

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THE EPISTLE

Greetings Faithful,

I pray you have heard by now our church has been selected by the Alabama/NW Florida Region of the Disciples of Christ to host Miracle Day on June 7th. To be selected for Miracle Day is both an honor and a blessing! It is held every two years in our region and consists of hundreds of volunteers “descending” upon one church for one day to build, restore, and “fix-up” the buildings and grounds. To see it in action reminds me so much of an Amish barn-raising. A team of church leaders has already evaluated our needs and established some solid ideas, and is gathering monthly to plan for the big day. The buzz of enthusiasm is building! It seems so appropriate for us to be talking about rebuilding these days. It was only a few short years ago that our community was stricken by the terrible destruction of a tornado. I remember looking at satellite photos of our community and seeing the lush areas around us, but our community and others were reduced to a brown scar in the path of destruction. I remember thinking: it’s going to a long time before we see color again. And now that time is upon us. We have an opportunity to be a part something miraculous! Like the mythological story of the Phoenix rising from its ashes reminds us life is about generation and re-generation. We are arising once again with the community around us in this new cycle of life. We are also reminded in Holy Scripture there are seasons in life for everything (Ecclesiastes 3): even “a time to tear down and a time to build.” Won’t you be a part of this new season in your church community? You, elderly, and all ages in-between can volunteer by doing anything from skilled labor to handing out registration forms or delivering water to thirsty workers. Perhaps, if you are able, you would also like to offer financial assistance to the effort. That would be a huge blessing. No matter how you decide to help, WE NEED EVERYBODY! Our Mission Council Chair, Randi Coleman, and I will be sending out a letter this month with more details and information on how you might help. What a wonderful new season to be a part of First Christian!

Blessings, Tom



February 2
Polly Bailey
Kathy Mason
 *Pat Coleman
 Mike Largin
 Will Largin
 *Kate Matheny

February 9
Polly Bailey
Kathy Mason
 *Joe Duncan
 Bailey Farish
 Kim Farish
 *Kenny Sulzmann

February 16
Polly Bailey
Kathy Mason
 Cindy Harris
 *Chris Largin
 *Ken Largin
 Amy Montgomery

February 23
Polly Bailey
Kathy Mason
 *Rosa Jennings
 *Steve Jennings
 Mike Largin
 Will Largin

Liturgist: Katie Wallace-Davis
 * communion preparation

If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, ask someone to fill in for you, or call Rosa Jennings at 759-4162.



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

Circle I will meet at 11:00 am at Cracker Barrel February 11th.

Serendipity Circle will meet at 5:30 pm on February 10th at Full Moon BBQ.

General CWF will meet on Monday, February 17th at 6:00. Bring a favorite dish and join us.

CMF Breakfast
 8:00 am
 February 9th



Nelda Williams
 Coleman Berryhill
 Wiley Hales
 David Bailey
 Kenny Sulzmann
 Joan Woody
 Martha Smalley



SAVE THE DATE!!
 JUNE 7TH



Many thanks to all who participated in the Alberta project at Christmas. The family, as well as the principal and counselor were so appreciative of all we do for them.
Helen, Martha, and Woodie



Circle I is sponsoring a collection of needed items for Hospice. Please consider helping us by leaving your donation of any of the following items in the Narthex:

- Birdseed
- Juice packets
- Microwavable Mac & Cheese (individual servings)
- Microwavable Oatmeal
- Microwavable Grits
- Soup
- Tea bags
- Microwavable Popcorn
- Snack Cakes
- Snack Crackers

Please feel free to contribute any other items you wish. We thank you in advance.

Circle I

Dearest Friends,
 The calls, prayers, cards and support of my loving church family has been a great help to me during this very difficult time. My family and I would like to offer our most sincere thanks for all you have done. Thank you so very much for the comfort you have so freely given.



Martha Smalley



Our sympathy is extended to the Brennan/Barger family at the passing of David Brennan on February 4th. A celebration of life and "afterglow" will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, Feb. 8th in Bowers Fellowship Hall.




Sorry the newsletter is so late getting out this month. The snow and bad weather cut into the workweek.

We are gearing up to take everyone's picture for a new church directory. Places will be set up in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays after worship.



There will be a group of volunteers from Beth Steward Voyanovich's church in Ohio making their 3rd visit to Tuscaloosa to work. They will come in on Sunday, Feb. 16th and leave on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. We will have a dinner in their honor on Thursday, the 20th at 6:00 pm. Come by and visit during the week and say "hello".



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Helen Gibson
2 Will Largin	3	4 5:30 Yoga	5 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	6 Danny Christian	7	8
9 8:00 CMF Breakfast 3:00 Ministry Teams	10 5:30 Serendipity @ Full Moon BBQ	11 11:00 Circle I @ Cracker Barrel	12 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Billie Brennan	13	14 	15
16 DV	17  President's Day 10:00 Merrill Gardens 6:00 General CWF Jeannie Largin Kathy Mason	18 Brinley Hocutt	19 9:30 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	20 6:00 DV Dinner	21	22 →
23 Faith Largin Paul Roberts	24	25 5:30 Yoga	26 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Gary Tanner	27	28 Dayton Sparks	29 David Bailey