

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## Office Hours

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

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## **DECEMBER 2012**

## **THE EPISTLE**

Greetings Faithful!

I thought I'd keep it short this month and just wish everyone a Merry Christmas season. However, I could not resist sharing a little seasonal humor:

"The Supreme Court has ruled that they cannot have a Nativity scene in Washington, D.C. This wasn't for any religious reasons. They couldn't find three wise men." Jay Leno

"Nothing's as mean as giving a little child something useful for Christmas." Kin Hubbard

"It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas when the mighty Founder was a child Himself." Charles Dickens

"I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, 'toys not included'." Bernard Manning

Then there is this wonderful suggestion by the novelist Oren Arnold:

"Christmas gift suggestions: To you enemies, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect."

I pray that you all will find and create some peace and goodwill this most holy season!

Blessings, Tom



- December 2     *Robert Gibson*  
*Dona Sulzmann*  
\*Ed Carson  
Kate Matheny  
Letitia Roberts  
\*Kenny Sulzmann
  
- December 9     *Robert Gibson*  
*Dona Sulzmann*  
\*Alice Gibson  
\*Brandi Hewitt  
Brenda Tanner  
Gary Tanner
  
- December 16    *Robert Gibson*  
*Dona Sulzmann*  
Allison Barger  
Sandra Brennan  
\*Joe Duncan  
\*Brinley Hocutt
  
- December 23    *Robert Gibson*  
*Dona Sulzmann*  
\*Jon Atkinson  
\*Kim Farish  
Rosa Jennings  
Steve Jennings
  
- December 24    *Muir Steward*  
*Woodie Payne*
  
- December 30    *Robert Gibson*  
*Dona Sulzmann*  
\*Pat Coleman  
Rosa Jennings  
Steve Jennings  
\*Chris Largin
  
- Liturgist:        Robert Gibson



Hope Circle will meet at 9:30 am  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the church.

Serendipity Circle will play the  
bells at 6:00 pm on Monday,  
December 10<sup>th</sup> at University Mall  
(for Salvation Army), followed by  
dinner at Applebee's at 7:00.

Circle I will meet at the church on  
December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to go  
to lunch at the Bright Star in  
Bessemer.

 \*Ornament  
SWAP The CWF Brunch  
and Ornament  
Swap will be  
December 8<sup>th</sup> at  
10:00 am. Bring a brunch food and  
join us for food, fun, and  
fellowship.

**CMF Breakfast**  
8:00 am  
December 9<sup>th</sup>



Coleman Berryhill  
Wiley Hales  
Nelda Williams  
Joan Woody



*Thanks to and for all of you  
that helped with game days:  
making desserts, cooking,  
bankers, parking attendants,  
cleaning up, etc. The church  
collected \$23,010 for  
parking, \$2795 from  
vendors; CWF made \$3829  
on food sales and \$1006 on  
the potty fund. If you  
haven't been involved with  
this ministry (and it IS a  
ministry!), join us next season  
and see what it's all about!*



"That last 'Glo-ooo-oooh-oooh-oooh-oooh-oooh-oooh-oooria' about did me in."



**December 1st - 10:00 am**  
Hanging of the Greens  
preparation - lunch  
served

**December 8<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am**  
Ornament Swap &  
Brunch sponsored by  
Christian Women's  
Fellowship  
all are invited

**December 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm**  
Serendipity Circle ringing  
bells for Salvation Army  
University Mall

**December 16<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 am**  
Christmas Cantata  
during worship service

**December 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm**  
Church Christmas Party  
Fellowship Hall  
Covered Dish Dinner

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm**  
Christmas Eve Service



...**Dona & Kenny Sulzmann** visited with family in Phenix City for

granddaughter **Ashlynn's** 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday and Thanksgiving.



...**Karen & Bill Barger** have been traveling recently.

...**Tom Goebel & Kathy Mason** participated at the region's



Senior Adult Retreat in Calera. Keynote speaker was **Rev. Dr. Dan Moseley**, father of **Kim Farish**.

...**Polly Bailey** visited her sister in Tennessee; then they visited her sister's daughter & family in Virginia.

...**Tom & Sue Goebel** spent Thanksgiving in Chattanooga on the Delta Queen riverboat, visited Ruby Falls, the Chattanooga Choo Choo, Lookout Mountain, and took a steam engine train ride.

...Hornback House resident **Flynn Woods**

traveled to Ohio to compete with UA's Bowling Team.



...Our church was well represented on American



Christian Academy's annual sixth grade trip to Washington DC. Enjoying the trip

were **Ron & Brenda Montgomery; Bailey, Kim, & Buddy Farish; Hayden Johnson, April & Kevin Williamson, & Virginia & Lamar McElroy.**

...**Allison Barger (& Susan Barger, Sharon Brennan & Becky Holt)**

toured the University of South Alabama in Mobile.



...**Kimberly Russell** will be leaving the first of the year to start a job with St. Jude

Children's Hospital. She also made a trip to St. Louis for her dad's sudden heart surgery. She has been a wonderful asset to our choir. We wish her well!



...**Muir & Gordon Steward** spent a



few days at Orange Beach.



We welcome **Bill and Karen Barger** into the FCC family – they have been singing in the choir for a while and joined the church Nov. 29th.



We were happy to see **Randi Coleman** out and about after a brief hospital stay (& lots of tests).

We were also glad to see **Kathy Mason** back after a couple of weeks with the flu. **Katie Wallace-Davis** is doing well after cataract surgery. **Alan Barger's** hand is healing after a door slammed on it! No broken bones, but beautiful shades of blue, purple & green!

## TURNING POINT WISH LIST

- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener
- Dish Washing Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Plastic Utensils
- Paper Plates
- Large Leaf Trash Bags
- Kitchen Trash Bags
- Zip Lock Bags (any size)
- Bath Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Hair Brushes
- Hair Bows
- Feminine Supplies
- Pillow Cases
- New Pillows
- Twin Sheets
- Twin Comforters
- Light Bulbs
- New Underwear (any size)
- Gently Used Suitcases/Bags
- Copy Paper
- Pens
- Markers
- Folders

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Hope Circle 9:30	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00  Anita Smelley	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Brunch 10:00
<b>9</b> CMF Breakfast 8:00 	<b>10</b> Serendipity 5:30 (University Mall)	<b>11</b> Circle I – 10:00 (Bright Star)	<b>12</b> Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00  Sharon Brennan Susan Barger Jose DeJesus	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Cantata 10:30 am Christmas Party 6:00	<b>17</b> Merrill Gardens 10:00	<b>18</b>   Tom Goebel	<b>19</b> Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Candlelight Service 7:00	<b>25</b>  Merry Christmas	<b>26</b> Soup Kitchen 10:00 Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>   Brandi/Beau Hewitt
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					<b>1</b>