

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THE EPISTLE

These are busy times. We have had three “game days” all in a row in slightly less than three weeks. Then we had a bake sale two days after the second game day. Advent begins Nov. 28 this year with decorating the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. on the 27th. The choir has been practicing since early September for the Christmas cantata.

The election of 2011 officers was held Nov. 21. The only changes in officers are Randi Coleman as clerk and Robert Gibson as treasurer.

The pledge campaign for the support of the church and its work is coming to a close. If you have not yet turned in your estimate of giving for the coming year, please do so as it will help the officers know what funds will be available for the coming year. This is especially important as the Search Committee comes nearer to the negotiation stage of their search for a new minister.

We do appreciate the diligent work the committee is doing in the search. They are meeting often, and my observation as an experienced by-stander is that they are being thorough.

As we look ahead, plan for the Advent and Christmas season. There will be a special Advent candle lighting ceremony each Sunday and on Christmas Eve. The all-church Christmas party will be at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 12. The Christmas cantata, “Emanuel: Celebrating Heaven’s Child” will be presented during the worship service on Dec. 19, and the annual candle light Christmas Eve service will be at 7:00 p.m.

On a sad note, our sanctuary furnace, which is 20 years old, seems to have a fatal illness. At least it is not working. The property people are working to get it repaired or replaced as soon as possible.

Blessings,
Pastor Hayes



- December 5 *Polly Bailey*
 Kathy Mason
 ***John Bennett**
 Cynthia Duncan
 Joe Duncan
 ***Kim Farish**

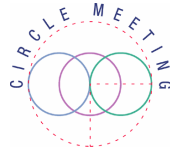
- December 12 *Buddy Harris*
 Muir Steward
 ***Alice Gibson**
 ***Brandi Hewett**
 Brenda Tanner
 Gary Tanner

- December 19 *Dona Sulzmann*
 Randi Coleman
 ***Sylvia Colon**
 ***Jose DeJesus**
 Brinley Hocutt
 Martha Hocutt

- December 24 *Woodie Payne*
 Robert Gibson

- December 26 *Wiley Hales*
 Polly Bailey
 Jon Atkinson
 ***Rosa Jennings**
 ***Steve Jennings**
 Brenda Montgomery

- Liturgist: Jon Atkinson



Hope Circle will meet at 9:30 am December 6th at the church.

Serendipity Circle will meet at 5:30 pm December 13th at Applebee's entrance at University Mall to play the hand bells for the Salvation Army.

Circle I will meet at 11:15 am December 14th for lunch at the Cracker Barrel.

CWF is having their annual **Ornament Swap and Brunch** at 10:00 am on Saturday, **December 4th**. Bring a breakfast food to share and an ornament to exchange and join us.

CMF Breakfast
8:00 am
December 12th



The Pulpit Search Committee is still working very hard looking at resumes. We ask for your prayers in this process and hope to come to a successful conclusion soon.



The Annual Church Christmas Party and Covered Dish Dinner will be Sunday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to



bring an industrial size canned good to benefit the East Tuscaloosa

Community Soup Bowl as our outreach focus this year. Come and enjoy good food, fellowship and fun!

Sunday, December 19th, the Choir, under the direction of Ron Montgomery, will present a Christmas Cantata, "Emmanuel: Celebrating Heaven's Child" at 10:30 am during our morning worship service.



Friday, December 24th 7:00 pm.

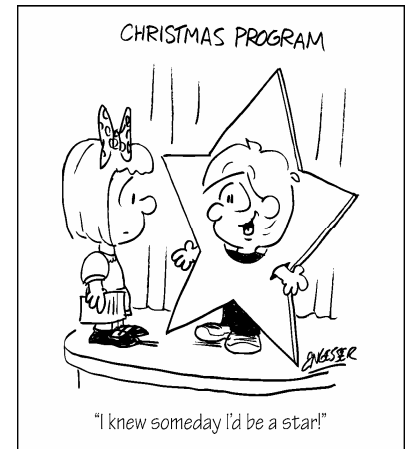
This is one of our most beautiful and meaningful services. Please bring your family and friends to worship with you as we welcome the Christ Child.






Gift cards for Heifer International to support sustainable farming around the world are again available in the narthex and begin at \$10.00. This is a meaningful gift for friends and family. Checks should be made to the church, placed in the offering plate, turned in at the office or given to Randi Coleman.



Thanks to all who helped make this football season a success. Thank you to all who made desserts and/or helped on game days, and to the guys parking cars. It's a lot of work, but it's really rewarding.



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Elders Meeting 6:00 Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	2	3	4  Ornament Swap & Brunch 10:00
5 Anita Smelley	6 Hope Circle 9:30	7 Men's Prayer 6:30	8 Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00 Cecil Ann Sayles	9	10	11
12 <i>CMF Breakfast 8:00</i> <i>Christmas Party 6:00</i> Sharon Brennan Susan Barger Jose DeJesus	13 Serendipity @ University Mall 5:30	14 Men's Prayer 6:30 Circle I 11:15 @ Cracker Barrel Rusty Sigler	15 Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	16	17 Ginger Bailey	18
19  CHRISTMAS CANTATA 10:30	20	21 Men's Prayer 6:30	22 Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	23	24  Candlelight Service 7:00	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS
26	27	28 Men's Prayer 6:30	29 Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00 Brandi/Beau Hewett	30	31	