



CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE FAMILY OF GOD

At Clear Creek

Connecting People to God and to Each Other

July 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 in your time with us and that God will be glorified during our period of worship today.

Family News & Coming Events

We express sympathy to the following families:

Betty Kennamer, in the loss of her husband, **Murral Kennamer**, who died Thursday from a heart attack. Services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Lane Funeral Home on Ashland Terrace. (Care Group 2)

Ray Bearden, in the loss of his father, **C.F. "Speedy" Bearden, Jr.**, who passed away Thursday. Services will be held today at 2:30 p.m. in the North Chapel at Chattanooga Funeral Home. (Care Group 5)

Tracy Wolfe, in the loss of her mother, **Demcie Lohorn**, who passed away Thursday evening. Services will be held in Sparta, TN. (Care Group 4)

Congratulations to Amanda and Daniel Hodges on the birth of their son, **Jack Elijah**. He was born Thursday, July 17th, and weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. Proud grandparents are Lloyd and Jane Hodges. (Care Group 5)

Tonight! All Youth Celebration Night at *The Creek*, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Juniors and seniors provide barbecue and slaw. Underclassmen bring drinks, desserts, chips or other sides.

July 21: Mommy & Me Play group at Northgate Mall play area, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plan to stay for lunch at Chick-Fil-A after about 1 hour of playtime.

July 24: All Youth families will enjoy a trip to Dollywood Splash Country. Departure time from the Clear Creek parking lot is 8 a.m. Will return home around 10 p.m. Bring food and drink money. Contact Katie Gaither or Jana Cannon with any questions.

July 27 - 29: Holy Land, Orlando trip for 5th grade class, departing at noon. Be sure to eat a quick lunch immediately following worship service next Sunday. Pack clothing for two days, good walking shoes, swimsuit, bible and money for three fast food meals and/or souvenirs. There will be a **parent meeting at 9:45 a.m.** in the elementary large group room for hotel information and signing of medical release forms. We plan to **return by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29th.** Please call Laura if you have any questions.

Wednesday Night Meals resume in our new facility on July 23rd from 5 to 6:15 p.m. If you plan to participate, sign up in the foyer or call the church office by noon on Monday the 21st to reserve your dinner. A fee of \$4 is payable at the door. This week's menu will consist of pork tenderloin, vegetables, desserts, bread and beverages.

Camp Vesper Point: There are still many openings for campers grades 3 through 8. Camp dates are August 6th through the 9th. Please let Laura, Phil or Jana know ASAP if you would like to participate.

Family and individual counseling services with **Pam Johnson** are on Mondays. Her hours are from 3 to 6 p.m. If you have need of this service, call the church office at 877-6232 to make an appointment.

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Children's Ministry



MEN OF COURAGE

July 21: Mommy & Me Playgroup at Northgate Mall play area, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plan to stay for lunch at Chick-Fil-A after about 1 hour of playtime.

July 27 - 29: Holy Land trip for 5th grade class. Meet in the elementary wing before departure at noon.

August 3: KFJ Parent meeting in the elementary wing during bible class hour. Please plan to be there! We will be discussing some possible changes regarding this specific program before the upcoming school year begins!

August 6: K - 5th Singing Night in elementary wing.

August 6-9: CVP for 3rd - 8th graders. If you have not paid, be sure to turn in \$135 before the 6th.

Men's Softball: The season ended with great success, and the tournament begins on July 10th. More details to come. If you have questions, contact Nick Hughes.

Wednesday Nights: "Measure of a Man" led by Lee Barton.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: Fridays at 6:30 a.m. in the Café.

Support Groups: Clear Creek hosts support groups for various addictions. Call Quinton Skyles at 653-7895 for confidential info.

Youth Ministry



Women's Ministry

A special thanks go to Scott and Sheri Schannuth, Jeff Stone, Zack Dolberry, Keith Dolberry, Mike Jenkins, Linda Parham, Nick and Haylee Hughes, Heidi Stone, Andrea Johnston and Kidron and Caleb Cannon for their helping hands in the putting together of our teen center, "The Creek." A project of this magnitude could not have been completed without everyone working together. Thanks so much!

July 24: Dollywood Splash Country trip. Departure from Clear Creek at 8 a.m. sharp. We plan to return around 10 p.m. Bring towel, sunscreen and food money.

July 27: Guys Disc Golf Extravaganza at Dupont Course. Meet there at 3:30 p.m.

July 27: All Youth meet at the Creek at 6 p.m. for age specific small groups and worship.

July 27-28: Girls Night at the Creek from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m. Bring food, drinks, games and sleeping gear. You don't want to miss it!

July 31: Zack Dolberry's last day as Summer Intern. Thanks for a great job, Zack. We'll miss you!

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study: Study will not meet over the summer, but will reconvene in September.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Good News! Due to great participation, and "popular demand," the Faith Walk series will continue for 4 more weeks, beginning July 16th and continuing on July 23rd, 30th and Aug. 6th. Our own sisters will continue to speak to us, sharing inspirational testimonies.

Young Adults

Sunday College Class meets in Room A7.

Invite a friend next week!

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 call Bill Warren at 226-6301.**

Room In The Inn Meal

July 22: Parks / Coffman

August 5: Odum / Tomshack

July 20, 2008

Opening Prayer: Jake Hendrix

Com. Message: Ray Edmonds

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Nursery & Wee Worship Volunteers

July 20

Nursery: Wendy Henderson / Ginger Hannah

Toddlers: Gayle Hicks / Felicia Lane

Wee Worship: Stacey Cole & Scott Miller
John & Julie Ring

July 27

Nursery: Haylee Hughes / Darlene Pittman

Toddlers: Jared & Cassie Hamilton

Wee Worship: Jeff & Heidi Stone
Katie Warren
Betty Whitehorn

Order of Worship

Had it Not Been The Lord (all)
"Extreme Makeover" Video

**Welcome
Skit**

Holy Ground 100—101 (all)

Prayer

"The Future Is Now" (Roger Coffman)
China Video

Come Share The Lord (all)

Communion Message / Offering

(Dismiss Wee Worship)

Greatest Command 448 (all))

"Straining Toward What Is Ahead"
(Joey Davis)

O Cleanser of the Mess

Closing Remarks

Our God He Is Alive 23 (vs. 1, 4)

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

Thank you!

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 or call 877-6232. Requests will be removed after seven days unless we are notified otherwise.

Ed Jones, uncle of **Sheila Swink**, who underwent surgery Thursday in Dalton to repair a stomach aneurysm. Surgery went well. Pray for quick recovery.

Clarence Rambo, father of **Marjorie Beasley**, who is at Erlanger North recovering from a stroke. He is talking and becoming more responsive, but still dealing with ongoing medical problems.

Maureen Ragland, friend of **Terri Davis**, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and had a mastectomy July 10th. She is a mother of three.

Chuck Clevenger, son of **Charles and Judy**, who is hospitalized in Birmingham for a pancreatic condition. (Care Group 1)

Mark Master, friend of **Lanny McNabb**, who had eye surgery.

Laura Reagan, daughter of **Jean Ashworth**, who had emergency kidney surgery. (Care Group 5)

Matthew Stone, son of Jeff and Heidi, who is recovering well after having surgery on his left foot. Please continue to pray for the family during this process. (Care Group 4)

Doretha Crossman had very good results from her latest scan. There were no new nodules, and the existing ones were smaller. Doretha expresses appreciation for our prayers and asks that we continue, as she is still on medication. (Care Group 4)

Lisa Higgins. Please pray for less pain and increased mobility. (Care Group 5)

Jim Cannon, who is at Life Care in East Ridge. (Care Group 4)

Liz Morris has completed all chemotherapy and radiation treatments and has a favorable prognosis. Please pray for continued strength and recovery. (Care Group 4)

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

Louise Weddington, mother of **Martha Hendrix**. Medications have been changed, and she is 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.

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WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday

Bible Class...9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening:

Life Groups: Meet as scheduled

Wednesday Evening:

Fellowship Meal 5 p.m.
Bible Study...6:30 pm

ATTENDANCE:

July 13, 2008

Boyd Buchanan

Worship Attendance: 75

Hixson

Worship Attendance: 500

Bible Class: 261 (Adults Only)

Worship Total: 458

CONTRIBUTION:

2008 Weekly Budget Need: \$19,654.00

07/13//08 Giving: \$19,979.57

07/13/08 Building Fund: \$12,039.00

Budget to Date: \$544,961.04

Giving to Date: \$509,843.89

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

July / August Birthdays

21 - Brian Oliver, Jacob Walling

22 - Louise Weddington

23 - Dot Beck

26 - Macy Marlin

28 - Andrea Johnston, Preston Lark, Asher Skyles

29 - Annette Dolberry, Jerry Williams, Matt Dolberry

30 - David Walker, David Tomshack

1 - Laura Harbin, Haylee Hughes

Gavin Gaither

2 - Holly Castle, Chelsea Marlin, Kaleb Commers

3 - Bobby Ray, Kat Oliver, Cameron Wolfe

4 - Donna Moreland, Donna Downs, Jean Gray, Ellie Bryden

5 - Jill Bell, Jay Brown, Abbie Holder

6 - Peggie Fickle, Suzanne Belcher, Jack Jett, David Howard, Debbie Walling, Kim

Kotarski, Nicole Cantrell, Bailea Goins

The Different Drummer

It was early in the fight. This pugilistic affair was billed as the "fight of the century." It pitted one of the greatest Hispanic fighters of all times, Roberto Duran, against one of the greatest American boxers of my lifetime, Sugar Ray Leonard.

The bell had rung. Vicious blows had been exchanged. The fighters had returned to their corners. And during this brief break in the battle, one of the fighters began silently surrendering to the enemy.

When the bell rang for the next round to commence, Duran began a boxer's waltz around the ring with Leonard. Then, for no apparent reason, Duran dropped his gloves, started walking toward his corner, and said the strangest thing: "no mas, no mas!" (Spanish for: "no more, no more!") It is a phrase that has gone down in boxing history as the epitome of shame.

The referee was stunned. Leonard looked bewildered and then jubilant after realizing that the victory would be awarded to him. The fight was over because Duran's enemy had gotten the best of him.

You may think that Sugar Ray Leonard was the enemy. He was not. You see, Leonard was only the opponent. The enemy lurked in the shadows of Duran's heart. The enemy was a little voice that barraged him with the words "*give up, quit, it's not worth it, you can't win, you aren't good enough!*" Doubt turned into defeat.

When I was a young boy, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel wrote a song called "The Boxer." One line in the song is still with me today. . . "in the clearing stands a boxer, a fighter by his trade, and he carries the reminder of every glove that laid him out, or cut him 'til he cried out, in his anger and his shame, 'I am leaving, I am leaving,' but *the fighter still remained.*"

When I think about perseverance, I think of this song. How the enemy is never in the opposing corner, but in the nether regions of our hearts. He is a dark voice that begs us to give up, give in, and quit at any cost.

Sometimes it is difficult to discern the identity of our opponent. We would like to think it is a nameless, faceless opponent that we call "the world." But sometimes the opponent has a much friendlier face.

As Christians we are commissioned by God to do battle with the forces of Satan. Yet, Paul reminds us that the enemy is not flesh and blood, but the ruler of darkness. Too often, we examine others to find the dark prince, and forget to examine ourselves.

But I warn you to keep an eye out for our deadliest opponent. The dark voice lurking in our hearts that says, "stop doing good, nobody wants to hear about Jesus, don't worry about righteousness, give up, quit, it's not worth it, you can't win, you aren't good enough."

Don't allow doubt to fester into defeat. Jesus paid it all, and because of this we have already won. Our job now is to show the world no matter what challenges we face, when the dust settles . . . *God's fighters will still remain.* (Joey Davis)