

First Christian Visitor

“Where the Grace of God Awaits You.”

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BEING WELL: Congregational Health, Vitality and YOU!

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

February 12-13-2010

Once again we are honored that this dynamic event will take place at our Church. We are blessed as well that our Mission Council has once again voted to pay our way for all of us to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear a fantastic preacher, a world renowned Bible scholar and participate in some outstanding workshops and be fed both spiritually and physically- FREE. Give yourself a gift and attend this regional event. You may even invite a friend or neighbor.

Friday Evening: February 12

Registration

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Worship: Preaching will be Dr. Bill Lee- Past Moderator of the Christian Church (DOC)
And Pastor of Louden Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia.

Saturday: February 13

Clergy Breakfast

7:30 a.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m.

Plenary Session with Dr. Toni Craven (Biblical Scholar)

9:00 a.m.

Break

9:30 a.m.

Workshop I

9:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m.

Workshop II

11:00 a.m.

Lunch (FCC Youth will prepare and serve)

Noon

Workshop III

12:45 p.m.

Closing Worship

1:50 p.m.

WORKSHOPS: (Your choice of three workshops)

Carla Turner, RN

“Being Heart Well”

Rev. Warren Lynn

“Crafting a Transformative Life of Spiritual Practices”

Dr. Toni Craven

“Reflections on Shalom and Sabbath in the Hebrew Bible”

Peggy Pearson

“Praise Away the Pounds”

Rev. John Mobley

“Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct”

Fannie Ashley

“Momentum for Life”

Tommy Morgan &

“True Community and Reconciliation”

Connie Nealey

Matt Rosine

“I Lift My Eyes to the Hills: Help for Churches that are Stuck,
Sinking, or Sapped”

* Nursery care will be provided both Friday and Saturday.

** Also, we need volunteers to make their favorite, low calorie dessert for our noon meal on Saturday, February 13th. All District II churches are being asked to provide desserts for this meal.

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Life In Our Community This Week

Sunday, February 7

9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship Service
10:15 Worship & Wonder
11:00 Rebekah at Lucille Leaman's

Monday, February 8

7:00 Men's Bible Study
10:00 Staff Meeting
6:30 Elder Gathering

Tuesday, February 9

9:45 Chapel
7:00 Finance Council

Wednesday, February 10

9:45 Chapel
5:30 Shack Study
6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 12

7:30 Regional Worship with Bill Lee

Saturday, February 13

9:00-2:00 Regional Event "Being Well"

GRACE NOTES

† Congratulations to Gary and Annie Franklin on the engagement of their son, Jeremy to Melissa Andrews. The wedding will be some time this summer.

CARING & SHARING

Caring & Sharing, a women's fellowship, will gather on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd at 6:30 pm at the home of Marian Moon. All women are welcomed. Please call Marian at 991-7759 for directions to her house. Caring & Sharing provides a monthly opportunity for fun, fellowship, food, and friendship with our Sisters in Christ. Join us and be blessed!

PLEDGE REPORT

We have received 80 pledges that represent \$337,140.00 toward our budget for 2010. If you have not made your pledge, please return your pledge card soon. We all need to share in our part of supporting the Lord's work at First Christian.

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2009 Contribution Statements will be in the narthex this Sunday, Jan. 31. Please take a moment to stop by and pick yours up.

CHRISTIAN COMRADES SUNDAY LESSON

Sunday, February 7th

"Declared by Peter"

Matthew 16: 13-27

SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL 70
WORSHIP 177

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW NURSERY COORDINATORS

Beginning Sunday, February 7, 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 both will be in church on February 7th so we can introduce them properly.

SOUPER SUNDAY Sunday, February 7th

The Kool Kids will be sponsoring a "Souper Sunday" food drive to benefit local food banks. So on Sunday, February 7th, bring your cans of soup, crackers and other non-perishable food items and put them in their baskets as they pass them around in the narthex, before and after the church service.

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 out 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 Feb. 24. More information will be in the next issue of the Visitor.

Upcoming Dates to Place on your Calendars:

February 12-13: Being Well: Congregational Health, Vitality and You.

February 17: Ash Wednesday worship service

February 24: Lenten Meal and worship

March 3,10,17,24,31: Lenten Meals and worship

March 28: Palm Sunday Cantata

April 4 : Easter Sunrise- Hargis

April 4: Easter Sunday

April 23-25: Regional Assembly in Decatur, Al.

April 25: Youth Sunday

May 2: This Is Your Life- Honoring graduating Senior/luncheon

June 7-12 (morning program) Summer Camp for Children:

Titled: **“Fun, Food**

and Fitness”: Deb Carpenter, Director