



CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE FAMILY OF GOD

At Clear Creek

Connecting People to God and to Each Other

March 23, 2008



A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to worship. Let us express our love to God and our deep appreciation for His bountiful goodness. With prayer and song, with scripture and devout responses, with minds ready to receive the Word of God, and with our spirits dedicated to God's will, let us eagerly approach the throne of grace. If you are our guest today, we are delighted that you have joined us for our celebration of God's love. Our period of worship usually begins with congregational singing and a prayer. Before or after the sermon, we commemorate Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection with a symbolic Last Supper. This is followed by a monetary collection used to support our ministries here at Clear Creek. During our afternoon service, we have a special time of worship for children ages 3-5 called "Wee Worship." If you would like for your child to attend, one of the ushers can assist you in finding the room. Again, we welcome you to the Clear Creek Church of Christ. We pray that you will be blessed by your time with us and that God will be glorified by our period of worship today.

Family News & Coming Events

Congratulations on the birth of **Beau Michael Catlipp**, grandson of **Wanda and Alan Sliger**, born March 14!

March 28: Grandmother Brunch at 10:00 am at the home of Kathy Hannah, 105 Masters Road. RSVP to Kathy Holt (843-1128) or Kathy Hannah (847-8389) by March 26.

April 2: Next Wednesday night meal. Be sure to sign up or call the office if you plan to attend.

Starting April 7, family and individual counseling services with **Pam Johnson** will be changing to Mondays. Her hours are from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. If you have need of this service, call the office at 877-6232.

April 10: Fundraiser for Chattanooga Room In The Inn. It will be held at The Chattanooga Choo Choo from 11:30-1:00 pm. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets, call Room In the Inn at 624-6144.

April 11-13: Church-wide Retreat at Camp Vesper Point in Soddy Daisy. Our theme will be "Seeing Clear-ly," and Chris Smith from Harpeth Hill Church of Christ in Brentwood will be our speaker. All are encouraged to attend. Please register after March 16. A \$50 deposit is due at time of registration.

April 22: The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. More details will follow.

August 6-9: Summer Camp for current 3rd- 8th graders! It will be at Camp Vesper in Soddy Daisy and the cost is \$135 per camper. More details to come!

Pulpit Search Committee: Our search committee consists of: **Butch Hannah (chairman), Suzanne Belcher, Jana Cannon, Jill Hartness, Clay Parker, Buddy Parks, Melanie Pope, Lila Statom, Ben Vance, Katie Warren and Todd Zumbrun.** If you know of a candidate that is worthy of consideration, please give any name and relevant information to one of the committee. We also solicit your continual prayers for this important decision for Clear Creek.

WBS: Several teachers have returned lessons. Please check your box.

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Children's Ministry

Wanted: People who love children to volunteer. Currently, we need nursery and wee worship helpers. Please call Laura.

March 26: KFJ Singing Night in Room 203.

April 2: K-2nd Singing Night in Room 218.

April 6: Camp Volunteer Planning Meeting at noon in MP room. Come ready to share theme ideas and finalized schedule. Contact Phil, Jana or Laura if you have questions.

April 7: Mommy 'N Me Playgroup (4 year olds and under) Meet at Scramble Alley Playground in Soddy Daisy from 11 am to 1 pm, and bring a picnic lunch. Located behind Soddy Daisy Municipal building, 9835 Dayton Pike. In case of rain, we will meet at Northgate play area.



MEN OF COURAGE

It's time again for Men's softball! Any men interested in playing softball this year contact Nick Hughes or Quinton Skyles. This is a great time for fellowship and encouragement and maybe we can bring the championship trophy home again this year.

Wednesday Nights: "Quiet Strength" led by Butch Hannah in the CAC conference room.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: Fridays at 6:30 am, MP room.

Support Groups Hixson hosts support groups for various addictions. Call Quinton for confidential info (653-7895).

Youth Ministry

April 6: Camp Volunteer Planning Meeting at noon in MP room. Come ready to share theme ideas and finalized schedule. Contact Phil, Jana or Laura if you have questions.

April 11-13: Spring Retreat for everyone at Camp Vesper Point. Make plans now to attend.

June 8-11: Chattanooga Work Camp for all teens. Save the date!



Women's Ministry

Sunday Ladies Bible Class in Room 256. Study from Proverbs. Teachers are Marjorie Beasley and Jill Hartness. Please come. Let's love God and one another more.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Meets at 10 am in the Multi-Purpose room.

Wednesday Night Bible Study "Stepping Up, a Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent" by Beth Moore, in room 252. If you miss a DVD session, it can be downloaded to your computer for a charge of \$4.00. Contact Kathy Hannah at 718-3265 for info.

Young Adults

Wednesday Night Class in CAC Conference Room. The topic is "Practical Proverbs".

Sunday College Class meets in Room 253. Study titled "Mere Christianity".

LIFE Group Ministry

LIFE Groups facilitate worship and praise of God, encourage close Christian fellowship, serve the church and community, and create a welcoming environment to evangelize the lost. Interested? Give **Bobby Hicks a call at 870-3104 or Bill Warren at 226-6301.**

Room In The Inn Meal

March 25: H. Nave/D. Chambers

April 1: Hofses

April 15: Holt/Seiler

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Hixson

Opening Prayer: Tom Window

Com. Message: Pat Roark

Boyd Buchanan

Opening Prayer: Doug Jones

Com. Message: Chuck Van Eaton

Nursery & Wee Worship Volunteers

March 23:

Nursery: S. Swink, T. Reagan, R. Wood

Toddlers: E. Newcomb, A. Johnston

Wee Worship: L. Harbin
J. & J. Ring

March 30:

Nursery: W. Henderson, Vance girls

Toddlers: M. & C. Beach

Wee Worship: R. & S. Barry
B. & T. Nelson

Order of Worship

Welcome

There's A Stirring
Here I Am to Worship

Prayer

Because He Lives (464)
Lamb of God (176)

Communion Message/Offering

He Lives (346)
Low in the Grave (344)

Sermon

Soon & Very Soon (989)

Announcements/Closing Prayer

Please fill out a Member or Guest card or a Prayer Request card and place it in the contribution basket.

Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Paula Harris, mother of **Heidi Stone**, had a mild heart attack on Thursday, March 13. She was in ICU in Cookeville Regional Hospital.

Billie Ruth Brasher, aunt of **Jim Brasher**, had both legs amputated due to diabetes last week in Vivian, La.

Lecil Thurman, mother of **Juanita Beasley**, is at Erlanger with pneumonia.

Jaelyn Prater, 8-year-old daughter of **Faye Prater**, has cerebral palsy and had a Baclofen implant on Thursday, Mar. 13 at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

Tom See, our church maintenance man, went home Thursday and is doing better.

Wayne Arthur, uncle of **Tim Arthur**, is in Memorial and doing better.

Jim Whitehead, **Cathy Albright's** brother, is still at Memorial Hospital with a staph infection following heart surgery.

Andy Powers, friend of **Joy Hibbs**, has a recurrence of a brain tumor. His address is: 4165 Gann Store Rd., Hixson, TN 37343.

Debbie Davis, mother of five children has pancreatic cancer.

Gloria Pickle, aunt of **Betty Brasher**, has Alzheimer's that is progressing quickly. Please pray for her uncle **Coleman** who is having a difficult time caring for her.

Louise Weddington, mother of **Martha Hendrix**, is at home but not doing well. (Care Group 2)

Doretha Crossman is going to the doctor once a week for medical treatment because there have been changes in the nodules. (Care Group 4)

Please remember **Kim Rucker** in prayer and send her a card of encouragement. K.S. Rucker (41226-074), FCI Tallahassee, 501 Capital Circle NE, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

Ken Huntoon is at Moccasin Bend Hospital, in Unit B Winston Building. Visiting hours are 10:30 to 8:30 pm daily. Please visit small groups of 2-4 people (ID 43269). His address: Moccasin Bend Hospital, Unit B, 100 Moccasin Bend Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37405.

Please remember our men and women in the armed services.

CTRSN Lauren Cameron
USS Sterrett DDG 104
590 Washington St.
Bath, ME 04530

CMCA Campbell, Clay
NMCB FIVE (DET 10)
Unit 25304
FPO AP 96601-4971

March Birthdays!

23-Jeb Hartness, Mary Teague
24-Katherine Tate
25-Finley Bandy
26-Bonnie Ray
27-Irene Shamblin, Annette Williams

28-Kris Flanigan, Jill Goins, Kim Keylon
29-Susan Crowell, Sheila Swink
31-Mary Lynn Carter,
Jennifer Longmire, Damon Yates,
Robin Wood

WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday (Boyd Buchanan)

Worship.....10:00 am

Sunday (Cloverdale Dr.)

Bible Class...1:00 pm

Worship.....2:00 pm

Sunday Evening:

Life Groups: Meet as scheduled

Wednesday Evening:

Fellowship Meal 5:15

(reservations needed)

Bible Study...6:30 pm

ATTENDANCE:

March 16, 2008

Boyd Buchanan

Worship Attendance: 60

Hixson

Worship Attendance: 296

Worship Total: 356

CONTRIBUTION:

2008 Weekly Budget Need: \$19,654.00

03/16/08 Giving: \$ 41,950.39

03/16/08 Building Fund: \$ 12,029.71

Budget to Date: \$ 216,185.00

Giving to Date: \$ 220,687.39

THANK YOU!

HIXSON SHEPHERDS:

Gary Carson
Roger Coffman
Bobby Golden
Larry Grant
Loyd Hodges
Phillip Lynn
Bob McGrath
Roy Ramsey
Dick Salisbury

MINISTRY STAFF:

Jim Beasley...Involvement Minister
Phil & Jana Cannon...Youth Ministers
Roger Coffman...Pastoral Care Minister
Laura Harbin...Children's Minister
Jake & Shelly Hendrix...Missions

The Different Drummer

(A fictional first person account of John 19...)

I had sentenced men to the cross before. Yet, until this day, I had never thought very much about the excruciation that the victims of the cross experienced. On this day, a wrongfully convicted man caused the cross to come to life for me.

Watching them take Him down from that horrible thing was an exercise in irony. I found it strange how so very careful they were when removing the same body that they had just gleefully and recklessly hung there. They gingerly climbed a ladder that led to the back of the cross where a wooden dowel held the horizontal beam to the vertical post. Once they reached this point, they gently raised the beam from the post, lowering the lifeless body of the Messiah to the ground in such a careful and painstaking fashion.

He had died before they had to break His legs; a Roman custom that hastened the death of their victims. However, the scourging, beatings, and torture of the cross, combined with the utter exhaustion of not sleeping for forty-eight hours, made this Galilean cross Jordan in record time. His body was mangled, but not broken.

Nicodemus had brought one hundred pounds of aloes and spices from the city in order to prepare His body for burial. While we worked on His corpse, I couldn't help but notice the calloused feet of a traveler, the muscular frame of a workman, and the thick and powerful hands of a carpenter. Just think, I was anointing the one who made me in my mother's womb, who could-count the stars and come up with the right answer, and created a universe so expansive and wide that my imagination could not fathom its smallest fragments.

It took Nicodemus and me a good while to prepare Him. After all, we were members of the Sanhedrin, not familiar with carrying out the common practices of burial preparation. Usually this was left to family members. Yet, for some reason he felt like family, and on this day it was us or nobody...so the lot fell to us. We laid Him in my family tomb and rolled the stone over the opening to secure the grave of our friend, teacher, and master.

Three days later, my family tomb was empty. Stone rolled away...burial clothes folded...with an angelic announcement to a couple of his female followers, it was undeniable...*He had risen!*

I'm humbled yet honored to know that in the place where my bones will rest, the Light of the world rebounded from only a faint flicker of hope into a raging inferno of promise!

Never again will I view the shame of the cross in the same way, because I'm not ashamed of the One who took my place there. I'll never again see the tomb as a hopeless end, because His resurrection has shown me that death is just the beginning of life. Most importantly, I know that history will record that I was a secret believer; but I will never again keep my love for the Master a secret...it's just too good to keep to myself.

--Joseph of Arimathea