

Christ Notes *July 8, 2010*

Keith's Corner

Worship this Sunday!

Our scripture this Sunday is Luke 10:23-37; the story of the Good Samaritan. Jesus tells this story after a biblical scholar interrupts his fellowship trying to trick Jesus by showing up Jesus' lack of formal Biblical training. The parable comes in answer to the man's question, "Who is my neighbor?" His question reveals instead his own misinterpretation and misunderstanding of the law. How we define "neighbor" speaks volumes about us. As you reflect on these verses in preparation for Sunday, please ask yourself this same question and then consider how you have arrived at your definition for neighbor?

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.

Thanks to the July 4th Picnic Crew!!!

Our Fourth of July Picnic was wonderfully successful. We had a great crowd with many visitors, all of whom felt welcomed, invited, and well fed. It was a financial success as well. Thanks to all who worked so hard to pull this off in such great way!

Did you know: that when asked what the best advice he ever got was, Warren Buffet said that his father taught him that the power of unconditional love is the greatest power on earth. Mr. Buffet, did you know that the source of unconditional love is the Lord? When we let Him into our hearts we too can love unconditionally, not only our own families, but the Father's whole family as well.

Money Matters:

We are in the summer doldrums. As the heat index goes up our giving seems to go down. Collections for two of the last three Sundays have been substantially below our weekly need. Fundraisers and rentals help a lot, but we need to do a better job of supporting the Church financially. When you miss due to vacation or other reasons, please remember that the expenses at Christ Church are largely fixed expenses. They come every week even when you do not. We want to see you in church, but please continue to support the church even when you can't come.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 10 Young at Heart Picnic, Ellijay

Bus will leave CUMC parking lot at 10:30AM

July 11 Administrative Council Meeting 1:15PM

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.

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 \$4130 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

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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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