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According to history, most first settlements in the New World survived the first winter with the help of the local inhabitants of this continent. From Plymouth Rock to Jamestown, people shared food and taught the foreigners how to survive in this strange new land. Unfortunately, we didn't always repay that kindness with gratitude and support.

One thing that is necessary for all of us to learn is that we are all interconnected. We do not survive and succeed as individuals! We need each other, and we need many people, whom we do not even realize have made a contribution to our growth and development. We all have neighbors, teachers, church family, parents and extended family who contributed to our growth.

God created each of us to be an important part of the complete creation. We are interconnected. No one is disposable. We need, as Children of God, to reject the individualism that is prominent in modern society today for the Community mindset which is described in our faith tradition.

Now that we are in the month of November, we will look for the family gatherings around the Thanksgiving table. We will travel, prepare a great meal that has all the foods of our tradition. We will tell stories, play and relax together. But I ask you to do something more to truly celebrate Thanksgiving. Remember the families that will not have a feast for Thanksgiving, the people who may wonder how they will even have a meal on Thanksgiving.

In the past we have found a family to help. This year let us see how much food we can gather to give to the food pantry. Maybe we can help feed many people. We all remember the story of the little boy with five fish and two loaves who offered them to Jesus who used them to feed a multitude. Every Sunday we take a loaf and a cup and feed the congregation. Starting the first Sunday of November, let's build a mountain of food in front of the Communion Table to feed a multitude of people in our community. We shouldn't stop there.

One month after Thanksgiving is Christmas. We need to do it again. We can also expand our reach

to the entire world by raising money for cows, sheep, bees, ducks and trees through Heifer International. We can not only collect food for local needs that will provide short term help, but through Heifer International, we can once again provide long term support.

Maybe this year we can be some of the unseen brothers and sisters who help someone else reach the next step in their life. Let us be a real part of the One Family, God's Family.

Shalom, *Darrell*

DISCIPLE MEN'S BREAKFAST55

The Disciple Men's breakfast will held on November 3rd at 8:30 a.m. David and Ann will prepare a delicious breakfast and everyone can enjoy fellowship with friends.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Children's Sunday School class meets every Sunday at 10:00.

OCTOBER SERMONS & SCRIPTURE

Nov. 3, 2013

Minister is out of town

Nov. 10, 2013

Scripture: Luke 20:20-26

Sermon: *You Look Just Like...*

Nov. 17, 2013

Scripture: 2 Thess. 3:5-19

Sermon: *No Work, No Food!*

Nov. 24, 2013 - Thanksgiving

Sunday

Scripture: Luke 23:33-43

Sermon: *The Vision to See*

Innocence



CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CFF will host a Carry-in Dinner on November 3rd. PLEASE, everyone come. It will be a SOUP DINNER. Bring a pot of your favorite soup and bread or crackers, and come to enjoy a time of fellowship and fun. The time is 5:00-8:00. We will have a few games for the children and a cake walk if we can get some cakes.

NOVEMBER ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in November. The Elders are Jerri Bosarge and Dale Barnickel. The Deacons are Ted Cook, Andrea McCleese, Sean Palmer and Angela Hebenstreit

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on Oct. 9th at the Golden Corral. Those attending were: Nadine & Curtis Scaggs, Carl Shaw, Juanita Gunnin and Winona Smith. If you have not attended the Lunch Bunch gathering, consider attending, enjoying good food and fellowship with friends you may only see on Sundays. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Their next get together will be held at the Golden Corral on Nov. 13th at 1:00 p.m.

DISCIPLE WOMEN - GRACE GROUP

The Grace Group met on Thursday, Oct. 17th at 7:00 at the church. There were 11 members and two visitors present. Plans were finalized for the Bazaar/Bake Sale/Yard Sale. We are asking the whole congregation to do some baking, if possible. The date is November 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please be checking out your yard sale items and bring them Sunday evening, November 3rd to the Fellowship Dinner or on Monday, Nov. 4th through Wednesday, Nov. 6th between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Looking to 2014, there are possible plans for doing a cookbook to raise funds to help with a church project, i.e. sound panels for Fellowship Hall or other projects.

We are also in the planning stages to sponsor a women's retreat for our church omen. Jeannetta Stokes and Dawn McReynolds are researching possibilities in our area.

Our next meeting will be on November 21st, 7:00 p.m. at the church

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S RETREAT

The retreat was at Toccoa Falls, GA, and we had seven women attend. We had Rev. Linda Whitmire as the speaker and Rev. Amy BeVille as the Music leader. Both were spiritually uplifting to everyone. Rev. Betty was a blessing also; I had a blessing with her also. The theme this year was Just Breathe

and we did a lot of just breathing. We had over 100 pillowcases for the Children's hospital and we collected an abundance of things for the **Forever Family**. Pam Van Dusen made pin wheels to go on all the doors and we also had pin wheel lapel pins. The boutique was a big hit; we made over \$1,000 for the Disciple Women's group. One of the meeting days Linda had us leave the room in total silence for 30 minutes and go outside and see what we saw and what we heard; what we really heard. It was very spiritually up-lifting for me and everyone else. We stayed at the Toccoa Baptist Conference Center. It was beautiful there and I can't wait to go again.

They had a labyrinth and it was the first time I had seen one. I walked it and it was wonderful. The Prayer Shawl lessons went well. Several other churches are thinking about starting that ministry in their church. Dawn McReynolds had several people do her bracelet making class and it was also a big hit. One night we had people put on different teams so we could learn about each other. We had different games and the team that Dawn was on won 1st place. It was a lot of fun. We had a blast with each other. We had so much fun and I learned so much about the ladies in our church that it brought me closer to them. I met several people that went to our church at one time and they said to say hello to everyone. I was very surprised to see so many ladies that were ministers. I enjoyed meeting everyone and bonding with the ladies from our church group. One of the classes I went to was Singing is Worship and we helped write a song and then we sang it on Sunday before we left. I would love to have Rev. Amy come sing at our church one day. She is wonderful.

I think everyone should go to one of the retreats if they have the chance, She will be blessed and spiritually up-lifted. Judy Barnickel

CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

- 13 gallon kitchen garbage bags
- 39 gallon trash bags
- Large bottles of liquid hand soap
- Oblong divided foam plates
- Small dessert plates
- Dish soap
- Spray cleaner

SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

- Paper towels
- Bathroom tissue
- Trash bags
- Laundry soap
- Laundry fabric softener
- Dish Soap
- Kitchen cleaners

November 2013

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

						1 <i>Darrell Vandervort</i> <i>Randy Bickley</i>	2
3 DM's Breakfast 8:30 CCF Fall Festival & Soup Carry-In Meal Chi Rho/CYF 4:00	4 Board Mtg. 7:00	5 Cracker Barrell 8:00 Bible Study 7 pm	6 <i>Lois Crawford</i>	7	8 <i>John & Mary Ann Glover</i>	9 <i>DW Grace Yard/ Bake sale/ Christmas Bazaar 8:00-2:00 Levi Cook</i>	
10 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Bible Study 7:00	11	12 Cracker Barrell 8:00 Bible Study 7 pm	13 Lunch Bunch 1:00 <i>Joan Marshall</i>	14 <i>Ethan Thompson</i>	15 <i>Judi Cooper</i>	16	
17 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Bible Study 7:00 Scott Nolde <i>David Lee & Lori Lamm</i>	18 <i>Tommy Marshall</i>	19 Cracker Barrell 8:00 Bible Study 7 pm	20 Prayer Shawl Mtg. 7:00 <i>Kyle Campbell</i>	21 DW Grace Mtg. 7:00	22 <i>Chuck & Angie Hebenstreit</i>	23	
24 Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 Bible Study 7:00	25	26 Cracker Barrell 8:00 Bible Study 7 pm	27	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29	30	

Piece of 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 is 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. The daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake".

"Here, have some cooking oil", her mother offers. "Yuck" says her daughter. "How about a couple of raw eggs" her mother asks? "Gross, Mom!" the daughter replies. "Well, how about some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" asks her mother. "Mom, those are all yucky!", replied the daughter.

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 always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually they will all make something wonderful!

God is crazy about each of 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, yet He chose your heart.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here, we might as well dance.

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