



CHURCH OF CHRIST

# THE FAMILY OF GOD

## At Clear Creek

*Connecting People to God and to Each Other*

**May 4, 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

*We express sympathy to the following families:*

**Ed and Jo Justice and son Steve, whose wife, Dorothy Justice, passed away Thursday.** Graveside services today at 2 p.m. at Hamilton Memorial Gardens. (Care Group 2)

**Robert Beasley, in the loss of his sister, Faye Emerson, who died yesterday.** (Care Group 8)

**Hazel Cannon in the loss of her brother, Leroy Cook, in Columbus, OH.** The funeral was Wednesday. Please remember Hazel, Phil and the family with prayer and cards which may be sent to Mrs. Hazel Cannon at 6877 Manassas Gap Lane, Hixson, TN 37343. (Care Group 4)

**Harry Spillman, in the loss of his mother, Betty Koestner, Monday morning.** Graveside services were held yesterday in Jasper, AL. (Care Group 4)

**May 6:** The Tuesday Ladies Bible Class will have a covered dish luncheon at Exia Lane's home following class which meets at 10:00 a.m.. Coffee and dessert will be furnished.

**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 Laura Harbin, Bob McGrath or Sharon Ramsey.

**Martin-Boyd Christian Home needs a part-time receptionist** Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays Noon to 9 p.m. every other weekend, as well as some evenings 4:30-9 p.m. If interested, contact Sandra Johnston at 892-1020.

**The Clear Creek 2008 Family Directory** has arrived and may be picked up in the church office. Please take one per family.

**Creek T-Shirts:** T-shirts left from the retreat are available in the Cannon's office, \$5 ea., limited sizes.

**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.

**Pulpit 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 worthy of consideration, please give the name and relevant information to a committee member. We also solicit your continual prayers for this important decision.

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# Children's Ministry

**May 4:** VBS Registration starts **TODAY!**

**May 5:** Mommy and Me Playgroup (4 yr. olds and under) at Vandergriff Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring picnic lunch.

**May 7:** Prayer time at 6:00 p.m. in Room 203. All Welcome!

**May 7:** K-2nd Singing Night in Rm.218.

**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 by May 14.

# Youth Ministry

**Today!** High school will dine together following afternoon service, then to Clear Creek for devotional.

**Today!** Chattanooga Workcamp registration begins, \$25 fee.

**Today thru May 18: UPLIFT registration!** Grades 7-12, \$100 deposit with registration, Total cost is \$190. Trip is June 20-26.

**May 5:** Final Girls' Bible Study for spring. Home of Stacey Spann, 7-8:30 p.m. Pizza supper. Bus leaves at 6:45 and returns at 8:45 p.m.

**May 10:** Youth Volunteer Day at Chattanooga Food Bank., 4-7 p.m. Will unload and sort food. Adults welcome. Bus will leave Clear Creek parking lot at 3:45. Dinner together after, so bring money.

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

**May 25:** All Youth to clean the building at Cloverdale Drive following afternoon services.

**May 31:** Middle School devotion at the Crowell's. Details to come.

# Young Adults

Sunday College Class meets in Room 253.



# MEN OF COURAGE

**Men's softball has begun!** 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

**May 6:** The Tuesday Ladies Bible Class will have a covered dish luncheon at Exia Lane's home following class which meets at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

**May 24:** Come to a Mother/Daughter Brunch, 10 a.m. at the Tea Cottage, 2233 Hickory Valley Rd. The cost is \$9.50 per person. **Sign up this Sunday thru May 11** for ages 5 yrs. to adult. Contact Wendy Haustein (332-0712) for further info. **Only 60 seats available.**

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

**Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study:** Meets at 10 a.m. 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

# 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

**May 6:** Parks/Coffman

**May 20:** Odum/Tomshack

## May 4, 2008

### Hixson

**Opening Prayer:** Greg Chambers

**Com. Message:** Don Haynes

**Small Group Cleanup:** R. Ramsey

### Boyd Buchanan

**Opening Prayer:** Chuck Van Eaton

**Com. Message:** Grant Reynolds

## Nursery & Wee Worship Volunteers

### **May 4**

**Nursery:** Pat & Jean Roark

**Toddlers:** Judy Teague & Betty Mobley

**Wee Worship:** Stacey Cole & Scott Miller  
John & Julie Ring

### **May 11**

**Nursery:** Tracey Reagan, Robin Wood  
& Emile Salisbury

**Toddlers:** Marjorie Beasley & Sharon Sanders

**Wee Worship:** Laura Harbin  
Phillip & Mary Evelyn Lynn

## Order of Worship

### **Welcome**

We're Marching to Zion (869) (Vs 1, 2)

Days of Elijah (Vs 1, 2)

Father God

### **Prayer**

I Want To Be Where You Are (833)

### **Communion Message/Offering**

Send the Light (650) (Vs 1, 3, 4)

\*Dismiss Wee Worship

### **Sermon**

Shine, Jesus, Shine (290) (Vs 1, 2)

**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

## 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 27, 2008**

### **Boyd Buchanan**

Worship Attendance: 144

### **Hixson**

Worship Attendance: 333

**Bible Class:** 269

**Worship Total:** 477

## CONTRIBUTION:

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

**04/27/08 Giving:** \$ 16,068.15

**04/27/08 Building Fund:** \$10,368.96

**Budget to Date:** \$ 309,122.04

**Giving to Date:** \$ 318,629.00

## 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

**Tasia Swafford**, daughter of **Faye Prater** is expecting. Pray for good health.  
(Care Group 6)

**Dennis Broadrick** had surgery Monday for amputation of a toe. (Care Group 2)

**Erin Dietsch**, daughter of **Pam Dietsch**, who had surgery earlier last week.  
(Care Group 2)

**Doretha Crossman** is being treated with a new drug that seems to be helping.  
(Care Group 4)

**Lisa Higgins** went home Monday following treatment at Erlanger for a staph infection.  
(Care Group 5)

**Jim Cannon** is now at Life Care Center in Red Bank. (Care Group 5)

**Liz Morris** battling cancer. (Care Group 4)

**Charlene Smith**, sister of **Mary McGrath**, is in Oak Manor Nursing Home in Booneville, AR 72927. (Care Group 2)

**Wayne Arthur**, uncle of **Tim Arthur**, is at Kindred Hospital and doing well but still on a ventilator. (Care Group 7)

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

**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. Please remember the family in prayer as well.

**Gloria Pickle**, aunt of **Betty Brasher**, who has Alzheimer's. Please pray for her uncle who is caring for her. (Care Group 8)

**Louise Weddington**, mother of **Martha Hendrix**, is home again from the hospital but is weak and doing better. (Care Group 2)

**Kim Rucker**— Please remember her in prayer and send 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

## May Birthdays

1 - Melinda Horn, Jonathon Mellor	9—Walter Elliott, Niki Bearden,
2—Judy Hoffpauir, Sheri Schannuth	Matthew Haynes
3—Charles Broadrick, John Spann, Rachel Oleksik	10—Chris Reagan
4—Beryl Vandergriff, Lovenia Wilhoite	11—Roger Hibbs, Karen Lancaster, Jill Hartness
5—Andrew Lancaster, Jonas Kotarski	12—Athena Priquette
6—Bobby Golden, Louise Thornberry, Jesse Mobley	13—Diane Elliott
7—Nate Henderson	14—Pat Roark, John Shoemaker,
8—Ryan Moore	Dylan Vogel, Matthew Stone, Ian Newland
	15—Marqueeta Bentley

## **Different Drummer**

*Self Examination – “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves; that Jesus Christ is in you--unless indeed you fail the test? But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves do not fail the test.” 2 Corinthians 13:5-6 NASB*

"Does this hurt?" Have you ever heard those words during a physical exam from a doctor who is trying to impale your torso using only his index finger? I have. Did it ever hurt so badly that you wanted to poke him back? Yeah, me too!

Several years ago, I was having some stomach problems. Sure enough, when the doctor examined me, he pressed on the upper part of my stomach and asked, "Does this hurt?" The moment I let go of the ceiling, I answered a weak, "uh-huh."

From applying a little pressure, the doctor was able to diagnose that I had a problem. He was unsure as to what the problem was and did further tests to be certain as to the cause of the pain. However, the first sign that there was a real problem was my excruciating reaction to what many would consider normal pressure.

Our spirits work the same way. Sometimes pain is a signal that something is amiss in a Christian's soul. For instance, have you ever overreacted to a situation when a friend unintentionally hurt your feelings? They didn't say or didn't do something that you thought was appropriate. Or they said or did something that you felt to be inappropriate. Their actions were not out of the ordinary, yet they caused you real pain. Pain is a sign that something may be spiritually wrong and needs your immediate attention.

Just like a physical exam, God allows us to experience "spiritual pressure" to determine if there is something amiss. We are told to examine ourselves to see if we are "in the faith." If we overreact to normal pressures of life, as well as simple spiritual challenges, it is a good sign that something is wrong deep within our hearts.

I'm afraid that many times we misinterpret pain...spiritual or otherwise. We think that all pain is bad. The truth of the matter is that pain is neither good nor bad. It is only a symptom intended to help in diagnosing a bigger problem. God created our bodies and spirits with the ability to feel. This is good. These feelings can signal a need to examine ourselves further to find the cause of our discomfort.

Last year, Melissa finally convinced me that I needed to get a physical. It came complete with EKG and blood work. I joked with the nurse about my wife being a nurse and that if I came home without a puncture wound, she would not believe that I actually went to the doctor.

While I was there, the doctor told me that, like other men and women my age, I needed to learn to do some self-examination. If I found anything out of the way, he needed to be consulted immediately. The same line of thought applies to our spirits. Occasionally it is a good idea to give ourselves a spiritual self exam. If applying normal pressure causes pain, it is time to pamper our spirits and seek the Great Physician immediately. -- Joey