

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THE EPISTLE

Greetings Faithful!

A few days ago I was on my way to visit a church member at his home. As I turned into his neighborhood I noticed a dog was loose in the street. We made eye contact, I hit the gas to get around him, and the chase was on. My new furry friend chased my truck for at least 3 blocks before his four legs finally gave out. That incident brought me back to my younger days when my friends and I had a similar incident. We were “cruising” neighborhoods looking for our other friends when a particularly notorious German Shepherd launched into full pursuit of our vehicle. I hit the gas to get on down the road when one of my friends from the backseat piped up, “Why run? What’s he going to do when he catches us?” Good point. We are 3,000 pounds of metal and he is 75 pounds of fur. What is he going to do? I guess if I think about it there are many life images to draw from this story. But this month I was struck with the idea that it’s kind of funny the things we chase in this world. So much time, effort, and energy is exerted into the chase without enough regard to the results. We pursue “things,” even pray for them, (belongings, power, even relationships, etc) in this world and I wonder if we ever ask the question: “Ok, now what am I going to do if I catch it?” Sue and I adopted a racing Greyhound from the track years ago. They are trained to “chase the bunny.” So I bought a bunny (a stuffed one, mind you) and put it on a rope so the dog would chase it while I ran pulling the rope. Yeah right, I forgot that Greyhounds run 55 mph. The game lasted all of 5 seconds. The dog caught the bunny, sniffed it, and walked away never showing interest in it again. I guess once she discovered what all the fuss was about: what she had been chasing all those years was just a stuffed toy, she completely lost interest (she may have even felt a little foolish!). The Lord warns us about pursuing things of this world with too much zeal: “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth” (Colossians 3:2). Mix this rule into your pursuits and then your catches will have a joyous and eternal effect. Be careful what you wish for, be careful what you hope for, be careful what you pursue, you may just get it...and then what will you do?

Blessings, Tom



June 2 *Robert Gibson*
 Dona Sulzmann
 *Pat Coleman
 *Ken Largin
 Mike Largin
 Kate Matheny

June 9 *Robert Gibson*
 Dona Sulzmann
 *Alice Gibson
 *Cindy Harris
 Brenda Tanner
 Gary Tanner

June 16 *Robert Gibson*
 Dona Sulzmann
 *Joe Duncan
 *Brinley Hocutt
 Chris Largin
 Kenny Sulzmann

June 23 *Robert Gibson*
 Dona Sulzmann
 *Jon Atkinson
 *Kim Farish
 Rosa Jennings
 Steve Jennings

June 30 *Robert Gibson*
 Dona Sulzmann
 Joe Duncan
 Kim Farish
 *Will Largin
 *Kenny Sulzmann

Liturgist: Polly Bailey



Hope Circle will meet at 9:30 am
 June 3rd at the church.

Serendipity Circle will meet at
 5:30 pm on June 10th at Chang's.

Circle I will meet at the Olive
 Garden for lunch June 11th at
 11:00 am.

The General CWF will meet on
 Monday, June 17th at 6:00. Bring
 a food dish to share and join us.

CMF Breakfast
 8:00 am
 June 9th



Coleman Berryhill
 Wiley Hales
 Nelda Williams
 Joan Woody



*We were able to purchase 108
 blankets in honor
 and in memory of
 loved ones for
 Mother's Day.*



*Samantha Leigh Sparks was
 born at Tuesday, May 28th at
 12:06 pm; 6 lbs-8 oz,
 19 inches. Susie and baby
 are both doing fine.
 Congratulations to the
 Sparks, Harris and Gibson
 families on this joyous
 occasion.*



Beach Camp June 9-14
 The Lighthouse at Romar Beach
 (Orange Beach, AL)
 (6th-12th grade) (\$265)

Discovery Camp June 22-24
 (completed 2nd-3rd grade) (\$155)

Junior Camp June 24-28
 (completed 4th-5th grade) (\$265)

CYF Conference June 24-28
 (completed 9th-12th grade) (\$265)

*Applications are in church office!
 All camps are at YMCA Chandler
 in Wetumpka, AL.*

During June, July and August,
 Children's Church will be held
 exclusively on
 the first Sunday of
 each month.
 The weekly schedule will
 resume in September.



*Congratulations to Allison
 Barger, who graduated
 from
 Northridge
 High School in
 May. Allison
 will be attending
 Huntingdon College in
 Montgomery this fall.*



*A group of Disciple Volunteers
 will be here the 23rd of June. We
 will have a dinner for them on
 Tuesday, the 25th at 6:00. There
 will be a sign-up sheet in the
 narthex just to let us know how
 many to expect to eat.*

The Scholarship Committee will be
 accepting applications for the 2013
 Perry Scholarship.
 Church members
 (other than student
 members) who are enrolled as
 undergraduate students at The
 University of Alabama, or who will
 be enrolling this year, are eligible to
 apply for the scholarship and are
 encouraged to do so. Applications
 are available in the office. Please
 submit your applications by the
 deadline of Monday, June 24th.



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2	3 9:30 Hope I	4 <i>Jessica/Derrick Chiles</i>	5 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	6 <i>Allison Barger</i>	7	8
9 8:00 CMF Breakfast Beach Camp Begins	10 5:30 Serendipity @ Chang's	11 11:00 Circle I @ Olive Garden	12 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir <i>Pat/Ed Carson Kim/Buddy Farish</i>	13 <i>Cynthia Duncan Joe Duncan Letitia Roberts</i>	14 <i>Flag Day</i> Beach Camp Ends <i>Pat Carson</i>	15
16 <i>Father's Day</i>	17 10:00 Merrill Gardens 6:00 General CWF	18	19 9:30 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	20	21	22 Vacation Bible School Discovery Camp Begins
23 VBS Cookout <i>DV Group</i>	24 Discovery Camp Ends Junior Camp Begins CYF Conf Begins <i>Amy Montgomery</i>	25 <i>Volunteer Dinner</i> <i>Chris Largin Martha O'Bryant Brenda/Gary Tanner</i>	26 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	27 <i>Jaime/Danny Christian</i>	28 Junior Camp Ends CYF Conference Ends	29