



The Month of May Will Be One of Our Busiest Calendars

Here's a list of some very important dates to mark. I hope to see you here.. *Jay*

A Little History ... Mother's Day

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers because she had loved her own mother so dearly. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Miss Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the U.S. On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress.

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear white carnations to honor departed mothers and red to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day.

May 8th Mother's Day/ Youth Sunday

Good News! It is time again for our Youth to lead worship on Mother's Day (Sunday, May 8th) at both the 8:45 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. worship services. The Youth have been pondering the future as inspired by the theme from the January Youth Assembly, Dr. Seuss's "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" The Youth have weighed in on the future journey and what it means to be successful in life. You may be surprised by their depth, their analysis, and their words of faith and worship. Don't miss this chance to worship with our Youth in such a significant way, as it is also the final Youth Sunday for several graduating seniors. See you on May 8th!



Faith Community Network Presentation

May 15th- PLEASE Join us for this special event.

Faith Community Network Presentation @ 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Gwinnett Medical Center has developed a new Faith Community Network that connects the hospital and churches of our area. The program provides a hospital-based community nurse to help advise and guide you, if ever admitted to the hospital. There is no cost to our congregation.

We would be one of the first churches to initiate this exciting program as we build a bridge to better health.

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia



May 22nd – Rev. Denise Bell, our Regional Minister will be here to preach in both worship services. We are also planning a light luncheon after the 10:50 a.m. services to review progress and plans from the recent New Beginnings.



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A Reflection ... Memorial Day

From Washington, D.C., to Washington state, people will be gathering at public and private memorials on Memorial Day without giving much thought to who builds these monuments.

"That's the way it should be," says Sharon Jensen, public relations director for Cold Spring Granite Company. "Our greatest satisfaction is knowing that the monuments we help build are important to both individuals and communities, and will be there for generations to see."

Cold Spring Granite may be little known to the general public, but it has become a powerhouse within the dimensional stone industry. Based in the small, central Minnesota town of Cold Spring, it is one of the largest quarries and manufacturers of granite in the world.

In fact, no single company has contributed more raw and finished granite building material to the development of national memorials in the last century. Over the years, Cold Spring Granite has worked on the Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Vietnam War, Korean War, D-Day and U.S.S. Indianapolis memorials. In addition, it has helped design and build numerous monuments and war memorials for both state and local organizations throughout the United States.

"Memorial Day is obviously important to us," says Jensen. "We are in the business of building meaningful and lasting memorials. In this throw-away society, it's great to be in a business that builds something permanent."

Jay

source --"The Company Behind the Memorials,"
SOURCE: Cold Spring Granite Company,
April 27, 2000.

May 29th -- Summer Time begins!

**Memorial Day
Weekend**

Giving Tree for Camp

Big thanks to all who contributed to our annual Giving Tree for camp. We collected \$1400 plus 2 basketballs. Your donations will go to purchase water bottles, picnic tables and recreational equipment. Thank you for your support of Camp Christian.



Christian College of Georgia

Since 1947, Christian College has served students, clergy, lay leaders and congregations across the Region in a variety of ministries. Through technology, the College has extended its reach across North America, and into international locations, having offered a dozen courses-taught by some of the more prominent leaders among Disciples and our ecumenical partners-to more than 1,600 participants. Christian College offers a vital campus ministry in both Athens and Statesboro. The College provides courses for those in Georgia who are preparing for the ministry, either as Commissioned Ministers or through the alternative-to-seminary track program for Ordination. While the educational ministries offered are global, the priority is effective leadership for Georgia. Consider making a donation to the Annual Fund of the College. You may designate it on your check or envelope and put it in the offering on Sunday May 1st or May 8th. If you would like to mail your donation please send it to Christian College of Georgia, P.O. Box 747, Statham, GA 30666. Several of our members have attended classes, served on the Board, fed the students on Wednesday night or have supported the College over time. Thank you for your consideration.

Pentecost Offering

A Second Wind of the Holy Spirit works through you and other Disciples to keep the new church movement on course toward starting a 1000 new churches in 1000 ways. Join with others with your gift on Sunday May 15th or May 22nd to help support new church development.

Youth Activities

The Youth and Parents met in February and planned the following activities and adult contact for that activity:

Youth Sunday - May 8th
(Connie Thompson)

Youth Lock-in (End of School
Celebration/Summer Kick
Off) - Friday, June 3rd
(Joey Baker)



Deadline for the May Newsletter is Thursday, May 21

May Birthdays

- 1 Matthew Britt
- 1 Gabriel Evatt-Machado
- 3 Rosie Tripp
- 5 Lynn Lane
- 10 Barbara Bagwell
- 13 Kayla Lee
- 14 Thomas McAfee
- 15 Tony Ramirez
- 16 Brendon Parks
- 18 Debbie Huff
- 23 Tommy Hlass
- 25 Eileen McCollough
- 27 Julie Lee
- 29 Karla Johnson
- 31 Mabel Simmons



May Anniversaries

- 21 Tadd & Debbie Huff
- 24 Josué & Pamela-Evatt Machado



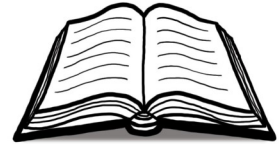
May FRF

Join us on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. for our next FRF at Journey's End Restaurant, located at 4319 Atlanta Hwy, Loganville, GA 30052



Youth Responsive Readers - May

- May 1:
- May 8: Youth Sunday
- May 15:
- May 22:
- May 29:



Worship Helpers

- May 1: 10:50 Reader - Bruce Johnson
Communion Meditation - Anna Harrison
- May 8: 10:50 Reader - Youth Sunday
Communion Meditation - Youth Sunday
- May 15: 10:50 Reader - Patricia Taylor
Communion Meditation - Dorrie Toth
- May 22: 10:50 Reader - Libby Ballew
Communion Meditation -
- May 29: 10:50 Reader - Jimmy Peoples
Communion Meditation -

Welcome New Members



Nolde Family
(Scott, Juliet Carter, and Theresa)
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May Elders/Deacons

Serving at the Table

Elders: Patricia Taylor & Beth Thompson
Deacons: Brian Ballew
Deacon-in-Training: Annie Ballew

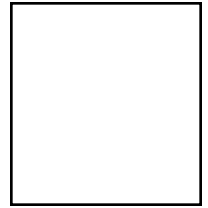
Servant-Leaders

Greeter/Bulletins:
Communion Preparation: Mary Jo Alvord & Gen Ashby



First Family News

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Office Manager: Linda Rowe

Joy and Concerns

We never cease in praying for the needs of: ... Eileen McC; Nancy W; Chris K; Kris J; Ann K; Craig R; Johnson Family; Bill L's brother; Anna H's neighbor; Noah R; Sanford T; Landa S's brother, Carlton; David C's brother-in-law; Homebound Members- Louise C, Alma F, Betty H, Bessie K, Lenora L, Nettie P, Mildred P, Barbara & Bill P, Reba T; Kim P's friend passed away; Connie W's sister, Pat; Jay's children's grandmother passed away; Melissa B's husband, Matt; Anna H; Jimmy P's mom; Sandy W's sister; Karla J's friends at work; Duwayne B; pray for persecuted Christians around the world; those suffering from depression.

We give thanks and praise to God for... Beautiful spring days.



Family Promise Updates

Our next week to co-host homeless families at Peachtree Corners Christian Church will be June 26- July 3. Volunteers mark you calendars to help during this week.

The Day Center is in need of laundry detergent, printer paper, and paper towels. Bring your donations to the Day Center during the week, Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Salt Light Center is in need of overnight volunteers. Contact Jeanette at slc@familypromisegwinnett.org if you can volunteer at The Salt Light Center.

