



CHURCH OF CHRIST

# THE FAMILY OF GOD

## At Clear Creek

*Connecting People to God and to Each Other*

**May 11, 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 Happy Mother's Day!

*We express sympathy to the following families:*

**Ed and Jo Justice** in the loss of their daughter-in-law, **Dorothy Justice**, and son Steve, in the loss of his wife. (Care Group 2)

**Chris Johnson**, in the loss of his wife, Stacey, who died Saturday, May 3rd.

**May 19: Jayna Yates** will be leaving for a 6 week mission trip to the Ukraine to teach English using the Bible as part of the "Let's Start Talking" ministry. Pray for her and the mission team from Tennessee Tech. **Thanks to the members of Clear Creek whose donations made this trip possible.**

**May 21: Attention Church Family!** Check out the bulletin board outside the multi-purpose room featuring our high school seniors. You are all invited to our **Annual Senior Reception & Recognition** on Wednesday, May 21st beginning 5:30 p.m. in the CAC with a heavy finger food reception and concluding with a program from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. **There will be no youth group or adult classes that evening.** Please mark your calendars now to come and honor our graduating students. This is a great time to bring any gifts you may have for them.

**May 24: Today is the last day to sign up** for the Mother/Daughter Brunch for ages 5 yrs. to adult. The Brunch will be held at the Tea Cottage, 2233 Hickory Valley Road, at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$9.50 per person. Contact Wendy Haustein (332-0712) for further info.

**June 2-6: "Friendship Trek" VBS** with Stuart Heights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For 3 yr. olds through 5th grade. You may register in the lobby. Volunteers may sign up on the bulletin board. We need 10-15 people to help.

**Special Needs Request:** A foster family has taken in three children, ages 3, 5, and 6, with only the clothes they were wearing. They need clothes, toys, and a stroller. Please call Terri Davis at 593-7837 to donate to this family.

**The Clear Creek 2008 Family Directory** is available in the church office. Please take one per family.

**Clear 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** solicits your continual prayers as they work toward making an important decision for Clear Creek Church.

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# Children's Ministry

## Newsletter Coming This Week!

**May 18:** Lookouts Game for the 5th grade class and parents. Please 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.**

**May 28:** KFJ Singing Night, Rm. 203.

**June 2-6:** VBS Registration has begun. Don't miss "Friendship Trek!"

**June 7:** Family Fun Day at Greenway Farms from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A family devotional time and picnic will be in the morning with games and water slides in the afternoon! Please come and invite friends!

## Youth Ministry

**Registration for Chattanooga Workcamp** continues, \$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 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.

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

## 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

**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 \$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

**May 20:** Odum/Tomshack

**May 27:** Campbell/Jett

### May 11, 2008

#### Hixson

**Opening Prayer:** Ben Vance

**Com. Message:** Dick Salisbury

**Small Group Cleanup:** Jeb Hartness

#### Boyd Buchanan

**Opening Prayer:** Steve Perry

**Com. Message:** Bobby Golden

### Nursery & Wee Worship Volunteers

**May 11**

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

**Toddlers:** Marjorie Beasley & Sharon Sanders

**Wee Worship: No Wee Worship Today!**

**May 18**

**Nursery:** Wendy Henderson & Vance girls

**Toddlers:** Gayle Hicks & Erin Newcomb

**Wee Worship:** Stacey Cole & Scott Miller  
Brian & Traci Nelson

### Order of Worship

#### **Welcome**

Redeemed (All) (458)

I Worship You Almighty God (64) (All)

For All That You've Done

I will Thank You (781) (All)

#### **Prayer**

The Way That He Loves (323) (All)

#### **Communion Message/Offering**

\*No Wee Worship

Since I Have Been Redeemed (491) (All)

O Lord Our Lord (214) (All)

#### **Sermon**

Wonderful Story Of Love (286) (All)

**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

**Lakesha Rambo**, niece of Marjorie Beasley, needs special prayer for a spiritual and material blessing. She is a single parent seeking employment.

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

**Dennis Broadrick** had surgery last Monday for amputation of a toe and is now at home. (Care Group 2)

**Doretha Crossman** had a scan a couple weeks ago which showed that the nodules were growing but there were no new ones. She began a new treatment about a week ago. (Care Group 4)

**Lisa Higgins** went home last 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** is 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**, 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. She is weak, but 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, in Unit B Winston Building. Visiting hours are 10:30 to 8:30 pm daily. Please visit in small groups of 2-4 people (ID 43269). His address: Moccasin Bend Hospital, Unit B, 100 Moccasin Bend Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37405. (Care Group 8)

**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:

**May 4, 2008**

**Boyd Buchanan**  
Worship Attendance: 136

**Hixson**  
Worship Attendance: 280

**Bible Class:** 305

**Worship Total:** 416

## CONTRIBUTION:

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

**05/04/08 Giving:** \$18,698.86

**05/04/08 Building Fund:** 4,447.00

**Budget to Date:** \$348,421.04

**Giving to Date:** \$337,327.86

## 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

## May Birthdays

7—Nate Henderson

8—Ryan Moore

9—Walter Elliott, Niki Bearden,

Matthew Haynes

10—Chris Reagan

11—Roger Hibbs, Karen Lancaster, Jill

Hartness

12—Athena Priquette, Ralph Fickle

13—Diane Elliott

14—Pat Roark, John Shoemaker,

Dylan Vogel, Matthew Stone, Ian Newland

15—Marqueeta Bentley

16—Joy Hibbs

19—Nancy Brown

21—Tony Hill, Milbrey Coffman, Jacob

Williams, Henry Warren

## **SOME REFLECTIONS ON OUR RECENT TRIP TO CHINA**

Milbrey and I left Atlanta bound non-stop for Shanghai on Monday morning, April 21. Fifteen hours and forty minutes later, on the same plane in the same seat, with daylight all the way, we arrived on Tuesday afternoon, April 22. What a welcome sight it was to see Bobby Ray waving to us after we came through immigration, claimed our baggage, and headed for the airport lobby!

After dinner we wanted to do some sight-seeing in downtown Shanghai, so that we could stay awake until regular bedtime rather than going to bed so early that we would probably wake up early and not get a good night's sleep. Shanghai is a huge city but a fun place. We enjoyed doing the subways, the high speed trains, and seeing the contrast between the new and old. It was crazy the next morning – watching the rush hour traffic and especially all of the bicycles.

Following breakfast we caught the morning train for the two hour trip to Hangzhou. After lunch Bobby took us by taxi to the hotel which would be our home for the next five days. It was a beautifully decorated older European style hotel with a big clock tower on the top. This made it real easy to find our way home when we would venture out by ourselves. It was less than a ten minute taxi ride from the Rays' apartment complex, if the traffic was not too bad.

We enjoyed our first “sure enough” Chinese dinner on our way to the Wednesday night Bible study with the downtown group. Bobby and Bonnie ordered several different dishes (pork, chicken, noodles, rice, broccoli, stir-fried potatoes, etc.). Everything was placed on a lazy Susan in the middle of the table. You could just spin it around and get what you wanted. The only problem was they just give you a small bowl and some chop sticks with which to eat. You fill the bowl with what you want; but when you get ready for more, you notice that there are no serving spoons. Everybody uses the same chop sticks he or she eats with to get more out of the serving dishes. That's eating Chinese style! There are some things I like about it. What do you do with the liquid that is left in a bowl? Easy, just turn the bowl up and drink it. Many of the Chinese also believe that meat is tastier when cooked untrimmed. So what do you do with a piece of bone or fat or gristle? Spit it out on the table somewhere near your plate.

Wednesday night will be a lasting memory. We met with a group of Christians to sing and study. It was already getting dark as we rode the taxi from the restaurant to where the meetings are held. We had to walk about a block down an alley, cross a courtyard, and climb some dark back stairs up three floors to an apartment. It was just the way we had thought things would be from what we had heard and read about China. We walked through a small kitchen and into a little larger sitting room where we found six Chinese young men and women in their late twenties, a dentist from Canada who was a little older who was working there in a clinic, and the eight of us made fifteen. Bobby led an interesting study of Ruth. They are studying some of the “core” Old Testament stories in order to get a good understanding of who God is and how He cares for His creation. The hostess served hot tea to everyone as we arrived. Then one of the young men shared a big stalk of bananas with everyone when the study ended.

We were exhausted and both fought falling asleep during the Bible study time. Jet lag was catching up with us. But the first day in Hangzhou was just the beginning of some wonderful and encouraging experiences with our China Team. More next week. . . . (Roger Coffman)