

FIRST FAMILY NEWS



March 2015

OUR SECOND CENTURY TOGETHER

Lenten Schedule

2015 Lenten Study

Topic - Thin Places: Six Postures for Creating and Practicing Missional Community continues each Wednesday through March 25th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

March 29 - Palm Sunday
8:45 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. -
with SS for everyone at 9:45 a.m.

April 2 - Maundy Thursday (with Salvation Army)
Times to be announced

April 3 - Good Friday (with Salvation Army)
Times to be announced

April 5 - Easter
Sunrise Service (with Salvation Army)
Times to be announced
Worship Services at 8:45 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.
with breakfast at 9:30 a.m.



Daylight Savings Time Begins

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 7th. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8th.

In case of inclement weather, we will follow Gwinnett County's Schedule. If they are closed, the office will be closed and the events for that day cancelled. We want everyone to be safe and informed.

Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry

From Linda Freund, Director

The Discernment Committee has been evaluating where we have been and considering where we might be going as a ministry. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are seeking God's will for possible future expansion of the ministry. This ministry has persevered through many seasons of hard times, but the Lord has always provided exceedingly beyond what we could imagine. As we explore new opportunities we need to live God's command:

Fear not! The primary strategy of our enemy is for us to give in to fear - "Oh, let's not change - this works so well! I'm afraid if we do 'that' we" If God is calling us to something, it is His responsibility to keep up there. This Co-Op is a great work that God has called us to. We must recognize and listen to God's voice. The voice of God inspires faith - not fear. We must not give up when it gets hard, but we must be yoked with Jesus.

We may face opposition, but if we are accomplishing His will in His way, He will shoulder the burden. Jesus will finish the task set before us.

It is an exciting time! Join me in praying for God's direction for The Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry.

Added from Rod B.

In addition the Co-op is involved in an initiative to create cold weather warming centers within the Lawrenceville/Dacula communities. They are looking for 4-5 locations that would open when temperatures drop below a certain point. One possible location is the Salvation Army. These locations will be in need of overnight volunteers. If you are able to help or just want to be part of future discussion on this initiative, let Rod B or Jay W know.

Disciples Women (CWF) News

Save the Date:

March 21 Camp Christian Gala

March 28 Easter Baskets for Shut-ins @ 10:30 a.m.

September 13 Church Picnic/Ice Cream Social @ 5:30 p.m.

November 7 Harvest Dinner @ 5:30 p.m.

December 5 Christmas Tea @ 11:30 a.m.



Meagan's Notes



February has been an exciting month for LFCC youth! We had a great time at the youth assembly learning how to Reflect, Refresh, and Rejoice. We are grateful for everyone who sent their thoughts and prayers with us.

This past week we had a "Waffle Party" which was a blast! Just ask a youth what they made – you will be surprised how many things you can cook in a waffle maker! We are spending our time in Sunday School continuing to learn about spiritual practices and we will also be talking about the Church Season of Lent. Spring is just around the corner!

Peace,
Meagan Smith

We are still in need of adult volunteers for Sunday School and Youth Group! Visit our Sign-Up Genius page to volunteer! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aaeab23a3f58-2ndadult>

March Schedule

March 1

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
4:30 p.m. Youth Group

March 8

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
4:30 p.m. Youth Group

March 15

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
4:30 p.m. Youth Group

March 22

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
4:30 p.m. Youth Group

March 29

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
4:30 p.m. Youth Group



Family Promise Updates

On the third Sunday of each month our volunteers provide coverage at the Day Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thanks so much to **Eva K** and **Candace R** who represent our church during this time nearly every month! FP has asked that we extend our service from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on those Sundays. We will be looking for additional volunteers for Sunday afternoons.

The **6th Annual FP Bed Race** will be on **Saturday, April 18**, at the **Historic Square in Downtown Lawrenceville**. Races begin at 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed or plan to come and watch!

Our co-hosting weeks at Peachtree Corners Christian Church are: the week of June 28 and the week of December 20.

2014 Statistics:

Families served - 44

Individuals served - 143

Parents served - 48; 4 two parent households (8%)

Children served - 98; average age - 8; 6 or under (34%)

89% left with secured housing

100% left with employment



Deadline for April Newsletter is Thursday, March 19

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



CareNet

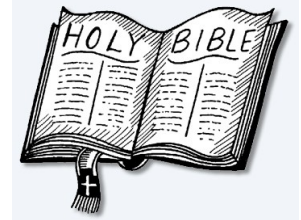
The next CareNet meeting will be Sunday, March 15th at 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

FRF

Join us on Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 p.m. for our next FRF at Hibachi Grill Buffet at 419 Pike Blvd., Lawrenceville 30046.

Youth Responsive Readers - March

March 1: Rafael Evatt-Machado
March 8: Gabriel Evatt-Machado
March 15: Rebecca Thompson
March 22: Kaeden Carter
March 29: Elizabeth Clackum



Worship Helpers

March 1: 8:45 Reader -
10:50 Reader - Linda Gulden
Communion Meditation - Rod Baker

March 8: 8:45 Reader -
10:50 Reader - Patricia Taylor
Communion Meditation - Ann Kersey

March 15: 8:45 Reader - Jan Trinks
10:50 Reader - Mabel Simmons
Communion Meditation - Gerald Kersey

March 22: 8:45 Reader -
10:50 Reader - Jimmy Peeples
Communion Meditation - Joey Baker

March 29: 8:45 Reader -
10:50 Reader - Marilyn Parks
Communion Meditation - Josué Machado

A Lenten Prayer

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you,
A heart to seek you,
Wisdom to find you,
Conduct pleasing to you,
Faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
And a hope of finally embracing you.
--Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas

March Elders/Deacons

Serving at the Table

Elders: Jimmy Peeples & Bruce Johnson

Deacons: Karla Johnson, Pamela Evatt-Machado, Josué Machado

Deacon-in-training: Gabriel Evatt-Machado

Lead Server: Karla Johnson, lead server, can be reached at 770-972-1204. If you can't be present on any Sunday, please call her as soon as you know.

Servant-Leaders

Lead Server: Karla Johnson

Greeter/Bulletins: Libby Ballew (1st), Karen Jensen (8th)

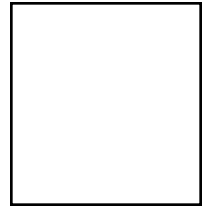
Communion Preparation: Mary Jo Alvord, Nettie Patterson, & Gen Ashby



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LFCC Staff

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jay White
Music Director: Kim Peeples
Youth Director: Meagan Smith
Office Manager: Linda Rowe

Camp Christian Gala

We are so excited that the GALA at Camp Christian will be held on Saturday, **March 21, 2015**. There will be both silent and live auctions. This event will give support to maintenance at camp. We hope that LFCC will be well represented that day and that we have enough in attendance to fill at least one or two tables at lunch. Registration is \$30.00 and a T-shirt can be purchased for \$15.00.

When the GALA in 2013 took place, LFCC members donated gift cards and money toward a Gift Card Basket that was auctioned in the Live Auction. We want to do that again. If you would like to donate a Gift Card or money toward gift cards, please see Libby B or Marilyn P.

We also had several members donate art work, theme baskets and other items to the auctions. If you would consider this, please contact Libby or Marilyn. Please watch the bulletin for GALA inserts. Registration can be completed on line or can be mailed to the regional office.

Thanks for helping LFCC support this event.

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; Our Homebound members; Rosie's daughter; Judy K's family; Dorrie T; Peggy R; Ray & Blanche E; Jensen family; Reba T; Johnson family; Louise C's daughter, Lucy; Linda R's family; Jan T's friends; Mary Jo A; Gen A; Mabel's family; Linda P-G's family; Marilyn P's family; Lenora's twin, Leola; Donna B's family; Rosie T; Rod C; Tadd H's - co worker; Candace R's brother; Jay's nephew, Matt C; Judy K's family; Gerald & Ann K; Brian & Molly B; John L's family; Sue S; Larry R; those suffering from depression.

We give thanks and praise to God for... Marilyn's new granddaughter, Martha Sarah.

2015 GEORGIA DISCIPLES MEN RETREAT

"Men, Mission and Ministry in the 21st Century"

Christmount Christian Assembly

Black Mountain, North Carolina

April 17-19, 2015

Keynote Speaker 2015

Todd Adams

Rev. Dr. Todd A. Adams serves as the Associate General Minister and Vice President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. In his current role he is the chief of staff for the General Minister and President, coordinating the church-wide governance bodies and gatherings of the church. Additionally, Rev. Adams is serving as the Interim President of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.



Dr. Adams provides oversight of the denomination's mission funding system and manages the office finances, while serving as a liaison to several of the denomination's boards including the Pension Fund, Christian Church Foundation, National City Christian Church Foundation and National Benevolent Association.

Additionally, Todd maintains a regular preaching schedule, visiting 20-25 congregations a year in addition to leading workshops and retreats on congregational transformation, stewardship, clergy self-care, congregational vitality, and financial ethics. Todd consults with non-profit boards on governance best practices and is a Certified Governance Trainer for Board Source.

Prior to serving in the Office of the General Minister and President, Adams was senior pastor of Memorial Drive Christian Church in Houston, TX. During this time, the congregation grew from 125 in worship to over 330 a Sunday. The congregation's giving increase from \$350,000 to over \$800,000 in addition to a \$1.8MM capital campaign. While in Houston, Todd served on the Regional Board of the Christian Church in the Southwest, as Moderator of the Coastal Plains Area, and President of Disciples Oaks Retreat Center.

He is a 1994 graduate of Chapman University in Orange, CA. He has a Master of Divinity from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK. In 2007, he earned a Doctor of Ministry in the Steward as Leader focusing on non-profit organizational leadership and fund raising in the religious setting. During his doctoral studies at Wesley Theological Seminary, Todd served as a Lewis Fellow, researching effective models for leadership development and organizational transformation. In 2011, Todd was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Bethany College in recognition of his service to the Christian Church.

Todd and his wife Kimberly have been married for 20 years. They have two children, Claire and Jackson. Away from work, Todd serves as the President of the Carmel Swim Club Board of Directors and the General Chair of Indiana Swimming Board of Directors. Todd is also on the Governance Committee for USA Swimming and works with the Indiana Prospects 14U Baseball. Todd enjoys gardening, golf and coaching youth sports.

Retreat prices are as follows: Guest lodge is \$271.00 single and \$190.00 double. Group lodge is \$153.00 with linens and \$145.00 without linens. You can register at www.gadisciples.org.

Friday, April 17

3:00 pm Registration Begins
6:00 pm Dinner (Dining Hall)
7:00 pm Songfest **Mike Rucker, Jil Trower**
7:30 pm Devotion **2015 L.O.Y**
7:45 pm Session I Rev. Medie Still, President, *Announcements and Introduction of Keynote Speaker*

Session I Presentation

8:45 pm Ice Cream Social
Vespers Rev. Dr. Jay White
Fellowship Time

Saturday, April 18

8:00 am Breakfast (Dining Hall)
9:00 am Songfest **Mike Rucker, Jil Trower**
9:20 am **Devotion John Anderson**
9:30 am Session II Rev. Medie Still, President, *Announcements and Introduction of Keynote Speaker*

Session II Presentation

10:15 am BREAK
10:30 am Business Meeting Rev. Medie Still, President
11:30am Lunch (Dining Hall)
Free Time (Golf, Shop, Sit and Rock)

Saturday Evening Session

6:00 pm Dinner (Dining Hall)
7:00 pm Songfest **Mike Rucker, Jil Trower**

Installation of Officers 2015-2017

7:30 pm Session III President Jimmy Walker, *Announcements and Introduction of Keynote Speaker*

Session III Presentation

8:45 **Vespers Rev. Dr. Jay White**
Hot Chocolate and Cookies
Fellowship Time

Sunday, April 19

8:00 am Breakfast (Dining Hall)
9:00 am Songfest **Mike Rucker, Jil Trower**
9:30 am Session IV President Jimmy Walker, *Announcements and Introduction of Keynote Speaker*

Session IV Presentation

10:15 am BREAK
11:00 am Worship
Retreat Prayer: **Jimmy Walker**
Scripture Reading: **Will Purdue**
Meditation: **Rev. Denise Bell**
Communion Elders: Men's Commission
Friendship Circle and Closing
Benediction
12:00 pm Lunch (Dining Hall)