



CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE FAMILY OF GOD

At Clear Creek

Connecting People to God and to Each Other

January 13, 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

Change in schedule: Our final Wednesday night devotional will be on January 30. Starting on Wednesday, February 6, everyone will immediately go to their classes at 6:30 pm.

There will be a going away party for **George and Phyllis Taylor** at the home of **Jerry and Annette Williams** on January 12 at 5:00 pm. The Williams' address is 1103 Woodbire Way, Signal Mountain. Call for directions (468-4486), mapquest directions are not accurate for this address.

January 13: Budget Sunday. All Sunday classes for adults at 1:00 will be canceled and there will be a meeting in the auditorium to discuss the budget and areas of emphasis for 2008.

January 16: Wednesday Night Meal will be served beginning at 5:15 pm. Sign up and payment can be made Sunday at Boyd Buchanan and the church building, or during the week (deadline is Jan. 14 at noon). The cost is \$3.50 per plate.

A new **Playgroup for Moms and children (4 and under)** are planning a get together for the following dates. If you can make it, have any questions, or would like to be added to the playgroup activity email list contact **Bridgett Chambers** at 843-1999 or at emmasmom1106@hotmail.com. The dates are: **Friday, Jan. 25, 11-1 pm, Monday, Feb 4, 11-1 pm, and Friday, Feb. 22, 11-1.** These are all planned for the play area inside Northgate Mall. Bring your lunches or plan to join us for lunch at Chic-Fil-A during this time.

Check out the new website! Log on to www.clearcreekcoc.org. To see the online directory, go to "members" and register. You must enter your name and e-mail address that is in the current directory. If you need to update, you can do so once you register.

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Children's Ministry

Today: Summer Camp Interest Meeting for parents of 3rd graders and up in the Multi-Purpose room at noon.

Today: All Wee Worship volunteers and parents please meet with Stacey Cole and Laura Harbin in Multi-Purpose from 3:30-3:45 p.m.

Jan. 20: Anyone interested in being on a summer event team please come to an informational meeting at noon in Multi-Purpose room.

Jan. 23: KFJ Singing in Room 203.

Jan. 27: New Arrivals Day at 2 pm service only.



MEN OF COURAGE

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

Sunday Afternoon Ladies Bible Class at 1 pm 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. Class resumes Jan. 8.

Jan 15: There will be a new ladies class on a Beth Moore study in room 256 on Tuesdays 9:00-11:00 am.

Wednesday Nights: "Believing God" a study book by Beth Moore will run through March.

Youth Ministry

Today: High School Service Project at Union Gospel Mission following worship. Leave at 3:45, return by 6 pm.

Today: KFJ and Youth Group Parents Meeting at 12 pm in Multi Purpose room concerning Summer Camp.

Today: Middle School Devo and Service Project following service at the Parker's. Bring \$2. Bus leaves at 3:45, returns by 6:15 pm.

Jan. 27: High School Devo at Jennifer's. Leave the building at 3:45, return by 6:30 pm. Bring \$2.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Gilmore request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, **Deidra Rachel** to **J. Evan Aldridge** on Saturday, the 26 of January, 2008 at 1 in the afternoon at Campbell Street Church of Christ, 1490 Campbell St., Jackson, Tennessee. Family and friends' video will begin fifteen minutes prior to ceremony. Reception immediately following ceremony. (Bus will be leaving from the church at 8 am.)

Young Adults

Wednesday Night Class in CAC Conference Room. The topic is "That the World May Know".

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

Join the college group at the Stone Cup Coffee House each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Matt Gant at matthew_gant@yahoo.com or call 596-1212.

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

January 15: Hofses

January 22: Holt/Seiler

February 5: G. Hannah, Horn

January 13

Hixson

Opening Prayer: Roy Ellis

Com. Message: Lanny McNabb

Boyd Buchanan

Opening Prayer: Dick Salisbury

Com. Message: John Spann

Nursery & Wee Worship Volunteers

January 13:

Nursery: P. Zumbrun, D. Commers

Toddlers: B. & G. Hicks

Wee Worship: S. Cole & S. Miller
P. & M. E. Lynn

January 20 :

Nursery: W. Henderson, G. Hannah

Toddlers: J. Cannon, A. Johnston

Wee Worship: S. Cole, S. Miller
J. & J. Ring

Order of Worship

Welcome

Prince of Peace

Holy, Holy, Holy (47)

Prayer

Here I Am to Worship

The Great Physician (291)

Communion Message

Offering

The Battle Belongs to the Lord (749)

Hard Fighting Soldier

Sermon

My Eyes Are Dry (792)

Closing Remarks

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

Dexter Beavers is still at North Park Hospital. He expects to go to Life Care in Red Bank on Monday.

Darrell Burger has been diagnosed with chronic lymphatic leukemia, but received good news from his doctor. He will not have to go through any treatment and the doctor did not foresee any problems. Please continue to remember him in prayer.

Juanita Cleland has gone home from North Park Hospital. (Care Group 2)

Chuck Clevenger has been released from the hospital in Birmingham after a pancreas transplant. He has responded well to all the procedures and medications and should be coming home in a day or so.

Debbie Davis, wife and mother of 5 adopted children, has pancreatic cancer and is not doing well. Her address is: 4567 Keith Road, Ringgold, GA 30736.

Margaret Malone, sister of **Marjorie Beasley**, has just finished her last chemo treatment. She will begin radiation soon. She is feeling better, but weak. Her address is 4080 Eagle River Rd., Memphis, TN 38118.

Ken Huntoon is currently at Moccasin Bend Hospital. He is in Unit B, at the Winston Building. Visiting hours are from 10:30 am to 8:30 pm daily. It has been suggested that only those who know him visit and only in small groups of 2-4 people. His address there is: Moccasin Bend Hospital, Unit B, 100 Moccasin Bend Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37405.

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

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:

Bible Class...1:00 pm
Worship...2:00 pm

Sunday Evening:

Life Groups: Meet as scheduled

Wednesday Evening:

Fellowship Meal 5:15
(reservations needed)

Devotional 6:25 pm
Bible Study...6:45 pm

ATTENDANCE:

January 06, 2007

Boyd Buchanan

Worship Attendance: 101

Hixson

Worship Attendance: 395

Worship Total: 496

Sunday School: 334

CONTRIBUTION:

2008 Weekly Budget Need: \$19,654.00

01/06/08 Giving: \$ 19,373.92

01/06/08 Building Fund: \$ 1,921.00

Budget to Date: \$ 19,373.92

Giving to Date: \$ 19,373.92

HIXSON SHEPHERDS:

Gary Carson
Roger Coffman
Bobby Golden
Larry Grant
Lloyd 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

January Birthdays!

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| 13-Heidi Stone, Breanna Hodges, Reagan Wilson | 22-Angela Smith, Kailey Rawlston |
| 14-Jason Jolley, Jay Edgemon, Kirstin Newland, Scout Rawlston, Avery Smith, Avery Lane | 24-Evelyn Littrell, Josh McAlpin |
| 15-Gertrude Pittman, Olivia Davis, Mary Catherine Vance | 25-Steve Perry, Lila Statom |
| 16-Lou Tirey, Helen Nave, Hunter Glen | 26-Larry Lane, Janet Yates, Andy Johnson |
| 18-Richard Reagan, Nick Hughes, Sawyer Davis, Riley Oleksik | 27-Jeremy Thompson, Eric Parham |
| 20-Richard Belcher, Darryl Hubbard, Victoria Dunlap | 29-Lisa Higgins, Patricia Zumbun, McKenzie Brown |
| 21-Lloyd Hodges, Don Haynes | 30-Don Rucker, Marjorie Beasley, Danielle Downs |
| | 31-Matt Beach |

The Different Drummer

The excitement was over. Or maybe it was just beginning. Either way, we had just gone through the overwhelming experience of bringing our first child into the world.

We had been saved the usual excitement due to the fact that Melissa's doctor had scheduled her labor to be induced. Yet, though we knew what day the birth would be, none of the newness and excitement had worn off.

But on this day, the grandparents had left, the visitors had stopped coming, and the doctors had given us the okay to take Olivia home. I was a terrified, though I refused to show it. Where is the instruction manual for parenting? So I played it by ear and showed up with our brand new infant car seat, all ready to give Olivia her first tour of her hometown.

She was dressed in a white gown and had lots of dark hair. An absolute picture of beauty! That is except for one thing. . . she wouldn't stop crying. Never had I seen a child cry like this! When we got her into the car, her seat in the normal infant's reversed position, she absolutely screamed to the top of her lungs.

Then I had an idea. As the car went into motion, I reached over into her car carrier and put my pinky finger into her hand. She grabbed that finger with as crushing a grip as a newborn can have and help on tightly. Her crying stopped.

From that point on, anywhere we went, she had to hold our fingers. She would have it no other way. It was either let her have your finger or listen to twenty miles of grief. (I even learned to drive a 5-speed with her holding my hand.)

She still holds my hand on rare occasions. I realize that someday she won't at all. Her maturity will take over and she'll think it juvenile to hold daddy's hand. I really dread this day coming . . .

. . . I feel that all father's dread this day; even our Heavenly Father. It seems that we are more than willing to hold His hand in our infant days of Christianity. Yet, most folks experience a time when we begin to feel so "mature" that we can handle life on our own. It would do us all good to go back to the days of total dependence on the Father and "hold His finger" once again.

We should hold on to the finger of God. The same finger that caused the powerful plagues of the Exodus (Exodus 8:16-20) can aid our departure from the slavery of sin. The same finger that inscribed the commandments on stone (Exodus 31:18) can guide our life into all righteousness. The same finger that cast out demons as a sign of the coming of the kingdom (Luke 11:20) can declare us citizens of a city not made with hands.

May we find peace in holding on to the finger of God.

Going Deeper (Discussion Questions for Small Groups)

Acts 20:17-38

- Share something about a person who is no longer a part of your life that greatly impacted your Christian walk. If possible, tell how you have chosen to emulate them.
- What "outside influences" have caused your Christian walk to be out of balance at times? If possible, share how you recovered from these events.
- What "inside forces" (other Christians, family, yourself) have occasionally caused you to lose your balance?
- Share with the group things you have done/experienced that have helped you to either maintain your walk with Christ, or have helped you get back on track in your journey.

If the church is like a "pot luck dinner," (you have to hear my illustration to understand this) what are you bringing to the party? (It may be best to answer this silently and individually.)