

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "O Lord, to You" Sadler

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Edd Spencer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Make Me A Servant" Chancel Choir

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

Pastor: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: With joy we worship a faithful God.

Pastor: Give thanks for God's revelation through Christ.

People: In boldness we dare to follow Christ's path.

Pastor: Give thanks for God's sustaining Spirit.

People: With humility we receive God's continuing love.

All: Let us worship and praise God together. Let us give thanks to Almighty God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Give Thanks" Chalice Hymnal No. 528

***INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER (Trespass) and GLORIA PATRI**
Rev. Edd Spencer

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Rev. Edd Spencer
(Children age 3 through fourth grade will be dismissed to Children's Worship & Wonder).

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Stewardship Rev. Edd Spencer

Special Music Offering "What Can I Give Him?" Huntsinger

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Edd Spencer

ANTHEM "I Exalt Thee/Open the Eyes of My Heart" Shackley

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Sanctuary" Praise Hymnal No. 49

Invitation to Communion Hugh Henderson

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 "We Remember You" Harrah

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 15: 8-9, Luke 21: 1-4 Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
(Pages 1623-1624 & 1635)

SERMON "A Precious Coin" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Take My Life" Chalice Hymnal No. 609

Vs. 1, 4, 6

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "I Sing Praises" Praise Hymnal No. 23

*I Sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name O Lord,
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised;
I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name, O Lord,
For Your name is great and greatly to be praised*

***POSTLUDE** "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" Doerksen

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

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, November 15

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Worship Service
10:15 am	Children's Worship and Wonder
11:15 am	Nominating Committee Meeting
11:30 am	Ona/Ruth at Edith Carreras
4:00 pm	Bell Choir
4:30 pm	Youth Parent Meeting
5:30 pm	Adult Bible Study on the Parables
5:30 pm	Youth Groups
6:45 pm	Snack Supper

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:45 am – 1:30 pm	The Adventure Nook (Our Preschool Ministry)
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MONDAY, November 16

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

TUESDAY, November 17

9:45 am	Chapel
7:00 pm	Elders Calls

WEDNESDAY, November 18

9:45 am	Chapel
5:30 pm	"The Shack" Study Group
6:30 pm	Choir Practice
7:30 pm	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 19

The Adventure Nook Food Drive for Oak Mountain Ministries



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You



November 15, 2009

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

YOUNG AT HEART Wednesday, November 18 at 10:00 am

Blue Bell moments, ahhh, does that ring your bell? Yes, the Young at Heart is taking that promised trip to Sylacauga... to the Blue Bell Ice Cream factory. Yum, can you taste it now? Our trip will begin with a lunch in Sylacauga, Ardena Marie's Cafe about a block from Blue Bell, and then we will tour the production of ice cream at Blue Bell. Sound fun? We will meet at the church Wednesday morning at 10:00 am on November 18. Be sure to sign up for this fun trip and bring along a hungry friend. And yes, they have sugarless too...and the smells are fantastic. (If you want, you can sit in the ice cream parlor and see part of the production without walking around and guess how many flavors they have on that day). See ya! *Janet*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, November 22

Our Moderator, Barry Storer has called a Congregational Meeting next Sunday, November 22 after church. The purpose is to approve the 2010 Budget and the report of the Nominating Committee.

NATIVITY SET RAFFLE

The youth of First Christian Church will raffle a large, hand carved, olive wood, **Musical Nativity Set** from Bethlehem valued at \$975.00. The set includes: 14 individually carved figures plus the stable. All pieces store in a 20" x 17" box. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. The drawing will be on Sunday, November 29, 2009. You do not need to be present to win. All proceeds go towards the 2010 Youth Mission Trip.

A CELEBRATION OF GIVING

We are blessed to have Rev. Todd Adams with us next Sunday, November 22 to bring the morning message. He will share a sermon on the "Joy of Giving" as we begin our Stewardship Campaign for the budget and giving for next year. Todd is the Associate General Minister and Vice President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He is a great preacher and his thoughts will lift up our spirits and a desire to continue to be committed to our Lord. Edd and Mary Pat will serve as Worship leaders in the service.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

*MUSIC MINISTER:
ORGANIST/PIANIST:
ELDERS ON CALL:
SERVING DIACONATE:*

*Rev. Jan Watts
David Brasher
Hugh Henderson, Mike Eubank
Mack Carpenter, Julie Henderson, Megan Alderson,
Buzz & Nancy DeVore, Kathy Mann, Mike Mee,
Bruce & Marian Moon, Sharon & Elizabeth Orazine,
Donna Penn, John & Lisa Townsend, Garry Tyree*

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

*LESSON: The Temple, a House of God
STORYTELLER: Paulette Farquhar
GREETERS: Pepper Edwards & June Pryor*

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

A STEWARDSHIP DINNER

The Finance Council is sharing a Stewardship Dinner with the church on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 pm. The dinner will be Chili/Soup, a potato bar, salad, desert and drink. The dinner is free. After the dinner there will be a thirty minute program of Answer and Questions about the 2010 Budget, a humorous skit, and devotion by Worship and Wonder. The nursery will be open. Please sign on the chart in the narthex.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It is that time of the year again to sign up for Christmas Poinsettias. The sign-up chart is in the narthex. The cost is \$17.00 per plant. Please buy one in honor or memory of a loved one or friend.

*The Beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory
of Michele Weal given by, Cara Adams.*

What We Believe

- *Open Communion.* The Lord's Supper or Communion is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all believers.
- *Baptism by immersion.* In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside and a new life of trust in God is made possible. Although we generally practice baptism by immersion, we honor other baptism traditions as well.
- *Importance of church unity.* All Christians should cooperate in ministry wherever possible, affirming each other as sisters and brothers in Christ.
- *The Ministry of all believers.* Both ministers and lay persons lead worship, direct service opportunities and nurture spiritual growth.
- *Freedom of belief.* We are called together around one essential of faith: belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE STAFF

Christmas time is the time for gifts of appreciation and love. During the season of Advent we will have a decorated Christmas box in the narthex for you to place your special gift for the staff of First Christian. Please note on your check that it is a gift for the church staff. You may also mail your gift to the church office in care of Conlee Alderson. Please remember our staff and all the many extras that they have done for us this year. We are fortunate to have them and appreciate their ministry to us.

Thank you, Conlee Alderson, Chair of the Personnel Committee

CHURCH BUS

The youth are serious about their service project for First Christian to purchase a new church bus. They have committed 10% of every dollar they earn this year to go towards a new bus. However they need your help. They are asking for YOU to make a **one time gift** towards a 15 passenger Activity Bus. Ken Horne, our Administrative Mission Chair, has offered to help in this project. If you would like to make a donation please see Ken.

COMPASSION CORNER

Great News! We have adopted a family for Christmas. There is a single mother with 3 children who needs our help. She lost her job right after the major charities closed their lists for Christmas help. Luckily, we got a call from DHR in Shelby County to help out with a power bill and now we have been given the opportunity to do even more! The children are 10, 7 and 4. If you are part of a group in the church and would like to volunteer to sponsor a child, the mother, Christmas dinner, a tree and decorations or perhaps help with utilities, please contact me! I would love to have this project completed by Dec. 1. I will be available for questions and a sign-up list each Sunday, starting Nov. 15th in the narthex after service. Also, on November 29th, Outreach will be asking for another \$5 bill. This goes

towards a Global Mission Project. I remind you, if you eat lunch out during the week, have Starbucks coffee, see a movie or purchase fast food, you could skip just one thing and work together to bring about change in our world! We can reach beyond.....to the ends of the earth!

Blessings, Sharon and Liz...991-7168.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

First Christian is offering many opportunities for learning more about the Word of God and the spiritual life. The following classes are offered to help us all focus on a new insight into God's Word.



Sunday school Adult Classes
On Sunday morning at 9:00 am
Comrades Class
Insighters Class
Seekers Class



Men's Bible Study on the Minor Prophets. 7:00 am Monday Morning



A Study on the book the "Shack"
5:30 pm on Wednesday



A Study on the Parables of Luke
5:30pm on Sunday

Please make a commitment to attend one of these classes.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA – Come and join us as we prepare for the Christmas Cantata on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm. Our cantata service will be Sunday, December 13. The choir would welcome anyone who loves to sing to join us as we make a joyful noise every Wednesday.