

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## Office Hours

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday through Friday

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## APRIL 2011

## THE EPISTLE

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We are almost half way through the Lenten season. We will continue with the Wednesday noon Lenten luncheons and devotionals through April 20<sup>th</sup>. The devotionals are based on the “Seven Last Words from the Cross.” We have been having between fifteen and twenty attending the event. The choir has been working several weeks on appropriate music for the season.

We are planning an inspirational Maundy Thursday communion service for April 21 at 7:00 pm. There will be a “triumphal entry” on Palm Sunday morning (but without a donkey, just palm branches). The Easter Sunrise Service (April 24) will be held on the front lawn at 6:30 am, and we will also celebrate the resurrection at the 10:30 am service.

As announced last month, Dorothy and I will be heading back to Colorado on May 1 following morning worship and lunch. We have made arrangements to load a U-Haul on the afternoon of April 30. We are excited about the possibility of your having a new minister called by that time. I was not feeling good about leaving you before that happened. By the way, the doctor appointments we have been putting off until we get home have been made.

It has been great to be able to work with you since October 2009. You have been most gracious, appreciative, and open to us. In addition we have been able to educate ourselves a bit about the South, and to see many of the points of interest in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle.

Should you want to keep in touch with us in the months and years to come, our Colorado address is 2603 Freedom Heights, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. That address will be good until we go to another interim. However, we plan to keep our email address wherever we are. It is [phillip.hayes@att.net](mailto:phillip.hayes@att.net). We will appreciate hearing about you families and the great ministry this congregation has ahead of you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Hayes



April 3      *Dona Sulzmann*  
                  *Woodie Payne*  
                  \*Alice Gibson  
                  \*Brandi Hewitt  
                  Brenda Tanner  
                  Gary Tanner

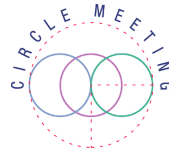
April 10      *Kathy Mason*  
                  *Robert Gibson*  
                  \*John Bennett  
                  Cynthia Duncan  
                  Joe Duncan  
                  \*Kim Farish

April 17      *Randi Coleman*  
                  *Muir Steward*  
                  \*Ed Carson  
                  \*Sylvia Colon  
                  Brinley Hocutt  
                  Martha Hocutt

April 21 (MT)      *Polly Bailey*  
                  *Dona Sulzmann*

April 24      *Woodie Payne*  
                  *Robert Gibson*  
                  Jon Atkinson  
                  \*Rosa Jennings  
                  \*Steve Jennings  
                  Brenda Montgomery

Liturgist:      Sandra Brennan



*Hope Circle will meet at 9:30 am April 4th at the church.*

*Serendipity Circle will meet at 5:30 pm on April 11th at the Nick's.*

*Circle I will meet at 10:00 am April 12th at the church.*



**CMF Breakfast**  
**8:00 am**  
**April 10th**



Lenten Devotion/Lunch

March 16 - April 20  
 Light lunch served  
 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm  
 (donations accepted)  
 10-minute devotion at 12:30 pm  
 Bowers Fellowship Hall

Thanks to all who attended the lunch/brunch after church March 6th. The breakfast foods and fellowship were outstanding. Thanks for supporting the Christian Children's Fellowship with your donations at the brunch and "We Love Chocolate."



Tea Party      *Christian Women's Fellowship is hosting a tea party honoring Dorothy Hayes on Sunday, April 10th at 3:00 pm in Bowers Fellowship Hall. EVERYONE is invited!*

Football is here again! The A-Day game is April 16th **A-Day** at 2:00 pm and we need DESSERTS! We also need you to come help out with sandwich sales.



April 30th  
 5:00 pm  
 First Baptist Chapel



*Women of the church are hosting a bridal shower for Alison Tanner on Saturday, April 2nd at 3:00 pm in the Bowers Fellowship Hall. All are invited.*

We need volunteers to host the Lenten Devotion/Luncheon for April 13th and 20th. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.



**Lenten Luncheon**

Children's Church is continuing until Easter. The focus will be on events leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. After the children's message each week through Palm Sunday, all children (from pre-k thru elementary) are invited to adjourn to the Fellowship Hall for the remainder of the worship service. Please see Randi Coleman if you have any questions.



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
 <p><b>April</b></p>					<p><b>1</b></p>  <p><b>April Fool's Day</b> Chris Morrison</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>  <p>Tanner Bridal Shower 3:00</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>2:00 Sisters Study</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:30 Hope Circle</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Prayer</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>12:00 Lenten Lunch 6:00 Elders Meeting 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Buddy Mason</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Susan Hales</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8:00 CMF Breakfast 2:00 Sisters Study 3:00 Tea Party 6:00 Board Meeting</p> <p>Dexter Chiles</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>5:30 Serendipity @ Nick's</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Prayer 10:00 Circle I</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>12:00 Lenten Lunch 5:30 Evangelism Com 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir</p> <p>Alice Gibson</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>  <p><b>A-Day</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p>  <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>2:00 Sisters Study</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>10:00 Merrill Gardens</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Prayer</p> <p>Dreydon Chiles</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>12:00 Lenten Lunch 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir</p> <p>Louis Payne</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>  <p>Maundy Thursday SERVICE 7:00</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>  <p>Good Friday</p> <p>Muir/Gordon Steward</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Shawn Sullivan</p>
<p><b>24</b></p>  <p>Easter</p> <p>Sunrise Service 6:30 Breakfast 7:00</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>6:30 Men's Prayer</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>10:00 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>  <p>Tanner/Phelps Wedding</p>