

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THE EPISTLE

We have had a great centennial year so far. On July 15, John Mobley, our Regional Minister, was with us to help celebrate the momentous occasion. We have all enjoyed looking at the papers and artifacts on display in the narthex from the cornerstone time capsule. Each story and picture reminds us of good memories and of God’s wonderful care down through the years. It is good to look back and to be grateful for the past 100 years. But we must also continue to look forward. Let’s use this centennial year to talk to God, to talk to each other, and to focus on what God is calling us to be and do in the next hundred years. As I have said many times, our best years are still ahead of us. On another note, I want to thank you for making it possible for Jeanne, Michael and me to attend the General Assembly in Fort Worth. That was one of the most renewing experiences I have ever been a part of. Some people think that such gatherings are just a bunch of boring business meetings. That is not true. We spent most of our time in study, in prayer and in worship. The music especially was outstanding: a wonderful blend of contemporary, traditional, and everything in between. I was especially moved by Sharon Watkin’s address on the state of the church. Her words were both realistic and positive. Yes, the church has some problems. But did you also know that there are **over 500 new Disciples congregations**, planted all over America, just since the year 2000? Many of these new congregations are Hispanic, Oriental and African-American. Some of them minister especially to street people, like our own Grateful Life Community Church in Huntsville. We Disciples have much to celebrate. General Assembly was a powerful reminder to me that our church is still alive and well.

Scott



August 5 Ron Montgomery
 Kathy Mason
 *Alice Gibson
 *Robert Gibson
 Eileen McCoy
 Alison Tanner

August 12 Polly Bailey
 Wiley Hales
 *John Bennett
 *Kim Farish
 Brinley Hocutt
 Martha Hocutt

August 19 Randi Coleman
 Woodie Payne
 *Sandra Brennan
 *Buddy Mason
 Dona Sulzmann
 Kenny Sulzmann

August 26 Helen Gibson
 Buddy Harris
 *Ed Carson
 *Brenda Montgomery
 Brenda Tanner
 Gary Tanner

Greeter: Anita Smelley
 Liturgist: Woodie Payne

*communion preparation

If you are unable to serve, please contact another member of the diaconate to serve in your place.



Craft days are the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. If you would like to join this fun project (men included), please come.

Remember those jams, jellies, and pickles for the bake sale. Also be thinking about what you want to bake for the Craft Fair & Bake Sale on **NOVEMBER 10TH**. Put this date on your calendar now!

We also need Christmas trinkets for decorations on jars, packages, etc., quart glass jars, beads, lace, Christmas cloth, and decorative ribbon for our craft projects.

M & M



Hope Circle will meet August 6th at 9:30 am.

Serendipity Circle will meet August 13th at Newk's at 5:30 pm.

Circle I will meet August 14th at Bottomfeeders (on Hackberry at Parkview) at 11:15 am.

Adalee Winter
 Jurline Smith
 K.C. Jones
 Leon Sapp
 (Martha Smalley's brother)



Christian Men's Fellowship will meet for breakfast on August 12th at 8:00 am.



A teacher is needed for the Youth Sunday School class. If you are interested in serving in this ministry of our church, please contact Jeanne Thayer.

The Chi Rho/CYF Back-to-School Lock-In will be August 17-18, from 7:00 pm Friday to 2:00 pm on Saturday at 1st - Birmingham. The \$20.00 registration fee is payable at the lock-in, which starts at 7:00 p.m. on the 17th and ends at 2:00 p.m. on the 18th at First Christian - Birmingham. Registration forms are available in the church office.

For those of you who have not yet heard, Bethany Christian Church in Arapahoe, NC (Gary Edge's current pastorate) burned down while he and Stephanie were in Tuscaloosa for a family wedding (in July). Please keep this congregation and Gary in your prayers.

In keeping with that thought, Gary has asked that his visit for the Centennial Celebration be rescheduled for **September 2nd**.



It's football time again!! The first game will be September 1st (time TBA). We need desserts, desserts, and more desserts! Please come and join us between 8:00 and whenever (?) to help wait on customers/friends. We have a great time!

Turning Point Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services needs school supplies for the upcoming school year. A basket will be in the narthex during the month of August for anyone who would like to contribute. Supply lists are also available in the narthex.



September 2nd Gary Edge
 October 6th Paul Crow
 October 28th Jerry Lang



There will be a covered dish dinner following the worship service each Sunday we have a guest minister.

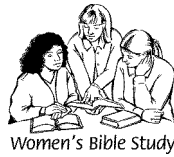
Charles Brennan, former organist here, will present a concert Sunday, September 23rd at 3:00 pm. A reception will follow.



Centennial medallions are on display in the narthex. The cost is \$25.



Katie Wallace-Davis is organizing a study class called "Sisters Bible Study for Women." The study runs for 6 weeks, 60 to 90 minutes each week, beginning in September. Contact Katie (or the church office) if you would be interested in participating.



Each Monday morning at 7:00 am, men's prayer group is held at the church.



If you are willing to serve as liturgist, please contact Sandra Brennan.



The East Tuscaloosa Community Soup Bowl is still selling Boston butts for their annual fundraiser from through August 15th. The butts should be picked up on August 25th between 10 am and 2 pm at Hargrove Memorial United Methodist Church. The Modern Woodmen of America have selected this project for their "matching funds" program. With each \$10 profit the Soup Bowl receives, they will match it up to \$2500!! The butts (cooked by Robertson's BBQ in Ralph) will sell for \$25. Robertson's will donate a percentage back to the Soup Bowl. Tickets may be purchased from Polly Bailey (553-2535).

The CWF also agreed to participate in a rotation at the Alberta Methodist Church (for the soup kitchen) to prepare and serve hot lunches on the 4th Wednesday of even months, beginning August 22nd. If you can help with desserts and preparation, or help serve meals between 10 am and 2 pm, contact Polly Bailey.



The Christian Women's

Fellowship is collecting recipes for a cookbook to hopefully be printed in time to sell at the Craft Fair/Bake Sale in November. Send the recipes you want included in this cookbook (type or print neatly) or by e-mail to tuscfcc@bellsouth.net. No anonymous recipes!

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	2 <i>Dot Elder</i>	3	4
5 <i>Katie Wallace-Davis</i>	6 7:00 Men's Prayer 9:30 Hope Circle @ Church 12:00 Lectionary Group	7	8 10:00 Campus Ministry 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	9 <i>Loyl Collins Stephen Gibson</i>	10 <i>Chris Coleman Tim Coleman</i>	11
12 8:00 CMF Breakfast 6:00 Board Meeting	13 6:30 Men's Prayer 12:00 Lectionary Group 5:30 Serendipity @ Newk's <i>Andrea/Mike Minear</i>	14 11:15 Circle I @ Bottomfeeders	15 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	16	17 7:00 ChiRho/CYF Lock-In @ <i>Polly/David Bailey</i>	18
19 <i>Victoria Gibson Evelyn Harman</i>	20 6:30 Men's Prayer 12:00 Lectionary Group	21	22 6:00 Elder's Meeting 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir <i>Meg Lawson</i>	23	24	25
26	27 6:30 Men's Prayer 12:00 Lectionary Group	28	29 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir <i>Betty Welch</i>	30 <i>Ashley/Brian Gibson</i>	31	Western Carolina  GAME DAY!