

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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 3rd at the church.

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

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



The CWF Brunch
and Ornament
Swap will be
December 8th at

10:00 am. Bring a brunch food and
join us for food, fun, and
fellowship.

CMF Breakfast
8:00 am
December 9th



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 8th - 10:00 am
Ornament Swap &
Brunch sponsored by
Christian Women's
Fellowship
all are invited

December 10th - 6:00 pm
Serendipity Circle ringing
bells for Salvation Army
University Mall

December 16th - 10:30 am
Christmas Cantata
during worship service

December 16th - 6:00 pm
Church Christmas Party
Fellowship Hall
Covered Dish Dinner

December 24th - 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Service



...**Dona & Kenny Sulzmann** visited with family in Phenix City for granddaughter **Ashlynn's** 3rd 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>
2	3 Hope Circle 9:30	4	5 Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00 Anita Smelley	6	7	8  Brunch 10:00
9 CMF Breakfast 8:00 	10 Serendipity 5:30 (University Mall)	11 Circle I – 10:00 (Bright Star)	12 Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00 Sharon Brennan Susan Barger Jose DeJesus	13	14	15
16 Cantata 10:30 am Christmas Party 6:00	17 Merrill Gardens 10:00	18 Tom Goebel	19 Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	20	21	22
23	24  Candlelight Service 7:00	25  Merry Christmas	26 Soup Kitchen 10:00 Circle of Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	27	28	29 Brandi/Beau Hewitt
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