

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THE EPISTLE

Now that fall University classes have begun, our Disciples Student Fellowship is swinging into action too. We had a great DSF kick-off last Sunday with our “Sundae Sunday,” when we welcomed back all of our returning students and met some new student friends as well. The DSF has some new “adult” leadership this season. Rob Davis and Penny Ford will be helping Andrea Minear as they help our students plan their activities and service projects. We have an outstanding group of college students this year, and I urge everyone in the congregation to get to know them well. One way to do that is to sign up to be an “adoptive parent” for a college youth. Jeanne I have had a lot of enjoyment getting to know our “adopted daughter,” last year, and Michael loved having a big sis who knows everything there is to know about model rockets! The idea behind the “adoption” program is to extend our hospitality to college students deeper than just greeting them at church. Everyone benefits from such an act of welcome, and I urge you to get involved. And if you do sign up, please spend some quality time with your student by having an occasional meal, remembering birthdays, and doing whatever else sounds fun together. Such acts of kindness really help students feel at home, many of whom are living far from their own families.

On another note, please be aware that our church has a new web site. If you have access to the internet, check it out. It has been professionally designed by Steven Moseley (brother of Kim Farish). Now that we have launched this fine web site, we want to listen to you so that we can make it even better. If you have suggestions for improvements, please let Kim or me know.

Scott



- September 2 Kathy Mason
 Polly Bailey
 *Cindy Harris
 Brinley Hocutt
 Martha Hocutt
 *Brandi Tanner
- September 9 Wiley Hales
 Muir Steward
 Chris Coleman
 *Joe Duncan
 *Andrea Minear
 Martha Smalley
- September 16 Randi Coleman
 Helen Gibson
 Alice Gibson
 Robert Gibson
 *Eileen McCoy
 *Alison Tanner
- September 23 Buddy Harris
 Ron Montgomery
 John Bennett
 Kim Farish
 *Dona Sulzmann
 *Kenny Sulzmann
- September 30 Muir Steward
 Woodie Payne
 *Sandra Brennan
 *Buddy Mason
 Dona Sulzmann
 Kenny Sulzmann

Greeter: Buddy Farish
Liturgist: Katie Wallace-Davis

*communion preparation

A reminder that craft work days are the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month at 9:30. If you would like to join in this fun project (men included), please come.

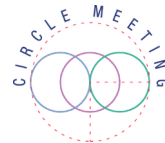


Arts & Crafts Show

Remember jams, jellies, and pickles for the bake sale as you are canning in

*the fall. The Craft Fair & Bake Sale on **NOVEMBER 10TH** - be thinking about what you want to bake. **Put this date on your calendar now!***

M & M



Hope Circle will meet September 10th at 9:30 am.

Serendipity Circle will meet September 10th, 5:30 pm at the church.

Circle I will meet September 11th at 9:30 am.

The General CWF meeting will be September 17th at 6:00 pm. Serendipity is hosting.



Christian Men's Fellowship will meet for breakfast on September 9th at 8:00 am.

It's football time again!! The first ballgame is September 1st at 6:00 pm. We are serving sausage biscuits for breakfast and hotdogs and Polish dogs for lunch (and supper). We need volunteers - if you can help any time during the day, please contact Billie Brennan. We need desserts, desserts, and more desserts! Come join us between 8:00 and whenever (?) to help wait on customers/friends. We have a great time!



Thanks for your generous donations of school supplies for Turning Point-Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Services. We had a car load of supplies to deliver to them!

We have 3 students in the Hornback House this fall. Justin Stiles and Tara Blevins (Hueytown) and Meg Lawson will be part of our family this year.

Sundae Sunday was a great success. Children and older folks alike enjoyed ice cream, cake and other sweet stuff. Thanks to those of you who suggested this activity and made it all possible. Great things happen at Board Meetings!



If you would be willing to serve as liturgist during the year, contact Sandra Brennan.



Each Monday morning at 6:30 am, men's prayer group is held at the church.



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 30th at 3:00 pm. A reception will follow.



Centennial medallions are still for sale in the narthex. If you don't have one yet, we will be selling them through the rest of the year. They would make great Christmas gifts. The cost is \$25.



Katie Wallace-Davis is having an organization meeting for the bible study, "Sisters Bible Study for Women" on Sunday, September 9th at 2:00 at her home. The study runs for 6 weeks, 60 to 90 minutes each week. Contact Katie (or the church office) if you are interested. Books are available in the office for \$8.00.



The Christian Women's Fellowship has 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, the next being September 26th. If you can help with desserts, preparation, or help serve meals between 10 am and 2 pm, contact Polly Bailey.



We've had requests to continue our Adopt-a-Student/Family program this year. If you are a family wishing to adopt or a college student wishing to be adopted, please fill out a form located in the narthex.

Let's make a special effort to get to know our visiting students. They are a big part of our church. This group of young people have been leading our youth groups, participating in lock-ins and camps, singing in the choir, attending Sunday School, helping out with game day parking and sandwich sales; they do it all!



We have placed our nametags in the narthex because of a student request to get to know us, so let's get to know them as well. This Sunday at the covered dish dinner, let's make a special effort to learn something new about someone that we don't know very well.

We plan to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Disciple Student Fellowship this year by inviting past members for a get-together. This is planned for October 7th (Alabama Homecoming weekend). If you have contact with former DSF members, please let them know or give the address, e-mail, or phone number to the church secretary.

If you know any college students who might like to join our group, please get us their name, number and e-mail address and we'll send them a special invitation.



Evelyn Harman and Clarice McCall – their brother, Clark Vaughn, passed away Sunday, Aug. 26th.

September

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
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| | | | | | | 1  6:00 Western Carolina |
| 2 Suzanna Gibson | 3  Gabriel DeJesus | 4 Dona Sulzmann | 5 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Brian Gibson | 6 Bailey Farish Buddy Harris Coleman/Beverly Berryhill | 7 Carol Lipscomb | 8 11:30 @ Vanderbilt |
| 9 8:00 CMF Breakfast 6:00 Board Meeting Scott Thayer | 10 6:30 Men's Prayer 9:30 Crafts 9:30 Hope Circle 6:00 Serendipity | 11 10:00 Circle I Andrea Minear | 12 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir | 13 9:00 Regional Secretaries - 1 st Bham Michael Gibson Shaun Sparks | 14 | 15  5:45 Arkansas |
| 16 Louise Scott | 17 6:30 Men's Prayer | 18 Mike Minear | 19 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir | 20 Jackson Hall | 21 Caver Sigler | 22  2:30 Georgia Robert Gibson Naida/Ray Saunders |
| 23 | 24 6:30 Men's Prayer 9:30 Crafts | 25 | 26 6:00 Elder's Meeting 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir | 27 | 28 | 29 @ Florida State |
| 30 | | | | | | |