

# FIRST FAMILY NEWS

February  
2017

OUR SECOND CENTURY

## A New Idea- Let's Give it a try...



1st and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month (starting February 1st)  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



**God calls us together in community to share, learn and gather strength.**  
(Joys/Concerns, Prayer and Devotional)



**God then calls us to go out into the community in Christ's name.**  
(Visitation and Other Outreach Possibilities)

## Family Promise & Salt Light Center Updates

Donations of paper towels, coffee, and milk are needed at the Salt Light Center. If you are able to donate these items, please bring them to the Day Center on the back of our church property, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Or you can give them to Rosie or Karen to deliver.



Please be prayerful about several staff changes with Family Promise and the Salt Light Center. This includes a vacancy for the position of Director of Family Promise.

## **Deadline for the March Newsletter is Thursday, February 16**

### **February Birthdays**

- 6 Jay White
- 7 Pamela Evatt-Machado
- 9 Jimmy Peebles
- 10 Al Groves
- 14 Evelyn Carlisle
- 15 Rebecca Thompson
- 19 Annie Ballew
- 19 Buck Oakes
- 21 Martha Ann Wages
- 22 Mark Jensen
- 27 Kaeden Carter
- 24 Gerald Kersey
- 28 Louise Craft
- 28 Sha Parks



### **February Anniversaries**

- 4 Jim & Nan Anders
- 20 Melissa & Tom



### **February FRF**

Join us on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. for our next FRF at **Eagle's Landing**, located at 3001 River Drive, Lawrenceville, Ga 30044

## **February Elders/ Deacons**

### **Serving at the Table**

**Elders:** Jimmy Peebles & Bruce Johnson  
**Deacons:** Karla Johnson, Connie Worrel, Josué Machado

### **Servant-Leaders**

**Communion Preparation:** Mary Jo Alvord & Gen Ashby

### **February Worship Helpers**

**February 5: 10:50 Reader - Anna Harrison**

**February 19: Communion  
Meditation - Dorrie Toth**

**February 26: 10:50 Reader - Bruce Johnson**

### **Here's Your Sign**

It wasn't hard to catch ski-mask-wearing Floyd Brown, 24, while he robbed a Holiday Inn in Anchorage, Alaska. Forty police officers were in the lobby of the hotel attending a law-enforcement training conference (which was advertised on the sign out front).

## Joys and Concerns

We never cease in praying for the needs of: ... Craig R; Bruce and Karla J's children; Lou Ellen W; Jan T's friend; Chris K's family; Riley B's friend's family; Rosie T's mom; Rod B's nephew; Millard S's family; Stacy's boyfriend; Justin F's family; Sarah M; Molly's friend's dad; Taylor H's grandfather; Jan T's family; Landa's brother, Carlton; Rod B's co-worker's dad; Chris H's co-worker; Kin P's student; Teresa A.

**Homebound:** Louise C; Alma F; Bessie K; Lenora L; Eileen Mc; Nettie P; Mildred P; Reba T;

## Disciples Women-Save the Date

Greetings from Winder FCC!

NW and NE District DWF Spring Conference will be held at Winder FCC on March 25th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Details will be added to the gadisciple website soon!

## Week of Compassion

The Week of Compassion offerings will be on February 19th and February 26th.

## Camp Christian GALA- "DREAM BIG"

...will be held on Saturday, March 4 at Camp Christian.

We hope that many of you will plan to attend. Carpooling should be available. Registration is \$30.00 per person and includes the meal. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. and at 10:45 a.m. silent auction/appetizers will begin. At 12:30 p.m. everyone will gather in Lavery for the meal and then the Live Auction will be held. You may download a registration form or see Marilyn and she will get you one. Those can be mailed. The other option is to register on the regional website. Please see Marilyn if you have questions.

**AUCTION items** are needed for the GALA. If you would like to donate something see Marilyn or Libby.

We also would like for you to consider donating a gift card or money for a gift card and as a church we will put several together to make a Gift Card Basket to be used in one of the auctions. Last year we put together 3-4 baskets with the donations. Please see Libby by Sunday, February 26th to give her a card or a monetary donation toward card. Thanks for your generosity in this project to help support camp.

## Signs of the Times:

Church sign: Exercise daily. Walk with the Lord.

Bakery sign: Remember, stressed spelled backwards is desserts

## **New Beginnings**

For the past two years, our Church has been involved in a process known as New Beginnings. We were assisted in this process by consultants from Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation. After receiving an initial assessment of our Church from the consultants, we engaged in a long process of small group discussions regarding the future of our Church. We gathered the information from all of these group discussions and developed a congregational report and Future Story that was presented to the Church on October 30, 2016.

In January, the Leadership Council conducted a planning session and discussed how to move forward into the Future Story developed during the New Beginnings process. During its planning session, the Leadership Council determined that during the next year, our Church should focus its efforts in three areas. The areas are: childhood hunger, homelessness, and fellowship. Different members of the Leadership Council agreed to work on leadership teams to determine how existing programs fit into these themes and how to develop new programs in the coming year that are related to these themes.

During the coming months, you will hear more discussion regarding these themes and what we see as God's mission for our Church in these areas. If you have an interest in these areas, or suggestions as to how you believe our Church can demonstrate the love of Christ to the community in the area of childhood hunger, homelessness and fellowship, please contact a Church officer or a member of the Leadership Council. The current church officers and members of the Leadership Council are Lee Thompson, Jimmy Peeples, Tadd Huff, Anna Harrison, Joey Baker, Melissa McAfee, Tom Hlass, Pamela Evatt-Machado, Elizabeth McElhanon, and Marilyn Parks.

## **Spread the Wealth**

The claims of Christ on our lives may at times provoke rebellion and disobedience. The Lord might not be as indulgent as the parents of a difficult boy whose birthday was approaching. The parents were discussing what to give him for his birthday present. The mother said, "Let's buy him a bicycle."

"Well," said the father, "Maybe, but do you think it will improve his behavior?"

"Probably not," said the mother, "but it will spread it over a wider area."

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