

Christ Notes July 15, 2010

Keith's Corner

Worship this Sunday!

Our scripture this Sunday is Colossians 1: 15-23. In this text Paul clarifies for the church in Colossae and for us exactly who Jesus is; why is He so important to us, and how we should respond. "He is the image of the invisible God" is a most profound statement. The one whom we could never see is now visible in Jesus Christ. What does this mean for you personally and what does it mean for Christ Church? I hope to see you Sunday!

Blessings, Keith

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*******Small Group Strategic Thinking Meetings*******

We are planning to start our small group meetings next week. Administrative Council has authorized these meetings to inform the congregation of our current situation and to seek your input on future directions for Christ Church. We will start by asking existing groups. For example next Tuesday at 7:00 pm we are inviting the choir to Lynn Haldaman's house. Since we are aiming to keep the groups to a maximum of eight, we ask that you sign up with the church office in advance. Clearly it will take more than one meeting for the choir. The meeting should be over by 8:30. Rev. Keith will make a brief presentation at each meeting and lead the discussions. Our objectives are to inform and hear ideas. We are reviving the Health Committee to take everyone's ideas, analyze them, and bring the best ideas back to the congregation, again in small meetings.

Forty Days of Prayer

Please join me in forty days of prayer for our strategic thinking process. I will have guides available Sunday. I ask that each of us prays each day beginning on Tuesday and for the next forty days that God would guide us in our meetings and clearly show us the directions He would have us go. I believe your participation in daily prayer for our church and for this process is absolutely essential to success. If we cover this project with our prayers, I have no doubt but that God will reveal His will to us!

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.

Did you know: that the Bible is the most shoplifted book in the world? Who would'a thunk it? What does that mean?

Money Matters:

Collections continue to be down for most Sundays in the summer. Fortunately summer camps and schools using the property have filled in some of the gap. Please remember that the church has to pay its bills even if you are on vacation just as you need to pay your expenses. We would be most grateful if you would remember to send in your tithe when you are away.

MISSING:

If anyone has borrowed a large, aluminum stock pot from the kitchen, please return it.

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:

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 \$2806 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 Duties

Vacuum the Sanctuary

Dust the Sanctuary

Clean Bathrooms - 2 upstairs (pour 1/2 cup of hot water down the drain in the center of the bathroom).

4 downstairs (especially during the summer months).

Vacuum hallway and entrance downstairs

Vacuum Fellowship Hall

Clean kitchen area of the Fellowship Hall

Nursery (sweep/clean floors) (wipe down toys with bleach).

Week of:

July 12	Bible Study Groups - Mon./Tues./Fri.
July 19	UMW
July 26	Rhema
Aug. 2	Worship/Altar Guild//Young At Heart
Aug.9	Shepherd Ministry
Aug. 16	Choir (Group 1)
Aug. 23	Rhema
Aug. 30	UMM
Sept. 6	Choir (Group 2)
Sept. 13	Warren Fellowship Class
Sept. 20	Agape Class
Sept.27	Larry's Class
Oct. 4	Outreach/Evangelism

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

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♣ **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.

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