

FIRST FAMILY NEWS



July 2015

OUR SECOND CENTURY TOGETHER

New Beginnings

Late last year, our Church decided to enroll in the New Beginnings Program. In February, Rick Morse with Hope Partnership visited our Church, met with Church leaders, and conducted an appreciative inquiry session that many of you attended. Based on the information he obtained in those meetings, Rick has prepared a comprehensive assessment report for our Church.

In June, we began the next phase of the New Beginnings Program. Over fifty of you stayed for lunch on June 7th and listened to a presentation by Rick Morse and Shernell Edney. This presentation explained the next phase of the New Beginnings Program. In this phase we will meet in small groups to discuss the assessment report and to seek to discern God's will for the future of our church. Eleven of our members have agreed to serve as small group leaders and received additional training on how to conduct the small group meetings.

The small group meetings will take place between August 2nd and October 25th. All of the groups will meet together at the church for the first session on August 2. Then five small groups will meet for five additional meetings. A list of the small group leaders, when the groups will meet and where the groups will meet is set out below. During the month of July, you will receive more information about the process, and you will have an opportunity to sign up for one of the small groups.

We hope that you will sign up to participate in one of the small groups, and that you will pray for our church as we continue the New Beginnings Program.

Small Group Information:

Elizabeth McElhanon and Joey Baker
Wednesday morning at the Church

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Lynn Boren-Parris and Dorrie Toth
Tuesday evening at Dorrie's home

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Tadd Huff and Rod Baker
Saturday morning at the Church

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Rosie Tripp and Linda Gulden
Sunday evening at Linda's Home

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Pamela Evatt-Machado, Josue Machado
and Lee Thompson
Thursday evening at the Evatt- Machado home

Time: 7:00 p.m.

The first session will be on Sunday, August 2, 2015 and will be a joint session of all of the groups. The session will be conducted at the Church. We will have lunch after the 10:50 a.m. service and then hold the session.

The second session will be conducted between August 16th & August 30th.

The third session will be conducted between August 30th & September 13th.

The fourth session will be conducted between September 13th & September 27th.

The fifth session will be conducted between September 27th & October 11th.

The final session will be conducted between October 11th & and October 25th.



Meagan's Memos

Summer is a busy time for the youth! Many of the youth have already gone to camp and the others will be going in the coming weeks. We are thankful for all of the thoughts, prayers, and love you are sending their way. Happy July!



"I think I have an idea."

July Youth Schedule

July 5

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

July 12

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Noon – Youth Lunch Out

July 19

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

July 26

9:45 a.m. Sunday School



Treasurer's Report

As of May 31, 2015

General Fund:

May Inflows: \$17,250.00

May Outflows: \$16,767.00

Capital Fund:

May Inflows: \$3,410.00

May Outflows: \$3,304.00

Special Offerings:

Pentecost Offering: \$ 287.00

Camp Giving Tree: \$1,165.00

School Supplies

We are collecting school supplies for Lawrenceville Elementary School, where 85% of the students are on free or reduced-price lunch, meaning that their families fall below the federal poverty line. Be as generous as you can by July 26th.



A life without
love is like
a year without
summer.



Press Any Key
To Start.

WHERE IS THE
"ANY" KEY?!



Deadline for the August Newsletter is Thursday, July 23rd

July Birthdays

- 1 Zachary McAfee
- 3 Meagan Smith
- 4 Rafael Evatt-Machado
- 4 Nelly Ruiz
- 6 David Trantham
- 8 Betty Huff
- 14 Jan Baker
- 15 Karen Jensen
- 18 Nancy Moss
- 23 Margaret Parris
- 23 Casseigh Austin
- 25 Joey Baker
- 27 Jan Trink
- 28 Linda Gulden



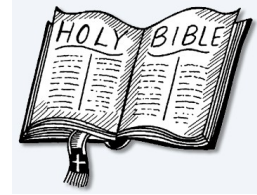
July Anniversaries

- 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-Parris & Margaret Parris



Youth Responsive Readers - July

- July 5: Rafael Evatt-Machado
July 12: Rebecca Thompson
July 19: Kaeden Carter
July 26: Elizabeth Clackum



Worship Helpers

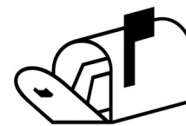
- July 5:** 8:45 Reader - Jim Mowrey
10:50 Reader - Dorrie Toth
Communion Meditation - Kim Peeples
- July 12:** 8:45 Reader - Tadd Huff
10:50 Reader - Libby Ballew
Communion Meditation - Bruce Johnson
- July 19:** 8:45 Reader - Lynn Lane
10:50 Reader - Jimmy Peeples
Communion Meditation - Jay White
- July 26:** 8:45 Reader - Rosie Tripp
10:50 Reader - Hoyt Huff
Communion Meditation - Jay White

FRF/We Are Eating Around the World

Join us on Tuesday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m. for our next Featured Restaurant Fellowship at the Journey's End Restaurant, 4319 Atlanta Hwy, Loganville, GA 30052

Judy Kling's New Address:

301 Barrington Hall Dr.
#616
Macon, GA 31220



July Elders/Deacons

Serving at the Table

Elders: Marilyn Parks & Rod Baker

Deacons: Dorrie Toth (5th), Joey Baker (12th, 19th, 26th), Linda Gulden

Deacon-in-Training: Rebecca Thompson

Lead Server: Joey Baker, lead server, can be reached at 678-699-7380. If you can't be present on any Sunday, please call him as soon as you know.

Servant-Leaders

Lead Server: Joey Baker

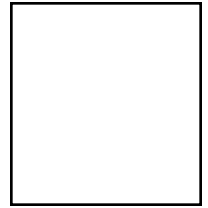
Greeter/Bulletins: Linda Gulden (5th, 19th, & 26th), Libby Ballew (12th)

Communion Preparation: Mary Jo Alvord, Nettie Patterson, & Gen Ashby



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Music Director: Kim Peeples
Youth Director: Meagan Smith
Office Manager: Linda Rowe

Joys and Concerns

We never cease in praying for the needs of: ... Eileen Mc; Nancy W; Mildred P; Barbara & Bill P; Reba T; Chris K; Bessie K; Ray E; Kris J; Dorrie T; Peggy R; Mary Jo; Ray E & Sharon J; Barbara T; Lucy S; James B-C; Jay's cousin, Brenda W; Alma F; Anna H and family; Candace R's brother; Harley Mc's classmate, Gavin; Andrew J; Linda R; Donna B; Larry R; pray for persecuted Christians around the world; those suffering from depression.

We give thanks and praise to God for... New Beginnings; All those at Camp throughout the summer; Gabriel starting Georgia Tech; Melissa Mc's son Tom returning home and starting UGA.



Praying for Each Other



Family Promise Updates



Thank you to our faithful volunteers for helping during the recent Peachtree Corners Christian Church co-host week and to Eva and Candace for volunteering monthly at the Day Center.

Family Promise is expanding with 5 or 6 new churches beginning as either host or support churches.

A FP Volunteer Orientation will be held at First Christian Church on Monday, July 13 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Please RSVP with Laura at volunteer@familypromisegwinnett.org. A Salt Light Center training will be on Saturday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m. at Lawrenceville Church of God. Contact Cecelia at slc@familypromisegwinnett.org.