

# THE MESSENGER

June, 2014

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Montgomery, Alabama exists to demonstrate and proclaim God's joyful, unconditional love and to provide an inclusive environment of spiritual growth and nurturing for God's children.

## 2014 Camp and Conference

### **Genesis Camp** **June 21-23**

For those who have completed kindergarten or 1st grade

Cost: \$140 after June 1st: \$165

### **Discovery Camp** **June 21-23**

For those who have completed 2nd or 3rd grade

Cost: \$140 after June 1st: \$165

### **Junior Camp** **June 23-27**

For those who have completed 4th or 5th grade

Cost: \$240 after June 1st: \$265

### **CYF Conference** **June 23-27**

For those who have completed 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade

Cost: \$240 after June 1st: \$265

### **Chi Rho Camp** **June 23-27**

For those who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade

Cost: \$240 after June 1st: \$265

## 2014 Beach Camp

**June 8-13** For those who have completed 6th — 12th grades

Cost: \$250 after June 1st \$265

**FCC will pay 1/2 of one camp (at regular cost) for members.**

## FCC Says Farewell to Jean Longshore



Eleven years ago in May, when I came to settle in the office here at FCC, I met our wonderful Administrative Assistant, Jean Longshore. She made sure that I didn't make too many faux pas out the gate, as she reminded me of appointments on the calendar, made sure publications were done in a timely manner, and treated people who came to the church, whether long time members or those with special needs, with the kind of respect and dignity that was a witness both of her personal faith and FCC's mission.

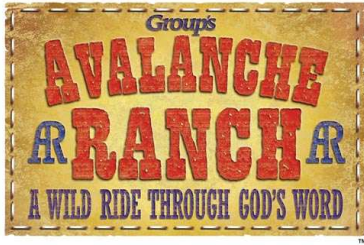
Jean has faithfully served this congregation for 15 ½ years, coming to us following her retirement with the State. During her tenure with us, she has worked alongside five ministers (two seniors and three associates) as well as four interim ministers. Each of us have been grateful for her faithfulness, professionalism, and friendship. To say that Jean will be missed is an understatement!

With the birth of another grandchild and other interests that she hopes to pursue, Jean's journey leads to her "second retirement". In her letter of resignation, Jean wrote, "I do thank you and First Christian Church for your love and support over the past 15 ½ years. ...The First Christian Church family will always be a part of my life and I hope I will always be a part of FCC."

I hope you will join me in saying "farewell" to Jean in a more formal way on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> following our worship service. We will have a special recognition in a reception with special opportunities of sharing our love and well wishes for the future.

**With Thanksgiving,  
Pastor Susan**

## Vacation Bible School Avalanche Ranch



Teresa Houser, Dawn Malkemus and Pastor Diane are excited about VBS for 2014. We have a number of wonderful volunteers who have already signed up and are ready to go. We need more volunteers if we are to reach out into our neighborhood and bring in people who may not know the love of Christ or the FCC Montgomery Family.

**VBS kickoff is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> after worship** with the Nurture Ministry assisting with the meal. We'll also have activities and games following lunch.

VBS will meet Wed (July 23) through Friday (July 25) from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. Supper will be provided each night, along with crafts, games, campfire sing-a-longs and learning about God's love for each of us.

**Our closing program will be on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.** We are changing this to Saturday in hopes to bring in the families that are not currently part of another worshipping community.

Sign-up flyers will be in the Sunday bulletins. Please share with your neighbors and friends!

We hope that you will feel God's calling in your life to use the talents you have been so blessed with to reach out to our community.

## Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers

If you crochet or knit, you can share your love by helping the families of soldiers injured or killed in service to our country.

If you would be willing to crochet or knit a prayer shawl for a family, please contact Rev. Robin or CDR Vince Lambert at ps4fs2@gmail.com or 256-775-6642. More information is on the web site [www.ps4fs.org](http://www.ps4fs.org).

Please also share this information with friends, families or neighbors who may be

interested. This is something that many of us can do to show our love for those who have sacrificed so much for the freedom we enjoy.



## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

**627 Paul W. Bryant Dr.  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401**



The Alabama-Northwest Florida Region's 2014 Miracle Day project will be at the First Christian Church in Tuscaloosa on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Miracle Day is a gathering of Disciples from the region to worship, fellowship and work on repair and renovation of Christian churches in the region. Persons of all ages and abilities are welcome. **David Batson is the Miracle Day team coordinator for FCC.** A sign-up form and information is on display in the Great Hall.

## Disciples Door to Door



Disciples Door to Door will be visiting John Knox Manor at 4401 Narrow Lane Road, Montgomery, AL 36116.

We will meet at John Knox Manor at **9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21st.** As usual, small dogs are welcome to help us meet and greet.

## Disciples Women

Disciples Women will meet **June 19 at 6:00 p.m.** Location will be announced. Host for June is Michelle Viliamaa. We will be making jewelry, having a wonderful fellowship time and having dinner.

**Please sign up at the Information Board, so that Michelle will know how many to prepare for.** Cost for the evening will be \$5 for supplies. Please contact Michelle Vilamaa at [michellevilamaa@gmail.com](mailto:michellevilamaa@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**Hope you can join us for a fun time of sharing.**



## PENECOST SUNDAY IS RED!

Pentecost is a time to celebrate the birth of Christ's Church! In 2014, it's especially exciting for Disciples. There's so much to celebrate as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) grows new churches and believers throughout North America. We are taking The Great Commission seriously and taking action.

We will receive our Pentecost special offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Our gifts will be used to spread the Gospel in our region and throughout

North America. We will touch the lives of new church planters through training and coaching. We'll help new churches get the assistance they need to reach out to those who are seeking God (often in places where few Disciples churches are currently found). Two new churches in the Alabama-NW Florida Region will benefit from our generosity.

**Wear red...and share the Spirit through your giving on June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## A DYNAMIC DUO DIALOGUE FOR FATHERS' DAY

Revs. John Lambert and Susan Diamond will share the pulpit on **Fathers' Day, June 15** in a special dialogue sermon entitled, "Teach Your Children Well." You won't want to miss this very special service of worship, followed by a fellowship luncheon honoring our fathers. The Nurture Ministry will provide the meat, drinks, and desserts...we ask for members to bring a dish to share.

## Music Notes

### "Jump in 'N June"

Come and get your feet wet. Why not come to rehearsal in June and sing with the choir to see if you like it? We are looking for more members to join this fun worship group. Beginning on Wednesdays in June we will have rehearsals from 6:15 – 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. We will sing on several Sundays at the 10:00 am worship service. Commit to one month and see how it goes. You might just like it! The choir will take a break during July and August. Our first 6:15 pm rehearsal will begin on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### "Summer Music Gigs"

While the choir is taking a break in July and August, this invitation is open for any who would like to provide special music. Several people have mentioned to me about wanting to sing during the summer. Singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, all are welcome. There is a calendar in the choir room (green folder) for you to start signing up. Please sign up now to help with our planning schedule.

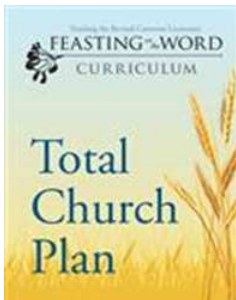
### "Song Selections"

Do you have a request for music? Please write down songs you would like to hear and give to Bobbie Morris and we'll work on adding them to our music planning.

Thank you for your support of First Christian Music Program.

**Bobbie Morris, Music Director**

## Adult Sunday School



**June 1st-August 31st**— All adult Sunday School classes who would like to be a part of the combined adult class are asked to meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. Various teachers will teach from the summer "Feasting on the Word" curriculum.

Join us for a wonderful summer of learning and feasting on the word of God.

## Children/Youth Sunday School

Come join your friends each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. We'll be watching a DVD, eating popcorn, doing crafts and playing games. We would love to have those ages 4 - youth come and be a part of the fun.

Date	Teacher	Assistant	DVD Title
June 1	Madeline Taylor	Caitlin McInnish	The Amazing Miracles
June 8	Annette Thacker	Lana Wheatcroft	The Not So Golden Calf
June 15	Jane E. Burdeshaw	Haley Donovan	The Rest is Yet To Come
June 22	Mara Donovan	Hannah Donovan	A Life and Seth Situation
June 29	Cheryl McArthur	Emma Colson	Stolen Jewels; Stolen Hearts
July 6	Mary Homan	Martha Jacoway	Toying With The Truth



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*Children/Youth/Young Adults Lead Worship on Mother's Day!*

