



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

May 2007

Greetings!

We have been diligently working on our 2007 vision initiatives. Our mission is and will continue to be *to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people and to lead them into a fully devoted relationship with Him*. Our vision initiatives allow us to work and see outcomes that come from the mission Jesus gave us.

We presented several of those initiatives on Vision Sunday in January and are moving right along in accomplishing our goals. We enhanced the sign on Montgomery and our sanctuary face lift will be completed in time for our June events. What a difference! A fresh look and the expanded stage and orchestra pit allow us to grow in our worship and events ministry. We commit to look for more opportunities to freshen up our campus in the coming months.

Our vision is also expanding in the way of ministries. We are enhancing established ministries and are reaching out to share the Good News to our community. What an exciting June we have planned!

The Torch Is Passed patriotic performance is June 8th at 7:00 p.m. and June 9th at 3:00 p.m. We will be blessed by our FCC Choir and soloists, the community orchestra, drama and all the wonderful aspects of this presentation. We will have refreshments following each performance. I am sure you and your family and friends will enjoy!

African Children's Choir will be here on Sunday evening June 10th at 6:00 p.m. They have recently been featured on *American Idol* which has expanded their ministry reach. We encourage our members to get here plenty early for good seating options. We will not be allowing "seat saving" so please make sure that your party is here together. The ACC is sure to be a tremendous blessing for all who attend.

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching. Besides our Sunday morning Children's Ministry I cannot think of a better way to introduce family, friends and neighbors to First Christian. Debra Asher and her team are planning another tremendous week of music, drama, craft, and a host of other activities that are sure to present the Good News of Jesus to kids. VBS begins June 18th at 6:00 p.m. and will go through the 22nd. Sunday June 24th will be VBS Sunday as we all get to experience a taste of this year's theme...*Galilee by the Sea!*

We have several going to ***El Porvenir*** this summer for church camp. What a great way for your kids and family to get away and focus on God. There are opportunities for all ages and the Church pays half of the tuition for member's children. You can get a registration form in the foyer if you are interested in attending camp.

Our Staff is taking on some new faces, too. Debra Asher, following 2 ½ years of service, is stepping aside to take care of her family. We appreciate the hard work and efficiency that she brought to our team. Debra will continue to be the VBS Coordinator and would love to have you be a part of her team this year! (see sign-up in Sunday's bulletin or the VBS display)

We are excited to announce two new part-time positions. Lisa Peltier has joined our team as receptionist. Lisa will answer our phone from noon until 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 to 1 on Fridays, so when you call introduce yourself. Pamela Caffery will be creating our publications. So, if you have any items for the Sunday bulletin, News & Views newsletter then send them to pcaffery@fccabq.org.

I want to thank you on behalf of your Elders, Staff, and Ministry Teams for your faithfulness in giving. I recently attended a Finance Team meeting and was pleased to hear that our general fund offering has been meeting and exceeding our budgeted need. We have deposited additional funds into our reserve as promised and are looking to fulfill more of our vision in the months to come.

Let me encourage you to continue your steadfastness in the worship of giving. God's provisions are awesome and our giving reflects our thankfulness and our heart towards His Kingdom. Plus, you are giving to the most meaningful purpose in the entire world, His Church.

May you have a blessed summer as you travel, relax, or just enjoy God's blessings!

Tom Caffery
Senior Minister