



CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE FAMILY OF GOD

At Clear Creek

Connecting People to God and to Each Other

January 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

We express sympathy to the family of **Mary Nell Dawson**, aunt of **Jana Cannon** who passed away last Sunday in Lakeland, Florida.

All chaperones that are going to **Winterfest** need to see **Jana Cannon** today.

Youth and Children are trying to plan a quick camp, August 6-9, for our current 3rd - 8th graders at Camp Vesper. Before we book, we need 30 volunteer commitments! If you would like to help, please let **Phil, Jana, or Laura** know by January 27th. Can't find us? Simply fill out a form located on our office doors. Some of the positions to fill are as follows: counselors, junior counselors (high school students only), nurse, recreation director, small group Bible study leaders, craft director, etc.

All members 70 years young and up are invited to our annual Young at Heart Banquet hosted by Kids for Jesus (3rd - 5th graders) on Saturday, February 9 from 5-7 pm. Please RSVP to the office no later than Feb. 7. We look forward to spending time with you!

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.

We will conduct the worship for the month of February for **Martin Boyd Nursing Home**. Please make plans to support this activity one Sunday if possible. Worship there begins at 3:00 pm, which means that anyone attending will not be able to worship at Clear Creek at 2:00 pm. The preaching schedule is: Feb. 3: **Nelson Burger**, Feb. 10: **Chuck Van Eaton**, Feb. 17: **Tim Arthur**, Feb. 24: **Youth Group**. Song leading will be done by **Waymon Vickery** and **Jim Brasher**. Children are welcome, but no child care is provided. One of our buses will leave our parking lot at 2:30 pm for those who prefer not to drive. Bob McGrath is coordinating this effort.

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: 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.

Feb. 6: New Wednesday night Bible Class times begin at 6:30

Feb. 9: Young at Heart Banquet at 5-7 pm. KFJ please arrive by 3 pm to help set up and rehearse. Dinner will be provided for all who attend. Parents can pick up their child at 7:45 pm.

Feb. 24: KFJ and Youth visit Martin-Boyd and conduct worship service. We will depart at 2 pm and return at 4 pm.

Boyd-Buchanan School

Open House

January 22, 2008

5:00—7:00 p.m.

All Parents interested in Christian Education should attend.

Youth Ministry

Today: See Jana if you are going to be a chaperone at Winterfest.

Jan. 26: Evan Aldridge Wedding in Jackson, Tennessee. Bus will leave the church at 8 am.

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

Jan. 28: New Girls Bible Study begins. Meet at Moe's for supper at 6:00 pm. Pick up at Jana's at 8:30 pm.

Feb. 2: All Youth. Area wide Devo & Fellowship at E. Brainerd Church of Christ.

Feb. 15-17: All Youth. Winterfest at Gatlinburg.

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.**



MEN OF COURAGE

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).



Women's Ministry

There will be a meeting of the Women's Ministry Steering Committee on Friday, Jan. 25th at 9:30 in the Ladies' Classroom upstairs. Any lady who would be interested in joining this committee is invited to attend. If you are interested in this ministry and cannot attend this meeting, please call **Kathy Hannah** or **Milbrey Coffman** to express your interest.

Sunday 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.

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

Young Adults

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

Sunday 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.

Room In The Inn Meal

January 22: Holt/Seiler

February 5: G. Hannah, Horn

February 19: Parks/Coffman

January 20

Hixson

Opening Prayer: Loyd Hodges

Com. Message: Phillip Lynn

Boyd Buchanan

Opening Prayer: Grant Reynolds

Com. Message: Bob McGrath

Nursery & Wee Worship Volunteers

January 20:

Nursery: W. Henderson, G. Hannah

Toddlers: J. Cannon, A. Johnston

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

January 27 :

Nursery: S. Swink, Vance girls

Toddlers: E. Newcomb, J. Teague

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

Order of Worship

Welcome

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (3)

I Think His Name Is Jesus (199)

Prayer

In His Presence (99)

Holy Ground (100)

Holy Ground (101)

I Will Praise Him (333)

Communion Message

Offering

Let the Lord Be Praised, O Zion (207)

His Grace Reaches Me (113)

Sermon

There Is Power In the Blood (903)

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

Roy Ramsey's mother, Carrie Scruggs has gone home. Test results were good and she will not have to have a stent.

Jameson Perry, son of **Steve and Beth Perry**, injured his foot on New Year's Eve. The injury required surgery. He is recovering at home. Please pray for quick healing and returned use and feeling in his foot.

Dexter Beavers is now at Life Care in East Ridge.

Irene Shamblin has left Carestone and is at home and recovering well. She is much improved but would appreciate cards.

Chuck Clevenger is now at home and doing well. He appreciates all the cards, calls and prayers.

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 13, 2007

Boyd Buchanan

Worship Attendance: 99

Hixson

Worship Attendance: 336

Worship Total: 443

CONTRIBUTION:

2008 Weekly Budget Need: \$19,654.00

01/13/08 Giving: \$ 15,207.14

01/13/08 Building Fund: \$ 1,598.20

Budget to Date: \$ 39,308.00

Giving to Date: \$ 34,581.06

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

January Birthdays!

20-Richard Belcher, Darryl Hubbard, 27-Jeremy Thompson, Eric Parham
Vickie Dunlap 29-Lisa Higgins, Patricia Zumbun,
McKenzie Brown
21-Loyd Hodges, Don Haynes
22-Angela Smith, Kailey Rawlston
30-Don Rucker, Marjorie Beasley,
24-Evelyn Littrell, Josh McAlpin
Danielle Downs
25-Steve Perry, Lila Statom
31-Matt Beach
26-Larry Lane, Janet Yates,
Andy Johnson

The Different Drummer

Friendship is the final symptom of youthfulness that lingers around the shadows of our adult minds.

It reminds us of chosen love. Chosen love is unlike family love in that families love one another out of acceptance. Friends, on the other hand, choose one another. This kind of love develops like barnacles on a ship; slowly over the course of time. It emerges without warning. There is no date of establishment to be remembered or celebrated because most friendships have no real reference point as to the time or date when an acquaintance graduated into a friend. Love and loyalty are the diplomas awarded on such auspicious occasions.

Friendship is real and it is powerful. It is idealistic and capable of dreaming the biggest of dreams. It is iridescent enough to shine through the fog of an aloof world that has somehow forgotten the value of friendships and no longer values love and loyalty.

Average people rarely encounter a real friendship in the course of a lifetime. Far too often, people travel through this life having made only acquaintances. One reason for this is that most people today are far too selfish to be a friend. You see, friendship is like riding in a Greyhound bus. In order to allow others on the bus, we must be willing to scoot over and sacrifice our own comforts as well as rearrange our perspectives. We must be willing to not only accommodate our friends, but their baggage as well.

Real Christian friendships require work. Citizenship in God's kingdom is not a simple matter of birthright. It is advanced citizenship . . . you have to want it bad and be willing to work and suffer for it. You must be willing to struggle with others and forgive them. You have to be willing to look past their imperfections and occasionally see them as they can be and not as they are.

The church is commanded by the Hebrew writer to assemble itself together. A more vivid translation of this might say that we are to join our lives together. This kind of communion in God's family cannot be achieved by mere acquaintances.

Real friendships glorify God. Being involved in real friendship is the Christian's destiny. We are told that the world will know that we belong to Jesus, the lover of the unlovable, by the way we create bonds with one another.

So let's work on being loyal. Let's make it our business to overlook faults. And together, let's dream big dreams and teach the world about the love of Jesus by our friendships with one another.

Going Deeper – 1 Corinthians 2

(Study Questions for Small Groups)

- From the first 5 verses of this chapter, what would you say was Paul's preaching style? Did Paul preach this way for a reason? What was the reason?
- According to verse 7, what was the hidden mystery of which Paul was speaking? He says (in NASB) that this was "predestined before the ages to our glory." What does that mean?
- If you were going to describe a "spiritual person" to someone, in what terms would you describe them? Is it possible to describe this type of person to someone who has yet to meet Jesus?
- What spiritual "sea shells" (illustration from my sermon) has God hidden for you in your life?
- In verse 16, Paul says that spiritual people possess the "mind of Christ." What does this mean? How is this "mind of Christ" an advantage to the Christian?
- Do you consider yourself spiritual? Why or why not? If not, do you think being "spiritual" is important and if you do, what steps are you taking to become spiritually mature? (you might want to answer this one privately.)