

# Christ Notes July 22, 2010

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## **Keith's Corner**

### **Worship this Sunday!**

Our scripture this Sunday is Psalm 85 and the sermon title is "Let the Good Times Roll." It is hard to imagine someone who feels that today fits into the good times category. In fact most of us long for a return to good times. Psalm 85 speaks to both the cause of our concerns and gives us hope for restoration. In verse 4 the Psalmist prays "Restore us again O God of our salvation." Verse 5 continues "Will you be angry at us forever?" What does restoration mean to you? What would you be willing to do in order to be restored? Let's talk about that Sunday!

Blessings,

Keith

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

We held the first small group meeting Tuesday evening with some members of the choir. Thanks to Lynn Haldaman for hosting our meeting. While we went over our time a bit, it was because our discussions were lively and constructive. It was a good first meeting and the attendees were clearly engaged. I learned a lot about how to conduct these meetings effectively.

Over the next week Lynn and Evelyn Yarborough are putting together groups. We are trying to use existing groups, such as a Sunday school class or Young at Heart, as the organizing unit for each meeting. We will put together a list of meetings so that everyone can come to a meeting. Meetings should resume the

first week of August. If you would like to host a meeting, please call Evelyn at the church office. Hosting a meeting involves calling a list of invitees and having a space. Refreshments are optional and not expected.

### **Forty Days of Prayer**

*I've asked each of us to commit to forty days of prayer for Christ Church. Last Monday was Day 1. This Monday begins Day 1 of the second week. By separate Email I am sending the prayers for week 2. Week one will be attached to that Email. Hard copies of both will be on the rear table.*

*Some have asked why have a separate program like forty days of prayer when hopefully everyone is already praying for our church? Here is my answer. I believe that prayer works. I believe that prayer changes things. I believe that when we are united in our prayers that God transforms things, perhaps even us. Can we be united in this? Can we pray these prayers even if we have doubts? Can we open our hearts and minds to God's will for us His people? I believe we can and that God will hear our prayer. Many of you are already participating. I can feel it. Just imagine what can happen if we are united in our prayer*

### **Flip Flop Sunday August 8**

Let's have some fun in worship. On August 8 let's all come to worship wearing flip flops and loud Hawaiian shirts, or other festive summer attire. We will relax the style of our worship as we prepare for a new school year. Do you think Chucky the church mouse has a Hawaiian shirt?

### **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 muscle in your eyelid is the fastest muscle in your body enabling you to blink up to some 15,000 times a day? That corresponds to about 10 times each minute. Now if things can change in the blink of an eye an incredible amount of change is not only possible, but likely!

### **Money Matters:**

Last week was a good Sunday for collections. Thanks to all who are trying so hard to keep up with their tithes, even if they are away on vacation!

Last week we received \$5,542 against a weekly need of \$4,425

### **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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

See attached flyer about the Cap and Collar presentation at Temple Kahillat Chaim.

## **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.

## **Outreach Committee**

The Outreach Committee will meet this Sunday, July 25, right after services. We will discuss Meals on Wheels for Labor Day, and whether we should do a back to school drive this year. Please attend.

## **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](mailto: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**

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 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 the office 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.JohnClarkStudio.com) or call 404-218-9150.

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