

First Family News



July 2014

Our Second Century Together

New Sunday Morning Study Starting in July— Not For the faint of Heart!

If you have questions, doubts, or if you're a reluctant believer this study may be for you, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* may free our understanding of Jesus' life and message from popular misconceptions and outlines the way to a sound and contemporary faith.

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 May 2014:

May 2014

General Fund

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| May Income (Tithes and Offerings) | \$11,117.19 |
| May Expenses | \$11,864.07 |

Capital Fund

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| May Income (Pledges) | \$ 3,555.00 |
| May Mortgage Payment | \$ 3,303.85 |
| Mortgage Balance | \$234,702.34 |

Life-Line Screening— August 12

First Christian Church of Lawrenceville is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 8/12/2014. Five screenings will be offered that scan



for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Also, we are happy to announce that Life Line Screening is working with us to provide our members \$10 additional discounts off of a screening package *in addition* to a \$10 donation to First Christian Church of Lawrenceville. **Please note that you must sign up on either the provided registration sheet (available on the flyers) or by calling the special Helping Hands registration number, which is 1-800-324-9458, in order for us to receive our \$10 donation as well. If you prefer to visit the exclusive Helping Hands website to register, you may do so by visiting www.helpinghandsforhealth.com. You must sign up one of these three ways in order to get both the \$10 discount as well as the \$10 donation for our organization.**

July

Outside 3495 Sugarloaf



Dear Friend,

The lights come on when we flip the switch, there is food in the refrigerator, the car starts when we rush the kids to school – these are some of the life-sustaining basics that we tend to take for granted. There is nothing more debilitating than when the illusion that everything is going to be “okay” shatters, and a family finds itself in the midst of dire circumstances without even a shelter to call home. From here, reclaiming the path to dignity, hope and self-sufficiency can seem impossible.

Family Promise of Gwinnett County wants to be the promise of hope in Gwinnett for families facing such difficult times.

We are bringing the faith community together to help families secure their housing, reclaim their independence, and keep their dignity through providing shelter, meals, means of sanitation, transportation, job training, counseling and workshops. Since our founding in 2005, we have served 172 families (including 207 adults and 350 children). 82% of families served by our program have left with jobs and housing, and 35 local congregations worked together to end homelessness in Gwinnett County – one family at a time!

Over the next few months, Family Promise is pursuing the goal of raising \$25,000 to ensure that four families are adequately embraced with compassion, and equipped with the resources they need to pursue independent living. With our gracious church partners, we are able to host a family for up to 12 consecutive weeks. Each rotation includes lodging, food, case management, and an abundant amount of love and hospitality.

By partnering with Family promise, together, we can put up to 38 homeless families back on the road to self-sufficiency. Your gift of \$25, \$100 or \$1,000 will empower us to expand our impact and transform more lives in the midst of critical circumstances this year.

We are grateful for your partnership, prayers and commitment to seeing a loving response to homelessness in Gwinnett County. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Chuck Ferraro, Director of Family Promise Gwinnett
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This month I want to feature our backyard neighbor- Family Promise. Chuck's recent letter says it best.. If you're not involved in this wonderful organization.. you need to be if possible ... Jay

Family Promise and SaltLight Center News

Our amazing volunteers make FP a success! If you would like to get involved, there will be two Family

Promise Volunteer

Orientation sessions in our Fellowship Hall: on

Monday, July 7th from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., and on

Sunday, July 20th from 2:00

p.m.-4:00 p.m. RSVP with Laura at 770-310-4292 or

volunteer@familypromisegwinnett.org if you plan to attend an orientation. Twenty-five dollar gift cards are needed from Target or Wal-Mart to purchase school clothes for FP children and for program graduate expenses.

There will be a training at the SaltLight Center on Saturday, July 26th, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The Saltlight Center is at the Lawrenceville Church of God, Building G. Contact Cristina at

slc@familypromisegwinnett.org if you would like to attend. The SaltLight Center has been full nearly every night this summer. More volunteers are needed. The SL center also needs donations of juice boxes and disposable bowls.

Bring donations for FP and SL Center to the Day Center, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. or give them to Karen to take to the Day Center.

Our next week to co-host at Peachtree Corners Christian Church begins August 10! Please plan to help during the week of August 10-17!



**Deadline for Aug. 2014
Newsletter is Thursday,
July 24th**

July Birthdays

- 1 Zachary McAfee
- 4 Rafael Evatt-Machado
- 6 David Trantham
- 8 Betty Huff
- 11 Chris Sutherland
- 14 Jan Baker
- 15 Karen Jensen
- 17 Barbara Phyfer
- 18 Shirley Hutchins
- 18 Nancy Moss
- 23 Margaret Parris
- 23 Casseigh Austin
- 25 Joey Baker
- 27 Jan Trinks
- 28 Linda Gulden



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Anniversaries



- 16 Ralph & Elizabeth McElhanon
- 17 Brian & Libby Ballew
- 17 Craig & Candace Richardson
- 18 Dorrie & Tom Toth
- 22 Bruce & Karla Johnson
- 27 Jay & Sandy White
- 31 Lynn Boren & Margaret Parris

Sign-Changers

- July 6: Joey Baker
- July 13: Jim McCollough
- July 20: Brian Ballew
- July 27: Jay White

Youth Responsive Readers July

- July 6: Kaeden Carter
- July 13: David Britt
- July 20: David Trantham
- July 27: Annie Ballew



Worship Helpers

- July 6: 8:45 Reader - Melissa McAfee
10:50 Reader - Bruce Johnson
Communion Meditation - Gerald Kersey
- July 13: 8:45 Reader - Lynn Lane
10:50 Reader - Kim Peeples
Communion Meditation - Connie Thompson
- July 20: 8:45 Reader - Jan Baker
10:50 Reader - Karen Jensen
Communion Meditation - Linda Gulden
- July 27: 8:45 Reader - Tadd Huff
10:50 Reader - Joey Baker
Communion Meditation - Dorrie Toth

Nursery Help

- July 6: Rosie Tripp
- July 13: Karen & Kris Jensen
- July 20: no sign-up
- July 27: no sign-up



July Elders/Deacons

Serving at the Table

- Elder: Marilyn Parks & Patricia Taylor
- Deacons: no volunteer
- Deacon-in-training: no volunteer
- Lead Server: no volunteer



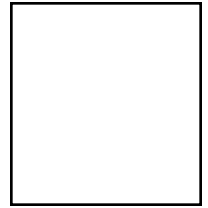
Servant-Leaders

- Lead Server: no volunteer
- Greeter/Bulletins: no volunteer
- Communion Preparation: Mary Jo Alvord, Nettie Patterson, & Gen Ashby



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Joys and Concerns

We never cease in praying for the needs of: ... Eileen Mc; Nancy W; Mildred P; Barbara & Bill P; Reba & Virgil T; Chris K; Peggy R; M.L. & Faye R; Blanche, Ray & Harry E; Louise C; Kris J; W.O.'s family; those suffering from depression.



School Supplies

We are collecting school supplies for Lawrenceville Elementary School, where 93% of the students are on free or reduced-price lunch, meaning that their families fall below the federal poverty line.

Suggested items: Pencils, Crayons, Colored pencils, Three-prong folders, Erasers, Markers, Dry Erase Markers, Calculators, Rulers, Lined paper, Binders (1 1/2", 2"), Glue sticks, Scissors, Index Cards, Composition notebooks. Be as generous as you can by July 27th.



Pay Pal Donations

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

