

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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THE EPISTLE

This is a very important time of the year, and this year is even more special than most years.

On Sunday, October 24th, the Congregation voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the New Beginnings process. The group leaders summarized the findings of the groups, which met for six weeks. The Board of Elders recommended the findings to the Board, and the Board presented the recommendations to the Congregation. A two-step process was approved. First, the Elders will research an appropriate smaller-sized organization for our smaller congregation, and secondly, the congregation will develop a redefinition of mission.

The redefinition of our mission will be more than writing a new mission statement which we can frame, hang on the wall, and consider the work done. Our new mission will identify our DNA; it will identify who we are and the mission God wants us to accomplish as First Christian Church in Tuscaloosa.

On Sunday we also “kicked off” the stewardship campaign for 2011. This too needs to be a new beginning, as our 2010 estimates of giving were higher than the actual offerings have been.

Dorothy and I spent October 18-22 attending Christmount Week at Christmount Assembly near Black Mountain, NC. John and Judy Turner were the presenters. John led an in-depth Bible study like none other I have ever experienced. We also had lots of hymn singing. Since all but three of the thirty-six attendees were at least 60, most of the hymns were of the 19th century vintage and enjoyed by all. We had some time to do some sightseeing, and found the fall colors especially beautiful.

Blessings,
Pastor Hayes



November 7 *Wiley Hales*
Randi Coleman
Sylvia Colon
Jose DeJesus
***Brinley Hocutt**
***Martha Hocutt**

November 14 *Buddy Harris*
Dona Sulzmann
***Jon Atkinson**
Rosa Jennings
Steve Jennings
***Brenda Montgomery**

November 21 *Polly Bailey*
Woodie Payne
***Ed Carson**
Kate Matheny
***Letitia Roberts**
Kenny Sulzmann

November 25 *Kathy Mason*
Muir Steward

November 28 *Robert Gibson*
Randi Coleman
Allison Barger
Sandra Brennan
***Chris Coleman**
***Pat Coleman**

Liturgist: *Buddy Harris*

Please note changes from schedule.



Hope Circle will meet at 9:30 am
 November 1st at the church.

Serendipity Circle will meet at
 5:30 pm November 8th at the
 home of Dorothy & Phillip Hayes.

Circle I will meet at 10:00 am
 November 9th at the church.

CWF is hosting a church-wide
 bake sale on
November 20th,
 just in time for the
 holiday seasons.



Everyone is invited to
 participate. We need jams,
 jellies, preserves, mixes,
 breads, cakes, pies, cookies, or
 anything else you make
yourself!



CMF Breakfast
8:00 am
November 14th

Sandra Brennan
Evelyn Harman
Letitia Roberts



Need Desserts
for gamedays on November
13th, 20th, and 26th.
Please help us out by baking a
cake, cookies, brownies, or
some other non-iced dessert for
us to sell.

If you would like to participate
 in the Operation Christmas
 Child Shoebox
 Gifts project,
 materials and
 instructions
 are on display
 in the narthex.
 These gifts go



to children around the world.
 Special attention will be given
 to Haiti this year after the
 devastating earthquake which
 affected so many. All gifts need
 to at the church on or before
 November 14th when we will
 have a "blessing of the boxes."
 For questions, see Randi
 Coleman.



Our thoughts and
prayers are with
Letitia and Paul
Roberts and
their family in the
passing of Leah Roberts
Thursday, October 21st.

Alberta School Project

Christian Women's Fellowship
 is sponsoring a "Beat Auburn –
 Beat Alabama" drive to collect
 food items for the Alberta



Elementary School
 project. The pantry
 is getting low and
 we would like

everyone to help out by
 bringing canned or non-
 perishable items and placing
 them in appropriate boxes.










A perfect start for Advent...a
 short devotion is followed by
 breakfast in Bowers Fellowship
 Hall. Bring your favorite
 breakfast dish and join us. We
 need a family or group to
 "host" this...that means making
 sure there are plates, cutlery,
 milk, OJ, etc. ready for us that
 morning.

Saturday, November 27th,
10:00 am: help us do prep
 work for Hanging of the Greens
 ...fluffing bows, straightening
 garlands & wreaths, decorating
 & setting up the Christmon
 Tree...jobs for all ages.

NOVEMBER



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Hope Circle – 9:30	2 Men’s Prayer – 6:30 Anne Sullivan	3 6:00 Elders Meeting 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Faith/Ken Largin	4 Senior Adult Retreat Rolling Hills →	5 Kim Farish	6 Alabama @ LSU
7	8 Serendipity – 5:30 @ Hayes’	9 Men’s Prayer – 6:30 Circle I – 10:00	10 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	11  Veterans Day	12	13  Mississippi State
14 CMF Breakfast – 8:00 Board Meeting – 6:00	15 Merrill Gardens – 10:00	16 Men’s Prayer – 6:30 Ashlynn Christian Ken Largin	17 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	18  Georgia State - 6:30 Martha Hocutt	19 Cynthia/Joe Duncan Brenda/Ron Montgomery	20  Holiday Bake Sale
21 Megan Smalley	22	23 Men’s Prayer – 6:30 Joan Atkinson Melissa Henderson	24 10:00 Soup Kitchen 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Kathy/Buddy Mason	25 <i>Thanksgiving</i>  Dona/Kenny Sulzmann	26  Auburn - 1:30	27
28  Jaime Christian	29	30 Men’s Prayer – 6:30 Treavor Gibson Martha/Sherrill Smalley				