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A WALK ON OAK MOUNTAIN

Saturday, October 23, Edd is making his annual walk in the forest of Oak Mountain State Park. This is a beautiful time of the year to enjoy God's creation with the color of leaves and the pleasant cool weather. Come join him at 9:00 am on Saturday, October 23rd at the church. The hike will be an easy hike with fellowship and a moment of Communion. Please bring your back-pack with water, lunch, and a camera.

CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REGISTRATION

Our children will be performing a Christmas musical drama this year at our 7:00 pm Christmas Eve service. There will be a tryout/registration time Sunday, October 24th at 4:30 pm. All children 5 years old through 5th grade are encouraged to participate. Rehearsals will start the first Sunday in November at 4:30. I am looking forward to seeing all our children on October 24th at 4:30 pm. *Jan*

MEN'S GATHERING MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

The men will meet on Monday, October 25, at 6:30 pm. The speaker will be Scott Jackson as he shares his service to our country in Iraq. This will be a good presentation to hear as we will remember our veterans on Veteran's Day next month. All men are invited to come for a great meal and new insights on our mission in Iraq.

TAN FALL FESTIVAL Tuesday, October 26 at 6:00 pm

The TAN Fall Festival is coming, and everyone is invited! Please call the TAN office at 991-9952 if you plan to attend and give them a head count. Chic-Fil-A sandwiches, chips, brownies and drinks will be served. The cost is \$7 per person or \$30 per family. Raffle tickets will be \$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets and can be pre-ordered and filled out in advance. See ya there! *Beth Patterson, TAN*

YOUNG AT HEART WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

How well do you know your friends in the Bible? If you saw a lady in an apron, you would know she was Martha, and if you saw a gentleman in a fishing hat, you'd know he was Peter, and if you saw a lady carrying apples, you would assume it was Eve. Now when you come to the October pot luck at the church for lunch, come as your favorite Bible character. Fun and entertainment for you and your friends. I believe that was Jacob carrying a ladder and his brother carrying a can of red bean soup getting ready for the party. See you at noon on the 27th. Sign up on the chart in the narthex.

Janet

PASTOR CLASS

All children, youth, and adults are invited to the Pastor Class beginning Sunday, November 7th at 4:00 pm in the Fireside Room. This class is to help participants prepare for baptism on Christmas Sunday, December 19th during morning worship. Contact Edd if you are interested in attending.

GRACE NOTES

- † Our sympathy is expressed to Walden, Pat and family in the loss of Gail Burton. We will celebrate her life in a memorial service on Sunday, November 21, at 2:00 pm.
- † Dear Church Family – Thank you for the cards, calls, visits, and especially your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. *God Bless you, Donna Strickland*
- † Our prayers are with Dronnie Chandler, who is home resting from back surgery.
- † The choir invites anyone who would like to sing in the Christmas Cantata to come to rehearsals at 7:30 pm. on Wednesdays.
- † Our prayers are with Jane Belcher, who had arthroscopic knee surgery.
- † Our prayers are with Mac and Linda Heaton, who are resting at home.
- † This past Sunday we recognized Claradel Holcombe for her wonderful ministry of leading our Prayer Chain and her outstanding articles of our church's history every week in the "Visitor".
- † We had a great response for portraits from our families and friends for the new pictorial directory.
- † Our fifth Sunday Pot Luck Dinner is Sunday, October 31, after morning worship. Please bring your favorite dish along with some Halloween treats.
- † The Chi Rho youth group made cookies for our college young people. This is a wonderful reminder that they are loved by their church family in Birmingham.
- † Our gratitude is expressed to the Nominating Committee for completing their fine work of nominations for church leaders to be approved at the November Mission Council meeting.
- † Please pray for the Finance Council as they are in the process of developing our 2011 General Fund Budget.

SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	71
WORSHIP	136

CHRISTIAN COMRADES SUNDAY LESSON

Sunday, October 24

“Christian Apologetics - Jehovah's Witnesses”
How to Witness to Jehovah's Witness

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Life In Our Community

Sunday, October 24

- 9:00 Sunday School
- 9:45 -10:15 Fellowship Moments
- 10:15 Worship Service
- 10:30 Worship & Wonder
- 3:30 Anti-Racism Meeting
- 4:30 Children’s Christmas Pageant Registration
- 5:00 Youth Groups
- 6:15 Snack Supper

Monday, October 25

- 7:00 Men’s Bible Study on Zechariah
- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 6:30 Christian Men’s Gathering

Tuesday, October 26

- 9:45 Chapel
- 10:00 Women’s Bible Study
- 6:00 TAN’s Fall Festival
- 6:30 Caring & Sharing
- 7:00 Elder Calls

Wednesday, October 27

- 12:00 Young At Heart Pot Luck
- 6:30 Choir Practice
- 7:30 Cantata Practice

Thursday, October 28

- 7:00 Men’s Bible Study on John
- 7:00 Women’s Bible Study

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Chi Rho and CYF young people would like to thank you for your support in response to our recent Boston Butt Sale. Many of you have said they were great and asked, “when will you be taking orders again?” Well, the youth will be taking orders soon and the Boston Butts will be delivered the week of November 15. So sign up soon. They will taste great after all that Thanksgiving Turkey.

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

Thursday, November 4 – 5

“Sweeter As the Years Go By”

Led by: Joan Teeters,

Senior Adult Cabinet Member

At the Rolling Hills Camp and Conference Center

Calera, Alabama (off I-65, exit 231)

COST OPTIONS

\$95/person, double occupancy motel room

\$120/person, single occupancy motel room

\$60/person for campers and those finding lodging/breakfast off-site. Camping is available at Rolling Hills. Call 668-1168 for camping costs.

CHURCH HISTORY CONTINUED

The weather was foggy and cool on Easter Sunday morning, 1989, so the youth led the sunrise worship service in the chapel instead of outside by the lake. They had spent the night at the Retreat to prepare for the children's Easter egg hunt.

In May Tim Tingle was welcomed as our Minister of Music. Tim had a music degree from the University of Montevallo, was a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville and an ordained minister. We also regretfully accepted the resignation of Gloria Hill, who had faithfully served our church as Administrative Assistant for the past 13 years. Gloria was honored for her service at Coffee Fellowship after worship on May 15.

The Adventure Nook continued to grow with the addition of a 5 year old class in addition to the two 3-year-old and two 4-year-old classes. TAN donated \$5,000 to the church building campaign, \$2,500 to the bus fund and a 15 volume set of Childcraft Encyclopedia to the church library. Other items donated were new cribs for the nursery, tables and chairs for the classrooms and installation of cabinets in 6 rooms.

May 21 was designated "Miracle Sunday" when each member was asked to make a sacrificial gift to the building campaign. Initial gifts came to more than \$100,000 including cash, stocks and property deeds. Construction had finally started in April.

In June we welcomed Noreen Virgona as our Nursery Coordinator and Linda Sartain as our new church secretary. Two new groups were formed in June, a Men's Prayer/Study Group and a Women's Caring/Sharing Group.

The youth groups hosted a Sunday morning pancake breakfast on July 16. There was no charge for breakfast, but generous donations were hoped for and gratefully accepted. The youth were leaving for North Carolina after breakfast and donations would help with their expenses.

By mid-July the entire floor slab in the sanctuary had been poured, outside concrete block walls were in place, bricking on the exterior walls had begun and partitions were up to divide offices in the administrative wing. On Sunday, August 13, we held a portion of our worship service in the new sanctuary area. We wrote favorite scripture verses on interior walls, sub-flooring, posts and any exposed area as instructed long ago in Deuteronomy 11:20. These would be covered with dry wall, brick or flooring and preserved on this "holy ground" for posterity until the building no longer exists. Whenever we enter this sanctuary, we are truly "standing on holy ground" and we are surrounded by the word of God.

Camp High Hopes IV was held in August with 35 campers and 50 volunteers. The Alabama Dance Foundation surprised and delighted everyone with a performance of "Hansel and Gretel".