

First Family News



March 2014

Our Second Century Together

Newsletter Update

Our Board voted to move our bulk paper newsletter from paper to an electronic format due to cost and efficiency.

Reasons:

Many churches have moved to this medium as their primary means of communication.

We are sending approximately 25 copies of our newsletters back to the church just in order to qualify for the minimum 200-bulk mail rate.

Many of the copies are probably not read since they go to miscellaneous addressees in other states and sections of GA.

It cost us approximately \$ 40 in postage + (paper and copying expenses).

Linda's time is valuable and could be better utilized. It takes considerable labor to collate, fold, tab, label and sort that much paper.

New Proposal:

We will send the current newsletter in **pdf** form to our website each month.

Beginning with the April newsletter, we will make a number of hard copies and place them in the vestibule for those preferring a paper copy and/or those who do not have an email address.

We will continue to mail the newsletter to the shut- ins and select requests.

We will send out an email when our most current newsletter has been uploaded to our website - lawrencevillefirstchristian.org

FINAL NOTICE

Camp Christian Giving Tree

For the last six plus years either in March or April we have had a Giving Tree for camp. This is our opportunity to support camp and the youth and children we send to camp. There are many things needed for the coming summer camp sessions and we will try to help furnish some of them. We hope to supply the following: water bottles, balls and other recreational equipment, gardening supplies, craft items and possibly a few other things. During the month of March the youth will be ready to take your donations and place apples on the tree to designate your gifts. Come visit the table in the gathering area and make your donation. If you are unable to attend church during that time and would like to make a donation, please send it to the church office and designate it for the Giving Tree. Thank you for your continuing encouragement and support of this project. Please see Marilyn Parks if you have questions.





Sunday School
learning to live the life

Disciple Men's Retreat
March 21 and 22

Camp Christian

Guest Speaker: Rick Lowery (Old Testament Professor and spouse of our General Minister Sharon Watkins)

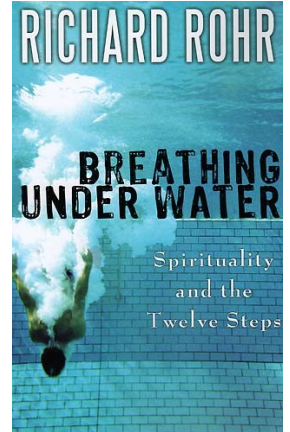
Cost \$90 - includes Lodging and Meals

Our pastor will also be speaking Friday night.

See the GA Disciple website for more detailed information.

New Study beginning in March—stay tuned for the exact date...

Co-facilitated by our pastor and Rev. Gerald...



Lenten Schedule

See attached brochure for a complete Lenten Schedule, from Ash Wednesday on March 5th to Easter Sunday on April 20th.



Youth News

A Note From Hillary...

March is sure to be an exciting month in our youth group! Youth group and Sunday School will continue even while Hillary is out of town (thank you parents!) Planning for Youth Sunday has begun, and we are still reliving those exciting memories from youth assembly! On March 16th, we will have youth group at Sparkles skating rink so, parents meet us there! No need to come to the church first!



The youth will also be exploring the questions that Pastor Jay brings up in his new sermon series. We are looking forward to great discussion and fun times during the month of March!

See you there!
Hillary

Youth Assembly

"I learned that everyone is the Light of God."
-Annie

"I had such a great time getting to see old friends and making new ones while learning how to let my light shine on for others to see. I think this year was the best one yet!"
-Rebecca

These were some of our youth comments from Youth Assembly. The youth explored the concepts of the Light of God and what it means to be the light of the world. As Youth Sunday approaches, we will be exploring how we as a church can shine on in our community. We can't wait to share it with you!

Deadline for Camp Registration is Sunday, March 16th.

Disciples Women

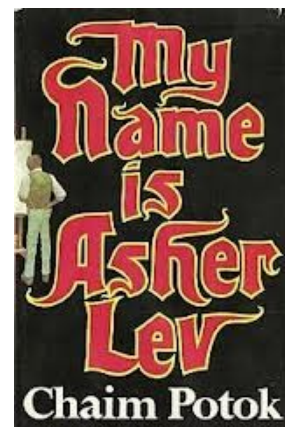
Disciple Women News

The CWF/Disciple Women's SPRING CONFERENCE will be Saturday, March 22nd at Union Christian Church in Watkinsville. This conference is always a time to greet old friends, enjoy an uplifting program and have a good lunch. Keep this date on your calendar and we will car pool together. The time to meet at the church will be in the church bulletin on March 16th.

The 2014 Quadrennial Assembly will be June 25-29 at the Atlanta Marriott Hotel. You can register on line and full details are on the Regional web site.

CWF Book Club

The CWF Book Club will be reading "Me Name is Asher Lev" by Chaim Potok. Rosie Tripp will host a luncheon/tea after church service on Sunday, March 30th.



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 December 2013 and January 2014:

December 2013

General Fund

December Income (Tithes and Offerings)	\$18,827.19
December Expenses	\$18,955.68

Capital Fund

December Income (Pledges)	\$ 4,315.00
December Mortgage Payment	\$ 3,303.85
Mortgage Balance	\$247,875.00

January 2014

General Fund

January Income (Tithes and Offerings)	\$10,064.38
January Expenses	\$12,035.20

Capital Fund

January Income (Pledges)	\$ 2,595.00
December Mortgage Payment	\$ 3,303.85
Mortgage Balance	\$243,986.39



Family Promise News

Thank you for the amazing volunteers that helped at Peachtree Corners Christian Church.



Plan to attend the Annual Bed Race on March 29th at 11:00 a.m.

The March volunteer training sessions are Monday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00 p.m.





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LFCC Staff

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

Joy and Concerns

We never cease in praying for the needs of: ... Eileen Mc; Nancy W; Betty H; W.O., Mildred P; Bill & Barbara P; Reba & Virgil T; Chris K; Peggy R; M.L. & Faye R; Ray, Blanche, & Harry E; Kris J; Hillary's husband, Tom; Kris J's mom; Joey B's friend Michael; Marilyn P's teacher friends; Kim P's former student; the John L family; Clay M's family; family and friends of baby Brayden; Lois H's family; Sandy Wright; those suffering from depression.

We give thanks and praise to God for... Melissa B, in remission.



2014 LFCC Community Outings

As we continue to build community within our congregation please consider participating in the following in March.

March 21-22: DM Regional Meeting at Camp Christian

March 22nd: DM Spring Conference at Union CC in Watkinsville, GA

March 29th: Gwinnett Gladiators Hockey game - 7:05 p.m. at the Gwinnett Arena. It's \$5 Beach Towel night!!

March 30th: Book Club – 12:15 a LFCC - “My Name is Asher Lev” - Rosie will be hosting.

April 3rd: Lawrenceville Co-op Symphonic Winds Concert at - 7:00 pm. Location TBD.

As a congregation we hope to use these fellowship opportunities to find out more about each other as we share experiences in different settings. In the coming months you will continue to see a variety of events being announced. For all events feel free to invite friends and neighbors to join us. This is a great way to inform people about Lawrenceville First Christian and our Disciples faith.

Watch for future announcements about the LFCC Carwash, DW Yard Sale, Gwinnett Braves game, Kids CROP walk, Ribfest, tour of Swanson Art at Chandler School of Theology, etc.

If you have other events or ideas let us know.

- Tadd Huff and Rod Baker

Deadline for April 2014 Newsletter is Thursday, March 20th

March Birthdays

5 Bruce Johnson
7 Riley Ballew
13 Lynn Boren
19 Kim Peeples
21 Emma Johnson
24 Charlie Alvord
30 Molly Ballew



March Anniversaries

2 Ray & Blanche Emerson
3 John & Julie Lee
6 Hoyt & Betty Huff
15 Jim & Nancy Welty
16 Matt & Chris Klimshuk
22 Doug & Evelyn Carlisle



Sign-Changers

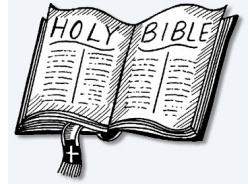
March 2: Joey Baker
March 9: Jim McCollough
March 16: Brian Ballew
March 23: Jay White
March 30:

Friends are born, not made.
Henry Adams



Youth Responsive Readers March

March 2: Gabriel Evatt-Machado
March 9: Kaeden Carter
March 16: David Britt
March 23: Rafael Evatt-Machado
March 30: David Trantham



Worship Helpers

March 2: 8:45 Reader - Jim Mowrey
10:50 Reader - Libby Ballew
Communion Meditation - Elizabeth McElhanon

March 9: 8:45 Reader - Donna Nielsen
10:50 Reader - Rafael Evatt-Machado
Communion Meditation - Ann Kersey

March 16: 8:45 Reader - Matt Klimshuk
10:50 Reader - Hillary Kimsey
Communion Meditation - Josué Machado

March 23: 8:45 Reader - Julie Mowrey
10:50 Reader - Joey Baker
Communion Meditation - Hoyt Huff

March 30: 8:45 Reader - Jan Baker
10:50 Reader - Mabel Simmons
Communion Meditation - Joey Baker

Baptism Class

Dr. Jay and Hillary are doing a pastor's class for those interested in baptism. It will be at 3:45 p.m. on Sundays March 15, 22, and 29.



March Elders/Deacons

Serving at the Table

Elders: Jimmy Peeples & Bruce Johnson

Deacons: Charlie Alvord, Rosie Tripp, Brian Ballew

Deacon-in-training:

Lead Server: Jimmy Peeples, lead server, can be reached at 770-963-8966. If you can't be present on any Sunday, please call him as soon as you know.



Servant-Leaders

Lead Server: Jimmy Peeples

Greeter/Bulletins: Julie Thompson (2nd), Lee Thompson (9th), Linda Gulden (16th), Karen Jensen (23rd), Hillary Kimsey (30th)

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