

FIRST FAMILY NEWS



October 2014

OUR SECOND CENTURY TOGETHER

Starting in October – A New Sunday School

I'm pumped! Some have wanted to do a straightforward Bible study for a while ... but I've been hesitant. The problem is finding material that is fresh, thought provoking, readable and still scholarly progressive.

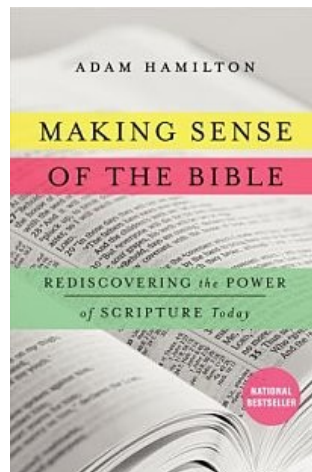
From our congregation, denomination, even from evangelical to mainline churches we continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate is not about a particular social issue, but instead it is about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it.

I think I have finally found a book that could feed us and work toward outreach.

This book isn't your typical study!

Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today by Adam Hamilton is equal parts an evangelical return to the Bible as the foundation of Protestant Christianity-and a scholarly, inclusive approach to understanding scripture that draws on themes familiar to readers of Brian D. McLaren, Rob Bell and Marcus Borg. In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often-misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life changing and life giving.

Most importantly, for folks who have been avoiding churches for years, this is a faithful and intelligent orientation to the Bible.



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



Christian Church in Georgia Cluster Gatherings

Visit with our new regional minister and staff.

Thursday, October 2nd from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. here at our church.

A light meal will be provided at a modest cost..

Attending Churches: Lawrenceville , Blood Price, New Covenant, New Hope and Shiloh

Please call the church office if you can attend.

It's Apple Time

The apple-pickers (retirees and friends) are traveling to North Georgia on Wednesday, 10/22. They'll gather at 10:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. All are welcome!



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 August 2014:

August

General Fund

August Income (Tithes and Offerings) \$ 14,388.01

August Expenses \$ 14,717.78

Capital Fund

August Income (Pledges) \$ 2,160.00

August Mortgage Payment \$ 3,303.85

Mortgage Balance \$229,966.79



Lawrenceville Children's CROP Hunger Walk

EVENT: Lawrenceville Children's CROP Hunger Walk

Date: Sunday, October 19, 2014 – 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

CROP Hunger Walks are held all over the USA to raise funds for Church World Service to end hunger at home and around the world.

Twenty-five per cent of funds raised by our walk will come back to the Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry to benefit our own community.

Please visit Church World Service website for more information or to register for our CROP Hunger Walk:

<http://www.cwsglobal.org/>

Church groups and families can register as a team to fundraise as a group, as well as walkers registering individually.

Each walker can also be given an envelope for cash and check donations to be turned in at the event.

We will have "Hunger Journey" walks to teach kids about the daily struggle to obtain food and clean water that is prevalent in much of the world. Just as important, we will have Fun activities that the entire family can enjoy.

Questions about our walk? Talk to Elizabeth Mc., Tadd H. or Rod B.

LFCC Youth

Corn Maze Trip! The Youth will need to come dressed or with a change of clothes for the trip to the

Corn Dog Maze on Sunday, October



12th. We will be leaving after the 10:50 a.m. service to go to Wendy's for a quick lunch. Then we'll be heading off to the maze! Some of the activities at the Maze are free and some cost extra. Check corndawgs.com for details!

The Youth will need to bring money for lunch, the maze (\$12 plus tax per person), and any money they might need for snacks and the activities that cost extra.

We'll be travelling by carpool. The youth need to let Linda know by Sunday, October 5th if they plan to go and/or bring friends so she can be sure enough adults and seats are available! Because of this trip, there will be no youth group at 4:30! Come ready to have a great time!

Also, we need the Youth Emergency Contact and Parental Release. Parents, if you need a copy, let Linda know.

Upcoming Events for The Youth:

October 5

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

4:30 p.m. Youth Group

October 12

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

12:15 p.m. Corn Maze

October 19

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

2:30 p.m. Help with CROP Walk

October 26

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

4:30 p.m. Youth Group

Upcoming Dates (more information to follow)

November 23: Help take out Decorations and Taco Party

December 20 (Saturday): Live Nativity

January 11: Spaghetti Lunch

-Linda



**Deadline for Nov 2014
Newsletter is Thursday,
October 23rd**

October Birthdays

- 1 Bill Nielsen
- 3 Craig Richardson
- 7 Larry Roberts
- 8 Maggie Joy Westbrook
- 12 Jim McCollough
- 18 Bill Phyfer
- 19 Sandy White
- 19 Taylor Harrison
- 22 Harry Emerson
- 23 Rod Baker
- 24 Clayton Moss
- 25 Eva Krahwinkel
- 30 Meredith McElhanon Bell



October Anniversaries

- 3 Clayton & Nancy Moss



Sign-Changers

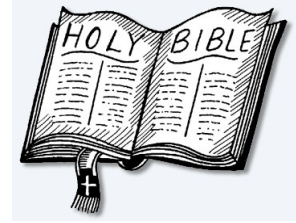
- October 5: Joey Baker
- October 12:
- October 19: Brian Ballew
- October 26: Jay White

Care-Net Schedule:

- Wednesday, October 8th @ 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, October 26th @ 4:30 p.m.

**Youth Responsive
Readers - October**

- October 5: Gabriel Evatt-Machado
- October 12: Rebecca Thompson
- October 19: Kaeden Carter
- October 26: Elizabeth Clackum



Worship Helpers

- October 5:** 8:45 Reader - Tadd Huff
10:50 Reader - Bruce Johnson
Communion Meditation - Joey Baker
- October 12:** 8:45 Reader - Jan Baker
10:50 Reader - Jimmy Peeples
Communion Meditation - Elizabeth McElhanon
- October 19:** 8:45 Reader - Lynn Lane
10:50 Reader - Marilyn Parks
Communion Meditation - Gerald Kersey
- October 26:** 8:45 Reader - Rosie Tripp
10:50 Reader - Patricia Taylor
Communion Meditation - Dorrie Toth

Nursery Help Volunteers as needed.



October FRF

The FRF will meet on Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Mellow Mushroom on Duluth Highway (intersection of Duluth Highway and Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road).

October Elders/Deacons

Serving at the Table

- Elders:** Bruce Johnson & Jimmy Peeples
- Deacons:** Linda Gulden, Patricia Taylor, Connie Thompson (5th, 12th, 19th), Connie Worrel (26th)
- Deacon-in-training:** Rebecca Thompson
- Lead Server:** Patricia Taylor, lead server, can be reached at 770-740-8424. If you can't be present on any Sunday, please call her as soon as you know.

Servant-Leaders

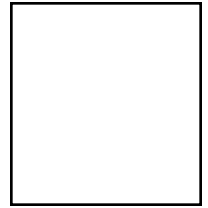
- Lead Server:** Patricia Taylor
- Greeter/Bulletins:** Lee Thompson & Rebecca
- Communion Preparation:** Mary Jo Alvord, Nettie Patterson, & Gen Ashby





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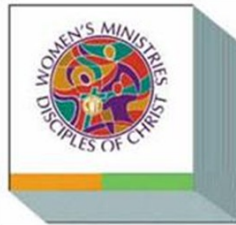
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LFCC Staff

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Disciples Women (CWF) News

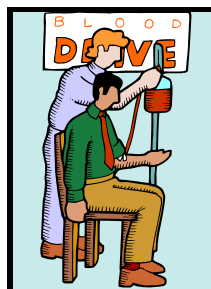
The CROP WALK will take place Sunday October 19th from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Help is needed, you can sit in a chair inside the church and direct visitors to the rest rooms, you can volunteer to work the "walks" which will consist mainly of watching the children and help them if needed. See Elizabeth Mc or Rod B if you can volunteer.



Looking ahead to November, Saturday the 8th is the annual Harvest Meal. This year (as we did last year) it will be a pot luck and we will have a basket for donations. All are invited to attend for good food and good fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share. The CWF/Disciple Women will provide the drinks and bread.

LFCC Blood Drive

We are getting closer to the date for our next Red Cross Blood Drive. It will be Monday, October 6th from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will need donors as well as volunteers to staff registration and the canteen. See Charlie A 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; Bessie K's sister passed away; Candis F's mother; Our Homebound members; Martha Ann; those suffering from depression.

Family Promise and Salt Light Center News

The caseload at the Salt Light Center has nearly doubled since going from being open 5 nights to being open 7 nights a week. If you are able to help with dinners or overnight stays contact Cristina at slc@familypromisegwinnett.org or at (770) 885-2947. Family Promise is expanding, also, with 5 more churches coming on board as hosts.

