

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THE EPISTLE

I am beginning to learn some of the properties of kudzu. I recently read an article by a pastor named Chip Hale. He said that the plant was introduced in 1876, and it quickly caught on as an ornamental and forage plant. In the 1930s the Soil Conservation Service promoted kudzu for erosion control, and in the 1940s the Civilian Conservation Corp paid farmers \$8 an acre to plant the vines. Maybe you have noticed that the Southeast is apparently well suited for kudzu, and it is rather aggressive here.

Kudzu took over Pastor Hale’s grandfather’s yard and threatened his crop fields. His grandfather said, “Kudzu is the closest thing I know to sin. If you let it take root in your life, it will destroy everything it touches.”

Some times good things that come along can be like kudzu. At first they seem to be beneficial, but then they take over our lives. And like kudzu they choke the very life out of us.

Kudzu is hard to weed out of places where it has taken root. Sin is also hard to root out; but we can, through the grace of God.

Here’s a final comment of an unrelated subject. Are you getting excited about participating in New Beginnings? I am. I have no idea where God will lead us, but I am anticipating the discovery.

Blessings,
Pastor Hayes



September 5 *Robert Gibson*
 Muir Steward
 Allison Barger
 Sandra Brennan
 *Chris Coleman
 *Pat Coleman

September 12 *Buddy Harris*
 Polly Bailey
 *John Bennett
 Cynthia Duncan
 Joe Duncan
 *Kim Farish

September 19 *Wiley Hales*
 Dona Sulzmann
 *Alice Gibson
 *Brandi Hewett
 Brenda Tanner
 Gary Tanner

September 26 *Woodie Payne*
 Kathy Mason
 * Sylvia Colon
 *Jose DeJesus
 Brinley Hocutt
 Martha Hocutt

Liturgist: Kate Matheny

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

Serendipity Circle will meet at
 5:30 pm September 13th at the
 church.

Circle I will meet for September
 14th at 10:00 at the church.



CMF Breakfast
 8:00 am
 September 12th



Sandra Brennan
Natalie Cason
Dot Elder
Evelyn Harman
Leah Roberts
Dona Sulzmann

ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR CONGREGATIONAL CONDUCT

Section VII. Our Relationship as Members to the Church Universal

- a. With the church universal we proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of the world. In his name and by his grace we accept our mission of witness and services to all people.
- b. We are bound to God and one another through covenant, and through baptism we are made one with the whole people of God.
- c. We are called to express the unity God bestows by ecumenical study, dialogue, cooperation and expression.
- d. Because all Christians in the church universal have the obligation to uphold the Christian life in the face of the evil forces of our day, we will cooperate with other church bodies in living the Christian witness.
- e. We will support acceptable agencies of Christian cooperation in local, national, and/ or global manifestations of the Church's life.





- f. So as to establish no barriers that might prevent any of Jesus' followers from communing with us, we will remember that He invites his believers to the Lord's Table in the spirit of Christian love and unity.

If you have a new e-mail address, new cell phone number, have taken your house phone out, or have made any information change (than what's in the current church phone directory), please let me know. I need to make an update (or new edition) for the benefit of our new members and attendees. (Remember, this is NOT an official member directory, just a current attendance directory.)



Dona

Need Desserts
*for football game days –
 September 4th and 11th. Please
 help us out by baking a cake,
 cookies, brownies, or some other
 non-iced dessert for us to sell.
 Lots of people will be here for
 these first two games.*

<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 7:00 NB (Coleman)	3 Gabriel DeJesus	4  San Jose State – 6:00 Dona Sulzmann
5 2:00 Sisters Study Brian Gibson	6 <i>Labor Day</i> 9:30 Hope Circle 1:00 NB (Harris home) 7:00 NB (Matheny) Bailey Farish Buddy Harris Beverly/Coleman Berryhill	7 6:30 Men’s Prayer 1:00 NB (Sulzmann) 6:00 NB (Gibson)	8 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	9 7:00 NB (Coleman) Stephen Jennings	10	11  Penn State – 6:00 Andrea Minear
12  8:00 2:00 Sisters Study 6:00 Board Meeting	13 1:00 NB (Harris home) 5:30 Serendipity 7:00 NB (Matheny) Shawn Sparks	14 6:30 Men’s Prayer 10:00 Circle I 1:00 NB (Sulzmann) 6:00 NB (Gibson)	15 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	16 7:00 NB (Coleman) Louise Scott	17	18 Alabama @ Duke 2:30 Mike Minear
19 2:00 Sisters Study	20 10:00 Merrill Gardens 1:00 NB (Harris home) 7:00 NB (Matheny) Jackson Hall	21 6:30 Men’s Prayer 1:00 NB (Sulzmann) 6:00 NB (Gibson) Caver Sigler	22 10:00 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Robert Gibson Rosa/Stephen Jennings	23 7:00 NB (Coleman) AL/NW FL Church Secretaries Meeting (Anniston)	24	25 Alabama @ Arkansas
26 2:00 Sisters Study	27 1:00 NB (Harris home) 7:00 NB (Matheny)	28 6:30 Men’s Prayer 1:00 NB (Sulzmann) 6:00 NB (Gibson)	29 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	30 7:00 NB (Coleman)		