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Worship: 11:00am

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I want to commend all the people who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School a huge success. All the adults and young people who gave their evenings to lead the programs, do recreation, lead singing, and serve food and refreshments to the kids went above and beyond the call of duty. By the time you read this you may have been entertained by the children singing songs they learned in VBS during Sunday morning worship. Special thanks go to Juliet Nolde, Gidget Hurlbert and Mary Jane Rogers for putting it all together.

It is now August. School is resuming, vacations are limited now to weekend trips and the like. It is not any cooler, in fact it may be hotter (writing this in July I hope it is not overly prophetic). The pace begins to quicken again. In the face of this resumption of school, work, ballgames, practices, etc, etc, let us remember to stop and seek renewal on a regular basis.

For most people who read Genesis 1, they think of God's creation of everything, but the focus of the creation is the creation of the Sabbath, a day to celebrate what God created and to be re-created through a day of rest and fun. Sabbath is not to be a time of somberness and isolation. It is a time to gather together in thanksgiving celebrations. It is a time to look around at all that God made and agree with the Creator that it is indeed Very Good!

The Jewish faith teaches that work is not to be done on the Sabbath, and we often assume that to mean that everyone sits around and does nothing. Rather, Sabbath is a time of coming together as family and worshiping, eating, and rejoicing together. What a

concept. Taking the time to spend with the people you love in a celebrative manner without making a huge production out of it requires someone to spend most of their time working to put it all together and cleaning up afterward. Come together to pray and play, to worship and fellowship, to rest and restore ourselves and our families.

This is very hard, especially in a society that demands so much of our time. We must intentionally decide to make it happen. We must choose to let some things slide so that we might be healthier mental, physically and spiritually. Maybe a day is too much to ask for in the beginning; do not worry, start slowly. Take a couple of hours to try it out. Bring the family together and find a simple activity to fill the time with fun and relaxation. Begin and end with giving thanks to God for a time of rest and re-creation. Make it a regular event each week, and as it becomes more of a family custom then gradually lengthen the time until you achieve a Sabbath day.

Also try it out as an individual. Everyone needs some one on one time with God. Take an hour that it will be just you and God. Step away from the electronics, put down the I-pods, turn off the cell phones and just spend time with God in quiet, peaceful communion. You might be surprised after a few weeks at how quickly an hour passes. You will also be amazed at how relaxed and ready you will be for whatever else you have to do during that day and even through the week. After all, Jesus made his Disciples take time to sit and be with God.

Shalom, *Darrell*

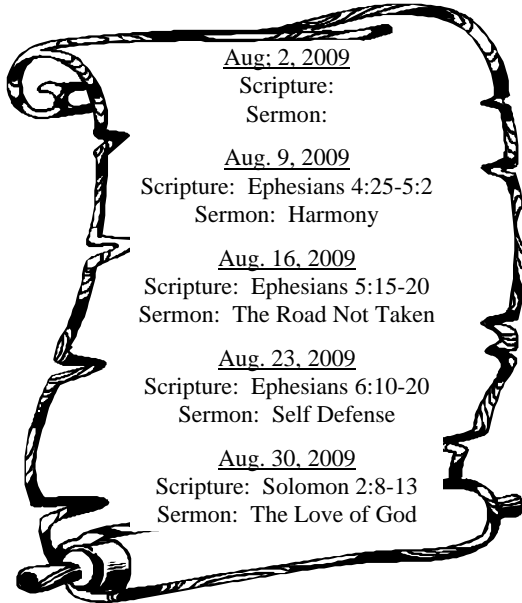


Feed My Sheep

We have given about 782 pounds of food to the local food pantry so far in 2009. The Food pantry serves about 90 families in our area every week.

Aug. 16
Aug. 23
Aug. 30

Juliet Nolde
Gidget Hurlbert
Ruth Griffith



Aug. 2, 2009

Scripture:

Sermon:

Aug. 9, 2009

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Sermon: Harmony

Aug. 16, 2009

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20

Sermon: The Road Not Taken

Aug. 23, 2009

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon: Self Defense

Aug. 30, 2009

Scripture: Solomon 2:8-13

Sermon: The Love of God



Prayer Requests

Lonnie Hicks (hip replacement)
Margaret Hicks (broken hip)
Greg Ladzinske (car accident)
Grace & Howard Jordan (health)
Family of Irv Shaw
Novy & Mary Ellen Foland (health)
Steven, Christina & Baby Jade Baxter

AUGUST ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in August are: Elders –Denny & Brenda McReynolds and Deacons – Evelyn Carroll, Melissa Hebenstreit, Mitchell Thompson and Fran Rutherford.

CMF BREAKFAST



Our next breakfast will be the first Saturday in September.

AUGUST NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Aug. 2 Nicole Crofutt
Aug. 9 Margaret Hicks



LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on July 8th at 2:00 at Ole' Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Juanita, Pat & Corey Gunnin, Darrell Vandervort, David Von Almen, Lewis, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, Nicolette & Cameron Tedder. We missed the others who are regular attendees. The next gathering will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12th at Ole Times Country Buffet.



CHURCH PANTRY NEEDS

Paper towels	Toilet Paper
Oblong foam plates	Dessert plates
Creamer	Gal. Zip lock bags
39 gal. Trash bags	Bagged ice
Juice boxes for kids	Sugar

Why I Joined CWF and Why You Should Too!!!

The main reason that I joined CWF is Mama made me. Now, this wasn't my real mother, since she lives 2 ½ hours away. This "mama" was my original "church mama". I now have about a dozen of these wonderful ladies. I had attended various special services before joining Central Christian Church in Augusta. I had even attended some special CWF events such as the annual Christmas Cookie Swap. So I really wasn't given a choice in joining. It wasn't a question of if I would join but when. There isn't a young group at our church (meaning one with most members under age 40) so I became the "baby" of the group and acquired all of my "mamas". The members who aren't quite old enough to be my mother are a lot like big sisters. Through this special group of women, I am loved, supported, nurtured and occasionally scolded. I believe this is the essence of CWF – to provide the women of the church with the love and support to recognize their strengths and weaknesses and to show how the love of Jesus Christ enriches all people.

All CWF groups are different. Each church has its own view of CWF and even within a church



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

							1 General Assembly begins Bill Daviss
2 General Assembly ends Taylor Hicks Kathy Lawson	3	4 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 No Bible Study	5 Choir Practice 7:00	6	7 Dennie & Brenda McReynolds	8	
9 Christopher & Megan Von Almen Ch. Ed. Planning Mtg. 7:00 Fellowship Hall ChiRho/CYF 4:00	10 Del & Juanita Von Almen Cab./Board Mtg. 6:45 & 7:30	11 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00 Model Club 7:00	12 The Lunch Bunch 2:00 Choir Practice 7:00	13	14	15	
16 ChiRho/CYF 4:00	17 John Wilkinson	18 Ben & Doreen Campbell Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00	19 Choir Practice 7:00	20 Joe Lombardo Stephen Harper Dwight Davis	21	22	
23 Sara Hebenstreit ChiRho/CYF 4:00	24 Vesta Wilkinson Grace Jordan	25 Irv Shaw Breakfast at Cracker Barrel 8:00 Bible Study 7:00	26 David Von Almen Choir Practice 7:00	27 Tom & Linda Gilmer	28 Mike & Mary Jane Rogers	29 Shannon Bosarge	
30 ChiRho/CYF 4:00 "Feed My Sheep" Sunday	31						

the individual groups may differ. The groups at my church are certainly very different. One group meets during the day at the church because none of the ladies work and it is more convenient. One group has a complete dinner at each meeting while another only serves dessert. These differences aren't important because each group meets the needs of their members while still functioning as a whole.

Attracting new members is always a problem. New church members may be uneasy about entering an already established group and the young women of the church often view CWF something the "old ladies" do. But again a group should reflect the needs and tastes of the members. Starting a new group can seem like a daunting task but it shouldn't be. All you need are 3 or more women with something in common even if that something is just that they aren't already involved. Obviously the main focus of a CWF group is Jesus Christ and his ministry, but a secondary focus can be anything the members want it to be. There are reading groups, craft groups, exercise groups, sewing groups, and service groups. Meetings should also be tailored to fit the individual needs of the members. Childcare can be provided for mothers of young children if necessary. Meetings can be held at the church or in homes or at a restaurant or wherever is convenient.

It is imperative that we encourage our women to branch out and pioneer new groups. These groups along with the existing ones can serve as focal points for the church, serving the needs of the women involved as well as the needs of the community.

Christian Women's Fellowship is an integral part of the Christian Church. Working together, the women of this region have accomplished wonderful things in the past. We support AIM (Aid for children of Imprisoned Mothers), Disciple Mission Finance, Miracle Day, Camp Christian (camp scholarships) and too many other worthwhile projects to list here. And together, we can continue to grow and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. That is the most basic reason to join CWF – to spread the Word of the Lord and show His love and mercy to those who don't know Him yet. I joined CWF because "Mama made me" but I stay in CWF because I love it. Join us now and discover the

joy of fellowship in Christ with the wonderful women of the Georgia region.

Karen Boyd East Central District Coordinator



CWF GRACE GROUP

The next meeting will be on Thurs., Sept. 17th, at 6:00 with our quarterly covered dish meal.



Bible Study for Women

CWF M&M GROUP

The meetings will resume in September on the 4th Thursday evening.



SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

- Notebook paper
- Boxes of Kleenex tissues
- Hand sanitizer (for child to take to school)
- See thru book bags
- Plastic pencil holders to go in notebooks
- Erasers
- Pocket calculators
- Subject dividers for notebooks
- (No Crayons, glue or pencils)



FUND OF THE MONTH

By: Chris Rogers

The CCF Fund

In 1995 former member Suzanne Ridings proposed a permanent fund to help pay for the CCF activities and their outings. This fund was submitted on July to the board for approval and it was approved July 10, 1995. In recent years CCF has not met due to a lack of eligible children, but now that our church is growing and more children are beginning to attend, we may once again need this fund. This fund has helped the children go to the movies, skating, Wild Adventures, and when it was in business, Starcadia. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please note on the bottom of your check - CCF Fund.



VBS was very successful. We had an average of 20 kids each night. We also had an average of 15 adults helping. Thurs. night the Gunnins provided a BBQ grill, and after supper we had water fun. We would like to thank **EVERYONE** who helped make Vacation Bible School such a success.

The Parable of the Pencil

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting it into the box. "There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil, "before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.

"One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand."

"Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil."

"Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."

"Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside."

"And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart."

Now replace the place of the pencil with us. Always remember them and never forget, and we will become the best people we can be.

One: We will be able to do many great things, but only if we allow ourselves to be held in God's hand. and allow others to access us for the many gifts we possess.

Two: We will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but we'll need it to become stronger people.

Three: We will be able to correct any mistakes we might make.

Four: The most important part of us will always be what's on the Inside.

And Five: On every surface we walk through, we must leave our mark. No matter what the situation, we must continue to do our duties.

Throughout history the servants of this church have and continue to live by these principles. It is because of them, that we know about and feel God's grace in our lives. May each of us allow this parable on the pencil to encourage us to know that we are a special people and only we can fulfill the purpose to which we were born to accomplish. May we never allow ourselves to get discouraged and think that our lives are insignificant and that we cannot make a change.

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