

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Swann

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Edd Spencer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Walk in the Light"

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Edd Spencer

Pastor: We come here today because God is worthy of your praise and adoration,

People: **We worship today because we are grateful for all God has done for us.**

Pastor: We come here to sing, pray, confess, listen and give,

People: **Let us worship God wholeheartedly expecting nothing in return.**

Pastor: Let us rejoice in what God will do in us because God is gracious. Come let us praise and bless His holy name.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Chalice Hymnal No. 16

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Rev. Edd 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.

INSTALLATION SERVICE Rev. Edd & Mary Pat Spencer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS and WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING
Call to Stewardship Rev. Edd Spencer
Special Music Offering "I Worship You Almighty God" Pillihp
***Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Edd Spencer

ANTHEM "Springs in the Desert" Jennings
Gary Franklin, Bass

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Communion Hymn "You Are Here" Praise Hymnal No. 53
Invitation to Communion Libby Carpenter
Prayer of Communion Mike Eubank

(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 "Open Our Eyes Lord" D'Ivad

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 10: 38-42 (Page 1613) Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

SERMON "Perception" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" Chalice Hymnal No. 586

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHORAL RESPONSE "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" Chalice Hymnal No. 434

God Be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings, protecting, hide you, daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

***POSTLUDE** "In the Name of the Lord" Patti-Helvering

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

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 24

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Children's Worship and Wonder
11:00 am Diaconate Meeting
5:30 pm Bible Study on The Miracles
5:30 pm Children & Youth
6:45 pm Snack Supper

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:45 am – 1:30 pm The Adventure Nook
(Our Preschool Ministry)

MONDAY, January 25

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Mission Council

TUESDAY, January 26

9:45 am Chapel
12:45 pm The Adventure Nook Circus
6:30 pm Caring & Sharing/Fireside Room

WEDNESDAY, January 27

9:45 am Chapel
10:00 am Young at Heart
5:30 pm Shack Study Group
6:30 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, January 28

7:00 pm Anti-Racism Pro Reconciliation Meeting
In church office



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You



January 24, 2010

Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

INSTALLATION SERVICE

We are blessed to have great leaders in the mission of First Christian Church. Today during morning worship we will install them for their service to the church in 2010. May God bless them and give them the energy to lead the church in wonderful ministry to the glory of God in 2010.

DIACONATE MEETING

All Deacons are encouraged to attend the Diaconate meeting after worship in the sanctuary. Our meeting will include reviewing serving procedures, affirm the new Deacon Chair, elect four Deacons as voting members for Mission Council and to welcome the new Deacon Class of 2012.

YOUNG AT HEART

A penny saved is a penny earned, thrifty is nifty, shopping until we drop. Let's do it!!! Ready all you Young at Heart? On Wednesday, January 27 at 10:00, we are going to crank up the new bus and head toward the thrift shops around Birmingham with Mary Pat being our guide. One of the important stops will be a Dutch lunch at the Whistle Stop Cafe in Irondale, for some of the best fried green tomatoes. Be sure to sign up for this fun outing and save your pennies....they might just buy something that you really, really need.
Janet

THE CIRCUS IS COMING! THE TAN CIRCUS!

The Adventure Nook Circus is coming on Tuesday, January 26 at 12:45 pm. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are all invited.

MARY DECKER'S RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

Mary Decker has announced her retirement from First Christian Church as our Nursery Coordinator. Mary has been with us for 20 years and has nurtured many children through the years. Therefore, on Sunday, January 31, we will recognize Mary for her many years of service during our morning worship service. Also, we will have a pot luck lunch immediately after church where you will have the opportunity to personally greet and thank Mary. As part of our recognition we will present Mary with a Love Gift. If you wish to thank Mary in this way you may send your love gift in check form to the church marked "Mary's love gift" or place in the offering plate Sunday. You may also go on our website at www.fcc-bhm.org and go to the *bottom index tab* marked **giving** and make your gift on line. Your gift will be recorded along with your regular giving- which you may also do on line.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

MUSIC MINISTER:

Rev. Jan Watts

ORGANIST/PIANIST:

David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL:

Libby Carpenter & Mike Eubank

SERVING DIACONATE:

Mack Carpenter, Julie Henderson, Megan Alderson, Buzz DeVore, Nancy DeVore, Kathy Mann, Mike Mee, Bruce Moon, Marian Moon, Sharon Orazine, Elizabeth Orazine, Donna Penn, John Townsend, Lisa Townsend, Garry Tyree

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: Jesus in the Wilderness

STORYTELLER: June Pryor

GREETERS: Joye Taylor & Susan Hales

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

WEEK OF COMPASSION

In your bulletin are envelopes for the Week of Compassion. Please share in this offering that will go toward the needs of those who have suffered in the terrible earthquake that has destroyed Haiti.

POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday after morning worship we are having an All-Church Pot Luck in the Family Life Center. This will be our first Pot Luck for the year as the fellowship mission is planning a Pot Luck for every month in the year that has five Sundays. Bring your favorite dish. We are blessed to have a new hot food cabinet in the kitchen that will keep all of your food warm. Also, remember that at the Pot Luck Dinner we will lift up the ministry of Mary Decker.

The Beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are in celebration of Jose & Edith Carreras 33rd Wedding Anniversary and Edith's 69th Birthday.

CHURCH FAMILY

Growing up a PK, the message of giving was stressed in my house, not because of what it meant for the finances of the Church, but because of what it meant in receiving God's blessings.

One of my Dad's most often used messages about giving is one he calls "Prove Me". Malachi 3:10 says "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and **Prove Me** now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." When teaching about giving, my Dad always says to picture a faucet. When we are faithful to God in giving, God turns the faucet wide open. That doesn't mean he turns off the faucet if we aren't faithful; God supplies all our needs according to his riches in glory. But wouldn't we all rather have the faucet turned wide open? As you know, our Church family approved the 2010 Budget with estimated revenue of \$511,456 and estimated expenses of \$457,269 during our congregational meeting. Based on member pledges and past giving, we have estimated \$391,376 as our revenue for 2010. This is a significant gap that needs to be closed or we will have to look at cutting our budgeted expenses. The good news is that God has blessed our church richly in the past and has promised, in His word, to turn the faucet of blessings wide open as long as we are faithful in our giving to Him. We appreciate all the pledges we have received and everyone's commitment and faithfulness to First Christian Church. The Finance Council will continue to monitor the finances of the Church and provide timely updates to our Family. We look forward to the blessings God has for all of us in 2010. Scott Jackson Finance Council Chair