



CHURCH OF CHRIST

# THE FAMILY OF GOD

## At Clear Creek

*Connecting People to God and to Each Other*

**May 25, 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** in the loss of their son, **Michael**, who passed away Monday. Services were held Thursday afternoon in Georgia at the Fayetteville Church of Christ.

**Waymon Vickery**, in the loss of his mother, **Blanche Vickery**. Graveside services were held Saturday in Walnut Grove, AL (near Gadsden). (Care Group 4)

**Betty Dolberry and Family** in the loss of her brother-in-law, **Sam Williams**, who passed away Tuesday evening. He was a long-time member at St. Elmo Church of Christ. (Care Group 5)

**May 26: Memorial Day Pool Party** at 12:30 p.m. at the Zumbruns' home. Everyone is welcome! Bring a drink and snacks to share. For directions or more info, call the Zumbruns or Kelly Johnson.

**May 28: McAlister's Deli fundraiser!** Our Youth Group will receive 10% of their sales from 5 to 9 p.m. Get your evening meal and allow our Youth Group serve you. All proceeds support the Youth Group, including "tips". Kids eat free.

**June 1: Forty Days of Prayer** begins as we prepare to enter our new facility.

**June 2: Mommy & Me Play Group Picnic (4 yr. olds and under)** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Veterans Park in Soddy Daisy. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the outdoors. The park is located at the 9000 block of Dayton Pike, just past the Williamson and Son Funeral Home. In case of bad or hot weather, meet at the play area in Northgate Mall.

**June 2-6: "Friendship Trek" VBS** with Stuart Heights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For 3 yr. olds through 5th grade. Register in the foyer.

**June 24:** A Baby Shower for **Amanda Hodges** will be held in the multi-purpose room at 7:00 p.m. "It's a Boy!" For information contact Laura Harbin or Sharon Ramsey. Amanda is registered at Target.

"Update No. 30" by **Pat Roark** will appear in next Sunday's bulletin.

**Clear Creek T-shirts** are available while supply lasts. If we ran out of your size at the retreat, come by to pick one up now. All others are available for only \$5.

**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.

**Family and individual counseling** services with **Pam Johnson** are now on Mondays. Her hours are from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. 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



# MEN OF COURAGE

**May 28:** KFJ Singing Night in Room 203.

**June 1:** Deadline for Logo Contest Entries to be turned in to Ms. Laura.

**June 2-6:** VBS with Stuart Heights.

**June 4:** All children's classes will join in VBS with Stuart Heights in lieu of our regular classes..

**June 7: Family Fun Day at Greenway Farms** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch for your entire family. Drinks will be provided. Family prayer time will be in the morning with games and waterslides after lunch! Invite your friends!

**June 18:** K - 5th Families tour new building. Meet at Clear Creek at 6:30 p.m.

**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:** Join us for the last week of the series "Stepping Up, A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent" by Beth Moore at 6:30 p.m. On May 28th, DVD #6 will be viewed for the final night of this study. Contact Kathy Hannah at 718-3265 or [kathyhannah@comcast.net](mailto:kathyhannah@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

**Coming in June - All 4 weeks!** NEW! "Faith Walk" series. Come and join us as we hear some of our own sisters share their stories.

# Youth Ministry

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**May 31:** Middle School devotional at the Crowell's from 5 to 8 p.m. Bring \$2 and come for a hayride, devo, food and fun!

**June 1 - 6:** Girl's Beach Retreat. Details to come.

**June 8-11:** Chattanooga Workcamp. **Sign up sheets in the foyer for volunteer hosts and donations.**

**June 20-26: UPLIFT** at Harding University for grades 7-12.

# 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.**

# Young Adults

Sunday College Class meets in Room 253.

## Room In The Inn Meal

**May 27:** Campbell/Jett

**June 3:** K. Hannah/Schannuth

## May 25, 2008

### Hixson

**Opening Prayer:** David Gray

**Com. Message:** Jeb Hartness

**Small Group Cleanup:** Jeb Hartness

### Boyd Buchanan

**Opening Prayer:** Michael Hipp

**Com. Message:** Dick Salisbury

## Nursery & Wee Worship Volunteers

**May 25**

**Nursery:** Betty Brasher  
Grady & Becky Oakley

**Toddlers:** Tom & Pasco Window

**Wee Worship:** Russell & Stacey Barry  
Nate & Kimara Cox

**June 1**

**Nursery:** Josh & Rachel Oakley

**Toddlers:** Jennifer Barton  
Patty Haynes

**Wee Worship:** Stacey Cole & Scott Miller  
Katie Warren

## Order of Worship

### **Welcome**

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:7-14  
He Has Made Me Glad (103)  
You Are My All In All (1, 2) (484)  
As The Deer Pants (1, 2) (71)

### **Prayer**

Jesus Let Us Come To Know You (1, 2) (768)

### **Communion Message/Offering**

\*Dismiss Wee Worship

Just A Closer Walk With Thee (1-3) (406)  
The Joy of the Lord (1-3) (559)

### **Sermon**

All to Jesus I Surrender (1-3) (662)

**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!**

**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  
(canceled until after move)  
Bible Study...6:30 pm

**ATTENDANCE:**

**May 18, 2008**

**Boyd Buchanan**  
Worship Attendance: 143

**Hixson**  
Worship Attendance: 286

**Bible Class:** 301

**Worship Total:** 429

**CONTRIBUTION:**

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

**05/18//08 Giving:** \$20,218.67

**05/18/08 Building Fund:** \$5,974.71

**Budget to Date:** \$387,729.04

**Giving to Date:** \$371,193.94

**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

# Prayer Requests

To honor the privacy of our church family, the individual or immediate family may post specific prayer requests only. You may notify the church office via e-mail at [office@clearcreekcoc.org](mailto:office@clearcreekcoc.org) or call 877-6232. Requests will be removed after seven days unless we are notified otherwise.

**Jackie Odum**, who is having a pacemaker installed Wednesday the 28th at Memorial Hospital. (Care Group 4)

**Jayna Yates and the "Let's Start Talking" mission team**, who arrived safely in the Ukraine Tuesday afternoon. They are staying in a small village called Bila Tserkva, near the city of Kiev.

**Sam Gennoe**, father of Jane Boozer and Susan Gennoe, who is at Erlanger recovering from back surgery and a staph infection. (Care Group 4)

**Dennis Broadrick**, who is recovering at home following the amputation of a toe. (Care Group 2)

**Lisa Higgins**, who is doing better and is back in therapy. (Care Group 5)

**Jim Cannon**, who is now at Life Care Center in Red Bank. (Care Group 4)

**Liz Morris**, who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Pray for her strength. (Care Group 4)

**Wayne Arthur**, uncle of **Tim Arthur**, went home Thursday and will be trying to start rehab soon. (Care Group 7)

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

**Andy Powers**, friend of **Joy Hibbs**, who has a recurrence of a brain tumor. His address is: 4165 Gann Store Rd., Hixson, TN 37343.

**Debbie Davis**, mother of five children, who has pancreatic cancer. Please remember the family in prayer as well.

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

**Louise Weddington**, mother of **Martha Hendrix**. Her doctor changed some medications on Thursday which may have been causing weakness and low blood pressure. (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

## May Birthdays

25 - Jennifer Jones

27 - Makayla Cox

28 - Stacey Barry, Felicia Lowe

29 - Leah Goins, Cooper Jones

30 - Karen Grandfield, Dianne Bryden, Jayna Yates

31 - Tanya Newland

## THE DIFFERENT DRUMMER

*"Come gather 'round people, wherever you roam, and admit that the waters, around you have grown, and accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone...For the times, they are a-changin'." – Bob Dylan*

"The **good ol' days**..." This is certainly a term of endearment that every young person dreads hearing. Almost every week of my life, I come across folks who long for those times and I often wonder which **good ol' days** they have in mind!?!

I think they are probably thinking of the **good ol' days** when "two bits" (that's a quarter to everyone born after 1960) would get you a haircut or admission to the Chattanooga Look-outs at Engel Stadium. They are recalling an idyllic existence: no energy shortage, clean air, clear rivers, close families, fun at school...you know, a simpler time when men were men and women were glad of it!

Today, if you pick up the paper and turn to almost any page, you'll find heartbreak and despair. Here's an example from a national periodical:

*"The world is too big for us; too much is going on, too much crime, too much violence, and excitement. Try as you will, you get behind in the race. Science empties its discoveries on you so fast that you stagger in bewilderment. Everything is high pressure. Human nature can't endure much more!"*

Sound like this morning's paper? It appeared in Atlantic Monthly on June 16, 1833. You know, back in the "**good ol' days**." The headline in the Boston Globe in mid-November 1857...ENERGY CRISIS LOOMS. The subheading suggests that there was a chance that the world would go dark because of a shortage of whale blubber. The thirties saw starting your car with a crank (if you had one), no indoor plumbing, and every family took baths in a wash tub.

Everything is a matter of perspective. As Charles Dickens wrote, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." How we see a period of our life depends on whether or not we have an attitude that trusts God. Maybe the "**good ol' days**" always seem to be in times past because *we* have changed more rapidly than the times. There is nothing sadder than meeting someone who believes that their best days are behind them.

As Christians, we must realize that the best days are always yet to come! If times change, we praise God because the changing times will afford us new and exciting opportunities to bring Him more glory. As Daniel wrote, "*Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to Him. And it is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings, gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding.*" (Daniel 2:20-21).

Over the past year, changes have come at us like a flood. Over the next year the flood of change will probably increase exponentially. The question is, will we sink or swim in this flood?

I say we might as well swim since we are already drenched to the bone with change! Trust God, take deep breaths, and use strong and deliberate strokes no matter how deep the flood becomes.

Our calling is to take the changes that God sends us, and use them to flood Clear Creek with Living Water..."*for the times, they are a-changing.*" (Joey Davis).