

Christ Notes May 27, 2010

Keith's Corner

Worship this Sunday!

In my former life as a banker, people always seemed to be asking for the bottom line. Lenders asked borrowers for the bottom line. Loan committee members asked risk officers for the bottom line. Senior management wanted to know the bottom line on division performance. Few people are interested in the details. We just want to know the bottom line.

This Memorial Day weekend our celebrations and services of remembrance will call to mind the bottom line of our freedoms. They are not free. Likewise Paul declares to the fledgling church in Rome that their ultimate freedom: i.e. their salvation has also come at a great cost. The bottom line is that we are made right with God (justified) by faith. Please take a moment and read the first five verses of Romans chapter 5. This is the bottom line of our faith. This is the bottom line of our hope. This is the bottom line of God's great love for us. I hope to see you Sunday!

Blessings, Keith

Congratulations to our Graduates!!!

Our talented young people have once again given us cause to celebrate their accomplishments. **Alysa Hammond** graduated with honors from Georgia Southern. University **Jessica Jones** graduated with honors, Cum Laude, from North Georgia College and State University and **Lydia Delbridge** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition.

Laura Blanco, Scott Herrin, Morgan Leigh Martina, Cheyenne Menderak, Zachery Vest and Kiley Fagan have all graduated from High School. Please join us as we honor them this Sunday in worship.

Monday Evening Bible Study

No class this Monday as it is a Federal Holiday.

Tuesday Morning Bible/Book Study

Our new Morning Bible Study on Tuesdays at 9:45-11:00 am in the Annex. Is the book Prayer does it make a Difference? by Phillip Yancey. We are still early in the book so now is a great time to join in. 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!

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!

What would it be like to throw a party where all the guests came, but only a few of the planned helpers? Our registration numbers for VBC are substantially ahead of last year, but only a few folks have committed to help. VBC is a huge outreach event for our church. Remember we only get one chance to make a first impression. Liz Huff really needs your help and she needs you to commit now to whatever it is you can do. Please call her today.770-650-9442

Money Matters:

One of the principles of a unified budget is that we the congregation entrust the responsibility for allocating scarce financial resources to a committee. The Finance Committee recommends a budget based upon estimated revenues and expenses to the Administrative Board. While designated gifts are gratefully accepted, budgeting is a nightmare if designated gifts replace gifts to a unified budget. Over the years only a fraction of the congregation at Christ Church has made pledges to the operating fund. This year, as we face continuing economic hardships due to the economy pledges are more important than ever. A pledge is not a contract. It is a thoughtful, prayerfully considered estimate of giving to the operating fund. As we make plans for our future, we need to have some idea of the resources we will have to work with. Our Pledge Campaign kick-off is scheduled for June 13, 2010 Pledge cards are on the rear table. Won't you please pick up an envelope and card for your family, fill it out, and return it to us within the next three weeks. Thanks.

Christ UMC Vacation Bible Camp 2010

Dates: June 14 – 18

Times: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Registration/check-in begins at 8:30 on the 14th

Ages: 4 (Pre-K) through 5th grade

Cost: \$15 per child/\$30 max per family (Limited number of scholarships available)

Further info: Liz Huff (770)650-9442

Website for online registration:

<http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/VBC2010>

Safe Sanctuary Training is Scheduled for Saturday June 5th 9-11AM in the fellowship hall. This is mandatory training for anyone who works with children and must be renewed every 2 years. Please contact the office if you are not sure if you are due to take it!.

Maggie has graciously scheduled an additional class to be held this evening in the fellowship hall, from 7-9PM

UMW'sAll 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:

May 25 - 28 3:00 – 6:00PM Lacrosse Camp

May 29th 8:00 to 12:00 Youth Car Wash

June 1 – 4 9:00AM – 12:00 Lacrosse Camp

June 5 6PM Youth trip to Stone Mountain Fireworks (permission slip required)

June 5 9:00am – 1:00PM Safe Sanctuary Training

June 8 – 11 9:00 – 12:00 Lacrosse Camp

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's Annual Social Meeting

CUMC YOUTH FUNDRAISER

–Our youth have scheduled a Car Wash this Saturday May 29, from 8:00AM – 12:00Noon. A portion of the funds raised will be given to the Church. This is a great opportunity to support our Youth & CUMC. We hope to see you there!

OUTREACH

The outreach Committee will meet immediately after service on Sunday May 30.

A great volunteer opportunity Meals on Wheels Cooks and Drivers are needed for the Memorial Day Holiday! It only takes one or two hours, and the shut-in seniors of N. Fulton really appreciate it! To help, please call Jane Stone 770-578-8881.

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YARD SALE/ BAKE SALE

. Christ United Methodist Church invites the community to a huge yard sale and bake sale. Come purchase 'new treasures' and delicious treats!

Collection of gently used items accepted June 8th-11th from 2:00 - 6:00pm.

Contact information:

Chrissie Thead ccat333@hotmail.com cell phone: 404-317-2090

Mary Jane Stone mjwstone@bellsouth.net 770578-8881 Evelyn

Yarbrough yarbbrough@bellsouth.net 770-998-7388

roswellchristumc@yahoo.com

<http://www.christchurchcumc.org>

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 \$3,250 against a weekly need for \$4425.

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.

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
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **David & Susanne Portnoy** Upholstered fabric & Wall to Wall Carpet Cleaning. .Please call 678-494-4030. Reasonable rates, fine job!