



CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE FAMILY OF GOD

At Clear Creek

Connecting People to God and to Each Other

March 9, 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

Today: Is the last day for turning in your filled Easter baskets.

Please Note! Change of date for Easter Egg Hunt. It will now be on Saturday, March 15. The location and time stay the same. It will be at the Vance's from 2-4. Directions can be found on the hallway bulletin board.

We express sympathy to the family of **Mary Hutcheson**, grandmother of **Kris Flanagan**, who passed away on March 4.

We are happy to announce that **Lorinne Burt**, mother of **Vicki Burger**, has placed membership with our family here at Clear Creek.

March 10: Head Start Parent Easter Party at 10 am. Call Kelly Johnson if you would like to help.

March 11: Friends Night Out at the home of Laura Harbin. The fun will start at 7 p.m. We will be feasting and enjoying fellowship with one another and hopefully our dear friends in China via a webcam. Bring a friend! Sign up sheet and directions are posted on the bulletin board .

March 13: Martin-Boyd Birthday Party. The car pool will leave the building at 1:15. Rachel and Jameson Perry will entertain. Please come if you can.

April 11-13: Church Wide Retreat at Camp Vesper Point. Sign up beginning March 16.

August 6-9! SAVE THE DATE! Summer Camp for current 3rd-8th graders 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.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL teachers may pick up your "Action" newsletter in your WBS mailbox.

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Children's Ministry

March 15: Easter Egg Hunt at Vance's from 2-4 p.m.

March 17: Mommy and Me Play Group (4 year olds and under) St. Patrick's Day Party at Bridgett Chambers house. Cupcakes, paper products and drinks will be provided. RSVP and sign up to bring finger foods by calling Bridgett at 843-1999.

March 19: KFJ Game Night in Room 203.

March 26: KFJ Singing Night in Room 203

Youth Ministry

Today: High School Parent Meeting, 12-1 pm in Room 252.

Today: High School Meal at Chili's followed by a devo at the Cannons. Leave at 3:30. Pick up at the Cannons at 7.

March 16: Begin sign up for Spring Retreat.

March 30: Meeting with parents of graduating seniors in Room 252 at 12:30 concerning Graduate Recognition on May 14.

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

Attention All Teen Girls! New Monday night Bible Study beginning soon! Keep watching for details.

June 8-11: Chattanooga Work Camp for all teens.

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".



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).



Women's Ministry

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.

March 12: New Bible Study "Stepping Up, a Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent" by Beth Moore. Location TBA. Workbooks to use this DVD series can be purchased at Lifeway Bookstore. (There will also be workbooks for purchase at the first meeting.) 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

March 18: K. Hannah/Schannuth

March 25: H. Nave/D. Chambers

April 1: Hofses

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Hixson

Opening Prayer: Troy Bowman

Com. Message: Roger Coffman

Boyd Buchanan

Opening Prayer: Boodie Fox

Com. Message: Steve Perry

Nursery & Wee Worship Volunteers

March 9:

Nursery: D. Pittman, H. Hughes

Toddlers: B. Mobley, A. Wheeler

Wee Worship: S. Cole & S. Miller
G. Hicks

March 16:

Nursery: P. & J. Roark

Toddlers: S. Reagan, J. Teague

Wee Worship: S. Cole & S. Miller
J. Bell

Order of Worship

Welcome

Retreat Video

I Belong To Jesus

Great Is the Lord Almighty (102)

Worthy

Prayer

I Love to Tell the Story (659)

In Christ Alone

Communion Message/Offering

Tell Me the Story of Jesus (387)

Ring Out the Message (622)

Sermon

Turn My Heart (803)

Mission Message

Closing Remarks

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

Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Virginia Clendenen, mother to **Elaine Boyd-Osby** and grandmother to **Bridgett Chambers** is in Bledsoe Hospital with pneumonia.

Bodie Hatcher, son of **Alicia Hatcher** and grandson of **Jack and Deborah Flack**, will be having heart surgery at Vanderbilt on Tuesday, March 11. He is 15 months old now. Please remember this child, and family, in your prayers.

Leon Bowman, brother of **Troy Bowman and JoAnn Sparks**, is seriously ill. He has a bad heart valve and leukemia. He is under Hospice care in his son's home. He is a member at East Ridge.

Tom See, our church maintenance man, had surgery this week and is at Memorial Hospital in Room 501.

Jim Whitehead, Cathy Albright's brother, has returned to the hospital with staph infection following heart surgery. He is in ICU at Memorial.

Clyde Gamble, father of **Susan Crowell**, has a medical condition that causes him to lose his balance. Please pray for him and his wife, **Sue**.

Dodie Ellis, friend of the **Seilers**, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

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

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

Wayne Arthur, uncle of **Tim Arthur**, is in ICU at Memorial Hospital and has developed some new health issues. He is still in serious condition.

Please remember **Debbie Davis**, mother of five children who has pancreatic cancer.

Gloria Pickle, aunt of **Betty Brasher**, has Alzheimer's which is progressing quickly. Please remember her husband, **Coleman** who is caring for her.

Louise Weddington, mother of **Martha Hendrix**, has been admitted to North Park Hospital for heart issues. No visitors please. (Care Group 1)

Ken Huntoon is currently at Moccasin Bend Hospital. You will be asked for his ID number (43269) if you visit. Visiting hours are from 10:30 am to 8:30 pm. His address there is: Moccasin Bend Hospital, Unit B, 100 Moccasin Bend Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37405. (Care Group 8)

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. (Care Group 3)

Please remember our men and women in the armed services.

Richard Douglas and 150 other local people will be going to Iraq this month. Please remember them in prayer.

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Bath, ME 04530

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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:

March 2, 2007

Boyd Buchanan

Worship Attendance: 101

Hixson

Worship Attendance: 354

Bible Study:

305

Worship Total:

455

CONTRIBUTION:

2008 Weekly Budget Need: \$19,654.00

03/02/08 Giving: \$ 21,931.27

03/02/08 Building Fund: \$ 3,539.00

Budget to Date: \$ 176,877.00

Giving to Date: \$ 156,996.08

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

March Birthdays!

9-Bruck Teague, Temple Davis

10-Dennis Broadrick, Martha Hendrix,

Connie Lowe, John Hansel

12-Caroline Vance

16-Lindsay Keylon, May Hartness,

Ryder Haustein

17-Rhonda Dutton

18-Annette Wheeler, Josh Oakley,

Mary Rose Teague, Samuel Crowell,

Caimen Cothran

A Racing Story

. . . His mother told the story the day after the race. Kenneth was in junior high school and was excited about participating in a day of Special Olympics events. He had actually developed into quite a good athlete.

While his parents watched expectantly from the stands, he ran, and won, the first race. He was proud of his ribbon and the cheers from the crowd. He truly basked in the glow of the moment.

He ran in the second race as well. However, just as he was about to cross the finish line, when he again would have won, he stopped and stepped off the track, automatically disqualifying himself.

His parents gently questioned him, "Why did you do that, Kenneth? If you had continued running, you would have won another race." Kenneth innocently replied, "But, Mom, I already have a ribbon. Billy didn't have a ribbon yet." . . .

. . . *"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus..."* (Philippians 2:3-5) . . .

. . . Jesus taught that if we truly desire to follow Him, we will first have to learn to deny ourselves. Whoever wants to save his life will lose it. Whoever loses his life for Jesus' sake will save it. (Luke 9)

We live in a society where self denial is a foreign concept. Truth is if we see someone practicing the random acts of kindness similar to that of Kenneth, we question their motives. Surely nobody would put themselves second unless there was some sort of angle to manipulate others. Certainly we all understand the American way calls us to have a "me first" attitude.

It is people like Kenneth who remind us that we, as Christians, are not to live for ourselves. We are to practice our religion in relation to one another. We cannot be happy with the idea that anyone will not receive God's reward. We should do whatever we can, including self-sacrifice, to assure that as many as possible enjoy God's presence along side us. We are to be a people who see making personal sacrifices for the sake of the gospel and the well being of others as a blessing from God.

I hope we will become even more mindful that we know people personally who are living a life without Jesus as their anchor. They are not the enemy. They are the opportunity to live out our calling.

Christianity is a journey that is only fulfilling if we take others along with us. If you know someone who is in danger of not winning the "ribbon" of living with the Master eternally, please make whatever sacrifices are necessary to assure that they cross the finish line! --Joey