

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Open My Eyes" Paul Taylor

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Edd Spencer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "You Are Here" Nystrom/Moen

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

Pastor: We gather in God's holy presence, coming to the One who knows us by name.

People: God's glory surprises us each morning; God's goodness cradles us at night when we sleep.

Pastor: We praise the One whose justice is for all; whose word transforms every life.

People: God's presence never leaves us; God's mercy mends the cracks in our broken lives.

Pastor: We give thanks to God for the hope of each day; we remember God's splendor lighting our way

People: God's compassion walks with us every moment; God's grace is the air we breathe. God is the foundation of our lives.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "The Church's One Foundation" Hymnal No. 272

***INVOCATION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespas) and GLORIA PATRI** Hymnal No. 35

CHILDRENS MOMENT Rev. Edd Spencer

Children of preschool through fifth grade are welcome to join the Pastor in front of the sanctuary. Young worshipers (age 3 through fifth grade) are invited to Children's Worship after the Children's Sermon. Please join the Leader in the back of the sanctuary.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Call to Stewardship Rev. Edd Spencer
Special Music Offering "Overshadowed" Ronaela
Doxology Hymnal No. 46
*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Edd Spencer

ANTHEM "Ancient Words" DeShazo
Barry Storer, tenor

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" Hymnal No.425
Invitation to Communion Bud Flora
Prayer of Communion Edith Carreras
(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 "At the Table" James Southbridge

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 Hebrews 10: 23-25; Psalms 100 Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

SERMON "Church Attendance and Avoidance" Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "We Are the Church"

CHORUS

*I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together.
All of God's people, all around the world, yes, we're the church together.*

*The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is the people.*

CHORUS

*I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together.
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*** BENEDICTION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHORAL RESPONSE "There Is Strength In The Name of The Lord" Hymnal No. 28
(Sing thru twice)

POSTLUDE "Lasst uns erfreuen " – Let Us Rejoice Gerald Peterson
Tune "Geisliche Kirkengesange"

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, April 13

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:30 am Ona/Ruth w/Lucille Leaman
2:30 pm CROP Walk
4:30 pm "It's Cool in the Furnace" Meeting
5:30 pm Bible Study on Genesis
5:30 pm Youth Groups
5:45 pm Praise Kids
7:00 pm Snack Supper

MONDAY – FRIDAY

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

MONDAY, April 14

7:00 am Men's Bible Study on Job
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Elders Gathering

TUESDAY, April 15

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Watercolor Class
9:45 am Chapel
6:30 pm PEPP Program in the Genesis Room
7:00 pm Elder Visitation

WEDNESDAY, April 16

9:45 am Chapel
5:30 pm Girls' Vocal Group
6:30 pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY, April 18

7:00 pm Scrabble at Joye Taylor's

SATURDAY, April 19

9:00 am A Walk on Oak Mountain

Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer
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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Where the Grace of God Awaits You



April 13, 2008

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **CROP HUNGER WALK TODAY** – The Crop Walk is a unique response to the needs of poor and hungry people in our communities and around the world. Please join us today at Rushton Park. Registration is at 1:45 pm, with the walk starting at 2:30 pm.

A WALK IN THE WOODS AT OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Saturday, April 19th at 9:00 am

Bring your lunch, water, camera, and a spirit of wonder as we celebrate God's creation.

- **CAMP HIGH HOPES June 7 – 8** - Mark your calendars for Camp High Hopes. It is the event for which you have been waiting for. Spend some time in the fresh air at YMCA Hargis Retreat. It is an entire weekend of fun, and it is all free. You get to spend the weekend with some really great people. And if you get the urge you can do some exciting things like fishing, canoeing, horseback riding, swimming, motorcycling, hay riding, and dancing the night away. The campers are mentally challenged folks who live in group homes in the surrounding counties. First Christian Church has had a special bond with some of these campers for years and years. Many have no family and this is their most special event of the year. We need counselors! Mark your calendar for June 7-8. You have the option of sleeping over or sleeping at home and returning in the morning. Please contact Jim Langley at 980-1827 if you can participate.
- **REGIONAL ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD IN MOBILE** – Azalea Hills Christian Church will be the host site for this year's Regional Assembly, scheduled for April 25-27. The assembly's theme is, "The Acts 1:8 Mandate: And you shall be my witness..." A great slate of speakers has been secured for this three-day regional gathering, including former moderator of the Christian Church, the Rev. William Lee, pastor of the London Avenue Christian Church, Roanoke, VA. Workshops will be held on Saturday afternoon. An all-assembly Fish Fry will be held on Saturday evening. The new Family Life Center at Azalea Hills Christian Church will be the site for many of the events during the assembly. Reservation forms are on the table in the narthex.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS: *Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer*
MINISTER OF MUSIC: *Rev. Jan Watts*

ORGANIST/PIANIST: *David Brasher*
ELDERS ON CALL: *Bud Flora, Edith Carreras*
SERVING DIACONATE: *Carole Rudd, Cindy Thigpen, Donna Beatty, Sarah Beatty, Deb Carpenter, Jose Carreras, Jeff Eady, Don Garrison, Bob Lamb, Janice Lamb, Scott Long, Gary Taylor, Connie Tabb, Ginny White*
WORSHIP GREETERS: *Gail Burton, Jerry Wallace*
WELCOME TABLE: *Sandy Hamilton*
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: *Cindy & Jacob Thigpen*
SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: *Jim Thigpen*

CAMPS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ADVENTURE DAYS 2008

June 23-25-27 1-3 grades 9:00 am -11:30 am
July 7-9-11 4-5 grades 9:00 am -11:30 am
July 14-16-18 4 yrs- K 9:00 am -11:30 am
Full of activities, games, crafts, stories and much more! Cost \$10 (A non-refundable registration fee)

PERFORMING ARTS CAMP 2008

"It's Cool in the Furnace"

July 28 - August 1

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

For ages 6 yrs. to 8th grade.

Cost \$65 of which \$25 will be a non-refundable registration fee.

A performance will be held on Sunday, August 3 at 10:00 am.

Limited registration – hurry!

Registration forms are in the office.

