

Christ Notes June 10, 2010

Keith's Corner

Worship this Sunday!

This Sunday we tackle a favorite topic: sin. The problem is we love to talk about someone else's sin, yet often fail to acknowledge our own. Even so there is a place deep down within most of us where we feel unworthy. And as much as we worry that the stain of our sin will come leeching through for all to see, we are not sure how to make it go away. The good news of the Gospel is that Christ takes the guilt and shame of our sins upon himself and forgives us when we have faith in Him. Indeed Jesus seeks out sinners with His graceful offer of forgiveness. So regardless of who we have been in the past Jesus invites us to a whole new future with Him! That is exactly what happens in our text for Sunday: Luke 7:36-50. I hope to see you in worship!

Blessings, Keith

Monday Evening Bible Study

We are finishing our study of Ephesians. We will meet on the 14th and the 21st and then take a break for the Summer.

Tuesday Morning Bible/Book Study

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.

VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!

It's almost Here!!!!

Vacation Bible Camp is next week. We can still use your help to make this the best experience possible for our young campers. If you have not already done so please call Liz Huff at 770-650-9442 today!

Money Matters:

Summer time is always a bit scary at the church. Folks go away on vacation and forget to send in their tithes. When the heat goes up the bank account seems to go down. This year we have no reserves to tide us over. We want you in worship every Sunday and pray that while you are away on vacation or for summer travel that you will remember to send in your offering. Thanks for keeping Christ Church in your prayers as well.

VBC

VBC is about to Blast Off! Registrations are increasing each day, praise God! Leaders are working hard to pull their areas together, but there is a lot to do before the doors open on Monday! Please help where/when you can. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday (6/12) - 11:00 Begin setup/decoration of Registration and hallway

4:00PM - IMPORTANT final meeting of all volunteers who will be working during the week (please make every attempt to be present) followed by set up of registration area/hallway.

Sunday - 5:00 (after Rhema service) - Set up Sanctuary

Monday - 8:30 Volunteers check in to help with final preparations and greet visitors beginning at 8:45. *Please be on time!*

Friday- IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSING- Take down Sanctuary decorations and replace chairs. (Extra help would be appreciated for this as the workers will be pretty worn out after the exciting week of activities.)

Friday - 3:00 - Pool party at the Huff's for all volunteers/youth.

Sunday - 10:45 Volunteers wear T-shirts and be ready to greet visitors.
After church - Help will be needed to pack up any remaining decorations.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: This year, the closing program, at 11:15, will include a guest performer who will entertain the campers with a show about space and staying healthy! Tom Bosco has performed in elementary schools and preschools all over the Atlanta area and in other states. He has received rave reviews and we are very excited that he has offered to perform FREE for our Vacation Bible Camp as a way to promote a new area of his ministry.

UMW All women who attend Christ Church are invited to UMW's annual social meeting at Tea Leaves & Thyme in Woodstock. It will be held on Saturday June 26th at 12:00. Please make reservations by Monday June 21 with Mary Dickson at bluebellv8@windstream.net or by calling 770-720-9417.

UMW will be responsible for the bake sale portion of the June 12 yard sale. All proceeds from the bake sale will benefit Christ UMC. A sign-up sheet to donate baked items will be available at the rear of the sanctuary each Sunday prior to the sale.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 12 8:00am – 4:00pm Yard & Bake Sale

June 19 10:30am Father's Day at Atlanta. Union Mission

June 25-26 St. James Couples Ministry Annual Marriage Retreat

June 26 UMW Annual Social Meeting

YOUTH SUMMER 2010

June 14-18 Vacation Bible Camp! 8:30 – 12:00

June 18 Vacation Bible Camp volunteer pool part at the Huff's house, 3-5pm

June 26 Monster Putt Putt (meet at CUMC at 7:00 pm)
permission slip required

July 4 At CUMC

July schedule will be posted in late June.

UMM

United Methodist Men will meet this Saturday, June 12, at 9:30AM rather than the usual 8:30AM, to help with the Yard Sale.

OUTREACH

Outreach Committee and United Methodist Men will be going to the Atlanta Union Mission on June 19th, and they have asked that we bring Father's Day cards. We need for the congregation to bring a total of 50 cards this Sunday, and give them to Jane Stone or Rip Thead.

Outreach Committee is working with the VBC to provide 200 lunches for the MUST Ministries Summer Lunch program. We needed \$50 from the congregation to purchase the meet for this. So far we have received \$25. Please bring your donations to finish this need to church this week and give them to Jane Stone.

HUGE WHOLE CHURCH YARD SALE/ BAKE SALE

GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THE ANNEX BUILDING IS RUNNING OVER WITH YARD SALE ITEMS, AND MORE ITEMS ARE COMING IN EVERY DAY. THIS IS A CHURCH WIDE PROJECT. IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP TO HELP, JUST COME ON AND JOIN IN THE FUN FROM 9AM – 6PM. IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT'S FUN, JUST STOP BY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

WE WILL NEED TO PUT TABLES IN THE YARD SATURDAY MORNING ABOUT 7:00AM. WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF EVERY PERSON IN THE CHURCH HAD A PART IN THE YARD SALE? LET'S SEE IF WE CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN. DON'T FORGET TO INVITE FRIENDS.

GREAT STUFF! BAKE SALE! HOT DOGS! FREE CHIROPRACTIC
ADJUSTMENTS!

If anyone has a tarp that we could use in case of rain, please bring it to the church Saturday AM. Thanks to all.

AROS NEWS

St. James United Methodist Church is holding their annual Marriage Retreat at Dolce Atlanta Peachtree Resort on June 25-26. If you are interested in attending, please contact Quentin & Cynthia Jones: couples@stjames.org

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” 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 \$3,700 against a weekly need for \$4425.

This past Sunday we kicked off our 2010/11 Pledge Campaign with an informational meeting and brainstorming session. Thanks to all who attended and participated, hopefully it was beneficial in both understanding the church's financial situation and also in regards to getting everyone involved in finding and implementing solutions.

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
- 2) Agape Class (Maggie's)
- 3) Larry's Class
- 4) Outreach/Evangelism Committee
- 5) Youth Group
- 6) Bible Study groups (Mon/Tues/Fri)
- 7) UMW
- 8) UMM
- 9) Worship/Altar Guild/ Young at Heart
- 10) Shepherd Ministry
- 11) Choir (group I)
- 12) Choir (group II)

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. A schedule will be provided shortly. 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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- **David & Susanne Portnoy** Upholstered fabric & Wall to Wall Carpet Cleaning. .Please call 678-494-4030. Reasonable rates, fine job!