

FIRST FAMILY NEWS



AUGUST 2014

OUR SECOND CENTURY TOGETHER

Where Are We?

In the old days of ocean sailing, a small boy was traveling on shipboard with his father. About once a day the boy saw the captain stand on deck with sextant in hand, and, as they used to say, "shoot the stars."

The boy said to his father, "Daddy, what is the captain doing?" His father replied, "The captain is taking our bearings, seeing where we are, finding out if we are going in the right direction."

As a matter of fact, it is something of this kind that each of us is doing as a church. We are checking in with God; we are seeing where we are; we are finding out about our directions in relation to God's will concerning our journey of life.

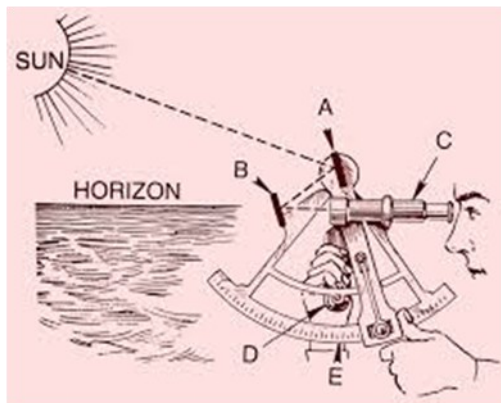
We can so easily become confused or lose our way out there in the weekday world of days, and we need this checkpoint. Here we touch base with the Lord of our life, and from God we take our bearings for going on. We can deviate from the course, by winds and currents be carried far astray, unless from time to time we check in with God to set our course again.

Maybe it's time to take our bearings—What is our foundation of common beliefs.

I've considered myself a progressive Christian for many years. I think our church and most other Disciples congregations would be labeled in this category.

Next month, I'll list the 8 standard positions upon which most progressives agree.

Something to ponder as we end the summer: Do these points fit our church? Let's open some authentic conversations about who we are and what we agree upon?



Back to School

The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows. ~Sydney J. Harris

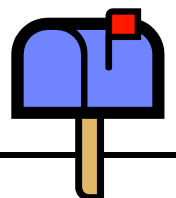
It's hard to believe school is nearly back in session. Wasn't it only

yesterday year when schools only opened after Labor Day? Well, with back to school usually comes back to church time. I hope we'll see you soon as we start a new fall program of worship, training and fellowship.



THE BEST
— Is Yet to Come —

M.L. & Faye's new Address:
604 Tommy Lee Fuller
Drive
Loganville, GA 30052



Another Mission We Support Outside 3495 Sugarloaf



The SaltLight Center is an emergency homeless shelter for women and children in Gwinnett County. This is the first and only emergency shelter in Gwinnett County and is a true miracle of God! The center provides a safe and warm place to sleep, breakfast and dinner, and a hot shower. The center is a night shelter, open to guests Monday through Friday from 7pm to 7am. Guests can stay from 1 to 7 nights a calendar year.

If you NEED SHELTER, contact Family Promise at 678-376-8950 Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm.

Volunteers Always Needed! Aside from the Director, the center is completely staffed by volunteers and we have many opportunities to serve. Each night the center needs four volunteers in order to open our doors.

SaltLight Center Volunteer opportunities:

- **Evening Hosts** – Assist our guests from their arrival until lights out. Shift is from 5:45pm to 10:15pm. Must be at least 16 years of age.
- **Overnight Hosts** – Stay overnight and provide a safe place for our guests to stay (great opportunity for slumber parties with your close friends!). Shift is from 10pm to 7am. Must be at least 18 years of age.
- **Cleaning Crew** - Come in the morning or afternoon to clean the center. – Parents are allowed to bring children with them on to clean.
- **Dinner Hosts** – Prepare a meal at home and serve your meal – A wonderful opportunity for small groups, civic groups and families. Prepare a meal for 7 plus yourselves if you stay and serve. Parents can bring children at least 6 years of age.

Financial Update

The treasury of the church would like to let you know the financial status of Lawrenceville First Christian Church. We have two separate Funds in which we operate. Our first is the general fund which pays our monthly bills and is tied to the budget we pass on a yearly basis. This fund is our regular checking account which is where salaries, utilities, insurance, and other expenses are paid from. Our second fund is our Capital fund. This fund is in a Money Market account and is where the mortgage for our facilities is paid from. The following is a breakdown of our Income and expenses in both accounts for June 2014:

June 2014

General Fund

June Income (Tithes and Offerings) \$ 11,190.19

June Expenses \$ 11,881.46

Capital Fund

June Income (Pledges) \$ 2,935.00

June Mortgage Payment \$ 3,303.85

Mortgage Balance \$234,008.54

CWF/ Disciples Women

There will be a CWF/Disciple Womens' meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary on Sunday August 10th. We will need to discuss funding for the Crop Walk, perhaps paying a month's electric bill for the church and the Indoor Picnic in September. All women of the church are invited.



**Deadline for Sept 2014
Newsletter is Thursday,
August 21st**

August Birthdays

- 1 John Lee
- 3 Perry Westbrook
- 5 Grace Aguwa
- 6 Kris Jensen
- 8 Ashley Harrison
- 9 Nancy Groves
- 9 Nettie Patterson
- 9 Owen Roberts
- 12 Nancy Welty
- 17 Linda Rowe
- 19 Mildred Pinion
- 20 Sanford Thompson
- 21 Denise Holden
- 23 Chris Harrison
- 29 Marilyn Parks
- 31 Alma Franklin



**August
Anniversaries**



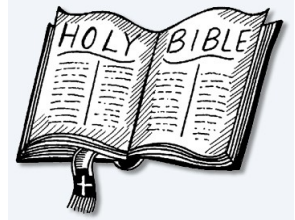
- 2 Brendon & Sha Parks
- 3 M.L. & Faye Robertson
- 8 Rod & Jan Baker
- 20 Anna & Jim Harrison
- 21 Kris & Karen Jensen

Sign-Changers

- August 3: Joey Baker
- August 10: Jim McCollough
- August 17: Brian Ballew
- August 24: Jay White
- August 31:

Youth Responsive Readers August

- August 3: Matthew Britt
- August 10: Gabriel Evatt-Machado
- August 17: Rebecca Thompson
- August 24: Kaeden Carter
- August 31: David Britt



Worship Helpers

- August 3: 8:45 Reader - Melissa McAfee
10:50 Reader - Dorrie Toth
Communion Meditation - Ann Kersey
- August 10: 8:45 Reader - Jan Trinks
10:50 Reader - Marilyn Parks
Communion Meditation - Rod Baker
- August 17: 8:45 Reader - Tadd Huff
10:50 Reader - Rafael Evatt-Machado
Communion Meditation - Jay White
- August 24: 8:45 Reader - Rosie Tripp
10:50 Reader - Jimmy Peeples
Communion Meditation - Lee Thompson
- August 31: 8:45 Reader - Lynn Lane
10:50 Reader - Bruce Johnson
Communion Meditation - Joey Baker

Nursery Help

- August 3: Linda Gulden & Rosie Tripp
- August 10: Dorrie Toth
- August 17: Elizabeth McElhanon
- August 24:
- August 31:



August Elders/Deacons

Serving at the Table

- Elder: Karen Jensen & Rod Baker
- Deacons: Tadd Huff, Linda Gulden (10th, 17th, 24th, 31st)
- Deacon-in-training:



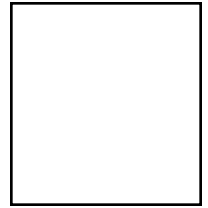
Servant-Leaders

- Lead Server:
- Greeter/Bulletins: Connie Worrel (3rd), Rod Baker (10th)
- Communion Preparation: Mary Jo Alvord, Nettie Patterson, & Gen Ashby



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

LFCC Staff

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jay White
Music Director: Kim Peeples
Office Manager: Linda Rowe

Joy and Concerns

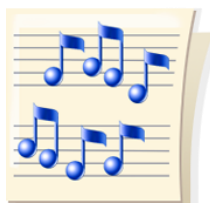
We never cease in praying for the needs of: ... Eileen Mc; Nancy W; Mildred P; Bill & Barbara P; Reba & Virgil T; Chris K; Peggy R; M.L. & Faye R; Nettie P; Ray & Blanche E; Kris J's mom; Harry E; Kris J; Louise C; Scott B's Mom; W.O.'s family; Charlie A's co-worker's husband; Jim M's friend; Kameron's cousin, Alicia; Jimmy P's family; Kim P; Donna B & family; Shirley H's family; Annie's friend, Riley; Bill K's family; Rod B's co-worker; Linda P-G prayers for healing, and prayers for a successful job interview; Grace's friend passed away; those suffering from depression.

We give thanks and praise to God for... Linda P-G, praise for son's successful surgery; Margaret P and Lynn B, requesting positive thoughts and prayers of love and support as they prepare for their marriage after 15 years.

Chancel Choir Practice Resumes

Choir practice will resume Sunday, August 10th at 5:00 p.m. there will be no practice Labor Day Weekend (August 31st).

Hand Bell practice will resume mid-September.



Pay Pal Donations

Contributions can now be done online through Pay Pal. Just go to our website - lawrencevillefirstchristian.org and click on the "Donate" in the bottom left hand corner and follow the instructions.



Youth Group

The youth group will start back on Sunday, August 3rd with a swimming party at the Peeples' house from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The weekly 4:30 p.m. meetings will begin on Sunday, August 10th.

There will be a Youth Parent's planning meeting on Sunday, August 24th after the 10:50 a.m. Service.





Lawrenceville Children's CROP Hunger Walk

EVENT: Lawrenceville Children's CROP Hunger Walk

Date: Sunday, October 19, 2014 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: First Christian Church (DOC)
3495 Sugarloaf Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

CROP Hunger Walks are held all over the USA to raise funds for Church World Service to end hunger at home and around the world. CWS is recognized as one of the best – run charities in this country, and is globally respected for the work they do to help make lives better for those in need.

Twenty-five per cent of funds raised by our walk will come back to the Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry to benefit our own community.

Instructions for registering walkers or to make donations:

Go to <http://www.cwsglobal.org/>

Click on CROP Hunger Walk / Find Your Walk – Select Georgia

Click on **Lawrenceville Children's CROP Hunger Walk**

Use **Register link** to register a walker or team of walkers

Use **Donate link** to donate to a walker or team of walkers

Church groups and families can register as a team to fundraise as a group, as well as walkers registering individually.

Please encourage grandparents, other family members and friends to use the CWS dedicated page to support their favorite walker or team easily and securely.

Each walker can also be given an envelope for cash and check donations to be turned in at the event.

Our CHILDREN'S CROP HUNGER WALK will focus on children of all ages. We will have FUN, CREATIVE, trails for pre-school kids and elementary age children.

Youth group kids can walk, or be volunteers to assist with the younger children.

We will have "Hunger Journey" walks to teach kids about the daily struggle to obtain food and clean water that is prevalent in much of the world. Just as important, we will have FUN activities that the entire family can enjoy.

Please visit Church World Service website to learn more in general about CROP Hunger Walks:

<http://www.cwsglobal.org/>

Questions about our walk? Talk to Elizabeth McE., Tadd H. or Rod B.

