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Worship: 11:00am

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Have you been craving a night out with fine Italian cuisine in a romantic location? So are we, but until then, come to Café Amore at First Christian Church on May 2nd from 5:30-8:00, and let us serve you homemade marinara sauce over spaghetti with salad, garlic bread, beverage and dessert for only \$5 per person (\$2.50 for children under 8 years of age). Support the Chi Rho/CYF as they raise funds for the Youth-a-Palooza this coming January. Our youth will welcome and serve you a nice dinner among family and friends. See you Sunday night in the Café Amore.

There are, among many others, three events on my calendar this month: National Day of Prayer, Mother's Day and Pentecost. These are listed in the order they occur, not in the order of importance. If we begin with the most important, I would start with the birthday of the church, Pentecost.

On the National Day of Prayer, people of all faiths are encouraged to offer prayers for guidance and blessing upon all servants of the political community from the local level to the national and international levels. Prayers are the conversations we hold with God and share our deepest desires and concerns. Since as Christians, we are encouraged to pray for everyone, especially those for whom we have the least reason to lift up in prayer, every person in government, regardless of party or positions, needs our prayers.

May 9th we will honor the people in our lives who fulfilled the role of mother. These include more than merely the biological connection of mother and child, but all relationships where a woman has offered love, guidance, protection, and compassion in our lives. Remember the

times they made a difference for you and thank them. Honor their memory by carrying on the best traits they demonstrated to you. Reach out to those who may need a mother figure and become that person for someone. My children have one mother, but innumerable special aunts and grandmothers through the generosity of church families throughout my years of ministry. Thanks to all those special women and a prayer of blessing to all the generations of women stepping forward to continue the name of "Mother".

Of the Church holidays (holy days) Christmas gets the most attention. Easter comes in a distant second. Pentecost gets lost amidst the ending of the school year, graduations, and the beginning of summer with Memorial Day. Yet, without Pentecost, would we even know to celebrate the other two holy days? Up until Pentecost, the remaining disciples were in hiding. They contemplated returning to their former lives and homes. Some event triggered their release from the fear that had gripped them for the preceding 50 days. On Pentecost, fishermen, tax collectors, and others became ministers and witnesses and preachers. They had not spent the previous days taking seminary classes, or attending small group seminars. Suddenly they knew they were able to share the wonder they had discovered in following a Nazarene carpenter and the intimate God he worshiped. They found a voice and a calling. They founded what we call church.

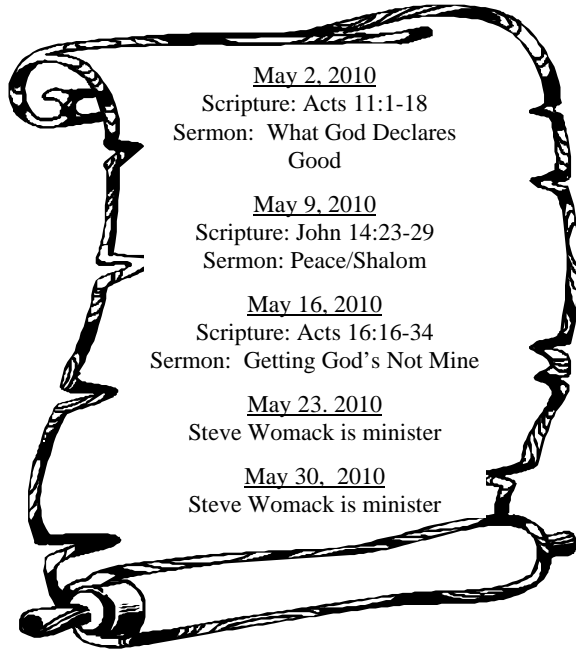
Thousands of years later we are still following the same format and seeking the Spirit of God's guidance as we each offer our gifts to the service of the Church. We do this not for notoriety, but rather to help each other walk and live as did the original teacher (rabbi) Jesus. Easter should be a most important holy day, followed by Pentecost. These events mark the

power of the presence of God in the world and in our lives.

Shalom, *Darrell*

MAY ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in May are: Elders: Charlie and Sara Hebenstreit and Deacons: Kyle McReynolds, Dawn McReynolds, Jessica Hebenstreit and Mitchell Thompson.



May 2, 2010

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18
Sermon: What God Declares Good

May 9, 2010

Scripture: John 14:23-29
Sermon: Peace/Shalom

May 16, 2010

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34
Sermon: Getting God's Not Mine

May 23, 2010

Steve Womack is minister

May 30, 2010

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Don Lawhun
Jackie Hanson
Howard Jordan (health)
Novy & Mary Ellen Foland (health)

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

May 2	Jo Smith
May 9	Melissa & Angie
May 16	Mike Hurlbert
May 23	Juliet Nolde
May 30	Donna Staub



CMF BREAKFAST

The CMF breakfast was not held in April. Our next breakfast will be on May 8th at 8:00 a.m.

EXTREME MAKEOVER: CHURCH EDITION

We had our Spring workday on March 27, 2010. It was kicked off with a wonderful breakfast where we had 20 people in attendance. All-in-all we had 26 members participating in work around the church over the week leading up to workday weekend ending on Sunday afternoon. Most of the work centered around the church grounds where we planted ten crepe myrtle trees and trimmed back all of the shrubs around the fellowship hall and sanctuary. We also had several people working to clean up the kitchen. At noon we broke for a nice lunch and fellowship time. The rest of the yard work was finished in the afternoon.

The property committee would like to express our thanks for all those that turned out to help us in this clean-up effort. We will be planning another workday in the very near future to get to the tasks that got away.



LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch met on April 9th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Carl Shaw, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs and Winona Smith. We really missed those who could not join us and hope you can be with us the next time we get together. We will meet again on May 12th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet.



CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

Paper towels
Toilet Paper
Dessert Plates
39 gal bags

Please help us by labeling the bag or items you would like to donate!

Example: Church Pantry
Local Food Pantry
Safe House
Hearts to He

CFW GRACE GROUP

The CFW Grace Group met at 7:00 p.m. on April 15th. Nine ladies attended a covered dish meal followed by our business meeting. Our guest speaker was Minervia Hall. She had been one of five people who went to Liberia on

a mission trip last year. They had delivered 500 Bibles, some of which came from contributions we made to the fund in 2007. They also had worship services and taught classes for ten days. She hopes to return with the World Wide Missions in 2013. Our next meeting will be on May 20th at 7:00.

CWF M&M GROUP

The M&M group meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.



FOOD PANTRY PROJECT

We have given approximately 75 pounds of food to the local food pantry in 2010. The food pantry serves about 90 families in our area every week. Please bring a few cans, jars, or packages of non-perishable food to church at least once a month to help people who really need help during these bad economic times.



May Fellowship Dinner May 16th “CAMP NIGHT”

Join us at the FCC fellowship dinner for “Camp Night.”

After our usual dinner we will head to the courtyard for a “camp” style sing along around the fire pit. We will furnish marshmallows to roast.

Bring your lawn chairs and favorite camp song to share. We’ll sing the old standards and learn some new songs.

HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED!

Job Description: Working with our wonderful youth in a casual yet educational atmosphere.

Starting Date: To be determined in June – Sunday through Thursday. - One week only (No Friday or Saturday)!!

Benefits: Watching children discover God.

Bonus: You will learn something about children, God and yourself.

Salary: Countless God Sightings + Many Laughs and Smiles +Priceless.

If interested in Vacation Bible School, please contact Gidget Hurlbert (718-4600)
(You won’t be disappointed.)



SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

- Paper products
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry soap, bleach & fabric softener
- Large trash bags
- Storage bins
- Baby Diapers (Large) and baby wipes
- OTC Sinus medication (adult & child)
- Large laundry baskets
- Over the door hooks or clothes hangers

Who Loves Ya Baby?

The March fellowship dinner at FCC gave us a fun opportunity to share a look back in time with our church family, 100 years back in time to be exact! We held a baby photo contest called, “Who Loves Ya Baby?” Members were asked to bring in a baby photo of themselves, spouse or children in a sealed envelope keeping their identity secret. The unnamed baby photos were posted for everyone to look over at the dinner and a contest was held to see who could guess the most names of the photos.

It was amazing to see the span of years unfold from Mrs. Virginia Hebenstreit who just celebrated her 100th birthday a week before, to our youngest entry, Miss Abigail Vandervort who was just 1 month old. It was a fun evening with tough competition for the prizes. It was very interesting to hear all the memories and stories shared about childhood escapades.

The proud winners who guessed the most babies were: 1st place – Barbara Hicks; 2nd place – Sara Hebenstreit and 3rd place – Nicole Crofutt.

Thanks to all who participated and shared their precious baby pictures. If you have ideas for activities for future dinners, please share them with the Service/Fellowship Committee.

May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Dwight & Debbie Davis</i>
2 Chi/Rho CYF Spaghetti dinner 5:00-9:00 <i>John Cochie</i>	3 Cab. & Board Mtg. 6:45 & 7:30	4 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	5 Choir Practice 7:00	6	7 <i>Sarah Cook</i>	8 8:00 CMF Breakfast <i>Ruth Griffith</i>
9 MOTHER'S DAY 4:00 Chi Rho/CYF	10 <i>Janice Fentem</i>	11 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 Model Club 7:00 <i>Nadine Scaggs</i>	12 2:00 Lunch Bunch Choir Practice 7:00	13	14 <i>Terry & Steve Harper</i>	15 <i>Mike & Ruth Ann Fitzpatrick</i>
16 <i>Tyler Hurlbert</i> Fellowship Dinner 6:00	17	18 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	19 Choir Practice 7:00	20 CWF Grace 7:00	21	22
23 <i>Beth Bickley</i> <i>Steven & Sue Kidd</i> 4:00 Chi Rho/CYF	24	25 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	26 Choir Practice 7:00	27 CWF M&M 7:00	28	29
30 Greg Holmes	31 <i>Darrell & Marsha Vandervort</i>					

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Dirty Laundry

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean", she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap". Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this". The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows".

And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

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