

# THE CALLER

## Baptism of Karley Simmons

The family of First Christian Church welcomes Karley Simmons, who came forward in worship on August 7 and made her public confession of faith in Christ. Karley was baptized on August 14. Karley is the daughter of Chris and Rachel Simmons, and the sister of Kobe Simmons and Kristen Warren.

## Fall Kickoff by Bob Stegall

September will be a unique month for First Christian Church, as we celebrate MANNA throughout the month on Wednesday nights (September 7, 14, 21, and 28, respectively, from 6 to 7pm). Two people have been asked to share their faith testimonies each evening. We will also have a fellowship meal each night consisting of whatever we all choose to bring. We do not expect everyone to bring a prepared dish for these gatherings. Popular ideas for families who are crunched for time on Wednesdays include cheese/crackers, pizza, fried chicken and so forth. I encourage you to invite someone, or even go a step further and offer someone a ride. MANNA--food for body, mind and spirit. Come one, come all! There will be plenty for everyone.

## October W.O.M. by David Chism

The staff is pleased to announce the offerings for October and November Wednesday on Madison. The feature offering is **RightNow®** (Richardson, TX: RightNow, 2011). RightNow® is a challenge for all believers to be doers of the Word and to put the parable of the Good Samaritan into action. The sessions will feature the ecumenical teachings of Max Lucado, Tony Evans, and

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## September Sermon Series by Bob Stegall

*Working for a Good Harvest (Ps. 1:3)*

- 4 Celebrating Labor Days  
I Cor. 3:1-17
- 11 Grasping the Assignment  
Colossians 1:24-29
- 18 The Three Rs of Spiritual Peace  
Colossians 3:1-17
- 25 Gathering a Good Harvest  
Colossians 4:1-6



## Baptism Renewal Service by David M. Chism

I invite the congregation to anticipate a special worship service to be scheduled either in the month of October or November. The event promises to be a highly festive occasion, but more importantly, a time for remembrance of our own baptism, redemption, and adoption into God's family.

## Back to School "*Fill the Beaker*" by Mary Jane Heuer

We offer our thanks to everyone who contributed to filling the beaker with clothes and school supplies. The items were divided between several of our local schools. We Praise God for the display of generosity.

### Nursery Schedule

September 4      Mary Jane Heuer

September 11     Hilda Smith

September 18     Ashton Crick

September 25     Janie Bartlet

### ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE IN NURSERY DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL?

There are exciting happenings here at First Christian Church! The nursery is experiencing an increase of infants and toddlers! In the near future we will need volunteer(s) to assist Barbara during Sunday School. Our prayer is this—that those adults not attending Sunday School will volunteer to serve in this ministry. Please let either Donnye Fields (chairperson of Christian Education) or Mary Jane know if you are interested.

### Youth Sunday School Classes begin on Sunday, September 11

A special note of appreciation goes out to Kathy Harwell and Steve and Amy Philpott for volunteering to serve by teaching our youth this year. This is an exciting time as we now have two youth Sunday School classes as follows:

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class will be held in Room 6 with Kathy Harwell teaching.

7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Class will be held in Room 7 with Steve and Amy Philpott teaching

Note: 7<sup>th</sup> graders can choose between the two classes



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		Choir starts back	MANNA - Meeting And Nurturing Needs Altogether	CWT Open Forum	Who's Cooking?		
		Circle IV		CBS			
11	12	13		14	15	16	17
		Helping Hands/ DWM					PreK Happening
	Board				CBS		
18	Elders	19		20	21	22	23
	Churchwide Fish Fry		Circle I Circle III		Staff mtg. 9am	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Senior Ministry Cheekwood Art & Gardens				CBS			

EACH WEDNESDAY IN SEPTEMBER - MANNA - 6 TO 7PM

## Prayer Concerns of the Church

*You are cordially invited to*  
*First Christian Church*  
**Fish Fry**  
*Sunday, September 18, 2011*

*Music at 4pm*  
*Food at 5pm*

**Nursing Homes or Assisted Living**

*Celebration Way*  
Cecil Cleek

*Christian Care Center*  
Mildred Bobo  
Alpha Philpott

*Carriage House Inn*  
Melba Henry  
Milbrey Eakin

*Donaldson Place*  
Opal Summerall

**At Home**

Lisa Adams  
Terry Craig  
Billy Gunter  
Wallace Hancock  
Gerrell Haynes  
Normanda Huffman  
Jean McCarter  
Miles McCullough  
Pete Phillips

Rhonda Reed  
Cornelia Riddle  
Earlene Stallings  
Bill and Naomi  
Thompson  
Ted York

**Others**

Barbara Thompson  
Dale Reese  
Mike Jorgenson  
Ruby Taylor



**PreK (3-5 years olds) Happening: Does God Have a Favorite Color? Red**

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 10, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**WHAT:** I wonder if God’s favorite color is RED! Come wearing red as we learn about Rahab and the Spies through storytelling, crafts, playing Hide and Go Seek and a light refreshment.

**WHERE:** Meet in Gathering Area before going to Room 2 for our activities for this energy filled group.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 7.



**Fill the Canisters for Good Samaritan**

Have you returned your canister filled with quarters for Good Sam’s? Please bring to church and place in basket next to Good Samaritan shoe box. Thank you for your supporting this organization’s ongoing mission of feeding those who are hungry in our community.

**Children’s Christmas Play**

We are very thankful that Shana Pitts has agreed to head up the children’s musical/play for this Christmas! Practice is tentatively scheduled to begin during the month of October, after the conclusion of Bob Stegall’s WOM children’s class. In the past only 1st through 5th graders were encouraged to participate; however, starting this year, ANY child interested, no matter the age, is encouraged to participate!

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families of:

Mr. Julian Troupe

Mrs. Gayle Bogle

**CWF/DWM News** by Janelle Douglass

CWF/DWM ladies have not been meeting this summer. I hope you all have enjoyed the break. I know how busy we all are but I have missed our good programs and the great fellowship we share. The treasury always suffers when we do not have regular meetings. But remember, we agreed if you would like to continue your monthly giving you can give your contribution to Joyce Bell or include it in the regular Sunday offering marked “CWF/DWM”.

The last time we met I asked to be replaced as your president. Ruth Cartwright has graciously agreed to serve as president starting in October. God Bless you, Ruth. I know you will do a great job. We will all support you and wish you a great year.

I have enjoyed serving as your president for several years but I feel we need new ideas and new leadership. I will continue to head up the Helping Hands Program and remember I will need a lot of hands to help. I would like to say a big “thank you” to Rhoda Gunter and Joyce Bell for serving as Secretary and Treasurer.

Circle IV is planning a Ladies Day Out in October. It will be a Saturday lunch with program and take the place of our regular October meeting. Date to be announced later in addition to our regularly scheduled meeting on October 11.

Our next meeting will be September 13 with Helping Hands at 9:00am followed by program. Please bring a sack lunch. Hope to see all you ladies there.

## CHILDREN MINISTRIES

### Sunday School Updates; New Classes Begin on September 11

Our new classes and teachers are as following:

3, 4, 5 year olds - Daryl and Amanda O'Neal in Room 2

K – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Teacher TBA in Room 3

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jeff and Amy Mitchell et al. in Room 4



### Children Worship & Wonder

Children Worship & Wonder offers an exciting way to approach faith formation with children. The approach recognizes children as spiritual beings who already have a relationship with God.

Through Children Worship & Wonder, children learn about God as they experience Him. They hear Bible stories in a way that allows them to enter into the stories and form responses out of their own life experiences. Children ages 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Worship & Wonder on the second and fourth Sunday of September. Children will leave the sanctuary following Children Moment. Parents are asked to come to the fellowship hall to pick up their child following the worship service. If you have any questions about Worship and Wonder, please contact Mary Jane Heuer, Children's Coordinator or Donnye and Bonnye, Worship and Wonder coordinators.

Sunday, September 11

The Light

John 8:12

Sunday, September 25

Creation

Genesis 1;2:1-9, 15-23



### Who's Cooking? Ministry for First through Fifth Grade

**Friday, September 9 5:30-8:30pm**

Eat a small snack before you come. Jimmy and Kay Simmons will be our special guest cooks as they lead and teach us how to make Chicken and Dumplings from scratch.

The evening includes making our dinner, eating, devotion, time with our special guests and game. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Each child is asked to bring a \$2.00 donation if possible to help defray the cost of this ministry.

### CCF: 4/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ministry: Pizza Night

WHEN: Friday, September 16, 6-8:30

WHAT: All 4/5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to come for an exciting evening of fellowship. We will make our own pizza, so bring either a topping, dessert or drink. Please write what you are bringing on the sign up sheet. MJ will provide the dough; you bring the rest! Invite friends and join in our special time together. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.



## All-Church Fish Fry by Bob Stegall

Mark your calendars for Sunday September 18, when FCC will enjoy a church-wide fish fry. Our cookers will gather at 3pm, and special music will begin at 4. We will eat at 5. Three fishing teams have already fished below Wilson Dam in Alabama, and at least two more will have gone fishing by the time you read this article. We do have time for more fishing teams leading up to the big event on September 18. We will have a great fish fry with plenty of fish from both Alabama and Tennessee. Help us have a great crowd by inviting *FRAN*--friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors. Jesus called us to be fishers of men. This is your invitation to be just that!



## September Birthdays

3	Steven Jorgenson	Reanna Hayse	26	Sharon Beyer	
4	Ron Bell	Ray Smith		Ray Coffey	
	Elisha Garcia	9	Joshua Carney	Kyle Turnbow	
	Lisa Huffman	12	Mia Coffey	27	Charlie Mitchell
	Matthew Posey	15	Marylin Lewis		Lynette Womble
	Wayne Schumann	18	Shelby Forsythe	29	Charlie Coffey
	Seth Sharp	20	Janet Farrar		
5	Marvin McBee	24	James Adcock		
7	Debbie Carney		Bucker Huffman		

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several others. David Chism will be the facilitator of this offering. Workbooks are \$10. Sign up in the gathering area.

We will also offer "Through a Woman's Eyes." In his gospel, John relates Jesus' encounter with women. Each woman saw Jesus a little differently, and each woman's life was impacted and changed forever because of the perceptions and insights gained in His interaction with her. Kay Stegall will be the facilitator of this offering.

## September Deacons

Terry Craig	Bonnye Fields
Kay Dennis	Iris Schumann

## September Elders

Ray Smith	Rose Marie Clark
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## Fall Women's Retreat

by Wilma Beam

Mark your calendars for the FCC Women's Retreat that will take place September 30-October 2. We will stay at the Sister's of Mercy retreat center in Nashville (close to the Opryland Hotel). All rooms are single occupancy with private baths. We will have times of study, fellowship, fun, and solitude throughout the weekend. The cost is \$110.00, plus the cost of the craft we will do on Saturday afternoon. This cost includes two nights' lodging and six meals. There are only 18 private rooms, so only 18 can attend the retreat. It is definitely worth the time and money to go.

If you would like to reserve your place, or if you have any questions, call the Wilma Beam.

## Reconciliation Ministry Offering to be Received On World Communion Sunday

by Kristie Caldwell

On Sunday, October 5, Disciples will get their first opportunity to celebrate World Communion Sunday in conjunction with Reconciliation Ministry's Special Offering Sunday. World Communion Sunday (WCS), with its emphasis on Christian Unity and Reconciliation Ministry whose emphasis is racial justice, have been brought together in this way because "the aims of ecumenicalism and the aims of racial justice belong together in the ministry of Jesus Christ," according to a recent General Assembly resolution.

Resolution 0719, adopted at the 2007 Ft. Worth General Assembly recommended that WCS and the Reconciliation Offering be celebrated together to encourage congregations to express the Church's commitment to Christian Unity while also seeking God's justice in addressing the sin

of racism.

To support this churchwide effort please remember to give generously to the Reconciliation Special Offering, which will be received in congregations on Sunday, Sept. 28 and Sunday, Oct. 5.