

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Divinum Mysterium" Blankenship

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Beverly Baxter

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Still Small Voice" Schuyler

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Beverly Baxter

Leader: I believe in God Almighty, who sets life before us like a course to be run, and gives us bodies and minds with which to run it;

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, who has shown us what it is to run with commitment, and has revealed in His resurrection the rewards to those who finish the course;

Leader: I believe in the Holy Spirit, who breathes into us the strength to run long distances, the wisdom to pace ourselves, and the love to respect all other runners;

People: I believe in the Church Universal, that gives us a sense of fellowship as we run, and the feeling that if anything happened on the course we would be supported by those who care;

Leader: I believe in the Life Everlasting, where the course we have run in this life gives way to a course finer than any we have ever known, and where our spirits shall run with a grace and beauty we have not yet experienced;

All: I believe and know that I am a Christian – and because I believe, I run better!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "They'll Know We Are Christians" Chalice Hymnal No. 494

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Beverly Baxter
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 PENTECOST OFFERING
Call to Stewardship Beverly Baxter
Special Music Offering "The Trinity Glorified" Pillihp
**Doxology*
**Prayer of Dedication* Beverly Baxter

ANTHEM "Hymn to the Trinity" Thompson

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Chalice Hymnal No. 4

Invitation to Communion Beverly Baxter

Prayer of Communion Jim Baxter

(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 Spirit Three in One" Rehsarb

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 John 14: 25-31; 15:26-37; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Rev. Edd Spencer
Matthew 28:19

SERMON "The Trinity – Father Son and Holy Spirit" Rev. Edd Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Father, I Adore You"

*Father, I adore You, Lay my life before You,
How I love You.*

*Jesus, I adore You, Lay my life before You,
How I love You.*

*Spirit, I adore You, Lay my life before You,
How I love You.*

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

CHORAL RESPONSE "Sanctuary"

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.*

***POSTLUDE** "This Joy" Rehsarb

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

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, May 16

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Children's Worship and Wonder
11:30 am Ona/Ruth at Lucille Leaman's
2:00 pm Valleydale Clean-Up

MONDAY – FRIDAY

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

MONDAY, May 17

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

TUESDAY, May 18

9:45 am Chapel
10:00 am Women's Bible Study on James
6:30 pm Mission Council

WEDNESDAY, May 19

9:45 am Chapel
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, May 20

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study on John



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You



May 16, 2010

Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

CALLING ALL MEN! – Today at 2:00 pm the men of First Christian will be picking up trash along Valleydale Road between the church and highway 280. This is our community project and all men are encouraged to participate.

POTLUCK LUNCH NEXT Sunday, May 23rd at 11:00 am – Bring your favorite dish and the church will provide drink, birthday cake, and tableware.

PENTECOST SUNDAY May 23rd - Pentecost is the day on which the Christian church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will celebrate Pentecost in some special ways. After worship, we will go outside and gather in the parking lot. A flock of doves will be released. As they fly in a circle around our church grounds, they will symbolize the coming of the Holy Spirit. Also, after worship, we will gather in the Family Life Center for a pot luck lunch. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite dish. The church will provide drinks and a birthday cake. Invite a friend to church for this great day. Remember to wear red. It is the color of the fire and Spirit of Pentecost.

MISSION COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30pm – Mission Council will meet Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm. All members are encouraged to be in attendance as the council will consider the survey results for a change of time for the worship service.

MIRACLE DAY: June 5th at First Christian Church, Anniston - When was the last time you felt like you were part of a miracle? The Miracle Day program sponsored by the Christian Church in Ala/NW Florida in partnership with the districts is not a new idea. It's like an Amish barn raising, a Habitat for Humanity build, and a church workday all rolled into one. It is Disciples, young, old and in-between, getting together for work, worship, fellowship and food. I have been blessed to take part in every Miracle Day program since it began ten years ago. Congregations in Mt. Willing, Saraland, Auburn and Cullman have all received miraculous blessings and revitalized ministries through this semi-annual event. However, in every case, the volunteers, myself included, received the greatest miracle of all! We need volunteers, donations and prayers. Please consider joining me and Disciples from all around the region on June 5th in Anniston. You will be blessed! For the next several weeks, I will be manning a table outside the sanctuary after worship to answer your questions, provide volunteer sign-up sheets, and encourage donations. *George Dudley, Miracle Day Coordinator*

CAMP HIGH HOPES - It's time to reserve your slot as a Camp High Hopes counselor. Each year, for 30 years, FCC 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 campers in recreational experiences such as: horseback riding, swimming, fishing, motorcycle riding and dancing. The camp is at YMCA Hargis on the weekend of June 5th - 6th. Please contact Jim Langley at 980-1827 with any questions and to reserve your slot. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. *Jim Langley, Camp High Hopes*

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Edd Spencer & Beverly Baxter
MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts
ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher
ELDERS ON CALL: Jim & Beverly Baxter
SERVING DIACONATE: Donnette Mee, Lisa Burdette, Fletcher Hamilton, Sandy Hamilton, Carlton Horne, Tiffany Horne, Scott Jackson, Katherine Mee, Ed Powell, Bob Smith, Cory Tabb, Charlie Thigpen, Jacob Thigpen, Leanna Webb

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:
LESSON: Parable of the Great Banquet
STORYTELLER: Paulette Farquhar
GREETERS: Susan Hales & Pepper Edwards

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen
WORSHIP GREETERS: Wanda Swihart & Ginny White

FOOD, FUN AND FITNESS CAMP

“Your Bodies Are Temples of the Holy Spirit... Therefore Honor God with Your Bodies”

(1 Corinthians 6: 19-20)

For children who have completed 1st through 5th Grade

When: June 7-11, 2010

Time: 9:00 am -Noon

Registration Cost: \$40.00 or \$20 .00 for church members - deadline June 1st

Registration forms can be found in the narthex or call the church office at 991-5000.

YOUNG AT HEART Wednesday, May 26th – How well do you remember your fairy tales? Can you picture the villain or the wicked character that we were so frightened of long ago? Or course we do remember how they all ended...happily ever after. The Seasoned Performers are performing a short play for us with rejected villains and no longer needed bad guys. What fun! We have invited the players to join us for lunch and then we will sit back and have a good laugh. May 26th at noon... hope you can come and bring a friend, or maybe an old retired ogre or two. Sign up as soon as you can. *Janet*

MEN'S NIGHT Monday, 24th at 6:30 pm “It did not fall, for it was founded on the rock” – A man named Rock is looking to build a very special place for children ages 12-18 with addictive issues. Come hear his testimony on how his ministry titled “The Transformation Ranch” will provide a Christ-centered long term facility with emphasis on spiritual and clinical treatment that will lead young people to look to God as the anchor in their lives. A former F-16 fighter pilot for twenty-one years and a Captain for United Airlines Rock's story and call to the ministry are moving to say the least. Come join us on Men's Night, Monday, May 23rd at 6:30 pm at the church. Steve Pasky along with the James Gang will provide their usual fine meal. If you plan to attend please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex. Don't miss this very special message Rock Hobbs has to share. It will give you a lift. *Bud*

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
SUMMER CAMPS 2010

Discovery Camp June 5-7, 2010

For those completing 2nd and 3rd Grades

Junior Camp June 7-11, 2010

For those completing 4th and 5th Grades

CYF Camp June 7-11, 2010, Giltner Hall

For those completing the 9th, 10th, & 12th Grades

Chi Rho Camp June 7-11, 2010, Giltner Hall

For those completing 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades

All traditional camps are held at YMCA Hargis

Fine Arts Camp June 20-25, 2010

For those completing 6th -12th Grades

Phyllis Kirk, Director

Fine Arts Camp held at Noah's Ark Christian Retreat Center in Panama City, Florida

Applications will be available on the website

FCC will pay 1/2 the camp fee for any of our youths that wish to attend.

GRADUATING? - Spring is not far away, which means many of those who are seniors will either be graduating from high school, college, grad school or special programs. Please let us know of those seniors graduating, as we would like to share our congratulations in the next few Visitors. Please call the church office, drop us a note or email us at cece@fcc-bhm.org and let us know the name of the graduate, the school and degree achieved, so we can get them all in an upcoming Visitor.

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - For several months approximately 15 men have been meeting at 7am each Monday morning for Bible study. This has been a time of growth in knowledge & faith. These men, who have adopted the name of The James' Gang, want to give their working brothers the same opportunity. Starting on Thursday, May 6, at 7pm, a new study on the Gospel of John will begin in the Fireside Room. Apostle John stated in chapter 20:31 "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name". This one hour study will be conducted each week with Pastor Edd as the leader & assisted by some members of The James' Gang. All men of the church & their friends are invited. *Charles Daniels*

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