

# The Christian Chronicle

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November is the month of Thanksgiving, and this year we will have a lot for which to give thanks.

First, the political ads will END by Nov. 5!!!

Actually we really do have things for which to be grateful. I challenge everyone to sit down and at least once each week during November, write out a list of thanks givings. Challenge yourself to list everything that comes to your mind, even what you might consider too small or inconsequential. If you are fortunate, this will become as much a habit as (hopefully) daily prayers.

Why write all this down? When we list everything mentally, it is easy to overlook something or play down some gift and not realize the extent. When we write them down they become more concrete, we are able to hold them and show them to others, and keep them for future efforts in thanksgiving.

There is a popular book sweeping the country called The Secret. It focuses upon the idea that if we focus our intentions on the things we want, they will be attracted to us. Positive thinking for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I want to redirect this concept to thanks giving. If we focus upon all that we have received and express our gratitude for these gifts, we may realize that we have everything that we truly need already. Everything else is something we would like to have. Instead of dissatisfaction with never getting all we want, we will learn to discover what we actually need.

We are on the midst of challenging times. We need to be honest with ourselves about the differences between wants and needs. An attitude of gratitude will amaze and astound people around us, especially when others are wringing their hands for the lack of wants and the lack of thankfulness.

God is gracious and even in the midst of strife there is always faith, hope and love, Indeed, the greatest of these three is love.

Shalom, *Darrell*

## NOVEMBER ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in Nov. are: Elders – Denny and Brenda McReynolds and Deacons – Evelyn Carroll, Scott Nolde and Francis Rutherford.



### CMF BREAKFAST



The CMF monthly breakfast was held on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Eight people attended. There will be no breakfast in November.

## CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Our fall clean up day was held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. David & Ann cooked one of their delicious breakfasts so workers would have lots of energy to help spruce up our church rooms and surrounding yard. Eight people volunteered their time and energy and helped by trimming bushes, trimming & raking the yard, cleaning flower beds and whatever else needed to be done. Thank you all for all your hard work. You are appreciated very much.

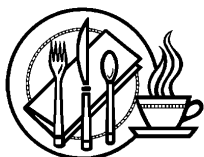
## NOV. NURSERY WORKERS

Nov. 2	Juliet Nolde
Nov. 9	Nicole Crofutt
Nov. 16	Gidget Hurlbert
Nov. 23	Jo Smith
Nov. 30	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 473 pounds so far this year. Thank you for your support in our church's mission project.



## LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at Ole' Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Carl Shaw, David Von Almen, Lonnie & Margaret Hicks, Curtis Scaggs, Winona Smith, Keith & Glenda Ewert, Bill & Imogene Bartoe, and Lois Crawford. Our next gathering will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at Ole Times Country Buffet.



## CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

Toilet Tissue  
Gallon zip lock bags  
Paper Towels  
Oblong divided foam dinner plates

## CWF GRACE GROUP

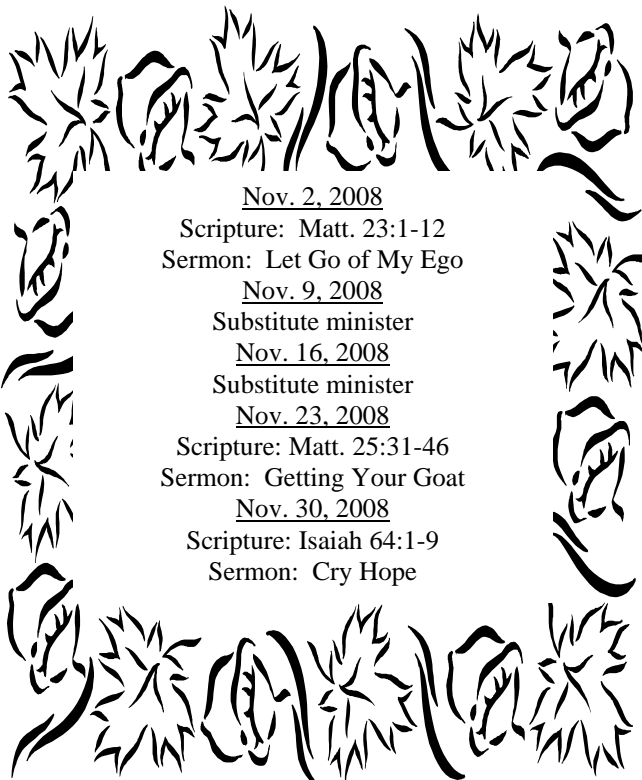
We met on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. There were seven ladies attending. Winona Smith gave our study/worship lesson from Luke. It was about when Jesus announces Jubilee. After our meeting, everyone enjoyed refreshments prepared by Ruth Griffith. Our next meeting will be on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Our Chinese Auction was held after the Fellowship Dinner on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks go to David Von Almen who acted as our auctioneer. We made \$320.50. We thank everyone who participated in the fun and fellowship.



## SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Juice & snacks for kids  
for their support group  
Deodorant  
Notebook paper  
Cleaning supplies  
Hand Sanitizer  
Laundry Detergent



Nov. 2, 2008

Scripture: Matt. 23:1-12  
Sermon: Let Go of My Ego

Nov. 9, 2008

Substitute minister

Nov. 16, 2008

Substitute minister

Nov. 23, 2008

Scripture: Matt. 25:31-46  
Sermon: Getting Your Goat

Nov. 30, 2008

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9  
Sermon: Cry Hope



## Women's Conference

We had six women attend the CWF Retreat this year at Norman Park Conference Center. It was a great weekend. There was a lot of singing, eating, fellowship and worship.

Our theme was "Called to Care for All Creation". The keynote speaker was Dr. Katy Hinman. She is a really passionate ecologist/minister and really made us think about how we live our lives each day. There is so much each of us can do to care for all God has given us in a better way.

One of the scriptures she used to show how God expects us to be good stewards was Genesis 2:15. The Lord took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Katy is the Executive Director of Georgia Interfaith Power & Light – [www.gipl.org](http://www.gipl.org). She gave us a lot of information for being a better steward of God's creations.

The ladies of our church sent 50 pillowcases that will be taken to Eggleston/Scottish Rite Hospital in Atlanta to be used by the children who are patients there. Thank you so much for your generosity in this project.

Approximately 120 women attended retreat this year. We would love to have more women from our church go next year. You will have fun and receive a blessing.

*Brenda McReynolds*



## **CWF MARY AND MARTHA GROUP**

On November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 the ladies will meet in the Fellowship Hall to make "goodies" for the bazaar. If you want to come, please bring anything you want to make with you. We invite all the women of the church to come and join us.

The Mary and Martha CWF group would like to know if there is any interest in having a Talent Show sometime in January? There will be a sign up sheet posted, and if there is enough interest, we will have more information in a future newsletter. Please contact Gidget Hurlbert or Juliet Nolde.

The Mary and Martha group meets the third Wednesday night of the month at 7:00, and we have been meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us.

*Mary Jane Rogers*

## **GIVING THANKS**

So much of life is push and pull—giving and receiving—and some days may seem unbearable. At the end, as I sit here in my sunroom, I am serenaded by the delightful sound of the pelting rain on the skylights and the roar of thunder outside. I'm thankful, and I feel safe and warm.

At these moments, I'm reminded that we need to take a calming breath and express thanks for all we have. I look back on my day and think about the wonderful experiences I've had. Then any negativity is washed away. It's important to share our gratitude, love, and appreciation for our blessings and to share the joys of everyday life.

After the rain, I stand in the sunshine of my new spirit with the day's stress washed away. A renewed outlook frees me of pain and the dissension in the outside world, and I am overwhelmed by unconditional love and health. My energized soul reaches out to people suffering in the world, and I realize how urgent it is to spread the message to heal our communities and planet, to help us find a way not with war but with understanding and love.

As I go to sleep, I see the magnificent clouds sweeping across the horizon, and I'm so thankful to the glorious sky and everything around me! We must keep our eyes and hearts open to the miracles surrounding us. All we need to do is look for them.

At the end of the day, let's ask ourselves, "What am I thankful for, and how have I reached out to help someone today?" Remember, gratitude shines a light on the personal miracles in our own lives.

*Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune without  
the words,*

*And never stops at all.      Emily Dickinson*


Article by Ardath Rodale  
November Prevention

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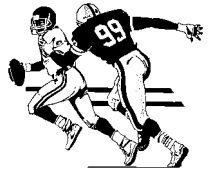


**Randy B.**  
Set  
**Darrell V.**  
Back

Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <sup>2</sup>	Cabinet & Board Meeting 6:45 & 7:30 <sup>3</sup>	8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00 <sup>4</sup>			Choir Practice 7:00 <sup>6</sup> <b>Lois Crawford</b>		<b>Kris Campbell</b> <b>John &amp; Mary Ann Glover</b> <sup>8</sup>
Congregational Meeting <b>Levi Cook</b> Grace & Howard J. <sup>9</sup>		8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Model Club 7:00 <sup>11</sup> <b>Lonnie Hicks Jr.</b>	Lunch Bunch meets <sup>12</sup>	Choir Practice 7:00 <sup>13</sup> <b>Joan Marshall</b>	11:00 Ole' Times Country Buffet Tommy Marshall's Retirement Luncheon <b>Ethan Thompson</b> <sup>14</sup>		Regional Assembly <b>Judy Cooper</b> <sup>15</sup>
Regional Assembly Fellowship Dinner 6:00 <sup>16</sup>	<b>Scott Nolde</b> <sup>17</sup>	8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House <sup>18</sup> <b>Tommy Marshall</b>	<u>Newsletter articles due</u> CWF M & M meets 7:00 <sup>19</sup>	CWF Grace meets 7:30 Choir Practice 7:00 <b>Kyle Campbell</b> <sup>20</sup>			<b>CWF Grace Xmas Bazaar &amp; Bake Sale 9-2</b> <b>Angie &amp; Chuck H.</b> <sup>22</sup>
Chi Rho/CYF 4:00 <sup>23</sup> <b>Phyllis Fitzpatrick</b>		8:00 Breakfast at Huddle House Bible Study 7:00 <sup>25</sup>	Facilities Mtg. 7:00 <sup>26</sup> <b>Savanna Scissons</b>	 <sup>27</sup>			
"Feed My Sheep Sunday" ChiRho/CYF 4:00 Advent Begins <sup>28</sup>							



## Who Says There Is No Football At Church



- Backfield-in-Motion – Making a trip to the restroom during the service.
  - Benchwarmer – Those who do not sing, pray, work, or do anything but sit.
  - Blitz – The rush to the restaurants following the closing prayer.
  - Draw Play – What many children do with the bulletin during worship.
  - End Run – Getting out of church quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.
  - Flex Defense – The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon to affect your life.
  - Halfback Option – The decision of 50% of the congregation not to return for evening service.
  - Halftime – The period between Sunday School and worship when many choose to leave.
  - Instant Replay – The preacher loses his notes & falls back on last week's illustrations.
  - Quarterback Sneak – Church members quietly leaving during the invitation.
  - Staying in the Pocket – What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.
  - Sudden Death – What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes "overtime."
  - Trap – You're called on to pray and are asleep.
  - Two-minute-Warning – The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your belongings.
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