



OUR SECOND CENTURY TOGETHER

'I am about to do a new thing'

On October 26, we launched our New Beginnings capital campaign. This year our campaign will be focused on the promise that we find in Isaiah 43:18-19a:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

We are planning to have two town hall information meetings: the first on November 2 will be after the late service at 12:00, and a second gathering on November 9 will be after the early service at 9:30 am. Please join us at either of these two meetings to talk about the capital fundraising campaign, our goal and the proposed projects during this exciting time in the life of our church.

On Sunday November 16, we will have an opportunity to submit our pledges during the worship service. After the late service on that day, we will get together for a time of fellowship and celebration. We are grateful for the blessings that God has provided to our church and we anticipate the exciting things that God has planned for the future. Please join us as our church family embarks on this journey towards the future.



A New Beginning

Stewardship **begins** with recognizing that God has ownership of everything in creation. During four Sundays the last of October I want to develop the thought around the issue of Lordship.

Most of the time when I talk with people about stewardship, people expect me to ask them to give more money.



I have been hesitant many times to talk about money for fear of placing too much emphasis on this one aspect. Maybe all congregations are hesitant to talk about financial giving because its failures are obvious and often glaring. Yes, we need to spend more time addressing time, talent and commitment level.

However, the uses of money, time, and talent that reflect our commitment level are **only symptoms of a larger issue of Lordship**. Does God have control of our lives or not? Jesus challenged His listeners at this point often.

He told the parable of the talents ([Matthew 25:14-30](#)) to emphasize our need to follow the instructions of the Lord with those things with which He has entrusted us.

He challenged the rich young ruler ([Mark 10:17-31](#)) to give away all of his money because he needed to recognize the Lordship of God in his life rather than the lordship of money.

He challenged the legalism of the Pharisees to emphasize that their allegiance belongs to God not to a system of rules and regulations that they had dreamed up.

He challenged Zaccheus to quit living his life by taking advantage of others and to start trusting in God.

Paul, Peter, and the other Apostles all indicated that their lives were not their own. They were compelled by the

Spirit of God to follow wherever Jesus might lead, do whatever Jesus might command, and pay whatever price Jesus might ask.

What would our stewardship look like if we took seriously **the Lordship of Christ**?

Is Jesus really our Lord? Does it reflect in our checkbook? Does it reflect in our calendar? Does it reflect in our use of abilities? What does commitment look like in our life? I hope to see you here.

Disciples Women (CWF) News

Annual Harvest Meal



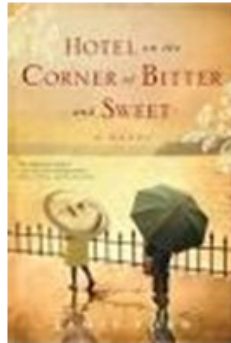
Good Is Coming!! Good Is Coming!!

- Good Folks
- Good Fellowship
- Good Food

Our Annual Harvest Meal is Saturday, November 8th... 5:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish, Bring your appetite and Bring the family! You may give a Donation to the CWF/Disciple Women if you wish.

Book Club

The Disciple Women's Book Club will be reading "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet". Amazon.com has a synopsis of what the book is about. Everyone is invited to read the book and join us for a book discussion and light lunch on Sunday, November 30, 2014, following the worship service. The book can be ordered from amazon.com through the Georgia Disciple website (www.gadisciples.org) or you can purchase at a book store. If you use the Ga. Disciple website, scroll down until you see SHOP – amazon.com on the left, click and you can go to amazon.com. Camp Christian earns a commission on everything you buy through the Georgia Disciples website. Please let Patricia T. know if you plan to participate.



LFCC Youth

Upcoming Events for The Youth:



November 2

9:45 a.m. Sunday

School

3:30 p.m. Youth Group-
SS Christian Church Fall
Youth Rally

November 9

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

November 16

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

4:30 p.m. Youth Group

November 23

Deadline for Youth Assembly

Registration

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

3:00 p.m. Help take out Decorations and
Taco Party

November 30

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

4:30 p.m. Youth Group

Upcoming Dates (more information to follow)

December 20 (Saturday): Live Nativity

January 11: Spaghetti Lunch

Youth Assembly Registration

Registration Packets with information about the February 2015 Youth Assembly are due back in to Linda on **Sunday, November 23rd**. The dates are February 6th-8th. The cost is \$160 with 1/2 scholarships available for church members. Any adults wanting to chaperone, see Linda for the adult registration forms.

-Linda



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 September 2014:

September

General Fund

September Income (Tithes and Offerings) \$13,006.51

September Expenses \$14,833.26

Capital Fund

September (Pledges) \$ 3,810.00

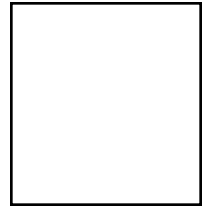
September Mortgage Payment \$ 3,303.85

Mortgage Balance \$227,950.11



First Family News

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2014 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
November 14-15, 2014 - Sandersville, Georgia

Anyone Going to the Annual Regional Assembly?

November 14-15 @ First Christian Church of Sandersville. For more information and registration go to www.gadisciples.org

Family Promise News

Family Promise will host the New Year's Eve Flashlight 5K which will begin at First UMC Lawrenceville. Details will be coming soon.



FP new volunteer training will be held on November 10th from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. and on November 23rd from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Both training sessions will be held at Lawrenceville First Christian in Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers are needed for the Salt Light Center. Orientation will be on November 1 from 10-12 at the Salt Light Center which is located at the Lawrenceville Church of God, Building G. Contact Cristina at slc@familypromisegwinnett.org for more information.

Joys and Concerns

We never cease in praying for the needs of: ... Eileen Mc; Nancy W; Mildred P; Barbara & Bill P; Reba & Virgil T; Chris K; Peggy R; M.L. & Faye R; Ray & Blanche E; Harry E; Kris J; Kris J; Bessie K; our Homebound members; Martha Ann; Dorrie's sister, Marty; Judy K's brother; prayers for those fighting Ebola and ISIS; Nelly R's Mom; Alma F; Lenora's twin, Leola; Linda P-G; those suffering from depression.

We give thanks and praise to God for... successful CROP Walk. We raised \$4414; congratulations to Hoyt for his new grandchild; congratulations to Clayton and Nancy Moss celebrating their 50th anniversary.

**Deadline for Dec/Jan
Newsletter is Thursday,
November 20th**

November Birthdays

- 2 Tom McAfee
- 3 Julie Kling
- 7 Meredith Westbrook
- 11 Matt McElhanon
- 18 Dorrie Toth
- 19 Lenora Langford
- 21 Brian Ballew
- 22 Kameron Carter
- 27 M.L. Robertson
- 30 Ralph McElhanon



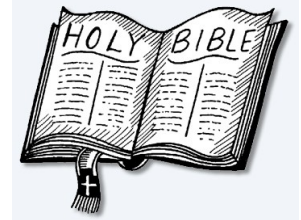
**November
Anniversaries**

- 14 Don & Meredith (McElhanon) Bell
- 25 Sanford & Julie Thompson



**Youth Responsive Readers -
November**

- November 2: Annie Ballew
- November 9: Rafael Evatt-Machado
- November 16: Gabriel Evatt-Machado
- November 23: Rebecca Thompson
- November 30: Kaeden Carter



Worship Helpers

- November 2:** 8:45 Reader - Matt Klimshuk
10:50 Reader - Dorrie Toth
Communion Meditation - Jimmy Peeples
- November 9:** 8:45 Reader - Jan Trinks
10:50 Reader - Libby Ballew
Communion Meditation - Connie Thompson
- November 16:** 8:45 Reader - Matt Klimshuk
10:50 Reader - Dorrie Toth
Communion Meditation - Ann Kersey
- November 23:** 8:45 Reader - Tadd Huff
10:50 Reader - Mabel Simmons
Communion Meditation - Joey Baker
- November 30:** 8:45 Reader - Rosie Tripp
10:50 Reader - Beth Thompson
Communion Meditation - Lee Thompson



Nursery Help

- We'll find volunteers as needed.
- November 2:
 - November 9: Karen & Kris Jensen
 - November 16:
 - November 23:
 - November 30:



November Elders/Deacons

Serving at the Table

- Elders:** Connie & Lee Thompson
- Deacons:** Marilyn Parks, Dorrie Toth, Gen Ashby
- Deacon-in-training:** Ashlyn Parks
- Lead Server:** Gen Ashby lead server, can be reached at 770-856-1827. If you can't be present on any Sunday, please call her as soon as you know.

Servant-Leaders

- Lead Server:** Gen Ashby
- Greeter/Bulletins:** Gen Ashby
- Communion Preparation:** Mary Jo Alvord, Nettie Patterson, & Gen Ashby