

Christ Notes July 29, 2010

Keith's Corner

Worship this Sunday!

Our text this week is Psalm 107: 1-9 and 43. The sermon is part 2 of a 3 part sermon miniseries based upon texts from the Psalms. As you know, psalms were read or sung by the people of Israel and by the early church as part of worship. . Psalm 107 is a chiasmic psalm. That is a pattern is repeated several times for effect. Here the psalmist uses the pattern of lament, the people crying out, and God's response as evidence of the need for worship. In the old days worship was an integral part of everyone's week. Today many people see worship as optional or perhaps even unnecessary. I hope you will take a look at Psalm 107 and read it carefully. What is it that God is instructing us to do through the Psalmist? What does this psalm say about how we are to worship? I look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Blessings,

Keith

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

Evelyn Yarborough and Lynn Haldaman have worked very hard to put together lists for our small group meetings. Meeting hosts will be asked to choose a date and then call the people on their lists to invite them to a meeting. If you cannot come to the meeting to which you are invited, please call the office and see if you can sign up for an alternative date.

Our goal is for everyone to sign up for and come to a meeting. This is very important. Please commit to attend one of these meetings.

Forty Days of Prayer

We are entering week three of our forty days of prayer. As before the starter prayers are being sent out electronically and hard copies are available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. We are coming to the time when it will get real easy to skip a day. Please, please, maintain your vigil. We need your prayers. We need your commitment. We need to hear how God is speaking to us through you. Thank you for your support in this vital effort.

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

Stay tuned. An announcement is imminent on our next study

Tuesday Morning Bible/Book Study

This Tuesday we finish up our Philip Yancey book on prayer. Our next book will be Ten Questions Every Pastor Fears by F. Belton Joyner. We meet at 9:30 on Tuesday mornings in the annex. I hope you will join us for this book study. We have plenty of room!

Friday Morning Bible Study

This Bible study will resume on August 6, looking at 1st and 2nd Timothy.

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 at any given time there are some 44,000 storms occurring in the earth? There are on average 35 earthquakes every day. And lightning strikes

somewhere on earth 100 times each second. Perhaps Mother Nature has good reason to be a bit angry?

Money Matters:

After a good week we lost some ground last week. I hope that if you have to miss church you will remember to keep up your tithes. Thanks. Keith

Everyone please remember to continue your tithing during the important summer months. July 2010 giving totaled \$14,292, which was a marked decrease from July 2009, in which \$18,407 was given. Last week we received \$1,760 against a weekly need of \$4,425. Blair

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:

July 29, 2010 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting Fellowship Hall

August 2, 2010 7:00 PM Shepherd Ministry Training Fellowship Hall

August 3, 2010 7:00PM Lyme Disease Support

Outreach Committee

Child Development Association, a non-profit organization located in Roswell, GA, has asked our church to organize a “materials drive” to provide school supplies for use in their day-care program. Please bring your gift of these items to the church between August 1 and August 8, so that we may provide help for less fortunate children in our

neighborhood. A list of the items they requested is available on the back table in the sanctuary.

North Fulton Senior Services has a client who is doing poorly, and whose main joy is his pet cat. He knows the cat needs a good grooming-bath, cutting, etc and he would love for someone to pick up the cat and take her to a groomer. If you are a cat lover and would like to help, please call NFSS at (770) 993-1906.

UMW Meetings:

UMW Circle meetings will resume in August! All women who attend Christ UMC are invited. The LaDeDa Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 17, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Carole Yeske. Study Leader Susan Beason will present "Blessed Are The Poor," the first lesson in a series on the Beatitudes. The Martha Circle will meet on Saturday, August 14, at 10:30 a.m. at a restaurant location to be announced later.

Computer Help Needed !!!!!:

The church computer has crashed. This may cause a delay in responding to emails sent to the church office. Anyone having experience in recovering hard drives that have failed, please contact Wayne Stephens.

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

To date we have received pledge commitments from 24 families for a total pledge amount of \$102,685 in 2010. This compares to 2009 in which we received commitments from 46 families totaling \$178,728. These pledges are crucial in helping Finance make important decisions about how to allocate financial resources. If you have not returned your pledge card you can email Financial Secretary Wayne Stephens directly at graywayne.stephens8@gmail.com.

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 Schedule

Week of:

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 .
- **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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Steve Musker: Private music lessons are available on trumpet, trombone, baritone and tuba. For information call 770-518-4499 for details. Steve is a certified music teacher in the state of Ga. with over 40 years playing experience and over 18 years teaching experience in both individual and group settings.

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