

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

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## THE EPISTLE

My childhood friend, Bob, and I used to love to play pranks on each other. As the years went by the pranks became more elaborate and intricate. And of course, as with most youths, there were times when the pranks were, shall I say, even *dangerous*. But that is another story for another time...or maybe not. Anyway, one summer day when we were at the beach together we decided to see if we could pull off a grand prank on our unsuspecting fellow sunbathers. Bob and I stood together on the beach and pointed up to the clear blue sky and looked bewildered as if we were seeing some strange anomaly hovering above. A few curious folks started to look up to see what was so interesting to us. Others came over and asked what we saw. A few even declared, "Oh, I think I see it!" That left Bob and I wondering if maybe WE had missed something! If you can believe it, after a few minutes we must have had two-thousand people on the beach all looking up to see the curious object. We had no idea our prank was going to spread across the entire one-mile of beach! As people began to realize that there was really nothing there, they began to look at Bob and me like we needed to be locked up. It was time to make our exit. It was funny that as we hastily made our way to the boardwalk and obscurity, we could still hear people talking about the location of the mysterious object. What was one of the lessons that day? Have a quick exit plan when your prank goes awry! Seriously, people are curious, and if you point they generally will look to see what is so interesting to you. In other words, if it is so interesting to you that you invest the time and energy to investigate; those around you may do the same. But first you have to point. This goes for the church as well. How often do you point to your church in a crowd? When you are with family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers, do you talk about the church and invite them to join in our gatherings (worship and functions)? Is the church interesting enough to you that you openly talk about the investment of your time and energy in it? A famous saying is, "If you build it, they will come." I say, "If you point and invite, they will also come." In a few weeks I will be preaching a sermon on "Pointing Out the Church," regarding the five things that every member should do to be a full member of Christ's church. I pray you will attend to hear this message. Until then, I pray you will join me in pointing to First Christian Church from wherever you are standing!

Blessings, Tom



August 5  
*Polly Bailey*  
*Kathy Mason*  
 \*Ed Carson  
 Kate Matheny  
 Letitia Roberts  
 \*Kenny Sulzmann

August 12  
*Polly Bailey*  
*Kathy Mason*  
 \*Alice Gibson  
 \*Brandi Hewitt  
 Brenda Tanner  
 Gary Tanner

August 19  
*Polly Bailey*  
*Kathy Mason*  
 Allison Barger  
 Sandra Brennan  
 \*Joe Duncan  
 \*Brinley Hocutt

August 26  
*Polly Bailey*  
*Kathy Mason*  
 \*Jon Atkinson  
 \*Kim Farish  
 Rosa Jennings  
 Steve Jennings

Liturgist: **Kathy Mason**

\*communion preparation

If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please call Brinley Hocutt at 292-7268.



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

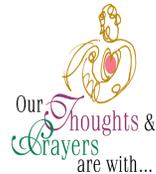
Serendipity Circle will meet Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Wings U in Midtown.

Circle I will meet August 14<sup>th</sup> at the church at 11:15 am.

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



Coleman Berryhill  
 Wiley Hales  
 Virgil Lewis  
 Letitia Roberts  
 Joan Woody



**NO August Mission Council! Next meeting Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm.**

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Now through August 15th, Polly Bailey and Katie-Wallace Davis are taking orders for hams (\$40) and Boston butts (\$30) cooked by Robertson's BBQ. Pickup dates will be Aug 25<sup>th</sup> (Sat) and Aug 28<sup>th</sup> (Tue).

*Start planning now to attend the District II*

*Meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be here at First*



*Christian-Tuscaloosa. Registration begins at 3:30 and the meeting starts at 4:00. Interesting program, inspiring worship, delicious refreshments and a performance by the First Christian-Tuscaloosa Praise Band!! See you there!*



Scholarship Awarded

**Congratulations to Chris Largin on receiving the Perry Scholarship for 2012-13.**



...Rosa and Steve Jennings visited Steve's mother in Pensacola for her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

...Ron and Brenda Montgomery went to the beach.

...as did the Largin Clan (both families) and did lots of fishing.

...and Polly Bailey (Destin, FL).

...Susie & Dayton Sparks flew to Houston to visit with sister Leigh Ann Walker and family.

Dayton attended VBS with cousin Evan.

Buddy and Cindy Harris drove over to visit and bring Susie and Dayton back home.

...Kim, Buddy, and Bailey Farish and John Bennett flew to Colorado for their annual Moseley get-together.

...Virgil Lewis and Tom Goebel were caught on camera enjoying a day of fishing with the Largins.

...Sue Goebel flew to Rochester, NY and drove to Rhode Island to visit with her children and grandchildren.

...Rob and Katie Wallace-Davis enjoyed a visit from grandchildren, Taylor and Tyler Wallace.

...Kathy Mason's family, the Hopkins, all met in Ft. Worth to attend a memorial service for her nephew, Buddy Hopkins.

Mitzi Cardona, Joe Geer, Jessica Chiles and their families all made the trip.

...Kathy Mason spent a week in Oregon visiting old friends and for a family wedding celebration.

...Allison Barger spent 10 days at Young Life frontier Ranch in Colorado.

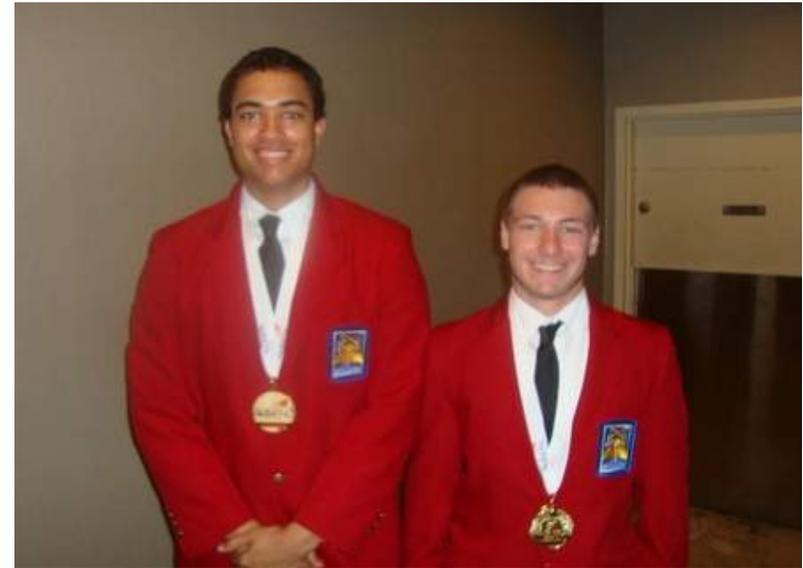


Tuscaloosa Center for Technology graduates Michael Constant and Chris Largin recently won the national Skills USA Television Production Championship in Kansas City, Mo. Television production students from TCT have competed in the national championship seven times in recent years, but this was the first time TCT students took home the national title. "The highest we won before was third place in 2008," said Christopher King, the TV productions teacher at TCT. "I'm proud of them. "We had some setbacks. Last year we couldn't go because of the tornado, and this year we had some challenges with finances, but despite all of that, we made it to Kansas City and won. They've worked hard. King said Constant and Largin won the state championship in

Birmingham in April, defeating 10 other schools, and went on to compete in the national competition on June 27, testing their television production skills against champions from every state.

"Each state sends a team of two people," he said. "In this year's competition, they had to shoot an exhibition at the competition and make a commercial out of it. They had to write out a script and do a story board (mapping out what a person will shoot) for it. The next day, they had to edit it in three hours, which isn't easy, then they submitted the one-minute commercial. King said the commercials were watched by everyone at the competition. "They were announced as the winners," he said. "I was at home when it happened, and they called me right away. They blew my phone up with texts."

Constant and Largin were awarded gold medals, \$10,000 in scholarships, a \$5,000 graphics software package to be used for TCT's TV production programs and glide cameras that can be mounted on a person's body to stabilize the picture.



Constant, 18, said the win was unexpected. "We went there thinking it would be nearly impossible to win," he said. "We went into this huge room and everyone had this fancy equipment, and all we had was a computer and a camera. When we saw that we won, we were in disbelief. It was surreal. It was awesome." Largin, 18, said he was also surprised to win. "We knew that there were other videos that were pretty good also, but we were pretty excited when we won," he said. "It's surprising and feels pretty good to know you won a national championship in something, even if it wasn't in sports."

Though Constant and Largin can add a national championship TV production title to their resumes, neither said they plan to major in broadcast journalism. Constant plans to attend Harvard University on a scholarship and intends to major in pre-medicine and said that he might pursue film as an extracurricular activity. Largin plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in civil engineering. Both students graduated from Paul W. Bryant High School earlier this year, as well as TCT, which they attended for three years.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<i>August</i>			<b>1</b> Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <i>Anne/Shawn Sullivan</i>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  <i>Katie Wallace-Davis</i>	<b>6</b> Hope Circle 9:30	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	<b>9</b>  <i>Loyl Collins Stephen Gibson</i>	<b>10</b>  <i>Chris Coleman Tim Coleman</i>	<b>11</b>  <i>Kimberly Russell</i>
<b>12</b> CMF Breakfast 8:00	<b>13</b> Serendipity 5:30  <i>Andrea/Mike Minear</i>	<b>14</b> Circle I 10:00	<b>15</b> Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <i>Polly/David Bailey</i>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>District II Meeting 3:00</b>  <i>Victoria Gibson Evelyn Harman</i>	<b>20</b> Merrill Gardens 10:00	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Soup Kitchen 9:30 Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00  <i>Betty Welch</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	