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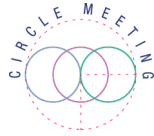
THE EPISTLE

As many of you know, I am a member of an ecumenical peer learning group of ministers in the Tuscaloosa area. The group’s goal is to improve our preaching skills and our skills in worship leadership. My association with that group has been rich and fulfilling over the past 2 ½ years. As a congregation, you have been generous in giving me the opportunity to participate. Last week we went to Washington, D.C. for a conference called “Words, Music and Spirit,” led by Don and Emily Saliers. We met at the Washington National Cathedral at the College of Preachers. This was a time of learning for me, but the richness of the week far exceeded the things I learned. The relationships forged between the 30 attendees was deeply renewing for me. I networked with people from all over the nation. I met an associate minister from a thriving Disciples church in Olathe, Kansas. Only 16 years old, this congregation is vibrant and purposeful. I met another minister from a United Methodist church in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This congregation is a glowing witness for Christ on the campus of Harvard University. There were ministers and lay persons at the conference who were from churches of 40 persons and others from congregations of thousands. I even reconnected with an Episcopal priest from Decatur, Georgia who had been one of my Greek students over 20 years ago. Each participant had an exciting story to tell about what life in Christ means. It was a joy to hear those stories, and to share my own. Thanks for giving me that privilege.

Scott



- November 4 *Woodie Payne*
 Polly Bailey
 ***John Bennett**
 ***Kim Farish**
 Buddy Mason
 Andrea Minear
- November 11 *Buddy Harris*
 Kathy Mason
 Sandra Brennan
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 ***Dona Sulzmann**
 ***Kenny Sulzmann**
- November 18 *Muir Steward*
 Wiley Hales
 ***Ed Carson**
 ***Brenda Montgomery**
 Brenda Tanner
 Gary Tanner
- November 22 *Helen Gibson*
 Ron Montgomery
- November 25 *Randi Coleman*
 Woodie Payne
 ***Cindy Harris**
 Brinley Hocutt
 Martha Hocutt
 ***Brandi Tanner**
- Greeter:** *Ed Carson*
Liturgist: *Kate Matheny*
- *communion preparation



Hope Circle will meet **November 5th** at 9:30 am.

Serendipity Circle will meet **November 5th** at 6:00 pm at the church.

Circle I will meet **November 13th** at 10:00 am.

Not too long until the FAIR!!!
Craft work days are now EVERY Monday at 9:30 until the fair on November 10th.



We still need supplies.
Mary Alice Guthrie will be calling you to ask for your help with baked goods. Put this date on your calendar now! We need help from all the ladies of the church.
M & M



Christian Men's Fellowship will meet for breakfast on November 11th at 8:00 am.

Home games for November:
November 3rd - LSU (BIG game)



November 17th (LA-Monroe)
Last 2 games! Keep those desserts coming! Join us for a great time in this ministry!

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



The "Sisters Bible Study for Women" was a great success! The ladies had a wonderful time getting to know each other. If there is interest in having this study again for others, contact Katie Wallace-Davis. There is also talk of a second bible study - more information forthcoming.

The cookbook is being tabled for now due to lack of response. Please continue to send recipes to Dona or Sandra. We hope to have it completed by next football season.



Jan Watts November 18th
 We have had a great year celebrating our Centennial, concerts, visiting with old friends, sharing stories, etc. Thanks to the committee for planning, the musicians, the ministers, and all who helped this move along smoothly.

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



Chris and Clay Hocutt's new address is:
612 Garfield
Apt #712
Kansas City, MO 64124

The Christian Children's Fellowship (CCF) 2007 ornaments will be based on Chrismons. Every one attending church in December will receive an ornament each Sunday before Christmas.



(repeated from October)

Our **Thanksgiving Devotion & Breakfast** is early Thanksgiving morning and if you haven't joined us for one, you are missing something great! Everyone brings breakfast food and we worship, fellowship and FEAST! Don't worry-- you'll be home in time to enjoy turkey & football! It's always fun for the family or group that chooses to host this event (setting up, making coffee, having milk & juice, even decorating if you feel like it!).

"Hanging of the Greens" is the service we decorate the church for Christmas. The actual "decorating" takes place Sunday morning during the worship service, but there is much preparation to be done, usually on Saturday.

The **Christmas Eve** service is the most beautiful as well as most meaningful. The sanctuary is decorated (the evening before), special music and readings are chosen-- what an exceptional way to celebrate Christ's birth with your family and friends.

If you, your family or group are interested in assisting with any of these events, contact me or Dona in the office.

*See you in church!
Sandra Brennan, Worship*

As CWF President, I am so excited about the Crafts Fair! Last year's fair was such fun and I don't know about you, but I felt so good when we presented Wiley with the check for the Centennial Fund! Money from this fair will be used to refurbish the church parlor. Funds will be generated from booth rentals as well as the sale of baked goods, items made by the "Crafters," breakfast & lunch, & raffle tickets. Even if you don't participate in the Fair, consider joining us for breakfast...and lunch. And you know you will need to purchase cookies or a cake for dessert. This is the perfect place to do your Christmas shopping, and while you're here, you may find that "certain something" you just can't live without!



Our annual CWF Christmas party is usually the first Monday in December. Everyone is invited, and we all

bring our favorite appetizers and party snacks. We ALWAYS have fun!! If you are interested in hosting this event at your home this year, please contact me ASAP-- we need a place to celebrate! Thank you! Sandra



...Jaime Robbins is teaching at Alma Bryant High School in Bayou la Batre.

...Allison Barger won a medal for cross-country at Tuscaloosa Middle School.

...Gabriel de Jesus is also a cross-country runner for Eastwood Middle School.

...Michael Thayer made A-B Honor Roll at Eastwood.

...Mike and Andrea Minear are grandparents again; Clint & Denise are the parents of Abby.

...Woodie Payne spent a week at the beach with her mother.

...Mark, Roberta, and Rachel Gibson (from Irvington) visited with Helen Gibson.

They were here for the dedication of Dayton Sparks and baby shower for Leigh Ann Walker.

...Mary Alice Guthrie visited her granddaughter in Enterprise.

...Susie & Dayton Sparks visited with Leigh Ann Walker; Cindy Harris flew to NC and accompanied Susie & Dayton home to Birmingham.

...Gary Edge will begin his ministry at Valley Christian on November 4th.

...the Pyrons visited with us Oct. 28th.

...Angela Kennedy successfully defended her PhD thesis; Ron & Brenda Montgomery went to Mobile to help celebrate; on Sunday Ron played the organ at Azalea Hills and Ron & Brenda sang a duet.

...Muir & Gordon Steward have been at Orange Beach.

...Martha Smalley's brother and sister-in-law have been visiting from Texas.

November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 <i>Faith/Ken Largin</i>
4	5 9:30 Hope Circle 9:30 Crafters 6:00 Serendipity <i>Kim Farish</i>	6	7	8 <i>Bea Acre</i>	9	10  Arts & Crafts Show 7:30 – 2:00
11 8:00 CMF Breakfast 6:00 Board Meeting <i>Jack Heifner</i>	12	13 10:00 Circle I	14	15 <i>Rita Heifner</i>	16 <i>Ken Largin</i>	17
18 Jan Watts (guest minister) <i>Martha Hocutt Low/Jack Brown</i>	19 <i>Cynthia/Joe Duncan Brenda/Ron Montgomery</i>	20	21 <i>Megan Smalley</i>	22  <i>Thanksgiving Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 am</i>	23	24 <i>Kathy/Buddy Mason</i>
25 <i>Dona/Kenny Sulzmann</i>	26	27	28 <i>Jaime Robbins</i>	29 <i>Martha/Sherrill Smalley</i>	30 <i>Virginia/Lamar McElroy</i>	