

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Swann

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Walk in the Light"

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

Pastor: Open our eyes today, O Lord, and let us see what You are.

People: Open our eyes today, O Lord, and teach us to see the way You see.

Pastor: Open our minds today, O Lord, and let us know truth as You know truth.

People: Open our minds today, O Lord, and teach us to think the way You think.

Pastor: Open our hearts today, O Lord, and allow us to love as You love.

People: Open our hearts today, O Lord, and teach us to love.

All: Open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to trust and obey You.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Trust and Obey" Chalice Hymnal No. 556

***INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER (Trespas) and GLORIA PATRI**

(Words to the Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri and Doxology are in the pews)

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

RECOGNITION OF MARY DECKER Rev. Edd & 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, OFFERINGS and WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

Call to Stewardship Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

Special Music Offering "I Worship You Almighty God!" Pillihp

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

ANTHEM "Seek Ye First" Wagner

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "I've Got Peace like a River" Chalice Hymnal No. 530

Invitation to Communion Peggy Daniels

Prayer of Communion Charles 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 "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 Exodus 1:8-2:10 (Page 88 & 89) Rev. Edd Spencer

SERMON "A Baby In A Basket" Rev. Edd Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Majesty" Praise Hymnal No. 50

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd 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 Names of the Lord" Patt-Helvering

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

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 31

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service and Recognition of Mary Decker
10:15 am Children's Worship and Wonder
11:00 am Pot Luck Luncheon
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, February 1

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

TUESDAY, February 2

9:45 am Chapel
7:00 pm Elder Calls

WEDNESDAY, February 3

9:45 am Chapel
5:30 pm Shack Study Group
6:30 pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY – SATURDAY, February 5-6

6:00 pm Youth Lock-In
(2nd through the 5th grade)



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You



January 31, 2010

Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

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, today 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.

POTLUCK TODAY

This Sunday, after 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.

A REGIONAL GATHERING OF WORSHIP Friday, February 12th at 7:30 pm

Friday, February 12 Christian churches from Alabama and Northwest Florida will gather at our church for a Celebration of Worship. Dr. Bill Lee, past Moderator in the Christian Church, (DOC) and pastor of the Loudon Avenue Christian Church in Roanoke, Virginia, will bring the message. He is a dynamic preacher. The service will also include special music and coming forward for Holy Communion. The nursery will be open. Bring a friend for this great gathering.

BEING WELL

Congregational Health, Vitality, and You! Saturday, February 13th, 9:00 -2:00

Following the Regional Worship Service on Friday night there will be a Regional Workshop on Health and Wholeness. The workshops begin at 9:00 am on Saturday. The following is a list of the workshops that will be offered: Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct, True Community, Crafting a Transformative Life of Spiritual Practice, Being Heart-Well, Momentum for Life, Praise Away the Pounds, I Lift My Eyes to the Hills: Help for Churches that are Stuck, Sinking or Sapped, and Reflections on Shalom and Sabbath in the Hebrew Bible. All the workshops are free with a lunch provided by our youth. Please make plans to attend a workshop and meet other Disciples from Alabama/Northwest Florida. Please read about the Workshops in the insert in your bulletin.

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, Elizabeth Orazine, Donna Penn, John Townsend, Lisa Townsend, Garry Tyree

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: Parable of the Mustard Seed

STORYTELLER: Cara Adams

GREETERS: Edith Carreras & Susan Hales

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: *Jim Thigpen*

CHURCH LOCK-IN

If you are 2nd through the 5th grade and are looking for something fun to do, mark your calendars for February 5th and 6th as the Kool Kids, Children Fellowship is planning a "Lock-In" at the church. We will meet at church at 6:00, Friday evening for supper, fun games, a movie, snacks and other fun surprises. We will sleep over and have a light breakfast before your parents pick you up between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Bring \$5.00, a can of soup or non-perishable food item for our service project, your sleeping bag, pillow, pajamas, change of clothes and other personal hygiene items. Leave your electronics at home. Please call or email Deb Carpenter if you have questions and to RSVP. Please RSVP as I need a head count to plan food. My email is debcarpenter131@bellsouth.net or telephone 980-3416.

SOUPER SUNDAY Sunday, February 7th

The Kool Kids will be sponsoring a "Souper Sunday" food drive to benefit local food banks. So on Sunday, February 7th, bring your cans of soup, crackers and other non-perishable food items and put them in their baskets as they pass them around in the narthex, before and after the church service

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.

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2009 Contribution Statements are in the narthex. Please take a moment to stop by and pick yours up.

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

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.