

AUGUST 2010 NEWSLETTER

THE CHRISTIAN GAZETTE



The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Athens, Alabama

AUGUST A MONTH OF PRAYER AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ATHENS
“THANK YOU GOD FOR ALL YOU HAVE GIVEN US MOST OF ALL JESUS“

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! THANKS TO OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON JANICE NORTON FOR PROMOTING, ORGANIZING AND IMPLEMENTING; ALSO THANKS TO MARTI NORTON FOR HER TALENT AND LEADERSHIP AS WELL; EQUAL THANKS GO TO MILDRED JOHNSTON, ANN CHANDLER, EDNA GREENHAW, KATELYN GILBERT, MYRA AND JUDDY CLEM, NANCY JO MAPLES, MARTHA OWENS, DEBBIE DYKES, PHILLIP AND NICK AND OTHERS .

Did you hear the young people and children singing and praying the Lord's Prayer the Sunday morning after Vacation Bible School? WOW! I saw tears in the eyes of many adults as they looked upon God's grace at It's finest. Church family - we experienced a touch from our Lord. All I could think of was angelic voices praising God with perfect humility. I felt very humbled and blessed. To be honest, they preached one of the greatest messages I have ever heard. They were beautiful in everyway...another defining moment in the life of our Church. I think we agree, They ALL Did Great! Matthew 10:42, teachers you are and will be blessed by the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOOL AND LAWN SHOWER

HONORING ANDY AND ANNA CLEM
SUNDAY AUGUST 1ST FOLLOWING CHURCH
YOUR LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

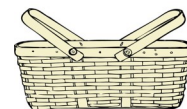
ALSO SEE CHURCH CALENDAR INSERT

CHURCH PICNIC AND BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

AUGUST 15TH AT CHRISTOPHER PARK, ATHENS
WASHINGTON STREET ACROSS FROM THE WELLNESS CENTER
MORE INFORMATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE BULLETINS



August Picnic
Ya'll Come



PRAY FOR THE CHURCH BOARD, COUNCIL, AND SEARCH COMMITTEE

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:

BILLY MAPLES, ANN CHANDLER, KAY ROMINE, KATELYN GILBERT, DEAN ROY

TO GOD BE THE HONOR, GLORY, AND POWER

BLESSED IS THE NAME OF THE LORD!

PRAYER CHAIN:

Anyone having a prayer concern please call Mary Frances or Janice Christopher at 256-232-0560 Home, or Cell 256-431-5398.

If you are not able to reach them, please call David or Norma J. Bailey at 1-256-309-5977 Home, or Cell 256-777-2441. They will in turn notify Bro. Phillip Gilbert of the prayer concern.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Thanks go out to our board and committee members and those who help them; they do much that often goes unrecognized that people do not realize; there will be more coming about them and others in the next newsletter. Let us say thanks and may God bless each of you beyond measure. Thanks go to Norma Jean Bailey for creating the bulletins and Juddy Clem for copying them..Also a special thanks to Nancy Jo Maples and all of the wonderful ladies who help in folding and mailing the newsletters. Many thanks to Donna Gadberry, Steve Croomes, and Jane Watkins for the music during worship. There would be so many people to mention by name, who have contributed so much that the risk would be too high of forgetting someone, so just know how much our Church appreciates all that you do! More to come in the next months newsletter...

Does Prayer really work?

The short answer is YES! The Word of God tells us to “pray without ceasing” and “through prayer and supplication” to make “all things known unto God”. Always remember its not so much how we pray, but more about the ONE we are praying to and the ONE we are praying through. Ever thought about that, “Pray To and Through”. I really like that song that says “Knock, knock.... knock on heaven’s door”. That is like we want to go to the door and through the door.

Your prayers move God to change the world which includes us.

You may not understand the mystery of prayer.

You don't need to. But this much is clear.

Actions in heaven occur when someone prays on earth.

What an amazing thought! The Great House Of God

The Parable of God and the Good Church

A pastor was working with his congregation to build a new church. He acquired an administrative pastor and scheduler and put all of their resources towards the new church. With much looking forward to the future and all energy and focus on the future, everything was moving along. The money was there, the attendance of the existing membership of about 500 people was strong. Everyone was saying, when we get into the new place that will be IT, we will be on our way. After all, that’s what God wants for them they were all sure. Then the unexpected happened. IT happened, but not their IT. The Lord returned to take His people home (the real IT occurred). They had not completed the building. They apologized to Jesus, but was amazed at His answer. Jesus said: You put your energy into things more than people and the future more than the present. You did not love, you did not minister, you did not use what I had given to you. You put life itself on-hold yet I the One who mattered most was there with you. Now Jesus proceeded to tell them what they could have done during that time when they rushed their future. Jesus said they sought the building made with hands while missing the one made without hands. Nothing wrong with buildings, but don’t stop with God in the process. Is this not what we do with many things in life? Lets serve God in the “now”, we don’t know what tomorrow holds.

A Little Humor

- 1) What kind of man was Boaz before he got married? Ruth-less
- 2) Where in the Bible does it say that men do the dishes? 2 Kings 21:13 "...and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down to dry."
- 3) A mother had been talking to her children about why to be quiet in Church. So she decided to see if they were getting it. So she asked them on the way to Church one Sunday.. “Children why is it that we are to be quiet in Church?” The children answered: “because people are sleeping”. The mother smiled then said without thinking “I know what you mean, that preacher seems asleep sometimes too”.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

DATE BIRTHDAYS

2nd Hadley Romine
2nd Jace Pitts
4th Virginia Wright
5th Ella Channing Romine
7th Will Smith
8th Sandra Smith
11th Clara Keyes
13th Juddy Clem
13th Phillip Gilbert
17 Lilla Chandler
17th Neal Johnston
18th Mildred Johnston
18th Jackie Curnutt
20th Joe Ann Crutcher
20th Sam Mitchell
20th Wendy (Mitchell) Gleason
22nd Katelyn Gilbert
30th Danika Brown

DATE ANNIVERSARIES

4th Ami & Kenneth Brown
14th Mike & Cathy Weaver
22nd Virginia & Ed Foxworthy
24th Nick & Angie Johnston
25th Billy & Nancy Jo Maples
30th Juddy & Myra Clem



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Thanks also goes to Wray Grisham, Mary Jo Coffman, Amy Harris, Cate Clem, Abi Stapler, and everyone who brought food and made monetary contributions that helped make VBS a big success.

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BIBLE READING PASSAGES

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Sunday The Epistles	Monday The Books of the Law	Tuesday The Books of History	Wednesday The Psalms	Thursday The Books of Poetry	Friday Prophecy & Revelation	Saturday The Gospels & Church History
1 <u>I Timothy 1-3</u>	2 <u>Numbers 5-8</u>	3 <u>I Chronicles 10-14</u>	4 <u>Psalms 99-101</u>	5 <u>Proverbs 19</u>	6 <u>Hosea 1-7</u>	7 <u>John 7-9</u>
8 <u>I Timothy 4-6</u>	9 <u>Numbers 9-12</u>	10 <u>I Chronicles 15-19</u>	11 <u>Psalms 102-104</u>	12 <u>Proverbs 20-21</u>	13 <u>Hosea 8-14</u>	14 <u>John 10-12</u>
15 <u>II Timothy 1-2</u>	16 <u>Numbers 13-16</u>	17 <u>I Chronicles 20-24</u>	18 <u>Psalms 105-107</u>	19 <u>Proverbs 22</u>	20 <u>Joel</u>	21 <u>John 13-15</u>
22 <u>II Timothy 3-4</u>	23 <u>Numbers 17-20</u>	24 <u>I Chronicles 25-29</u>	25 <u>Psalms 108-110</u>	26 <u>Proverbs 23-24</u>	27 <u>Amos 1-4</u>	28 <u>John 16-18</u>
29 <u>Titus</u>	30 <u>Numbers 21-24</u>	31 <u>II Chronicles 1-5</u>				