

# First Christian Visitor

*“Where the Grace of God Awaits You.”*

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## **VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE**

***A little history and much gratitude!*** Join your fellow Americans and community on 11 November to honor those who have given so much for our free and great country. The service will begin at 7:00PM with the sounds of reveille and will close with taps at 7:30 PM.

For those that care about history, Veterans Day was, in the beginning, Armistice Day. It was the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.

- President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day in 1918.
- An Act(52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938 made every 11<sup>th</sup> of Nov. a legal holiday, a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace. (**can you imagine, back in the 50's, all stores closed their doors on this day**)
- Alfred King, a shoe store owner from Emporia, Kansas, was actively involved with a group called “American War Dads of World War II”. In 1953, he initiated a grass roots movement to make Armistice Day a day to honor all veterans. President Eisenhower signed an act in May of that year that did just that.
- On June 1, 1954 Congress signed an act that officially renamed Armistice Day as Veterans Day in honor of all United States veterans. It has been known as such ever since.

So, please join in a 30 minute service to Reflect, Rejoice and Remember those who have served this blessed country that each of us are privileged to call, “My Country.”

## **FIFTH SUNDAY POT LUCK**

**Sunday, October 31**

On Sunday, October 31, we will gather in the Family Life Center after worship for our Fifth Sunday Pot Luck. Bring your favorite dish that will feed your family and a few more. Membership Mission will provide drinks and dinnerware. The nursery will be open. This will be our last Pot Luck Lunch for the year, and we appreciate Mack Carpenter and his Fellowship Mission for all their hard work.

## **PASTOR CLASS**

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

## **Children’s Worship and Wonder - “Refresher Course/Abbreviated Training”**

**Who** – For all current story tellers and greeters and anyone interested in becoming a story teller or greeter.

**What** – Lunch; refresher training for current story tellers and greeters; training for those interested in joining this ministry as story tellers and greeters

**When** – November 7, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

**Where** – Lunch in the gym. Training in the Worship and Wonder Center in the library

**Why** – To make this awesome ministry even better!! To begin training additional volunteers! To introduce new ideas and concepts – new songs and signing, Jesus doll and diary, Biblical puppets

***If you would like to be a part of this important ministry – call Joye Taylor – 678-2370 to make a reservation.***

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

A wonderful ministry in the life of our church is the Prayer Chain. Whenever people of our church have a concern or joy, they call the church office. The church office will then notify Claradel Holcombe, and she will place the request on the Prayer Chain. Then 53 people in our church receive the prayer request through the telephone. If you would like to receive the prayer request through your telephone, please call the church office or Claradel Holcombe at 822-5645, or email her at [claradelcsh@aol.com](mailto:claradelcsh@aol.com).

## **A PRAYER TO PRAY**

Along with sharing your prayer request with the Prayer Chain, maybe the following prayer can be helpful for your personal prayer time.

Almighty God, please give me:

A few friends who understand me  
and remain my friends,

A work to do which has real value,  
without which the world would be poorer,

A mind unafraid to travel  
even though the trail not be blazed,

An understanding heart;  
a sense of humor;

Time for quiet, silent meditation,  
A feeling of the presence of God;

The patience to wait for the coming of these things,  
with the wisdom to recognize them when they  
come. *Amen*

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

### **MUSICAL PARTICIPANTS NEEDED**

Kids 5-years-old through youth. Everyone welcome. First rehearsal Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

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### **Life In Our Community**

#### **Sunday, October 31**

- 9:00 Sunday School  
9:45 -10:15 Fellowship Moments  
10:15 Worship Service  
10:30 Worship & Wonder  
11:15 Potluck Dinner  
5:00 Youth Groups Halloween Party

#### **Monday, November 1**

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study on Malachi  
10:00 Staff Meeting

#### **Tuesday, November 2**

- Election Day  
10:00 Women's Bible Study  
7:00 Elder Calls

#### **Wednesday, November 3**

- 5:30 Worship Mission  
6:30 Choir Practice  
7:30 Cantata Practice

#### **Thursday, November 4**

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

### **GRACE NOTES**

- † This past Sunday in worship we recognized Joye Taylor for her wonderful leadership in Worship & Wonder.  
† Our appreciation is expressed to Nickey Rudd, who made new wooden borders for trim around our baptistery. Also thank you to Jim Baxter, Bruce Moon, and Lloyd Smith, who helped install the trim.

### **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.

### **CHRISTIAN COMRADES SUNDAY LESSON**

**Sunday, October 31**

**“Christian Apologetics - Jehovah's Witnesses”**

**Personal Experience in Our Family**

**How Jehovah's Witness Beliefs Caused Dissention**

### **SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 63**  
**WORSHIP 142**

### **CHURCH HISTORY CONTINUED**

In September, 1989, the Monday Lunch Bunch invited TAN 4- and 5-year olds to join them for lunch. This was a delightful combination of wit and wisdom and a learning experience for both children and adults. Everyone enjoyed it so much, they decided to combine again in November. The September fellowship supper was a cook-out which honored all Sunday School teachers, past and present.

By early October we were able to walk comfortably through the sanctuary and administrative areas to check on construction progress since the concrete slab joining the two areas had been poured. It was exciting to watch our new facility nearing completion. February 4, 1990, was the tentative date set for Dedication and Homecoming Sunday. Worship, Fellowship and Membership Departments all began to make plans for this great occasion. The projected date for the final full worship service in the family life center was set for December 31.

Throughout the history of our church, this congregation has received gifts presented by friends or loved ones in memory or in honor of a family member or friend. The Memorials and Bequests Committee reported that gifts in excess of \$75,000 had already been given for our new facility.

Youth Sunday was observed the last week in October, and members of Chi Rho and CYF led both worship services. They presented a play, "A Demonstration of Love", and the new youth choir performed. The youth held a bake sale after church. They also sponsored a Halloween carnival for the younger children as a trick-or-treat alternative. About 20 folks boarded the church bus for an all-day Christmas shopping trip at the outlets in Boaz with a stop along the way for breakfast in Attalla.

An important ministry of the church, a prayer chain, was organized in October under the leadership of Peggy Daniels and others. This ministry has continued through the years and continues to serve the needs of our congregation today.

November was a busy month with Advent workshops, an autumn youth retreat at Hargis, Thanksgiving worship and dinner at the Retreat and a very important stewardship campaign. Lindsey Oden, our church treasurer for many years, issued a marvelous challenge when he stated, "To give the same as we gave last year is just not acceptable!" We needed to prayerfully consider our pledges if we hoped to see our dreams become a reality.

December was filled with the usual activities leading up to Christmas Day: Hanging of the Greens, Christmas pageant and dinner, special music by the choir, parent-child dedications and the two services on Christmas Eve.

We were saddened to learn of the death of former minister, Dr. J. Wayne Drash (1945-55), on December 31. Mrs. Eleanor Drash, his wife, died earlier in the month on December 1. Both services were held in Lexington, KY.