

Christ Notes July 1, 2010

Keith's Corner

Thanks to Lynn Haldaman for preaching last Sunday. I know that it is hard to find the right words in the right sequence at the right time to get across exactly what the scripture is telling us. And I know Lynn did a great job. Please pray for Lynn and all who are traveling this summer.

My text this Fourth of July is from Luke 10:1-11. Jesus has just made the decision to turn from Galilee and head for Jerusalem. Fresh from an unpleasant reception by the Samaritans, Jesus decides to send out 70 missionaries as an advance team. Read this passage and pay close attention to the instructions Jesus gives them. What does "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few mean?" What does it have to do with us in 2010? I hope to see you in worship and at the picnic!!

Blessings, Keith

Monday Evening Bible Study

Thanks to all who have faithfully participated in our Monday evening study. We are taking a break for the summer and will resume in late August. If you have ideas for future studies, please share them with Keith.

Tuesday Morning Bible/Book Study

We continue our Weekday Morning Bible Study is on Tuesdays from 9:45-11:00 am in the Annex. Is the book Prayer Does it make a Difference? by Phillip Yancey. Come join us! Books are available at most retail booksellers and Christian bookstores.

Calling all Men* Prayer Breakfast*****Tuesday Morning 7:30-8:30AM**

Men come join us on Tuesday mornings at Steak and Shake on 92 just a few blocks towards Roswell on Woodstock Rd. (92). We meet for an informal prayer time and fellowship. Our pledge is to get you out and on your way by 8:30.

Have you noticed?

Rhema is sending a crew of fifteen to mow and trim on July 3 as part of their ongoing contribution to Christ Church. Wow! When you see them please thank them. They also have a team which cleans the church on the fourth weekend of each month.

Did you know: that freedom also means we are free to help others. We do a lot of ministry from this church. I'm not certain that any one individual knows everything that is going on. Do you have a passion for outreach? Let me know what you are passionate about and I'll help you find a way to give your time to that ministry.

Money Matters:

If you've missed church this summer, please know that we have missed you. I have learned over time that giving is one of the greatest joys in life. The more I give, the happier I feel. The moments Mary and I have experienced the greatest joy in our life together are the moments of giving, both time and money. Some folks look at their budgets and give from their leftovers. In times like this there aren't many leftovers. Jesus tells us that God wants our first fruits. He wants us to give to him first and find the joy in it. Then we will find joy what's left as well. What do first fruits mean to you? Something to think about.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July Fourth Celebration @ 7:00 PM

July 5 Meals on Wheels

July 10 Young at Heart Picnic

YOUTH SUMMER 2010

July 4 at CUMC

OUTREACH

North Fulton Senior Services Meals on Wheels Volunteer Project

Cooks and drivers are needed for the **4th of July Holiday**, which is **Monday, July 5, 2010!** There will be a sign up sheet in Church this Sunday, or call Jane Stone, 770 578 88881.

This is an easy and FUN way to serve our community and enjoy some great fellowship with other helpers!

The Meals on Wheels Coordinator has also asked if anyone is available on July 1st and July 2nd to be on call for Meals on Wheels Delivery on those two days. She will be on vacation and will be in need of a few volunteers to be backup drivers, just in case a route does come open. If you are available to be on call please call or email Kimberly Whitten with your name and number and the area in which you would be able to deliver. Her phone number is 770.993.1906 Ex. 230, and her email is kwhitten@ssnorthfulton.org.

SPECIAL SIGNS **Anyone** wishing to put up a sign on city property (near the street) in front of the church must clear it with the church office.

EVANGELISM

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION plans are complete:

Set-up begins 6 PM (coordinated by Rip Thead); activities begin 7 PM

Charge of \$2. Per car, includes 1 hot dog, drink, and chips.

Food for sale includes: hot dogs, drinks, chips, cookies (\$1 per item), Jorge Blanco cooking

Youth activities (coordinated by Liz Huff) - games, ticket sales

Children's games (coordinated by Cherry Stefan) - games, face painting, cookie painting

Volunteers are needed for:

Set-up (contact Rip Thead - 770.552.0985)

Serving Food (contact Rip Thead - 770.552.0985)

Games (contact Liz Huff - 770.650.9442 or Cherry Stefan - 678.494.8663)

Clean-up (contact Wayne Hillis – 770.992.6857)

There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Church on Sunday.

Plan to join your church family for food, fireworks, and fellowship!

See you there

The Evangelism Committee in concert with the Admin. Council would like to expand the number of fund raisers sponsored by the church. After discussion, the following events have been suggested:

Car Show

Lecture Series

Parent's Night Out – Bill Ross has volunteered to coordinate

Children's Circus

Consignment Leasing – Susan Smith has volunteered to coordinate

Lease or rent part of church land

Wednesday Night Dinners

Shrimp Boil – Wayne Hillis will coordinate in October – November

Bill Ross has also volunteered to be the liaison between Christ Church and Rhema, the Hispanic church renting our facility, in order to expand our events.

In order to put on any of these events, we will need other volunteers to lead and coordinate the events. We will also need other volunteers to help with the various duties required by each event.

If you have any further suggestions of events which would be beneficial, please contact Wayne Hillis.

Floral Ministry

Christ UMC Floral Ministry would like to help our congregation honor, celebrate and remember those in our hearts, by placing live flowers in a bud vase on the altar every Sunday. We need to know by Wednesday, who you would like to celebrate and why, so that this information appears in Christ Notes and in the bulletin on Sunday. Please send your information via email to: moserma@bellsouth.net or call 770-516-4452 and leave a message. There is also a sign up calendar on the table in the rear of the sanctuary for future dates. Thanks for your participation.

Summer Schedule

Please review your “summer calendar” for Liturgist, Nursery, Children’s Sermon and other activities, and select a replacement, if you plan to be away and will not be able to serve as you are scheduled. Thank you.

Open Altar for Prayers

Our altar rail will be open for prayers following every worship service. “Prayer Warriors” will be available to pray for and with you. A growing and caring church is a praying church.

Pledge Campaign and Budget

We received \$2674 against a weekly need for \$4425.

It is imperative that we receive all Pledge Cards back as soon as possible. Please prayerfully consider your commitment for BOTH 2010 as well as 2011. The amount for 2010 should include giving for the entire year, not just for the second half.

The Finance Committee relies heavily on these stated commitments when setting budget priorities and in determining the need for additional revenue activities. Our biggest income category, by far, is your tithing and even small amounts make a big difference so get your Pledge Card in quickly. Thank you!!

Blair Blinkhorn
Finance Chair

Need Pastoral Help?

Pastor Keith is available for short term counseling. He is generally in the office Monday through Thursday, but is subject to meetings and often makes visits outside the church. It's best to call and set an appointment through the church office. In an emergency, please call his cell phone 404-906-1425.

Church Cleaning Assignments

In an effort to be financially responsible during these lean times, we no longer have a cleaning service for the church building. This means that we as a congregation will need to step up and help in keeping our church attractive and clean. We are asking that you volunteer with the organizations/groups listed below to help clean once or twice a quarter. If you do not belong to any of these groups, please volunteer to help one of these groups. We need everyone's help to make this an easy project. We need to start this project right away.

The Groups:

1) Warren Fellowship Class	2nd week of June
2) Agape Class (Maggie's)	3rd week of June
3) Larry's Class	4th week of June
4) Outreach/Evangelism Committee	5th week of June
5) Youth Group	1st week of July
6) Bible Study groups (Mon/Tues/Fri)	2nd week of July
7) UMW	3rd week of July
8) UMM	4th week of July
9) Worship/Altar Guild/ Young at Heart	1st week of Aug
10) Shepherd Ministry	2nd week of Aug
11) Choir (group I)	3rd week of Aug
12) Choir (group II)	4th week of Aug

If each group takes one Saturday to clean the building, the rotation would be once a quarter. If the church is cleaned on a weekly basis, the cleaning will not have to be heavy cleaning. There are so many members of the choir that they can split into 2 groups. Obviously some people will be in multiple groups, so they can pick 2 groups to clean with. Please let Susan Smith know which groups you will be working with. We need a commitment from each church member to make this project work. Our church will only be as clean as we keep it. We are counting on YOU.

Members/Friends Service Directory

In these hard economic times, we can help our brothers and sisters in the Church by utilizing their businesses for necessary services. Many of our members are self employed. I would like to include a list of services offered by our members on our website and in this e-newsletter. If you would like to be listed, please email the church office a brief (no more than two lines) description of services offered and contact information.

- ◆ **Joanne Rooks** owns Mom's Table, a prepared meals company with locations at 1207 Canton St., Roswell and 8420 Main St., Woodstock. View the menu at: www.MomsTableOnline.com .
- ◆ **Susan Smith** is a licensed Christian Counselor. She can be reached at 404-861-2077.
- ◆ **Mary Jane Warren Stone Fine Art and Illustration** Realist portraits of people, animals and places, and exhibits and illustration in support of educational and environmental concerns. 770-578-8881
- ◆ **Jeanette Storey** works for a Home Care company located in Roswell called Golden Home Services. If you need a carefully screened, trained, bonded, and insured home services provider for a loved one, please call Jeanette at 678-242-0084
- ◆ **Chrissie Thead** is Christina's Interior Finishes. Her company offers color consultations, decorative painting and faux finishes for walls, ceilings, cabinets, mantles and furniture. www.christinasinteriorfinishes.com or 404-317-2090
- ◆ **John Clark** provides private music instruction for piano, voice, and composition. He teaches classical, rock, and jazz styles and trains students to read music as well as play by ear. For more information visit www.JohnClarkStudio.com or call 404-218-9150.
- ◆ **David & Susanne Portnoy** Upholstered fabric & Wall to Wall Carpet Cleaning. .Please call 678-494-4030. Reasonable rates, fine job!