

# First Christian Visitor

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

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## SPECIAL WORSHIP IN MAY

We have many special worship services planned by our Worship Mission for May. They are as follows:

*Sunday, May 9* – Mother’s Day with the newest mother and the oldest mother being recognized.

*Sunday, May 23* – Pentecost – The birthday of the church. After the service, doves will be released in the parking lot symbolizing the coming of the Holy Spirit. Potluck after worship.

*Sunday, May 30* – Memorial Sunday. Lighting candles for our members, friends, and those who have died serving in the military.

## WORSHIP SURVEY

In an attempt to have a more meaningful Sunday School and Worship Service for everyone, the Worship and Education Missions are considering a change in the worship time as follows:

*Sunday School:* 9:00 am–9:45 am, as is currently.

*Worship Service:* to begin at 10:15 am rather than 10:00 am.

*This change will:*

- Allow choir members, teachers, and others serving in worship to remain in classes with no class disruption.
- Allow choir members to have more time to prepare for worship.
- Allow ministers to take part in Sunday school classes.
- Allow members to gather, visit, and prepare for worship without being rushed.

Ballots for the survey to make the worship change will be in the church bulletins this Sunday. Ballots will also be available in the church office.

## FOOD, FUN AND FITNESS CAMP

“Your Bodies Are Temples of The Holy Spirit...

Therefore Honor God with Your Bodies”

(1 Corinthians 6: 19-20)

For children who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

When: June 7-11, 2010

Time: 9:00 am -Noon

Registration Cost: \$40.00 or \$20 .00 for church members - deadline June 1<sup>st</sup>

Register on line at [www.fcc-bhm.org](http://www.fcc-bhm.org) or call the church office at 991-5000.

## CHRISTIAN COMRADES SUNDAY LESSON

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

“Christian Apologetics Islam”

Noah to Abram

Next Sunday, May 9, we will honor our mothers. In worship we will recognize all mothers along with the newest mother and the oldest mother. Bring your family and friends as we celebrate this wonderful family day on Mothers Day.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to say a special thank you to all those who have given their time as sponsors of our youth groups. They are: Donnette Mee, Mary Pat Spencer, Deb Carpenter, Pat Deaton, Julia Williamson, and Virginia Nall. Thanks also to Wanda Swihart who was our Snack Supper coordinator and to Jan Watts for music. And to all of those who prepared a meal.

*God Bless you, Mary Pat*

## GRADUATING?

Spring is not far away, which means many of those who are seniors will either be graduating from high school, college, grad school or special programs. Please let us know of those seniors graduating, as we would like to share our congratulations in the next few Visitors. Please call the church office, drop us a note or email us at [cece@fcc-bhm.org](mailto:cece@fcc-bhm.org) and let us know the name of the graduate, the school and degree achieved, so we can get them all in an upcoming Visitor.

## Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) SUMMER CAMPS 2010

**Discovery Camp June 5-7, 2010**

*For those completing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades*

**Junior Camp June 7-11, 2010**

*For those completing 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades*

**CYF Camp June 7-11, 2010, Giltner Hall**

*For those completing the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> Grades*

**Chi Rho Camp June 7-11, 2010, Giltner Hall**

*For those completing 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades*

*All traditional camps are held at YMCA Hargis*

**Fine Arts Camp June 20-25, 2010**

*For those completing 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grades*

Phyllis Kirk, Director

*Fine Arts Camp held at Noah’s Ark Christian*

*Retreat Center in Panama City, Florida*

**Applications will be available on the website**

FCC will pay ½ the camp fee for any of our youths that wish to attend. Scholarships are also available. See Mary Pat for more information.

## SUNDAY’S ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	70
WORSHIP	139

## MOTHERS DAY

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### **Life In Our Community This Week**

#### **Sunday, May 9**

MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 Sunday School  
10:00 Worship Service-Mother's Day

#### **Monday, May 10**

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

#### **Tuesday, May 11**

9:45 TAN Adventure Walk  
10:00 Women's Bible Study  
7:00 Finance Council

#### **Wednesday, May 12**

9:45 Chapel  
6:30 Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, May 13**

7:00 Men's Bible Study

### **GRACE NOTES**

- † Please pray for Donnette Mee's mother, Colette Greene, who has been hospitalized in Louisiana for kidney failure.
- † Please pray for Pat Deaton, who has pneumonia.
- † Please pray for Gail Burton as she continues to undergo treatments.
- † Please pray for Beth Erwin, who is in St. Vincent's hospital with a kidney stone.
- † We had 13 people from First Christian Church attend the Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Ala/NW Florida in Decatur.
- † We had 17 Young-at-Hearts enjoy a fantastic day together at Cecil's for lunch in Alexander City and afterwards a tour of Horse Shoe Bend National Military Park. All our seniors in the church are encouraged to celebrate life with the Young at Hearts.
- † Please continue to wear your nametag in worship. We are doing a good job of becoming close as a church family and allowing our visitors to know our names.
- † The Adventure Nook Preschool would like to thank Steve Pasky, Mary Pat and Edd for helping out with our Art & Music Show. It was a great success!

### **HARGIS WORK DAY**

Come out and join us on Saturday, May 8 at 8:00 am. We will work on the grounds at Day Camp and Rock Climbing Wall. Bring some gloves and a yard tool. Call Libby Carpenter, Edd Spencer or Jim Langley for more information.

### **CHURCH HISTORY CONTINUED**

The Board accepted the recommendation of the Pulpit Committee that Mr. Charles Wyatt be called as Associate Minister, to begin work October 15, 1975. Charles was scheduled to graduate from Chandler School of Theology at Emory, having completed undergraduate work at the University of Georgia. His wife Martha was a speech therapist. Charles accepted our call and looked forward to ministry at our church. Chuck and Martha were honored with a reception in November. Also in November, Houston and Mary Bowers and their children welcomed the arrival of a baby girl, Rachel Elizabeth.

In December our church took on the sponsorship of a young Vietnamese adult when her original sponsor could no longer maintain the relationship. At that time, she was working in the Red Cross blood bank. In January, 1976, a young Vietnamese man began working at the church as custodian.

Barnes Johnson, son of Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Johnson, began teaching a Sunday School class in Vietnamese. Barnes had been to Vietnam several times and spoke the language fluently. The class began with 7 members. The 50-voice A Capella Choir of Texas Christian University presented a concert at our church in January as part of a 5 state tour.

In the 12 years since the beginning of Hargis Christian Retreat many trees and shrubs have been planted in memory or in honor of a loved one. In March, an Arbor Day celebration was held to recognize the living link of people honored along with their families. Dr. Giltner led a dedication service in the chapel followed by a tea in the lodge. The trees were tagged and numbered to help with identification.

In April a reception was held to honor Mrs. Bobbie Lucas as she ended her 29 year ministry as our church hostess. What a service she had rendered by providing so many wonderful meals. Smitty Lucas and his family joined Bobbie and Bill for this special occasion. In June the CWF asked all of the congregation to pause at 9:00 every morning to lift up the needs of the church to God in prayer in the belief that God would hear our prayers and would supply our needs.

The summer of 1976 was a time of concern because of a deteriorating relationship between the church and the Retreat. Dr. Giltner had suffered a stroke and was in the hospital more than 2 months, and Mrs. Giltner tried to carry on his administrative work as well as her work as hostess. The official board considered retirement for the Giltners, but in keeping with the wishes of the majority of the congregation, instead appointed an assistant for Mrs. Giltner.

On July 4, 1976, our nation celebrated the Bicentennial and our church celebrated a new kind of freedom as a woman elder, Mrs. Elma Conwell, served at the Lord's Table for the first time.

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