

# Christ Notes June 17, 2010

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## **Keith's Corner**

### **Worship this Sunday!**

This Sunday is a milestone Sunday. It is Fathers Day, a day when we celebrate and remember the fathers who have molded and shaped us, who have cared for us and loved us, who have provided for us and sacrificed for us. For some it is a painful day. Some do not have happy memories of their father or no memories at all. What a blessing it is that we all have a Father in heaven who sets the standard for sacrificial love and giving.

This Sunday is also a milestone for me as your pastor. As I write this message I am at the North Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in Athens. Lynn Haldaman, our lay leader is with us, as are Maggie Franz and Mary Lawder who are delegates representing our district. We have heard Bishop Watson preach twice. The conference has been inspiring and invigorating. Appointments will be announced on Friday. I am fully expecting to be reappointed to Christ Church for another year. For this I give God great thanks as we feel so blessed to be a part of you!

This Sunday I'll be preaching from Ephesians 6: 10-20. As Paul concludes his Epistle, he reminds the church that they are by no means alone as they struggle to be the community of faith God has called them to be. Paul tells them to: "Be strong in the Lord...Put on the whole armor of God." On this Fathers Day we will explore how our heavenly Father has provided for us in our struggle. If you will, please look at this scripture before Sunday and pray over it. Let's see what it means for us right now!

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 will 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.

### **VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!VBC!**

*Vacation Bible Camp is wrapping up and has been a huge success! With over 50 children and many dedicate volunteers. The gospel has been shared in exciting and fun ways. Please tell Liz Huff thanks for all her hard work organizing and leading this event. If you stopped by you saw the sheer joy in the faces of those kids. Thanks to all who did such a fabulous job!!!*

### **A Great Yard Sale!!!**

Thanks also to Jane Stone and Evelyn Yarborough and all who worked tirelessly last week for our yard sale. It was so successful on so many fronts. As a successful fundraiser it really helped the bank account. We also provided some great stuff to folks at very reasonable prices, helping them in a difficult economic environment. What we did not sell went to charities helping children and disabled adults. And of course, we were all together in ministry and outreach to others. Even a late afternoon thunderstorm could not dampen our spirits. I am grateful to all who participated in so many ways.

### **Have you noticed?**

The grounds have been looking good lately. Thanks to Aubrey, Wayne and Rip who have been mowing, Kirk who keeps the tractor running, and Lynn and Phil who have worked in the flower beds!

**Did you know:** that a child dies somewhere in the world from hunger every six seconds? Did you know that hunger is a solvable problem in this generation? Did you know the Methodist church is spearheading a movement to eradicate hunger? Jesus told Peter, "Feed my lambs!"

### **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 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

On Friday June 18<sup>th</sup>, the closing program begins at 11:15, and 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.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSING, we will begin to 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.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. Please make reservations by Monday June 21 with Mary Dickson at [bluebellv8@windstream.net](mailto:bluebellv8@windstream.net) or by calling 770-720-9417.

## **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

The Evangelism Committee in concert with the Admin. Council would like to expand the number of Fund Raisers sponsored by the Church. After discussions, the following events have been suggested:

- ✦ Car Show
- ✦ Lecture Series
- ✦ Parents Night Out - Bill Ross has volunteered to coordinate
- ✦ Children's Circus
- ✦ Consignment Leasing – Susan Smith has volunteered to coordinate
- ✦ Lease or rent part of our land
- ✦ Wednesday Night Dinners
- ✦ Shrimp Boil - Wayne Hillis will coordinate in October-November
- ✦ Movie Night – Bill Ross will combine with Parent's Night Out

Bill Ross has also volunteered to be a Liaison between our Church and REMA in order to expand our events

As we have our usual 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Fall Festival Events, we would like to expand the scope of activities at each event. If you have any suggestions or other attractions we might include, please contact Wayne Hillis.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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 18            Vacation Bible Camp volunteers 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              CUMC

July schedule will be posted in late June.

## **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.

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](mailto: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](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” 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 \$5,115 against a weekly need for \$4,425.

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](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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