

# First Christian Visitor

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

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## SABBITICAL INFORMATION

- Mary Pat will begin her three-month sabbatical on Monday, May 3 and return on Wednesday, August 4.
- Her last Sunday in worship is Sunday, May 2. Please come and wish her the best as she begins a time of renewal and refreshment.
- In her absence Edd, Jan and the Elders will lead the church.
- The Elders will serve as Worship leaders. The following is a list of Elders that will lead worship:

May 9	Steve Pasky
May 16	Beverly Baxter
May 23	Jim Baxter
May 30	Ann Langley
June 6	Charles Daniels
June 13	Jill Pasky
June 20	Libby Carpenter
June 27	Sheila Coupland
July 4	Bob Coupland
July 11	Ross Lange
July 18	Bud Flora
July 25	Jim Baxter
August 1	Jim Langley
- Edd will be preaching every Sunday except May 30 and July 25. Jan will preach on Sunday, May 30 and John Mobley on Sunday, July 25.
- And finally, Edd will be available for breakfast, lunch and supper during Mary Pat's sabbatical.

## YOU ARE PERFECT

....in many ways, but especially perfect to help at the Celebrate Hoover Day on May 2! Volunteers are still needed to man our booth from 1:30 -3:30 or 3:30 – 5:30 that afternoon. The event is just down Valleydale at beautiful Veterans Park, it's almost too convenient! Come share the spirit of joy and love our church has in such abundance. There will be printed materials to pass out. We just need your hands and friendly smile. Call Edd or Clarissa at 969-2261 with your preference. This is something wonderful (and easy) you can do!

## THIS IS YOUR LIFE

This Sunday, May 2, we will recognize our high school graduates with our annual "This Is Your Life" program. Our high school graduates are: Jacob Beatty, Andrew Burdette, and Emma Harms. Our seniors will be honored at a luncheon after church in the Family Life Center. Please come and support our graduating seniors.

## 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 for the next two Sundays. Ballots will also be available in the church office.

## NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

For several months, approximately 15 men have been meeting at 7am each Monday morning for Bible study. This has been a time of growth in knowledge & faith. These men, who have adopted the name of The James' Gang, want to give their working brothers the same opportunity. Starting on Thursday, May 6, at 7pm, a new study on the Gospel of John will begin in the Fireside Room. Apostle John stated in chapter 20:31 "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name". This one-hour study will be conducted each week with Pastor Edd as the leader & assisted by some members of The James' Gang. All men of the church & their friends are invited. *Charles Daniels*

## Young Adult – Busy Believers Class “Resurrected”

We are resurrecting the Busy Believers Sunday School Class beginning next Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The class will meet in the Gandy room beginning at 9:00 a.m. Susan Hales and I will be leading the class, but believe me, the class will be more discussion than instruction. That's where we need your help. You would be surprised how much your experiences can help and inspire others going through similar trials. Come join us as we discuss events that affect us all and learn how the Word of God and the testimonies of others can help us all overcome. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Scott Jackson & Susan Hales*

## SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	61
WORSHIP	120

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### Life In Our Community This Week

#### Sunday, May 2

- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship Service
- 11:00 This Is Your Life Luncheon
- 1:30 Hoover Day
- 5:00 Children go bowling

#### Monday, May 3

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 Staff Meeting
- 6:30 Men's Fellowship

#### Tuesday, May 4

- 9:45 TAN Adventure Walk
- 10:00 Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 Elder Calls

#### Wednesday, May 5

- 9:45 Chapel
- 6:30 Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, May 6

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study on John

### GRACE NOTES

- † I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and concern during my surgery and recovery. It means so much to have a loving church family. *Julia Williamson*
- † Scott Long rededicated his life to the Lord in morning worship, Sunday, April 25.
- † A special thank you to our Chi Rho and CYF for an outstanding Youth Sunday worship. Thank you for sharing the greatest story ever told without saying a word.
- † Congratulations to Carole and Nickey Rudd on the birth of their granddaughter, Margaret Tallulah Rudd, born April 22. Margaret weighed in at 6 lbs., 2 oz.
- † Please pray for Donnette Mee's mother, Colette Greene, who has been hospitalized in Louisiana for kidney failure.
- † Wendy Crane Johnson, daughter of the late Rev. Larry Crane, former minister of FCC died on April 20 of Melanoma Cancer in St. Petersburg, FL. Cards may be sent to Sarah Crane Fletcher at 830 N. Shore Dr. NE. Apt 7C. St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

### HARGIS WORK DAY

Come out and join us on Friday, May 7 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.

### THE PRESENCE OF GOD

On Easter Sunday, we heard pastor Edd recognizing Dr. John Hard, an angel in our church. As a relatively new member of First Christian, I believe there are most probably others that may qualify. My testimony is about one in particular who came to my rescue recently in our church parking lot. I had attended our Tuesday morning Bible study led by Judy Dudley, and I happened to be leaving at the same time she was. Well, my car kind of sounded and drove funny, so I stopped to see what was wrong, thinking I might have a flat tire. Judy pulled up beside me and said, "Your radiator shield has fallen off," and went to the trunk of her auto to get a tool box and wrench. She then got under the car and proceeded to work very hard attempting to release the bolt that was still attached. I was under the other side kind of holding the part up and not really knowing what she was doing. What a sight we must have been, two senior citizen women doing mechanics work. I could not believe the whole scenario! God certainly graced me to have had this angel beside me. Edd must have noticed this strange sight and came out to see what was going on, and wasn't surprised to witness this angel's competence. I did finally drive off to the Goodyear repair shop and later learned about numerous other parts needed to get "the Old Gray Mare" drivable once again. I also think there are quite a number of ladies at our church who could classify in this category. What comes to mind is so many women's names that begin with the letter "J". Jan, Jane, Janet, Janice, Jenny, Judy, and Julie. It brings to mind the song, "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place." Amen. *Dotsy Kennedy*

### CHRISTIAN COMRADES NEW STUDY

We begin our Christian Apologetics Curriculum starting with Islam on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The word "apologetics" never actually appears in the Bible, but there is a verse which contains its meaning: "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have". (1 Peter 3:15).

Where did the Arabs come from? Who is Mohammad? Are Allah & Yahweh the same God? What is Fatwa & Jihad? Are Muslims converting to Christianity? Come & join us at 9:00am each Sunday morning in the Farkas Room & find out.

Charles Daniels

### CHRISTIAN COMRADES SUNDAY LESSON

Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
"A Faithful Community"  
Colossians 1:1-14