

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THE EPISTLE

One of the ideas that were presented during the New Beginnings meetings late last summer was offering outreach that might interest faculty and staff at the University. One such suggestion is to hold a mid-week Lenten lunch and devotion. The board liked the idea when it was presented at its January meeting; so I am working on it.

Preliminary suggestions are that the special services be held at noon on Wednesdays. A soup and sandwich lunch will be served from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. as people arrive. I will begin a ten minute devotional at 12:30 p.m.

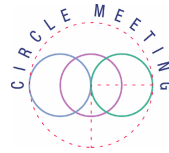
Lent begins on March 9 this year, but since we already have an established Ash Wednesday evening service, we would begin the noonday services on March 16, the second week of Lent. The final noonday service would be April 20.

There are some things we need from the congregation to make this possible. We need some help with making and serving the lunches. We will need extra help on March 23 as this is our regular day to serve lunch at the East Tuscaloosa Soup Bowl. We also need some suggestions and help with ways of getting the word out that we are offering these special services to the faculty, staff, and students of the university and to the neighborhood.

In addition we also expect to have the traditional Maundy Thursday evening service, Easter sunrise service, and Easter Sunday worship.

Let us hear from you with your ideas and offers to help.

Blessings,
Pastor Hayes



February 6 *Muir Steward*
 Robert Gibson
 Ed Carson
 *Kate Matheny
 Letitia Roberts
 *Kenny Sulzmann

February 13 *Randi Coleman*
 Kathy Mason
 *Allison Barger
 *Sandra Brennan
 Pat Coleman
 Brinley Hocutt

February 20 *Polly Bailey*
 Dona Sulzmann
 Alice Gibson
 Brandi Hewett
 *Brenda Tanner
 *Gary Tanner

February 27 *Woodie Payne*
 Muir Steward
 Jon Bennett
 *Cynthia Duncan
 *Joe Duncan
 Kim Farish

Liturgist: Polly Bailey

Hope Circle will meet at 9:30 am
 February 7th at the church.

Serendipity Circle will meet at
 5:30 pm on February 7th at
 Dreamland (Northport).

Circle I will meet at 10:00 am
 February 8th at the church.

CMF Breakfast
8:00 am
February 13th



Billie Brennan
Sandra Brennan
Dot Elder
Evelyn Harman

Words can't express our thanks for all
 the kindnesses shown to my family and
 me over the past year –
 the food, visits, cards,
 calls, and prayers.
 Everything you have
 done for us means more
 than you will ever know. God has truly
 blessed us with wonderful friends.



Sandra Brennan

*The Elders are meeting
 monthly to discuss
 congregational
 restructuring. Anyone with
 suggestions or ideas for
 restructuring is encouraged
 to put them in writing, and
 either give them to an elder
 or put them in the "little
 white church building" in
 the narthex.*

**The Week of Compassion
 Special Offering will be
 received on February 20th
 and 27th. "SHARING
 BRINGS JOY" will be the
 Week of Compassion
 theme for the next three
 years. In 2011,
 congregations will explore
 how sharing brings joy to
 the giver; in 2012, how
 sharing brings joy to
 others; and in 2013, how
 sharing brings joy to God.
 Sharing invites God more
 fully into our lives.
 Sharing will joyfully
 transform you as you help
 transform the world!**




The Regional Transformation
 Event Series for
 this year will be
 "What If...?"
 held at First -
 Birmingham Friday and
 Saturday, February 18-19. The
 worship service begins Friday
 night at 7:30 (no cost) - Dr.
 Todd Adams, Associate General
 Minister or the Christian Church
 will be speaker. The workshops
 will begin Saturday at 9:00.
 Registration forms are in the
 office.



*Vocal impressionist Michael
 Kelley will present his show
 'Voices That Change'
 February 15th at 7:00 at
 Hargrove United Methodist
 Church. A portion of the
 proceeds will benefit the East
 Tuscaloosa Soup Bowl. Tickets
 are \$10 and can be purchased
 from Polly Bailey (792-9315).*



*Dr. Wiley D. Hales
 was conferred as
 Elder Emeritus
 during the worship
 service January 16. Regional
 Minister Rev. John Mobley
 was also in attendance.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 Men's Prayer Helen Gibson	2 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Will Largin	3 6:30 Elders Meeting	4	5
6 Danny Christian	7 9:30 Hope Circle 5:30 Serendipity (Nport Dreamland)	8 6:30 Men's Prayer 10:00 Circle I	9 5:30 Evangelism Mtg 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	10	11	 We Love Chocolate!!! 10:00-2:00 Billie Brennan
13 8:00 CMF Breakfast 6:00 Board Meeting	 14	15 6:30 Men's Prayer 7:00 Michael Kelley (Soup Bowl Benefit) Hargrove UMC	16 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	17 Jeannie Largin Kathy Mason	18 Transformation Series @ 1 st - Bham 7:30 Brinley Hocutt	19 "What If...?" → 9:00-2:00
20	21 10:00 Merrill Gardens	22 6:30 Men's Prayer	23 10:00 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Faith Largin	24	25	26 Gary Tanner
27	28 Dayton Sparks	(29) David Bailey				



WE LOVE CHOCOLATE!!

Saturday, February 12th, 2011

1:00 - 5:00 pm

\$5.00 admission

Bring your sweetie and join us for tasting and purchasing goodies of every kind.

If you are able to bring some kind of chocolate treat to sell, please have it here (and preferably packaged) on Friday, February 11th. Bowers Fellowship Hall will be open during the day.