

# First Family News



June 2014

Our Second Century Together

## Why Church?

Every pastor understands that in a real sense, the church slows down during the summer months. Vacations are beginning, school is out and some of our church programming decelerates. So maybe it's the good time for us to talk about why we gather together as a church.

Beginning June 15th, I want to take four consecutive Sundays to answer the question "Why do we do church, anyway?"

June 15: Why Church?

Reason 1: Community

June 22: Why Church?

Reason 2: Real People

June 29: Why Church?

Reason 3: Money Matters

July 6: Why Church?

Reason 4: Mentors

*This series is conceptually based on a series by Rev. Dr. Melanie Rosa at Lakewood United Methodist Church in Lakewood, Colorado.*

## Disciples Women

## Big Thanks

Thanks to all who donated items, sold items, and bought items at our very Successful Yard Sale. Thank You to all who had a part in the Memorial Service for Jim Kling and fellowship hour afterwards.

## Join In As LFCC Goes To The Ballpark.

We will be going to the Gwinnett Braves game on Friday, June 6th at 7:05 p.m. Group tickets are \$8. Contact Rod Baker to secure advance tickets at PH: 404-273-1444 or email: bakeratl@bellsouth.net



## June Red Cross Blood Drive.

It's time for our summer blood drive with the Red Cross. Please mark your calendar to donate on Monday, June 16th from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. We hope to see you then! Contact Charlie to donate or volunteer.



## 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 April 2014:

### April 2014

#### General Fund

April Income (Tithes and Offerings) \$10,915.19

April Expenses \$13,654.96

#### Capital Fund

April Income (Pledges) \$ 2,260.00

April Mortgage Payment \$ 3,303.85

Mortgage Balance \$238,006.14

## Outside 3495 Sugarloaf



If you've ever been on a foreign missions trip, someone has probably uttered the words, "Don't drink the water." For visitors to Mexico, the resulting illness even has a name; it's sometimes jokingly called Montezuma's Revenge!

But contaminated drinking water is hardly a laughing matter. A child dies every 15 seconds from drinking unsafe water, and more than a billion people in the world don't have access to clean drinking water.



Ironically, here on the "water planet," clean, safe water is often unavailable to those who need it most. In fact, the lack of safe water kills more people annually than all forms of violence, including wars. We can HELP through Church World Services.



CWS has been feeding the hungry and assisting the vulnerable for more than 66 years!

Church World Service was born in 1946, in the aftermath of World War II. Seventeen denominations came together to form an agency "to do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone." The mission: Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, comfort the aged, shelter the homeless.

Save the Date: First Annual **Family Crop Walk**- sponsored by our church... All monies collected goes to a missions!

75% to **C**hurch **WORLD S**ervices,  
25 % to our  
Lawrenceville  
Co-op.

The first such  
walk in GA!



## Family Promise News

Our next week to co-host at Peachtree Corners Christian Church will be during the week of August 10. We will need the help of our faithful volunteers during this week.



Currently, there are two Family Promise rotations with four families being served in each rotation. The need for volunteers is great. Please consider volunteering! The next Volunteer Orientation in our Fellowship Hall will be on June 9th from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The SaltLight Center is in need of overnight hosts for the weekends. The next volunteer training will be on June 21st from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Lawrenceville Church of God, Building G, 329 Grayson Hwy, Lawrenceville. Please contact Cristina Junco if you plan to attend at [slc@familypromisegwinnett.org](mailto:slc@familypromisegwinnett.org) or (770) 885-2347. Thanks to all of our amazing volunteers!

## Deadline for July 2014 Newsletter is Thursday, June 19th

### June Birthdays

2 Blanche Emerson  
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

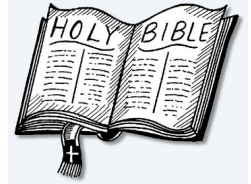
June 1: Joey Baker  
June 8: Jim McCollough  
June 15: Brian Ballew  
June 22: Jay White  
June 29:

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~James Dent



## Youth Responsive Readers June

June 1: David Trantham  
June 8: Annie Ballew  
June 15: Matthew Britt  
June 22: Gabriel Evatt-Machado  
June 29: Rafael Evatt-Machado



### Worship Helpers

June 1: 8:45 Reader - Jan Trinks  
10:50 Reader - Joey Baker  
Communion Meditation - Dorrie Toth

June 8: 8:45 Reader - Lynn Lane  
10:50 Reader - Beth Thompson  
Communion Meditation - Jimmy Peeples

June 15: 8:45 Reader - Tadd Huff  
10:50 Reader - Linda Gulden  
Communion Meditation - Ann Kersey

June 22: 8:45 Reader - Jan Baker  
10:50 Reader - Dorrie Toth  
Communion Meditation - Hoyt Huff

June 29: 8:45 Reader - Melissa McAfee  
10:50 Reader - no sign-up  
Communion Meditation - Kim Peeples

### Nursery Help

June 1: no sign-up  
June 8: Marilyn Parks  
June 15: Elizabeth McElhanon  
June 22: Marilyn Parks & Ashlyn Parks  
June 29: no sign-up



## June Elders/Deacons

### Serving at the Table

Elder: Patricia Taylor  
Deacons: Dorrie Toth, Connie Worrel  
(1st & 8th)  
Deacon-in-training: no sign-up  
Lead Server: no sign up



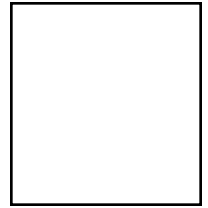
### Servant-Leaders

Lead Server: no sign-up  
Greeter/Bulletins: Eva Krahwinkel (1st, 8th,  
22nd & 29th), Connie Worrel (15th)  
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

## Joys and Concerns

**We never cease in praying for the needs of:** ... Eileen Mc; Nancy W; W.O.; Mildred P; Barbara & Bill P; Reba & Virgil T; Chris K; Peggy R; M.L. & Faye R; Blanche, Ray & Harry E; Judy K's family; Jim M's co-worker; Hillary's husband, Tom; Kris J's granddaughter; Linda P-G's family; Mary Jo's niece, Crystal; Kris J's mom; Kris & Karen's daughter, Melissa B; Lynn B's cousin, Dan; Louise C; Nettie P; those suffering from depression.



### **We give thanks and praise to God**

**for...** Brandon & Zoe H, are expecting #4; Patricia T's grandson, Scotty G, accepting call to ministry.

## 10 Summer Jokes

What's not to love about laughter? It's a great way to blow off steam, reduce your stress, and strengthen your core.

Try these for a start:

### Questions

1. Q. What's that new summer pirate movie rated?
2. Q. What did the pig say at the beach?
3. Q. Why are gulls named seagulls?
4. Q. What's the best day to go to the beach?
5. Q. Where does a ship go when it's sick?
6. Q. Why do fish swim in salt water?
7. Q. What do whales like to put on their toast?
8. Q. Where does a fish go to borrow money?
9. Q. What do you call witches who live on the beach?
10. Q. What does a shark eat for dinner?

Answers:  
1. It's rated ARRRRRR!; 2. I'm bacon!; 3. If they were by the bay, they'd be bagels; 4. Sunday; 5. To the DOCK!; 6. Because pepper makes them sneeze; 7. Jellyfish!; 8. The loan shark; 9. Sandwitches!; 10. Fish and ships!