

# FIRST FAMILY NEWS



September 2015

OUR SECOND CENTURY TOGETHER

## Lost in thought this morning....

Here's a building that went down, not up. The story is told of the man who got a permit to open the first tavern in a small town. The members of a local church were strongly opposed to the bar, so they began to pray that God would intervene. A few days before the tavern was to open, lightning hit the structure, and it burned to the ground.

The people of the church were surprised, but pleased -- until they received notice that the would-be tavern owner was suing them. He contended that their prayers were responsible for the burning of the building. In a strongly-worded deposition the church denied the charge.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the judge wryly remarked, At this point I don't know what my decision will be, but this appears to be the situation: The owner of the tavern believes in the power of prayer, and these church people don't.

**When we invoke the power of God, are we prepared to live with the results?**

Jay..

--From The Prairie Rambler, June 1993, 6.

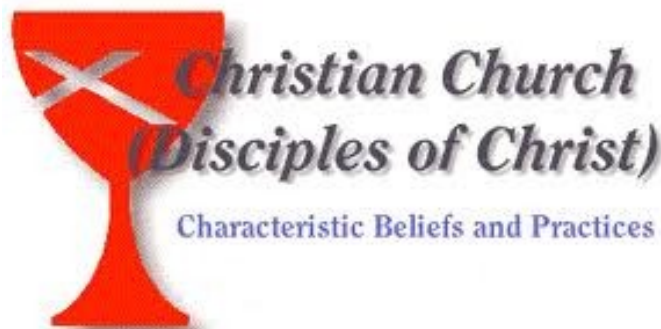
## New Sunday School Starting This Month

Who Are the Disciples of Christ?

What's different about our denomination?

What are our commonalities with other mainline churches?

Come join us for this new series..... Nothing to purchase- No prior knowledge required.



## Mission Opportunity



**Family Promise Trustee Board** needs a Board Representative from our church.

Per their by-laws, our church has a standing representative to

oversee our property interest. I agreed to finish Tom Hlass' position when he moved half time to Little Rock and stayed on for another year and a half.

The position should actually be filled by one of a lay people. It is a great immersion opportunity into our county.

If there is an interest please contact the office or me.

**WANTED**

Disciples of  
Christ

## Meagan's Memos

The youth have all had a busy summer and we are excited to get back into our Youth Sunday Nights (YSN). We kicked things off with a "Canvas Painting Party" and painted some canvases to put up in the youth room. Be sure to come and check them out!

This month during Sunday School we are considering how the themes and stories of the Bible can be relevant in our lives today. We are looking forward to the Fall and all of the ways that we will get to be in community with one another.



## September Youth Schedule



### September 6

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
No Youth Sunday Night

### September 13

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
4:30 p.m. YSN

### September 20

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
4:30 p.m. YSN-Dinner Out

### September 27

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
4:30 p.m. YSN

## News from the Lawrenceville Co-Op's Nominating Committee

To: Board Members and Friends of the Lawrenceville Co-Op

The Co-Op's Nominating Committee invites your suggestions for nominees for several key leadership positions in 2016. Some of the changes anticipated for next year include:

\*\*\* The next Board of Directors will be smaller in size (7 to 9 people) but will continue its current practice of meeting quarterly.

\*\*\* Directors will be elected by the Board for multi-year terms, rather than being appointed by their churches.

\*\*\* A new group to be known as the Church Advisory Council will focus on Co-Op matters of particular interest and relevance to our churches. Churches may appoint one or two persons to serve on this Council, which will meet at least twice a year.

With these changes, this year's nominating process is especially important, and the Nominating Committee is requesting your assistance. We have set up an online **Nomination Form** to be completed by anyone interested in serving as an officer or member of the Board of Directors or Church Advisory Council next year. **We especially encourage ALL current Board members to complete this form**, thereby providing the Nominating Committee with information about each potential nominee's background, interests, and preferences for service in 2016. The deadline for completion of the **Nomination Form** is **September 15**.

## Refinancing

The Refinancing of our mortgage with Disciples Church Extension was completed on Thursday, July 23, 2015. The amount thus far advanced on the church's \$250,000.00 loan commitment is \$214,640.43, leaving an available balance of \$35,359.57.

Repayment of the loan is to be interest only through October 31, 2015. Regular payments of \$2,591.00 per month, covering both principal and interest, are to begin November 1, 2015 by automatic funds transfer. This is a savings of nearly \$700 per month.

A special thank you to Trustee Lee Thompson for shepherding the church through this process.

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Thanks to Dad Hergesfeld

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I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER, BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT

## Deadline for the October Newsletter is Thursday, September 24

### September Birthdays

3 Donna Baber  
15 Donna Nielsen  
17 Elizabeth McElhanon  
24 Tadd Huff  
25 Mary Jo Alvord  
25 Leona Chamberlain  
26 Willis Ramirez  
28 Al Taylor  
28 Mary Kate Westbrook



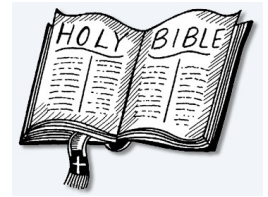
### September Anniversaries

28 Bill & Donna Nielsen



## Youth Responsive Readers - September

September 6: Rafael Evatt-Machado  
September 13: Rebecca Thompson  
September 20: Elizabeth Clackum  
September 27: Annie Ballew



### Worship Helpers

September 6: 8:45 Reader - Jay White  
10:50 Reader - Jay White  
Communion Meditation - Josué Machado

September 13: 8:45 Reader - Melissa McAfee  
10:50 Reader - Patricia Taylor  
Communion Meditation - Elizabeth McElhanon

September 20: 8:45 Reader - Jan Trinks  
10:50 Reader - Pamela Evatt-Machado  
Communion Meditation - Jay White

September 27: 8:45 Reader - Jay White  
10:50 Reader - Jay White  
Communion Meditation - Joey Baker

Check the bulletin board in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

We need volunteers to relocate items to the shed, property needs, worship planning, and to update our bulletin boards.

**HELP WANTED**

# September

### Anything Breakable?

Theresa, living in Nebraska, USA, decides to post the old family Holy Bible to her brother in Maine. The postal worker enquires as to whether there is anything breakable in the parcel.

'Only the Ten Commandments,' Theresa replies with a smile.

### FRF/We Are Eating Around the World

Join us on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. for our next Featured Restaurant Fellowship at Matthews Cafeteria

Good Reviews and Prices.

Old-school cafeteria with red-checked tablecloths offering down-home meats, sides & desserts.

Address: 2299 Main St, Tucker, GA 30084



## September Elders/Deacons

### Serving at the Table

**Elders:** Patricia Taylor & Beth Thompson

**Deacons:** Julie Lee, Margaret Parris

**Lead Server:** Margaret Parris, lead server, can be reached at 404-291-4227. If you can't be present on any Sunday, please call her as soon as you know.

### Servant-Leaders

**Lead Server:** Margaret Parris

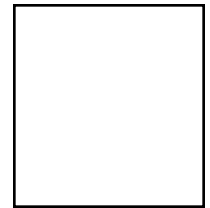
**Greeter/Bulletins:** Margaret Parris

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



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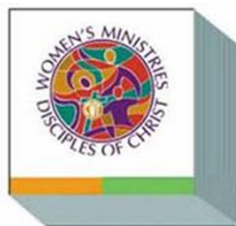
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### LFCC Staff

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

## CWF/ Disciples Women

Sunday, September 13th is designated as **BLESSING BOX DEDICATION** for the morning services. An opportunity will be provided for those who have an offering to go to missions to present it. If you write a check for the funds you have collected over the year, make the check payable to CWF and write Blessing Box on the check line opposite your signature. The offering will be taken to the Disciple Women's Retreat. At the Retreat, our offering will be combined with funds brought from the District churches and all the money goes for missions.



Sunday Evening at 5:30 p.m. on September 13th is our annual **ICE CREAM INDOOR PICNIC**. This event is always a good time for fellowship and good eats. We will have finger food, desserts, and, of course ice cream. What to bring? - See Linda G.



## 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; Ray E; Kris J; Dorrie T; Barbara T; Donna B; Jan T's friends; Bob H's son-in-law; Sandy Wh; Sandy Wr's cousin, Kay Lynn, passed away; Gen A's sister, Peggy, passed away; family of Gen A; Lynn B-P; Alma F; Lenora L's new home; Nettie P; Mary Jo; Jimmy and Kim travels; Dorrie T's knee rehab; Terressa A; Jimmy's co-worker's son; Chris K's friend, Hailey; pray for persecuted Christians around the world; those suffering from depression.

**We give thanks and praise to God for...** Next phase of New Beginnings; Kids, Teachers, and College Students headed back to school; Congratulations to Tadd's niece; Congratulations to Megan's on her novel.

## New HVAC Systems Coming to Lawrenceville First

In July we agreed to begin a maintenance agreement with Comfort Systems USA upon their initial service and inspection on Aug 3, 2015, they found the following:

- Compressor on large sanctuary unit: the compressor does need to be replaced. The technician reconfigured the #2 system to act as the #1 system. Allowing the unit to come on at the desired temp instead of several degrees higher than the desired temp on the t-stat. The cost to replace this compressor is: \$2,335.00.  
NOTE: RS Andrews quoted \$2800.
- The housing on the upstairs unit is obsolete and is no longer available. (RS Andrews recommended replacement). The technician said he can use the old housing, and replace the blower wheel (fan) and brackets. Assuming the electric motor that RS left up there is the right motor, the cost for repairing this unit with fan and brackets will be: \$1,200.00.

There are 5 zones for the building beyond the sanctuary. The following is Comfort Systems quote to replace the 18 year old systems.

- (1) 5 ton unit - Fellowship Hall area
- (2) 3 ton units - Classrooms and Narthex/hallways
- (1) 2.5 ton unit - Pastor/Secretary/Conference room
- (1) 1.5 ton unit - Work office/front classroom

Replace all existing units: \$26,235.00

All units will be of highest standard efficiency for today's standards and for model and size of unit. These units are 13 and 14 seer

Note: To replace the handling units in the attic we need to do them all at once as they are line up and with the limited attic space you cannot get to the back ones without removing the others.

On August 16, 2015 the board approved the following:

Replace existing units:	\$26,235.00
Replace compressor:	\$ 2,335.00
Repair of 5 ton air handler:	\$ 1,200.00
One year maintenance:	\$ 1,028.00 (\$514.00 due for Aug to Dec 2015)
Total for all jobs:	\$30,798.00

$\$30,798.00 \times 90\% = \$27,718.20 + \$138.59 (0.5\%) = \$27,856.79$  to be drawn against the Disciples Church Extension loan. The remaining 10% balance of \$3,079.80 will be paid from Capital account as per last year's Capital Campaign.

Estimated installation date is for early October, once the new systems are in placed we will experience lower operating costs and have reliable units that will allow us to avoid the costly repair calls we have experienced the past few years.

# BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER, BUY YOUR COFFEE AT CHURCH!

When: Sunday, September 13

What: Sampling of Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate

Why: Equal Exchange Coffee Buying Club

Beginning in late September we will be taking orders for Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea, and Chocolates and will plan to take orders about every two months. This provides you an opportunity to participate in a mission to help struggling families in underdeveloped areas as well as contribute to a fundraiser for our local church and the General Church through Week of Compassion and the Women's Empowerment Fund. (See below for more information on these programs)



We will be able to purchase the coffee from Equal Exchange Coop at wholesale prices, but will sell the coffee for the retail price suggested by Equal Exchange. The difference in the cost will be a contribution to LFCC. We will make about \$1 to \$2 on each item sold. You also have the option to take order forms to your break rooms at work or to groups that you participate in outside of church to see if friends or neighbors would like to purchase coffee. This is a simple way for us to help others while also fundraising for our own church.

We are also part of a larger mission through **Equal Exchange's Interfaith Program** which is a vibrant network of thousands of faith communities working to make a difference, together. Through the Interfaith Program, we partner with faith-based relief, development and human rights organizations and work with communities of faith as they learn about and promote Fair Trade. People of faith are living out their values through their consumer choices, and farming communities are providing for their families, greening our planet and building a better future.



Started in 2008, the **Disciples of Christ Coffee Project** is a collaboration between Equal Exchange, Disciples Home Missions, and Week of Compassion to involve more Disciples in supporting small farmers around the world. For each pound of fairly traded coffee, chocolate, tea, and foods Disciples purchase through the Coffee Project, 15 cents per pound goes to the Project's Small Farmer Fund. That Fund amounted to \$1,635.21 in 2014 alone!

The Women's Empowerment Fund was launched by the Week of Compassion at the 2010 Quadrennial. Rooted in the knowledge that economic and social development around the world, including in North America, depends on how we support and empower women, this fund

supports the work of Week of Compassion partners to support the educational, entrepreneurial, and other aspirations of women all over the world.