

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Elders on Call

June Pryor
Joye Taylor

Serving Diaconate

Charles Almond, Sylvia Almond, Joshua Berry, Shaina Berry
Bobby Boyd, Faye Boyd, Lisa Burdette, Ken Champlin, Buzz DeVore
Nancy DeVore, Sheila Murphy, Jenny West, Shane West

Diaconate Preparer

Sheila Murphy

Acolyte

Victor Dillon

Sunday School Greeter

Steve Pasky

Worship Greeters

Jim & Beverly Baxter (Door)
Donna Strickland (Sanctuary)

Children Worship & Wonder

Wondering Day

June Pryor (storyteller)

Jennifer Powell, Susan Scales (greeters)

Nursery Volunteer

Linnea Blakemore

Rev. Troy Tatum

Senior Minister

Rev. Robin Blakemore

Associate Minister

Twila Tyree

Substitute Music Director

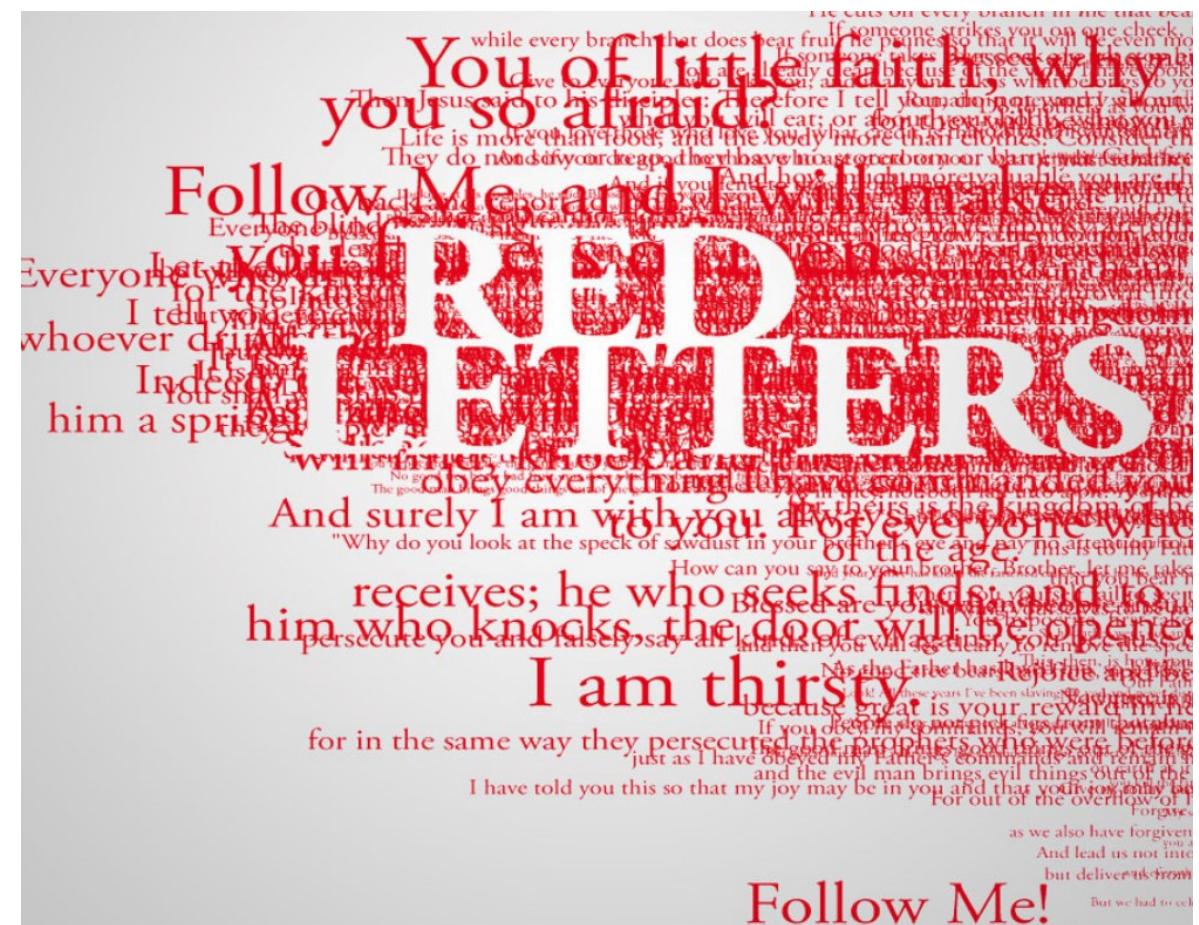
David Brasher

Pianist/Organist

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



"Where the Grace of God Awaits You"



July 30, 2017

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

We're delighted you're here today, and we hope you'll find this to be a meaningful time of worship with a vibrant community of faith.

NEW HERE?

If today is your first time visiting at First Christian Church, please be sure to stop by the welcome table near the front doors so that we can give you a small gift to thank you for worshipping with us.

CONNECTION CARDS

We ask everyone to take a few moments during worship to fill out the Connection Card included in this bulletin. You may place your card in the offering when it is received.

WORSHIPPING WITH CHILDREN

Children age 3K through fourth grade are encouraged to participate in Worship and Wonder, a special worship and education experience designed just for them. Young people may leave the service for Worship and Wonder following "A Time for Children." Of course, children of all ages are welcome to participate in morning worship, and childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the church nursery for all or part of the service. Worship bags with activity sheets, crayons, and children's bulletins are available in the narthex.

WAYS TO GIVE

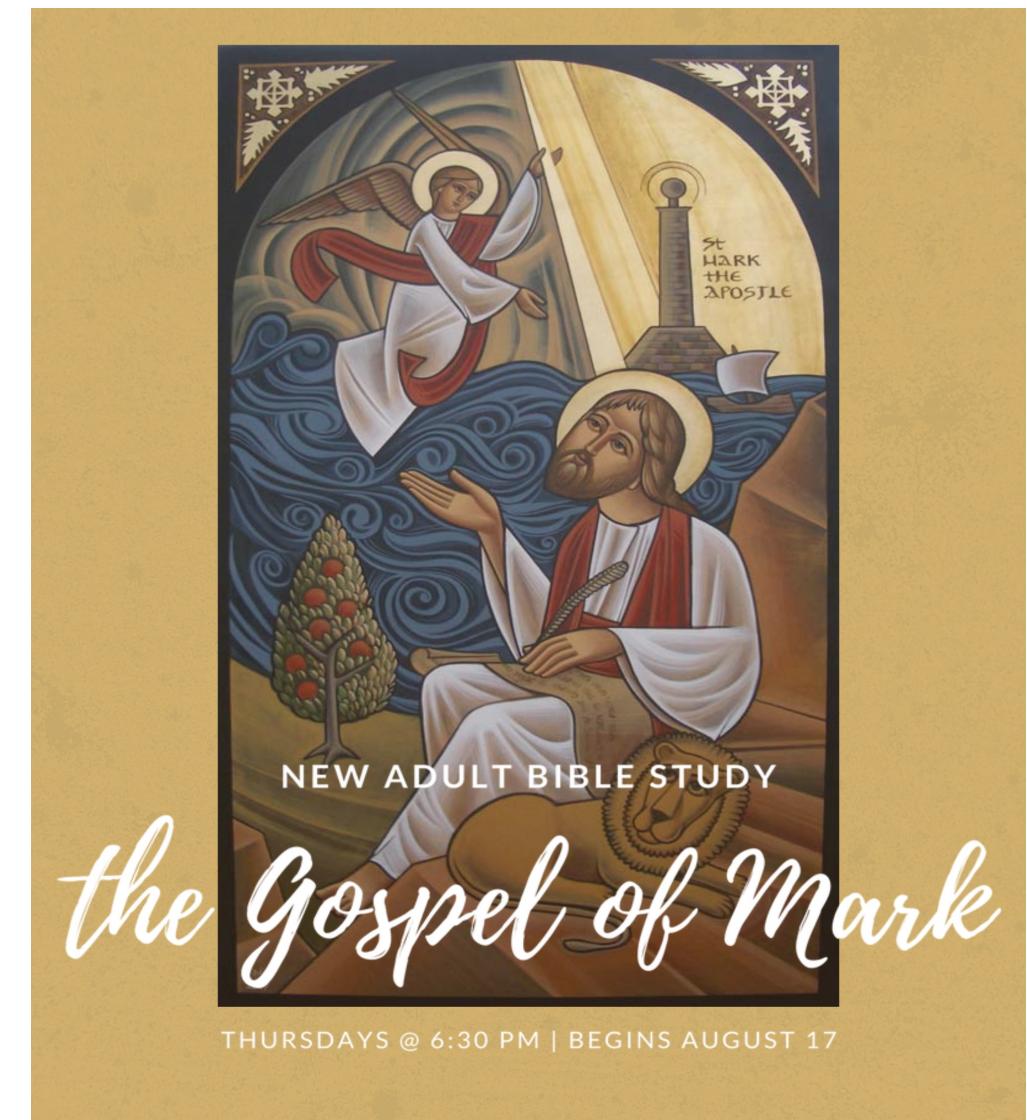
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NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY August 17

Join us at 6:30 PM on Thursday evenings as Rev. Troy Tatum leads a new 12-week study through the Gospel of Mark. You are invited to join us beginning August 17 for an in-depth, discussion-based study where all perspectives are welcome. While we will work through Mark chronologically, there is no need to commit to every session; each week will be accessible as a self-contained study. There is no need to sign up, but please contact the church office to make childcare reservations. Come as you can and come as you are; all you need to bring is an open mind and an open heart.

THIS WEEK

Monday, July 31

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
11:00 AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-Thursday, August 1-3

9:30 AM TAN Summer Fun

Wednesday, August 2

6:30 PM Choir Practice

GET INVOLVED

SUPPORT OUR REGIONAL CHURCH

Each year we receive a special offering that supports our shared ministries as part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Alabama-NW Florida. Your gifts to this special offering make possible the ministries of the regional church, such as summer camp and conference, pastoral search and call, our mission partnership in Honduras, new church plants and church revitalization, and so much more. During worship today, you can make a gift to support the ministries of our regional church by using the envelope provided in your bulletin, or by visiting www.fcc-bhm.org/give to give online.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It's time for our annual School Supply Drive to support the children of Vincent Elementary School! Please pick up a backpack and school supply list from the table outside the sanctuary. All backpacks and school supplies must be returned to the church no later than Sunday, August 13 for delivery to Vincent Elementary School. Please return the backpacks and supplies to the table outside the sanctuary, and place your supply list inside the backpack. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

INSTALLATION SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday, August 13 as we install, celebrate, and pray for our servant leaders for the new church year. Our new Mission Council will be installed, and three new Elders will be ordained during our morning worship service. We hope you will all be a part of this special day.

We Gather Before God

Prelude

Bachiana On An Ancient Chorale

Young

*Call to Worship

Leader: Like a shepherd searches for lost sheep, God calls us.

People: Come, God is seeking to gather us together.

Leader: God reaches out to rescue all who have strayed.

People: Our faith draws us here, in spite of our doubts.

Leader: Come, above all else, to worship and give thanks.

People: Make a joyful noise to the God of creation!

* Hymn of Praise

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Red Hymnal No. 453

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Troy Tatum

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Prayer Response

Gloria Patri

Red Hymnal No. 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Troy Tatum

Please take a moment to fill out your Connection Card.

A Time for Children

Rev. Robin Blakemore

Children age three through fourth grade may leave for Children's Worship & Wonder

Invitation to Present Gifts

Rev. Troy Tatum

Offertory Music

In Heaven's Eyes

McHugh

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Red Hymnal No. 46

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Offer Our Prayers With Love

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Robin Blakemore

We Gather at Christ's Table

Communion Hymn

For the Bread, Which You Have Broken

Red Hymnal No. 411

Invitation to Communion

June Pryor

Prayer of Communion

Joye Taylor

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

This is the Lord's Table; all believers in Christ are invited. As the communion elements are passed, please partake of the bread and hold the cup so that we may share together after the congregational response.

Elder: The Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My Body which is given for you."

Communion Music

In The Stillness

Peterson

Elder: In the same way also the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant of My Blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

People: **As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

We Proclaim God's Word

Learning to Lean
Gary Franklin

Stallings (arr. Lister)

Special Music

Scripture

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

"When Was It That We Saw You?"

Rev. Troy Tatum

We Respond With Our Lives

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Hymn of Discipleship

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Red Hymnal No. 586

We Go Forth to Love and Serve

*Benediction

Rev. Troy Tatum

*Congregational Response

Red Hymnal No. 434

**God be with you till we meet again
Loving counsels guide, uphold you
with a shepherd's care enfold you
God be with you till we meet again**

**Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

*Postlude

The Call To Serve

Kendall

*All who are able please stand.