

First Family News



June 2013

Our Second Century Together

News from your Transition Team...

We are still in the early discovery stages of God's calling, but here are 3 essentials to put in place before move forward:

1) We have to develop an unshakable conviction toward discipleship and Kingdom growth (Colossians 2:19). An opinion is something we'll argue about; a conviction/passion is something we'll die for. We need to settle the issue that God wants the church to reach new people that presently do not understand or have heard the Good News. If a church is alive, it's reaching past its wall, (and not just with allotted mission money.) Growing a healthy church is hard work, and unless we clarify our convictions, we're going to be tempted to give up. We have to develop this conviction because:

God commands kingdom expansion. Let's not forget the Great Commission which primarily means doing Evangelism... not the dirty word we grew up with where folks went door to door, left tracks in conspicuous places or witnessed on soap boxes. Evangelism is introducing people personally to Christ by sharing our faith through in word and deed.

People are seeking it. The world is desperately looking for spiritual anchors, ways to make their life more meaningful in a meaningless world. Jesus came to show us a way out of the mess, a way to have enduring hope.

2) We should change the primary role of leadership from managers (supervising long traditional programs) to creative visionaries and leaders.

We need to establish and be able to communicate our vision(s).

We should find a rekindled passion.

We must learn new ways to equip everyone for ministry. If we don't learn how to teach, we will not be able to equip. And, if we do not equip, we will burn out.

We cannot forget financial sustainability. Over the next year, 5 years or 10 years how are we to finance our goals and initiatives? Unfortunately, money to accomplish our vision is obligatory.

We must hone our skills of time and energy management more effectively.

Last and probably the hardest is the idea of trust, we have to organize around the gifts of each other. In the New Testament, there is not a single explicit organizational pattern about church. It doesn't tell us how to organize the church or give us job descriptions for leaders. Why did God leave the structure so vague? So that it could fit in every culture and every age. We can build our church around the talent God has already given us.

Whatever God wants our church to do at this moment, the talent is already there in our church.

More next month- Jay

Jay's Book Recommendations

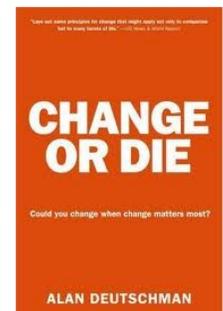
Ever wonder why it is so hard to change? I highly recommend this best seller's insight into our resistance to change.

What if you were given that choice? If you didn't, your time would end soon—a lot sooner than it had to. Could you change when change matters most?

Alan Deutschman concludes that although we all have the ability to change our behavior, we rarely ever do.

From patients suffering from heart disease to repeat offenders in the criminal justice system to companies trapped in the mold of unsuccessful business practices, many of us could prevent ominous outcomes by simply changing our mindset.

A powerful book with universal appeal, *Change or Die* deconstructs and debunks age-old myths about change and empowers us with three critical keys—relate, repeat, and reframe—to help us make important positive changes in our lives.



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Outside The Walls

Family Promise News

Thank you to our awesome volunteers for serving at the Day Center! Thanks to Charlie for donating a cake for the Everett's Barn event!



Please consider becoming involved with Family Promise and/or the SaltLight Center. There will be a volunteer orientation for Family Promise on **June 10th** from 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. You may contact Laura at volunteer@familypromisegwinnett.org to RSVP.

Volunteer Training for the SaltLight Center will be on Saturday, **June 15th**, at Lawrenceville Church of God, Building G. For questions and to RSVP for training contact Carol Karpf at slc@familypromisegwinnett.org or 770-885-2947.

Our congregation is responsible for covering the Day Center every third Sunday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Contact Kris or Karen if you are available for this.

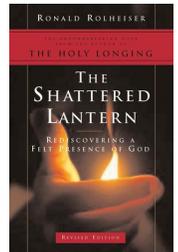
Brent Bohanon has resigned as Executive Director at Family Promise of Gwinnett County. He has brilliantly served in this position for 8 years and will be greatly missed. His last day at Family Promise will be June 4. He has accepted a position as Executive Director at the Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity affiliate. A search has begun for his replacement.

Chuck Ferraro will serve as interim director of Family Promise during the search process for that position.

Family Promise is posting a part-time position for van driver. This position involves transporting guests from the churches to work, day care, and the Day Center. It is for approximately 2.5 hours daily, Monday through Friday. If interested, contact the interim director at familypromise@bellsouth.net.

New Sunday School Class

New Sunday School class starting in June The Shattered Lantern by Ronald Rolheiser. The author suggests that the only way back to a lively faith is not a question of finding the right answers, but of living in a certain way, contemplatively. Join us as we turn our attention toward **Spirituality**.



JOIN IN AS LFCC GOES TO THE BALLPARK

JUNE 7th FRIDAY 7:05 p.m.

POST GAME FIREWORKS

CONTACT ROD BAKER TO SECURE ADVANCE TICKETS.

PH: 404-273-1444

Email: bakeratl@bellsouth.net



If we could get 20 to go we could get discounted Group tickets.

	Group	Advance	Game Day
Field Box	\$ 8.00	\$12.00	\$13.00
Baseline Box	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00

Disciples Women

Women's Wisdom Circle June/July Activities

Saturday - June 15th - 10:00 a.m. - Trip to the Labyrinth at Simpsonwood - meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. After visiting and walking the labyrinth we will have lunch at a restaurant the group chooses.

Wednesday - July 3rd - Lawrenceville Square - Pre-4th Celebration. Meeting time and details to be decided when more information is available.

We are also considering attending one of the Moonlight and Music concerts on the Square in Lawrenceville, like we did last year, possibly July 26th or August 30th but are awaiting details to become available.

Quadrennial Assembly

Every four years Disciples Women from all over the world gather for an assembly. In June 2014 this gathering will be in Atlanta at the Marriot Marquis. It is a week long event with over 3000 women in attendance. If you ever go, you won't miss another one! Rev. Sharon Watkins, the President and General Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be the opening night speaker. There will be great speakers, great music, service and mission projects, workshops, and events for children and teens and even husbands! You will be able to register for the entire event or just a day or two, and since it is local, you will be able to register for the event without paying the cost of the hotel, although you might miss out on some fun if you don't stay at the hotel! It's not too early to start saving your money! Check out the information at discipleswomen.org. Plan to be there!



Disciples Women's General Meeting

Join the women of the church for brunch on Saturday June 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite breakfast or brunch food to share. This will be our last General Meeting before our summer break. Eva Krahwinkel will be presenting a fun program as we fellowship together. Don't miss it!

FaceBook Page

Be on the lookout for an email letting you know that our local Disciple Women at LFCC have a FaceBook page. It will be a good way for us to communicate with each other and post information about what's happening. We hope all women of the church who are on FaceBook will consider joining our group so you can let us know what women's events you would like to see at our church!

Just Women Magazine

The Just Women magazines have finally arrived. You may check one out from the church library in the conference room if you would like to read this year's Bible Study issue. Please try to take the issue for only a week or two so others can borrow it. Thanks!

Vacation Bible School

June 23-25 (Sunday-Tuesday)

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

* we will have dinner from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. for VBS participants and volunteers ONLY. We will be taking a head count from registration for this

*Jay is going to lead an Adult Bible Study time from about 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Schedule:

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Whole Group - Singing, Storytime

7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Rotation 1 (Craft or Games)

7:45 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. Rotation 2 (Craft or Games)

8:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Closing/dismissal



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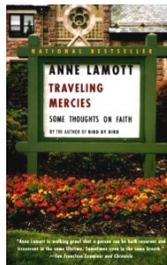
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jay White
Music Director: Kim Peeples
Administrative Assistant: Linda Rowe

Joy's and Concerns

We never cease in praying for the needs of: ... Chris K; Kris J; Eileen Mc; Nancy W; Dorrie T; Betty H; Emerson family; Mildred P; The Phyfers; Al T; Reba & Virgil T; W.O.; Faye & ML R; Elizabeth Mc's brother-in-law passed away; Mary Jo A; those suffering from depression.

Jay's Book Recommendations (con't)

A friend of mine once said that Anne Lamont was the equivalent of a Barbara Brown-Taylor in rehab. I love that image! *Traveling Mercies* is the first book I have ever read by Anne Lamont and all I have to say is "incredible." She writes with honesty, humor, depth. Her short stories are multi-layered and resound with me. I found myself "connecting" more than once with her offerings while I could not stop thinking about the book after I put it down for the day.



Camp Roster

Junior I (June 3-7)

Alyna L

Genesis (June 7-9)

Molly B

CYF (June 10-15)

Kaeden C

Gabriel E-M

Kayla L

Ashlyn P

Kali P

Rebecca T

Chi Rho (June 17-22)

Annie B

Rafael E-M

Junior II (July 16-20)

Riley B

Tara Ml

Mason T

Chrysalis (July 18-20)

Caleb M

KJ M

Brooks T

Perry W



Deadline for July Newsletter Thursday, June 20th

June Birthdays

2 Blanche Emerson
8 Chidi Aguwa
9 Candace Richardson
10 David Britt
16 Patricia Taylor
19 Anna Harrison
20 Nan Anders
27 Judy Kling
29 Kevin Kirby
29 Connie Thompson



June Anniversaries

5 David & Donna Baber
21 Kim & Jimmy Peeples
28 Virgil & Reba Thompson



Sign-Changers

June 2: Joey Baker
June 9: Jim McCollough
June 16: Brian Ballew
June 23: Tommy Hlass
June 30: Vacant

Young Helpers in Worship - June

June 2: Youth Responsive Reader: Matthew Britt
Acolytes: Molly Ballew
June 9: Youth Responsive Reader: Kameron Carter
Acolytes: Vacant
June 16: Youth Responsive Reader: Gabriel Evatt-Machado
Acolytes: Riley Ballew
June 23: Youth Responsive Reader: Kali Parks
Acolytes: Vacant
June 30: Youth Responsive Reader: Rebecca Thompson
Acolytes: Molly Ballew

Worship Helpers

June 2: 8:45 Reader - Tadd Huff
10:50 Reader - Vacant
Children's Moment - Jay White
Communion Meditation - Jay White
June 9: 8:45 Reader - Donna Nielsen
10:50 Reader - Jay White
Children's Moment - Hoyt Huff
Communion Meditation - Elizabeth McElhanon
June 16: 8:45 Reader - Jan Trinks
10:50 Reader - Jay White
Children's Moment - Jimmy Peeples
Communion Meditation - Lee Thompson
June 23: 8:45 Reader - Jan Baker
10:50 Reader - Patricia Taylor
Children's Moment - Jay White
Communion Meditation - Joey Baker
June 30: 8:45 Reader - Matt Klimshuk
10:50 Reader - Beth Thompson
Children's Moment - Jay White
Communion Meditation - Julie Thompson

June Elders/Deacons

Serving at the Table

Elders: Connie & Lee Thompson

Deacons: Josué Machado, Pamela Evatt-Machado

Deacon-in-Training: Gabriel Evatt-Machado

Lead Server: Mary Jo Alvord, lead server, can be reached at 770-963-0738. If you can't be present on any Sunday, please call her as soon as you know.



Servant-Leaders

Lead server: Mary Jo Alvord

Prepare Communion/Cleanup: Mary Jo Alvord (2nd & 16th), Sanford Thompson (9th), Connie Worrel (23rd), Elizabeth McElhanon (30th)

Greeter/Bulletins: Charlie Alvord (2nd), Lee Thompson (9th), Candace Richardson (16th), Tommy Hlass (23rd), Linda Gulden (30th)