



# The Joyful Noiseletter



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" The Church of Jesus Christ upon earth is essentially, intentionally and constitutionally one; consisting of all those in every place that profess their faith in Christ and are obedient to him in all things according to the Scriptures, and that manifest the same by their tempers and conduct."  
Thomas Campbell, Declaration and Address, 1807

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## NEW PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

7/15/2010

Last Sunday the Board voted unanimously to continue with the Church Transformation process outlined by Rev. Calhoun at the meeting on June 27. Thirty-six members attended that meeting and most of the feedback was very positive. I believe it will help FCC in at least the following ways:

- 1) Create interest and enthusiasm
- 2) Help set a direction for our Church
- 3) Help in the selection of a new Pastor

The next step in the process is to identify our Core Values and decide which ones will be important for the future of the FCC. If we are not strong in a Core Value that is important to us, then intentional plans to strengthen it will need to be made. For example, if we decide that attracting young people should be a Core Value, then we need to find ways to make that happen.

Transformation is a never ending process, but once we identify the Core Values we want and are intentional about making them happen, the Search Committee will have some criteria to start a search for a Pastor who can lead us in the directions we want to go. All of this requires that a large majority of the congregation be on board and participating in the process. As Rev. Calhoun said "the past is past and we need to look to the future". Prayer and listening to others will be important in our quest to discern God's will for FCC.

In order to identify our Core Values, Rev. Calhoun will be invited back in late August. More details of his visit will be communicated as soon as we know them. Meanwhile, Dr. John Hughes will be preaching on July 18, and the five Sundays in August. On July 25, the Rev. Randy Johnson from The Christian Church Foundation will be preaching.



## YOUTH GROUPS AT FIRST CHRISTIAN:

- **JCF**—3rd—5th Grades.
- **Chi-Rho**— 6th—8th Grades.
- **CYF**—9th-12th Grades.

See the newsletter for meeting times and details.

Charles Cleaver



**(Our Church Family):** Alva York, Bert Branham, Claire Lane, William Porter, Helen Kolb, Margaret Kobis, Aleco & Dessie Davis, Louise Warren, Jean Bell, Mary Ashley Barbot, Steve Hilton, Doris Parnelle, Coralie Leonard, Katherine Cribb, Bob Manges, Sonja Westall, the Monfils, Terrie McCreight. **(Our Extended Church Family):** Willie Mena Oliver, Wayne Brice, Ida Mae Crosby, Delores Becude, Jonathan Taylor, Mark Gaillard, Mack Watson, Dale Johnson, Claire Travis, Vernon Shetler, Calvin Bradley, Jerry Ahearn, Rose Ruopoli, The Rev. Ed Smith, John Carroll, Jane King, Craig Garrison, the Kutcher Family.

If you have placed a name on the prayer list, please keep the church office informed of any updates. Thank you.

### Flower Chart

We have openings on August 8, 15 and 22. If you would like to fill one of these dates please sign up on the chart in fellowship hall.



Please leave the vase and remove the liner and flowers on your Sunday to have flowers in the church. We reuse the vase to keep the cost down. Thank you for your consideration.

### COMING: CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS

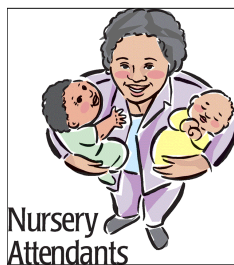
Beginning the first Sunday of August, there will be special children's bulletins. There will be one for the younger children and one for the older children. They will be available at both doors as you enter the sanctuary.



### LOVING CHILDCARE DURING WORSHIP

The nursery/younger preschool area is now open with a worker to lovingly care for children during the worship service.

If you are willing to serve one Sunday or more in the nursery please sign up on Sunday or call Lynda Gonzales (376-3131) for more information.



### Guest Preacher

#### The Reverend Randy S. Johnson

The Reverend Randy Johnson will be our guest preacher on Sunday, July 25th. He is vice president in the Southeast Zone for the Christian Church Foundation, one of the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Southeast Zone includes the states of North and South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

As vice president, he is responsible for working with individual members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as they explore ways to share their accumulated resources with their favorite Disciples-related causes. He also assists congregations, regions and church affiliated-organizations in the establishment of endowment policies and the management of endowment funds. He has received both the Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy and Certified Fund Raising Executive designations after completing courses of study.

Before joining the Foundation staff in 2001, Johnson served as senior minister of Southport Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indianapolis, IN, for nearly seven years. Prior to that, he was pastor of Boardman Christian Church, Youngstown, OH, for eleven years. He also served as associate pastor of Central Christian Church in Warren, OH.

He and his wife, Sandy, have three children.

**Save the date!**

**August 22, 2010 at 4:00 pm**

Transformational Meeting with Rev. Calhoun.  
Details coming soon.

## CWF News

Ladies and Female Friends of First Christian Church-

Upcoming CWF Meeting

July 27th—5:30 pm—Executive Board

Meeting in the Library

August 10th—7:30 pm—CWF 1 meets at

Lynda Gonzales'

August 12th—11:00 am—CWF 3 meets at

Church in the Library

August 12th—7:30 pm—CWF 6 meets at

Susan Cosgrove's

## August Birthdays

August 2	Coralie Leonard
August 2	Terrie McCreight
August 3	Jessie Kennedy
August 4	Brad Rogers
August 5	Ruthie Waters
August 8	Carol Reed
August 18	Greg Myers
August 18	Megan Johnson
August 18	Thomas Williams
August 19	Collins Laine Kennedy
August 23	Terri Ryan
August 26	Alice Eads
August 27	Austin Rhodes
August 30	Glenna Branham



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When I retired as pastor of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at the end of May, I was commissioned by the Board of this congregation and by our Regional Commission on Ministry to a renewed specialized ministry of pastoral counseling, serving individuals, couples and families. You can read about it on my website.

### Congratulations!



Patresa and Calvin Bradley are the proud grandparents to Jackson Davis, son of Rusty and Lindsay Mazell. Jackson was 21 1/2 inches long and weighed 8 pounds. Kaylen Bradley is his aunt and Theresa and Patrick Presnell are his great-grandparents.

## AUGUST SERMON SERIES

Dr John E. Hughes Preaching

### I BELIEVE

- August 1 I Believe In God
- August 8 I Believe In Jesus
- August 15 I Believe In the Holy Spirit
- August 22 I Believe In the Church
- August 29 I Believe In Forgiveness

### Life Today and What Really Matters!

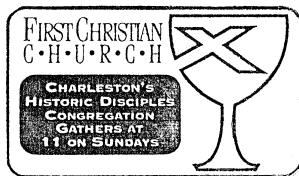
#### In Memory of Robert York:

Steve & Wendy Rogers  
 Madelyn Stabovitz  
 Charles & Lois Cleaver



## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need to contact the Church, our secretary, Debbie Ritter, is in the office Monday-Friday, 9:00 am—1:00 pm. You may also contact Carl Tolbert, Chair of the Elders (771-2648), or Charles Cleaver, Board Chair (556-6579) at any time. Please pray for God's guidance as we go through this transitional period.



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#### **Our Vision / Mission Statement**

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) seeks to offer an opportunity for individuals to develop a meaningful relationship with God through Jesus Christ and His Church. Further, we endeavor to provide an atmosphere for a community of trusting relationships which promotes teaching and nurturing Christian faith, embracing diversity, and practicing moral and spiritual discipline.

To accomplish this calls us to:

1. Offer meaningful worship services.
2. Ascribe to the ethical guidelines for church relationships as advocated by the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
3. Present strong youth programs.
4. Propose specialized classes and/or study groups.
5. Be a witness to the love of God through outreach programs.
6. Provide faithful pastoral care for the strengthening of families and caring for the aged and those who are ill.

## **SUMMER 2010 Sunday School**

June 13th—August 15th

Games, videos, crafts and music will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for independent activities.

No classes are scheduled until August 22nd.

Nursery and Toddler Room Available  
With Adult Volunteers

