

# First Christian Church

## (Disciples of Christ)

*Where The Grace of God Awaits You*

### IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

**CROP WALK** - The Crop Walk to help overcome poverty is today at 2:00 pm at Caldwell Park off Highland Ave. Please come and walk to help overcome poverty.

**REGIONAL ASSEMBLY** - The Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Alabama and Northwest Florida will be held at First Christian Church in Decatur on April 23 – 25. Sharon Orazine has volunteered to drive a group up this Saturday in the church bus. This will be an opportunity to participate in the Assembly and thank Ellis Hill for his work as Moderator of the Region. Please contact Sharon, Edd, or Mary Pat if you are able to attend this Saturday, April 24.

**YOUTH SUNDAY - April 25** - Our Chi Rho and CYF youth will once again lead us in a unique and meaningful worship experience on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. In the sermon portion of the worship, our youth will present in mime a unique reenactment of the highlights in the life of Christ. In addition, they will guide us during the entire worship service through prayers and special music. We are extremely fortunate to have such talented and dedicated young people to lead us in worship. Please make every effort to worship with us on youth Sunday and invite a friend.

**NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER** - There will be no Children's Worship and Wonder on Sunday, April 25. This is youth Sunday and the children will remain in the sanctuary to worship with the adults. Please make plans to attend this special service.

**SUNDAY, April 18**

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Worship Service
10:15 am	Children's Worship and Wonder
11:30 am	Ona/Ruth at Fran Gatewood's
2:00 pm	Crop Walk
5:30 pm	Youth Groups
6:45 pm	Snack Supper

**MONDAY – FRIDAY**

9:30 am – 1:30 pm	The Adventure Nook (Our Preschool Ministry)
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**MONDAY, April 19**

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study on Jonah
10:00 am	Staff Meeting

**TUESDAY, April 20**

9:45 am	Chapel
7:00 pm	Elder Calls

**WEDNESDAY, April 21**

9:45 am	Chapel
5:30 pm	Shack Study/Fireside Room
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY – SATURDAY, April 23-24**

Regional Assembly at Decatur



**YOUNG AT HEART** - Tallapoosa, Red Sticks, Gen. Jackson, Horseshoe Bend, Chief Menowa and Pastor Edd- What do all these names have in common? All but General Jackson are from Alabama. Well, to get our history correct, Alabama was not even a state until 1819, and the events that we will tour and learn about were all at Horseshoe Bend before that date. Pastor Edd will be driving our church bus. We will stop in Alexander City for lunch at a great cafe. Sign up now and be ready to go on *Tuesday, April 27*. FYI...The Red Sticks are part of the Creek nation and our tour guide will be Alabama Park Ranger, Sean Williams.

*See you, Janet*

**THIS IS YOUR LIFE** - On Sunday, May 2, we will recognize our high school graduates with our annual "This Is Your Life" program. Our high school graduates are: Jacob Beatty, Andrew Burdette, and Emma Harms. Our seniors will be honored at a luncheon after church in the Family Life Center. Each senior will have a table to display their memorabilia and personal photos in the scrapbook which is a gift from FCC. In addition, they will be "roasted" by a person of their choice followed by a brief video presentation of their life. Please come and support our graduating seniors. You may make your reservations in the envelopes provided in the pews on Sunday mornings. You may also make reservations and pay on line through our website: [www.fcc-bhm.org](http://www.fcc-bhm.org). The deadline is Wed., April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

*WORSHIP LEADERS:* Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer  
*MUSIC MINISTER:* Rev. Jan Watts  
*ORGANIST/PIANIST:* David Brasher  
*ELDERS ON CALL:* Charles & Peggy Daniels  
*SERVING DIACONATE:* Mack Carpenter, Julie Henderson, Megan Alderson, Buzz DeVore, Nancy DeVore, Kathy Mann, Mike Mee, Bruce Moon, Marian Moon, Sharon Orazine, Donna Penn, John Townsend, Lisa Townsend, Garry Tyree, Elizabeth West

*CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:*  
*LESSON:* Wondering Day  
*STORYTELLER:* Libby Carpenter  
*GREETERS:* Emily Fowler & Emma Harms

*SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:* Jim Thigpen

### **YOUNG ADULT – BUSY BELIEVERS "Resurrected"**

We are resurrecting the Busy Believers Sunday School Class beginning Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The class will meet in the Gandy room – in the new Educational Building, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Susan Hales and I will be leading the class but believe me the class will be more discussion than instruction. That's where we need your help. You would be surprised how much your experiences can help and inspire others going through similar trials. Come join us as we discuss events that affect us all and learn how the Word of God and the testimonies of others can help us all overcome. We look forward to seeing you Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Scott Jackson and Susan Hales*

### **CAMP HIGH HOPES**

It is time to reserve your slot as a Camp High Hopes counselor. Each year, for 30 years or more, First Christian Church Outreach sponsors a weekend camp for mentally challenged adults from Jefferson, Shelby, and Chilton counties. Those who are looking for a way to contribute their time for the service of others should take advantage of this experience. It is also fun. Counselors participate with the campers in an array of recreational experiences: horseback riding, swimming, fishing, motorcycle riding and dancing to a live band. The camp is conducted at YMCA Hargis and will be on the weekend of June 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jim Langley at 980-1827 with any questions and to reserve your slot. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex in May.



### **SUMMER WATERCOLOR CLASSES**

Watercolor classes are going to be offered in June and July. These are beginner's classes. For more information, contact Carole Rudd at [chrvol@aol.com](mailto:chrvol@aol.com), 678-2440 or 276-7326. Information will be in Carole's box outside the church office.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Tuesday mornings @ 10:00**

We are in the 2nd chapter of James and will begin at verse 14. James says, "Faith without works is dead". This is one reason Martin Luther did not want the book of James to be in the Bible. We should have some lively discussion about that. Please come and join us as we seek to find the answers the Holy Spirit reveals to us as we learn together. *Judy Dudley*

### **SHACK STUDY TO RESUME**

Wednesday, April 14, 21, 28, The Shack Study group will once again return to complete the book. We have had an exceptional group and fantastic discussions and learning. On April 14<sup>th</sup> we will pick up with Chapter 14. We will meet in the Fireside room at 5:30-6:30. Mary Pat will conduct the group until she leaves for Sabbatical.

## OUTREACH APPEAL

Hi to all.....each of you on this list is a possible contact for help! We are celebrating the purchase of a home by a couple, through their faith and hard work, have overcome tremendous odds! Their names are Denise and Don....I have known them for almost 2 years....they have successfully completed programs at Alethia House and the Lovelady Center, married, found and kept employment and shared their faith. Now they are close to achieving their dream of owning their own home! I can't adequately put in words what this shared experience has meant to me. To see their faces and hear them praising God for all their blessings is overwhelming. Now....all we need to do is help find them some things to make a house a home. They are in need of a refrigerator...used is fine. A washer and dryer would make life easier...a king size bed would be a luxury! They have been gifted a new stove but would like a microwave to help save on power bill. Time saving kitchen utensils would be appreciated, also, an iron and ironing board. If you know of anyone with any of these articles to donate, please email me. They are moving into their home in Pratt City on Saturday. If any of you have any other items you could share that would be helpful for 50 year old first time home owners.....email me, Please! Blessings to all.....Sharon Orazine



## 2010 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY - APRIL 23-25

The 2010 Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (DOC) in Al/NW Florida will be held at First Christian Church, Decatur, on April 23-25. Complete information on registration and housing is available on the website: [www.alnwfdisciples.org](http://www.alnwfdisciples.org). The 2010 Regional Assembly will focus on the theme, ".to the Ends of the Earth." The assembly will emphasize the mandate from Christ, as found in Acts 1:8, for his disciples to continue his work of proclaiming the good news to the ends of the earth. We will be joined by several partners representing ministries that are taking the Disciples witness to the ends of the earth. These partners include: the Rev. Amy Gopp, the Rev. Sandra Gourder, and the Rev. Felix Ortiz. For additional information, go to: [www.alnfdisciples.org](http://www.alnfdisciples.org).

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# April 18, 2010

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