

The Christian Chronicle

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Summer is over! The kids and teachers are back in school. Therefore, the only fun time left is the

weekend. What can we do that would be fun on Sunday?

How about come to church! No, really! On September 14, 2008, we are going to do something completely different. We are going to have an outdoor festival! We will start with worship. It will not be like every other Sunday, and I am not going to tell you how it will be different. It is called a surprise. I will let you know that you should come dressed to enjoy a day outside like at a picnic. For children of all ages, you may want to bring clothes that you can get wet and a towel. (The water will not be part of the worship service, unless there should be a baptism.)

After worship, we will cook out on the grill outside the fellowship hall. Bring hot dogs and hamburgers for your family and bring a salad, veggie plate, and/or dessert to share. We can eat in the fellowship hall or maybe bring a blanket and enjoy the outdoors.

After lunch, you may have an opportunity to satisfy a lifelong ambition; to let the preacher know that he is all wet! There will be a dunking tank and I will get in it. For \$1.00 you get four opportunities to immerse me. The money will go to the youth to cover the Youth-A-Palooza trip in January. Other people can take a turn in the tank as they wish.

We will also have an inflatable water slide and a smaller water toy for kids. Frisbees and outdoor games will be available so that everyone who wishes can have some fun.

What is the purpose of this? The purpose is to have fun at church! Invite a friend who thinks church is dull and never any fun. Take advantage of the opportunity to let others see joyous Christians in fun fellowship. Paul liked the word Rejoice so much that he repeated it in his instructions to Christians. We need to share in fun and festivities and rejoicing as a vital church in middle Georgia. We need to celebrate the heritage of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to let our uniqueness show. We work hard; let's show how we worship and fellowship in joy and fun.

Who will be the first to drop me in the drink? Come find out.

Shalom, *Darrell*

SEPTEMBER ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in the month of September are: Elders – Irv Shaw & Jo Smith and Deacons – Ann Von Almen, David Von Almen, Juliet Nolde and Terry Harper.

CMF BREAKFAST

The CMF monthly breakfast will meet again on September 6th at 8:00. David and Ann Von Almen will be serving their famous breakfast after a summer of rest and relaxation.

SEPT. NURSERY WORKERS

Sept. 6 Gidget Hurlbert
Sept. 14 Nicole Crofutt
Sept. 21 Margaret Hicks
Sept. 28 Mike Hurlbert

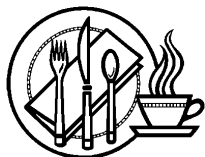


Feed My Sheep

Our church helps support the local food pantry with non-perishable food items each month. The food pantry helps about 90 families each week. We have given about 319 pounds so far this year. Thank you for your support in our church's mission project.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Our custodian has reported that some of the church doors have been left unlocked several times recently. If you have been working in any of the rooms, please make certain that you have locked that door when you leave. This is very important to our church's security. Thank you.



LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on Aug. 13th at 2:00 at Ole' Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, Bill & Imogene Bartoe, Lonnie & Margaret Hicks, Juanita Gunnin, Winona Smith, David & Keith Von Almen, Evelyn Hawkins and Carl Shaw. We really missed some of our regulars and hope that they will be able to join us again very soon. Our next gathering will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10th at Ole Times Country Buffet.



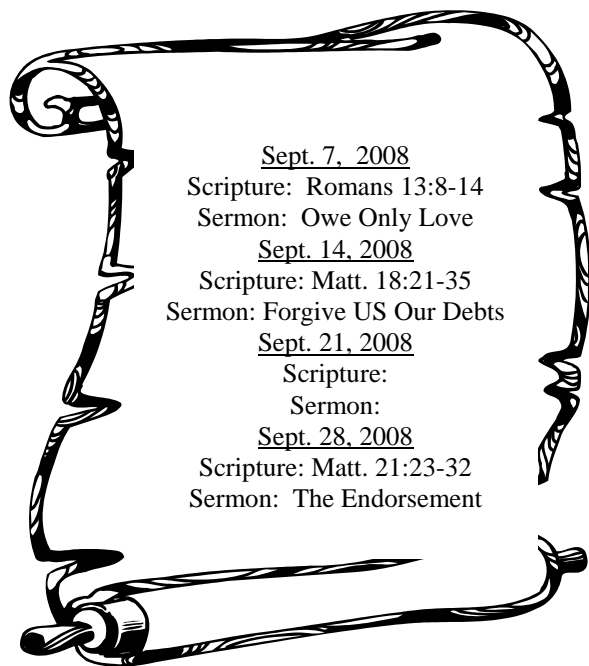
CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

Toilet Tissue
Mustard and Ketchup
Paper Towels
Non Dairy Creamer



CWF GRACE GROUP

Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 18th. This will be a covered dish meal beginning at 6:30. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.



Sept. 7, 2008

Scripture: Romans 13:8-14

Sermon: Owe Only Love

Sept. 14, 2008

Scripture: Matt. 18:21-35

Sermon: Forgive US Our Debts

Sept. 21, 2008

Scripture:

Sermon:

Sept. 28, 2008

Scripture: Matt. 21:23-32

Sermon: The Endorsement



SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

School Supplies
Notebook Paper

Theme Notebooks

4 Subject Notebooks

Pens and Erasers

Liquid Soap

Kleenex

Plastic Sandwich Bags

Laundry Detergent

Cleaning Supplies

Desinfectant

Book Bags (Boys and Girls)

Trash Bags

Ground Coffee – Regular (no Decaf)

Creamer

Sugar

Tea Bags –regular (no herb)



GOD'S CAKE

Sometimes we wonder, 'What did I do to deserve this?' Or, 'Why did God have to do this to me?' Here is a wonderful explanation! A daughter is telling her mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake".

"Here, have some cooking oil", her mothers offers. "Yuck" says her daughter. "How about a couple of eggs?" "Gross, Mom". "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?", asks the mother. "Mom, those are all yucky!" To which the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake."

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they are always good. We just have to trust Him and, eventually, He will make something wonderful.

God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.

Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart. Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance.

I hope your day is a piece of cake.

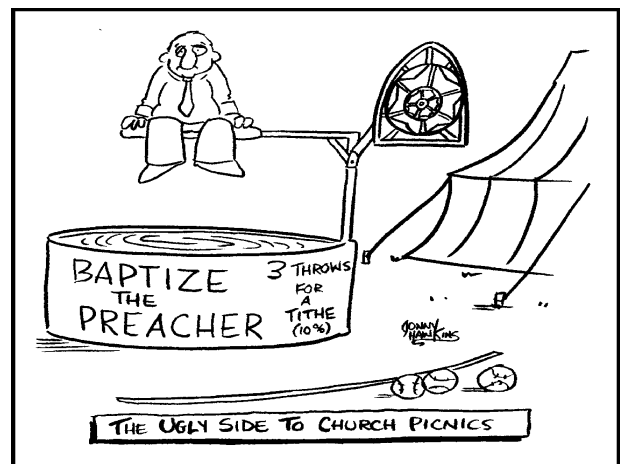


Next month the CWF ladies will be taking all the pillowcases that have been donated for the Egleston/Scottish Rite Children's Hospital to Retreat. Please give any material that you would like Sharon-Kay to sew into pillowcases to her by the end of September. One yard of 45" material will make one pillowcase. It's best if the material is not 100% cotton as it has to be ironed. There have been about 5,500 pillowcases donated to the Egleston/Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Atlanta, The Children's Hospital in Macon, and to Shrine


Children's hospitals nationwide in the last several years. These colorful and cheerful pillowcases brighten the children's lives while they are in the hospital, and each child has his or her own pillowcase. If you would like to bring some cheer and comfort to the children away from home while receiving medical treatment, you can be part of this project. The pillowcases must be new and unwashed. They can be colorful, in a variety of patterns for both boys and girls of all ages. They may be embroidered, but cannot have anything glued on them. There is a red box labeled Pillowcase Project in the Fellowship Hall where you can put your donated pillowcases. Thank you for your help in this very special project for children.

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

- Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. (Keep this in mind if you are one of those grouches.)
- Keep learning: Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain get idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop". And the devil's name is Alzheimer's!
- The tears happen: Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves. LIVE while you are alive.
- Forgive now those who made you cry. You might not get a second time.
- Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.
- Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath, and if you have a friend who makes you laugh, spend lots and lots of time with him/her.
- Cherish your health; If it's good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can do, get help. **You are worth it!**



September 2008

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| |  Labor Day | 1 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00 Kody Campbell | 3 Tom Milliken | 4 Choir Practice 7:00 | 5 | 6 8:00 Men's Breakfast |
| 7 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 | 8 Board Meeting 7:30 Ashlie Scissons | 9 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00 Model Club 7:00 Tommy & Joan M. | 10 Lunch Bunch Meets 2:00 Imogene Bartoe Pat Gunnin Bill & Imogene Bartoe | 11 Choir Practice 7:00 Bob Fentem Phil & Jerri Bosarge | 12 | 13 Kristyn Embrey |
| 14 Outdoor Festival Dinner after church | 15 Charlotte Curry | 16 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00 | 17 <u>Newsletter articles</u> <u>due</u> | 18 CWF Grace meets 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 | 19 Katheryne Smith | 20 |
| 21 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 | 22 Charles Hebenstreit | 23 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00 | 24 Facilities Mtg. 7:00 John & Margie Fitzpatrick | 25 Choir Practice 7:00 CWF M & M meets 7:00 | 26 | 27 Tom & Billie Milliken |
| 28 "Feed My Sheep Sunday" ChiRho/CYF 4:00 | 29 Bobby & Laurie Collins | 30 8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00 Betty Poore | | | | |

APRONS

I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

- It was wonderful for drying children's nears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.
- From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.
- When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.
- When the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.
- Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.
- Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.
- From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.
- In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.
- When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.
- When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields for dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old apron' that served so many purposes.

Remember: Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw. They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron.

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