

**A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE** "Here We Are" Dallas Holm

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Edd Spencer

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** "How Majestic Is Your Name"

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

*Pastor:* We come to proclaim God's majesty, giving thanks to the One who has called us to share His love with the world.

**People:** **We will sing praises to God, telling of all the blessings of our lives.**

*Pastor:* We come, thankful that we are God's children, rejoicing as we worship our God.

**People:** **We know that God is always with us; that His Word gives us life and joy.**

*Pastor:* We come, because God keeps promises; God's faithfulness is everlasting.

**People:** **Praise God! Praise God! Come in His presence with singing. Now is the time to worship Almighty God.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" No. 17

**\*INVOCATION**

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

**CHILDRENS MOMENT** Rev. Edd Spencer

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Call to Stewardship

Special Music Offering

Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

"If My People Will Pray"

Rev. Edd Spencer

Jimmy Owens

Hymnal No. 46

Rev. Edd Spencer

**ANTHEM** "With A Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Edd Spencer

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Communion Hymn

"Here Is Bread"

No. 23

Invitation to Communion

Jill Pasky

Prayer of Communion

Steve Pasky

*(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**

"In Thy Presence Lord"

Tom Elie

**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**

Matthew 14:22-33

Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

**SERMON**

"Keeping Our Focus"

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**\* HYMN OF INVITATION**

"There's Something About That Name"

No. 9

**\* BENEDICTION**

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**CHORAL RESPONSE**

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

No. 7

Vs. 1

**POSTLUDE**

"Praise God for What He Has Done!"

Dottie

**LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, June 1**

9:00 am	Sunday School
9:00 am	Class for Baptism
10:00 am	Praise Music & Worship
5:30 pm	Women's Tennis
7:00 pm	Evening Vespers

**MONDAY, June 2**

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

**TUESDAY, June 3**

7:00 am – 7:00 pm	PRIMARY ELECTIONS
6:30 pm	Elders Calls

**SATURDAY, June 7**

8:00 am -3:00 pm	Miracle Day at Cullman Christian
8:30 am	Camp High Hopes – Hargis Retreat
	Discovery Camp – Hargis Retreat

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**(Disciples of Christ)**

*Where the Grace of God Awaits You*



*June 1, 2008*

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## IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **EVENING VESPERS** – Tonight at 7:00 pm in the Prayer Garden will be an Evening Vesper Service. The service will focus on nature and the Spirit of God. Tonight the service theme will be “The Birds of The Air”. The nursery will be open
- **SACRED HARP CONVENTION TO BE HELD HERE AT FCC** – Something wonderful, beautiful and exciting is scheduled at your church building on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> this year. SACRED HARP SINGING! It is acappella singing that has been enjoyed continuously for almost 200 years in this country. Some of the hymns, sung frequently, were written centuries ago. In 1980 a group of singers, in co-operation with the music department of Samford University, held the first NATIONAL SACRED HARP CONVENTION at Samford. It has been held in the Birmingham area annually since then. Singers come from many states in the United States, from England, Canada as well as other locations around the world to participate in this joyful musical event. They come at their own expense to join in singing from 9:30 am to about 2:30 pm – with breaks in the morning and afternoon. Of course time is taken out for a great lunch at noon. Different “leaders” follow one after the other directing songs of their choosing. About one hundred songs are sung each day. A smaller group will return on Thursday evening to sing some new compositions for a couple of hours. The visitors usually will attend area sings on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> to experience different groups of local activities. Sacred Harp singing has been a tradition in my family for generations, and I am thrilled that the most significant event of each year will be here at First Christian Church Birmingham. It is my hope that you will find an opportunity to spend some time with these visitors and make them feel welcomed while they are here. You are welcome to come and stay throughout the event or come and go as you wish. Our buildings will be used with great care and I am sure a significant donation will be provided for the use of our outstanding facilities. Please come and become acquainted with this musical tradition - you may actually enjoy it!  
I hope you do enjoy it. *Hubert C. Nall*
- **HOST/HOSTESSES NEEDED** - For the Sacred Harp Singing Convention here on June 11, 12, & 13. If interested in being a friendly greeter representing our church on any or all the above dates from 9:30-noon or noon – 2:30 pm, please call Sandy Hamilton before June 4 at 981-2757. Thanks!

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** *Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer*  
**MINISTER OF MUSIC:** *Rev. Jan Watts*  
**ORGANIST/PIANIST:** *David Brasher*  
**ELDERS ON CALL:** *Steve Pasky, Jill Pasky*  
**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*  
**WELCOME TABLE:** *Pepper Edwards*  
**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:** *Allison Mirabito*  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:** *Jim Thigpen*

- **SUMMER PRAISE MUSIC** - The Worship Mission is excited about our summer worship services this year. Starting in June during our 10:00 am worship, we will be learning and singing praise music. We hope to start a praise band to enhance our praise hymn worship experiences. If you or anyone you know plays the guitar or drums, and would like to join us as we lift our voices in praise to God during these Sunday summer services, give Jan a call at the church office. We look forward to hearing your voices in church on June 1<sup>st</sup>! What an exciting time in the life of our church. *Jan Watts*
- **GOD BLESS THE USA** - The Chancel Choir is busy preparing for a special event taking place on Sunday evening, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We are pleased to be able to present a patriotic Christian musical entitled “God Bless the USA”. We will celebrate the birth of our country and have a rousing good time doing it! You will love the music and the message, so mark your calendars now and come join your choir as they present this very special musical honoring your country’s birthday. *Jan Watts*
- **BAPTISM CLASS** – Any adults who have not been baptized, want to be baptized by immersion, or renew their baptism vows are invited to attend the Baptism Class. The class will meet every Sunday in June at 9:00 am in Edd’s office. Bap

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