

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## Office Hours

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

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## **JUNE 2011**

## **THE EPISTLE**

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Sue and I offer you our sincere thanks in welcoming us to the Tuscaloosa community. We have felt your love and kindness over the past month. We have thanked God in our prayers many times for placing us in such a friendly, loving, and generous church family.

While we bask in the joy of our new ministry setting, we know that there is much work to be done both in the church and the community. As I write this the clean-up effort around the city is on full vigor. The trucks are hauling away the remains of homes and businesses, and many lost memories. But we have witnessed already that Alabamians are resilient and generous, among many other fine attributes. Already the rebuilding has begun. Every day I see trucks full of rubble passing trucks full of building materials heading the other way. We are coming back.

But wood, bricks, and mortar are not all that make a community. We must continue to pray for those who lost loved ones, but we must also pray for those whose pain and injuries are not seen. Many neighborhoods where people built their homes, lives and memories will never be the same. They are suffering a lost of a different sort, and the pain is real.

When a friend of mine heard about the tornados prior to our arrival in Tuscaloosa he called and asked me, "What kind of a sign from God is that?" I said, "It's a sign that God wants us to hurry up and get there!" There is much to be done. So I thank God that He called us here according to His timing and will, and I thank God for allowing me to serve and minister to, and with, all of you.

Blessings, Tom



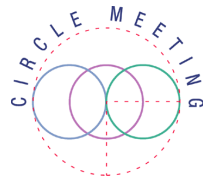
June 5      *Robert Gibson*  
                  *Polly Bailey*  
                  **\*John Bennett**  
                  Rosa Jennings  
                  Steve Jennings  
                  **\*Brenda Montgomery**

June 12      *Dona Sulzmann*  
                  *Woodie Payne*  
                  **\*Ed Carson**  
                  Kate Matheny  
                  **\*Letitia Roberts**  
                  Kenny Sulzmann

June 19      *Kathy Mason*  
                  *Randi Coleman*  
                  Allison Barger  
                  Sandra Brennan  
                  **\*Pat Coleman**  
                  **\*Brinley Hocutt**

June 26      *Polly Bailey*  
                  *Robert Gibson*  
                  **\*John Bennett**  
                  Cynthia Duncan  
                  Joe Duncan  
                  **\*Kim Farish**

Liturgists:      Buddy Harris  
                  Cindy Harris  
                  Dona Sulzmann



*Hope Circle will meet at 9:30 am June 6<sup>th</sup> at the church.*

*Serendipity Circle will meet at 5:30 pm on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Los Tarascos.*

*Circle I will meet at 10:00 am June 14<sup>th</sup> at the church.*

*General CWF will have installation of new officers on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the church. Please bring a covered dish.*



**CMF Breakfast**  
**8:00 am**  
**June 12<sup>th</sup>**

It is again time to award the Perry Scholarship. Church members (other than students members) who are enrolled as undergraduate students at The University of Alabama or who will enroll this year are eligible to apply for the 2011 Perry Scholarship and are encouraged to do so. Application forms are available in the church office - the application deadline is Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.



Beach Camp (formerly Fine Arts Camp - grades 6-12)



will begin Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at Noah's Ark Christian Retreat in Panama City Beach.

CYF Conference, Chi Rho & Junior Camps will all be at Hargis Monday - Friday, June 20-24.

Discovery Camp will be Friday - Sunday, June 24-26 at Hargis.

Costs are \$265 after June 1st and \$225 before June 1st.

Application forms are available in the church office.



Regional Minister  
 Rev. John

Mobley will join us on June 12<sup>th</sup> for the installation of Pastor Tom Goebel. Please join us as we officially welcome Tom and Sue to our church family.

General Assembly (Tell It!) will be in Nashville July 9-13. Information available in the church office.

the families of:  
**Alice Gibson** (her mother, Mary Grammar)



**The Gibson family** (Mark, son of Helen, brother of Robert, Cindy, and Carol)

**The Mason family** (Buddy's mother)

**The Crowe family** (Mary's sister, Margaret)



**The whole Gibson family wants to thank everyone for**

**your help, support, prayers, food, and kind words during our time of loss. You don't know how special this church family is to us.**

**Thanks again, Helen Gibson**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <i>Jessica/Derrick Chiles</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 Hope Circle  <i>Allison Barger</i>	<b>7</b> 6:30 Men's Prayer	<b>8</b> 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Panama City Beach Camp - Noah's Ark 7:00 pm thru 15 <sup>th</sup> (10:00 am)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> →	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
8:00 CMF Breakfast Goebel Installation 6:00 Board Meeting <i>Pat/Ed Carson Kim/Buddy Farish</i>	5:30 Serendipity @ Los Tarascos <i>Cynthia Duncan Joe Duncan Letitia Roberts</i>	 6:30 Men's Prayer 10:00 Circle I <i>Pat Carson</i>	6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir  <i>Dorothy/Phillip Hayes</i>			
<b>19</b> <i>Father's Day</i>	<b>20</b> 10:00 Merrill Gardens 6:00 CWF Installation Junior-Chi Rho & CYF Camps - Hargis	<b>21</b> 6:30 Men's Prayer	<b>22</b> 10:00 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Discovery Camp Hargis - 10:00 am →	<b>25</b>  <i>Chris Largin Martha O'Bryant Brenda/Gary Tanner</i>
<b>26</b> →	<b>27</b>  <i>Jaime/Danny Christian</i>	<b>28</b> 6:30 Men's Prayer	<b>29</b> 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	<b>30</b>		