



CHURCH OF CHRIST

# THE FAMILY OF GOD

## At Clear Creek

*Connecting People to God and to Each Other*

**April 20, 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

**Thanks to the retreat planning committee for all their hard work!**

We have a new sister in Christ! **Kelly Nave-Tucker**, daughter of **Helen Nave**, was baptized Thursday afternoon! Praise God!

**We express sympathy to several members who have had deaths in their family this past week.**

- Patsy Clements**, aunt of Christy Beach, passed away Wednesday after a brief battle with cancer.
- Roberta Sells**, sister of **Jewell Douglas**, passed away Wednesday in Pikeville.
- Helen MacArthur**, mother of **Melinda Horn**, passed away Tuesday in Washington State.
- Lois Mason**, sister-in-law of **Louise Weddington**, passed away Sunday, April 13, in Winchester.
- Nell Lowe**, sister of **Katy Van Eaton**, passed away April 7 in Jacksonville, FL.

**Today: Elders/Deacons** meeting in the church office at 12:00 noon.

**April 27: Area-Wide Singing** at Boyd-Buchanan School. Begins at 6 p.m. All are encouraged to attend!

**May 9: Inner City Outreach Catfish Dinner, hosted by Red Bank Church of Christ, 6:30 p.m..** If you would like to attend contact Boodie Fox, Laura Harbin, Bob McGrath or Sharon Ramsey.

**August 6-9: Summer Camp for current 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders!** It will be at Camp Vesper in Soddy Daisy and the cost is \$135 per camper.

**Available Now!** Family and individual counseling services with **Pam Johnson** are now on Mondays. Her hours are from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. If you have need of this service, call the office at 877-6232 to set an appointment.

**WBS:** We have 200 new students, some from Ghana and some from South Africa. They are in bundles or lists of 9, 10, or 12. Please take one and send them out. Use Ghana lessons for Ghana and the other lessons for South Africa.

**Office Position Available:** The church office has a part-time position open for a Receptionist/Secretary. If you or someone you know is interested, please forward a resume to Jim Beasley.

**Clear Creek T-shirts:** T-shirts left over from the retreat are available at the Canon's office in limited sizes for \$5.00. See the Canons to purchase.

**Pulpit Search Committee:** Our search committee consists of: **Butch Hannah (chairman), Suzanne Belcher, Jana Cannon, Jill Hartness, Clay Parker, 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.

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# Children's Ministry

**April 21: Mommy 'N Me Playgroup** (4 years and under) Meet at the Chattanooga Zoo 11 am - 1 pm. (Adults: \$6; ages 0-2: free; ages 3-15: \$3 - see coupon in Kids First Book) In case of rain, we will meet at Northgate play area.

## **April 23: KFJ Singing Night**

**April 26: KFJ Progressive Dinner** Meet in parking lot at 5:30 p.m. We will return at 8 p.m. Hosts and drivers needed. Kids can sign up in KFJ on Wednesday nights prior.

**May 3:** Teacher Development Day 8:30-11:30 a.m. All Teachers please make plans to attend.

**May 18:** Lookouts Game for the 5th grade class and parents. We will meet in Rm.203 immediately after bible class. A box has been reserved, and there are only 21 spots available. RSVP to the Haustein's or Laura.

**June 2-6: VBS** with Stuart Heights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For 3 yr. olds through 5th grade. Registration will start in May. Volunteers may sign up on the bulletin board.

**June 7: Family Fun Day** at Greenway Farms from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

# Youth Ministry

**Today:** High School Devo following services at Matt Dolberry's, \$2.

**April 21:** Girl's Bible Study at Jana's 7-8:30 p.m. Heidi Stone's topic is "Good Little Church Girls?"

**April 26:** Middle School Fun & Devo at Chester Frost Park from 5-9 p.m.

**April 27:** Graduating Seniors Dinner at Gaithers following services.

**April 28:** Girl's Bible Study at Jana's from 7-8:30 p.m. Susan Crowell's topic is "I Will Praise You in This Storm".

**May 21:** Senior Recognition from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

# Young Adults

Sunday College Class meets in Room 253.



# MEN OF COURAGE

**Men's softball is about to start!** Come out and support! Call Nick Hughes or Quinton Skyles for game times and info.

**Wednesday Nights:** "Measure of a Man" led by Lee Barton 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).



# Women's Ministry

**Women's Softball:** Any ladies interested in playing women's softball please contact Kara Crossman at pcsoccer@bellsouth.net or 875-6797. The season starts this week!

**May 24:** Come to a Mother/Daughter Brunch at 10am at the Tea Cottage. The cost will be \$9.50 per person. Sign ups will begin in May. More info to come. Contact Wendy Haustein (332-0712).

**Sunday Ladies Bible Class** in Room 256. Study on Moses taught by Kathy Holt.

**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.

# 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

**April 22:** G. Hannah/Horn

**May 6:** Parks/Coffman

**May 20:** Odum/Tomshack

## April 20, 2008

### Hixson

**Opening Prayer:** Roy Ellis

**Com. Message:** Scott Schannuth

**Small Group Cleanup:** Volunteers Needed

### Boyd Buchanan

**Opening Prayer:** Boodie Fox

**Com. Message:** Bob McGrath

## Nursery & Wee Worship Volunteers

**April 20**

**Nursery:** J. Gray, A. Henderson

**Toddlers:** S. Reagan, F. Lane

**Wee Worship:** Stacey Cole & Scott Miller  
G. Hicks, M. Marlin

**April 27**

**Nursery:** Darlene Pittman, Haylee Hughes

**Toddlers:** George & Rachel Oleksik

**Wee Worship:** Stacey Cole & Scott Miller  
Quinton & Tara Skyles

## Order of Worship

### **Welcome**

Praise Medley Reading (1)

We Praise Thee, O God (2)

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (3)

To God Be the Glory (4)

### **Prayer**

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (226)

Jesus Flow Like a River (583)

### **Communion Message/Offering**

Lord Reign In Me

\*Dismiss Wee Worship

### **Sermon**

He Leadeth Me (410)

**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

**Liz Morris** battling cancer. Cards would be appreciated.

**Robert Beasley's sister Fay Emerson** had a fall, is at home but is bedridden. Her address is 5201 Alabama Hwy 202, Anniston, AL 36201.

**Reggie Cox**, brother of **Nate Cox**, is undergoing physical therapy and doing well.

**Jim Cannon** is now at Parkridge Senior Care.

**Charlene Smith**, sister of **Mary McGrath** is back in the nursing home. Her address is Oak Manor Nursing Home in Booneville, AR 72927.

**Lecil Thurman**, mother of **Juanita Beasley**, is still at Standifer Place for rehabilitation.

**Tom See**, our church maintenance man, is still at home and needs encouragement. Cards can be sent to 14 Woodard Circle, East Ridge, TN 37412.

**Wayne Arthur**, uncle of **Tim Arthur**, is better, coherent, but still on a ventilator.

**Crystal Hutching**, friend of **Steve and Beth Perry**, has been diagnosed with cancer. She is a wife and mother of seven and needs our prayers.

**Lisa Smith**, cousin of **Sheila Swink**, is in final stage of cancer and lives in Fayetteville.

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

**Debbie Davis**, mother of five children has pancreatic cancer. Please remember the family in prayer as well.

**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**. Prayer is needed for her and her caregivers. (Care Group 2)

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, Unit B Winston Building. Visitation is 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

## 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:

**April 13, 2008**

**Boyd Buchanan**

Worship Attendance: 115

**Hixson**

Worship Attendance: 263

**Bible Class:** 217

**Worship Total:** 478

## CONTRIBUTION:

**2008 Weekly Budget Need:** \$ 19,654.00

**03/23/08 Giving:** \$ 15,563.90

**03/23/08 Building Fund:** \$ 5,808.71

**Budget to Date:** \$ 289,468.04

**Giving to Date:** \$ 283,543.71

## 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

## April Birthdays!

18 - Michaela Reagan  
19 - Jerica Bell, George Oleksik  
20 - Ivy Henderson, Claire Johnson  
21 - Deidra Benefield, Jillian Brewer  
22 - Jane Hodges, Julie McAlpin,  
Darlene Pittman  
23 - Brett Ellis, Curt Seiler  
24 - Robert Newcomb  
25 - Robert Bain, Jakobe Miller  
27 - Pam Justus  
28 - Jim Beasley, Steve Brown,  
Barbara Campbell, JoAnn Lane  
29 - Judy Eblen, Dale Edmonds,  
Jacob Haustein  
30 - Riley Reagan, Howard Reasoner,  
Chris Wolfe

## The Different Drummer

A long time ago, Olivia figured out that my mother's husband isn't really my father. I think his name being Ryan and mine being Davis was her first clue, and from there she began noticing that I look and act nothing like him.

At about the age of six, she confronted me about this and displayed a serious interest in the "grandpa" who had passed away long before she was born. I helped her meet him the best way I knew how; I showed her pictures of my dad and brother and told her as much about them as I could remember and she could comprehend.

Without any discussion on the subject, she assumed that they are in heaven. While putting her to bed one night, she looked me in the eye and asked a very thoughtful question. "If your real daddy is in heaven, what is he doing up there?" The question was simple. She understood what keeps people busy in our world, but what is there to do to pass the time in a place where the only measurement for time is eternity? You don't work because everything is provided. You don't fix things because everything is made new. You don't worry because there is no crying or pain. So what do you do?

This is a tough question no matter who asks. But try explaining this deep subject to a six-year old. What goes on in heaven? Well, we are given several glimpses into the throne room of God. The Hebrew writer gives us a peek in Hebrews 12. In this description, he places the saints who have gone on before in the outer part of the throne room. Yet, he doesn't describe what they are doing there other than focusing on the altar of God. Other places in scripture teach us that heaven is a place of joyful assembly. A place where there is unending fellowship, spirit-filled singing, and awesome praise to God. It's like the best spiritual experience you have ever had multiplied by infinity! So I reckon that's what heaven is like.

But how do you tell a six-year old this. They have yet to have a real spiritual high point, so how do you describe heaven . . . like a church service? No way! Church services aren't fun to six-year olds because it's usually a place where you have to sit down and be quiet, so I threw that idea out. So I went with a simpler approach . . . church camp. Olivia has always loved church camps. When she was little, Olivia would have stayed with me all week at camp if I'd let her.

So I said heaven is like a great camp. There's singing, worship, and fun with friends. And you never have to leave. Eternal church camp seemed a good idea to Olivia and she was satisfied to know that my dad and brother are having such a grand time.

Then she asked another question, "What else is your real daddy doing up there?" Without batting an eye, I answered, "waiting to meet you pumpkin, waiting to meet you."