

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW NURSERY COORDINATORS

Today, we will have two new nursery coordinators. They will share this position so they will each have some quality time with their families as well as minister to our precious little ones. Both ladies come to us highly recommended and skilled. We are blessed to have each one. Christina Nelson is a pediatrics nurse with the South Lake Pediatrics. Her husband is an engineer with GM and they have a daughter named Ali, who is in the 4th grade. Layla Stern comes to us from our TAN preschool where she taught prior to taking a leave of absence to have her baby who is now 15 months old. She and her husband have two other sons. Please join me in giving them a warm First Christian welcome as they join our FCC staff. They are both in church today so we can introduce them properly.

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.

CHOIR CANTATA REHEARSALS

Well, it's that time of year again! The choir is starting to rehearse for our Palm Sunday cantata. If you would like to sing with us this Easter please join us Wednesday evenings starting at 7:30 pm. This year is our 11th Easter cantata and we have decided to emphasize Palm Sunday. We will be singing the Palm Sunday selections from the nine cantatas preceding last year's ending with a new piece depicting Christ's journey through Holy week. We are excited about our Easter music this year and would love to invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us in this endeavor. Blessings, Jan

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

MUSIC MINISTER:

Rev. Jan Watts

ORGANIST/PIANIST:

David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL:

Kathey Long & Ross Lange

SERVING DIACONATE:

Donnette Mee, Lisa Burdette, Bob Coupland, Sheila Coupland, 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: Wondering Day

STORYTELLER: Cara Adams

GREETERS: Joye Taylor & Paulette Farquhar

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th at 6:30 pm

Lent begins Wednesday, Feb. 17th. Lent is the season we reflect on the suffering and passion of our Lord. A season to consider ways that we can suffer for our Lord and carry our own personal cross for His Glory. We will gather in the sanctuary on Wednesday, Feb. 17th at 6:30 pm. The service will have special music, a drama meditation, "A Dialogue Between Jesus and a Disciple", and walking forward to receive the Mark of the Cross on our foreheads. Invite a friend to this service and all our Lenten services as we proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior. The nursery will be open for children.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPERS AND WORSHIP

Every Wednesday during Lent we will have the opportunity to gather in the Family Life Center at 5:45 pm for supper. Following the meal at 6:30 pm we will have a thirty minute Lenten Worship in the Farkas Room. These dinners and service will begin Wednesday, February 24 and will meet every Wednesday during Lent. More information about the services will be in the next issue of the Visitor. You will find Envelopes in the pews to make your reservations for the Lenten Dinners.

YOUNG AT HEART

We have a trip planned for us on February 23rd. We will travel in the bus to Dale's Southern Restaurant in Hoover for a dutch treat and then head downtown to the Civil Rights Museum. This will be a treat for all of us that have been there and for you that can visit for a first time experience. Sign up as soon as you can for this fun trip (no thrift shop buying, sorry). We will leave the church at 11:00 Tuesday February 23rd. (Our shopping trip was COOL! Just ask Ginny White what bargains she found and Edd!) See you, Janet

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

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