

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!



### **LIFE OF CHRIST**

**4/1 - TRIUMPHAL ENTRY**  
**4/8 - RESURRECTION**

### **LIVING PROOF**

**4/15 - MARY MAGDELENE**  
**4/22 - ROAD TO EMMAUS**  
**4/29 - THOMAS**  
**5/6 - PETER**  
**5/13 - MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS**  
**5/20 - ASCENSION**



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## VBS is coming! VBS is coming! VBS is coming!!!!

Just like Paul Revere's famous midnight ride to warn the Patriots that the British were coming, we need to make sure we are ready for VBS as it is approaching fast!

I am excited about the new format we are trying for VBS as we are having it every week on Wed nights instead of the traditional 5 day marathon that wears out those who volunteer!

Beginning May 30 and for every Wed in June, we will be working hard to present the Gospel in a fun way for both kids and parents as we look at God's promises for us!

There may be moments when we feel like we are "fighting" the British but overall, this should be a great experience for everyone involved! Be sure to sign up to help if you haven't already!

This month's sermon series will be continuing the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus and our month will end with the beginning of a series on the church. We will be looking at how unity can be maintained as we seek God's purpose for us!

Let's grow together!  
-Earl Winfrey  
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### Daily Scriptures:

Week of 4/29:

Mon – Matt 4:12-25  
Tues – Mark 1:16-39  
Wed – Matt 14:22-33  
Thur – Matthew 16  
Fri – Luke 22:31-62  
Sat – John 21

Week of 5/6:

Mon – Luke 1:26-38  
Tues – Luke 1:39-56  
Wed – Matt 1:18-25  
Thur – Luke 2:22-38  
Fri – Luke 2:39-52  
Sat – John 19:16-30

Week of 5/13:

Mon – Mark 16  
Tues – Luke 24:13-22  
Wed – John 21:1-23  
Thur – Phil 2:5-11  
Fri – 1 Cor 15:1-11  
Sat – Acts 1

Week of 5/20:

Mon – John 14:1-14  
Tues – John 14:15-31  
Wed – John 15:1-17  
Thur – John 15:18-27  
Fri – John 16  
Sat – Acts 2

Week of 5/27:

Mon – John 15  
Tues – John 17  
Wed – 2 Corinthians 5  
Thur – Galatians 6  
Fri – Ephesians 4  
Sat – Genesis 6

## Fable of the Porcupine

It was the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep warm. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions.

After awhile, they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth.

Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions in order to receive the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive.

The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities.

### Attention!!

The Women's Bible Study is going to be taking a break for a while. Be sure to see Michael for details about when they will be meeting again!

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land  
the LORD your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12)

"May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD." (Ruth 2:12)

A mother's love; what can compare? When we think of the sacrifices they make for their children, could it fill a book? I am sure, perhaps volumes. They give up time, sleep, sometimes food; they shed tears, and they wake to meet so many needs of the day for so many people. They run households, they attend meetings, meet with teachers, plan meals, baby-sit above and beyond the call of duty, especially if they happen to be grandmothers or even great grandmothers. Their days seem to never end.

What makes Moms so wonderful? God must have placed special ingredients in them. They seem to have the ability to cram more than one 24-hour time period, with all the tasks they have to do, that anyone else can accomplish. They have stamina to endure pain when they see their children suffer from a physical condition or an emotional hurt.

They toil day and night for such little reward, so on Mother's Day we the recipients of their love, sacrifices and dedication, must rise to the occasion to say in some small way simply "Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for us."

Boxes of chocolates, flowers, a card with money or a dinner invite will never make up for the sacrifices they have made. It is the thought, the expression that lets her know she is not forgotten and that she is loved. This is the day to say, "Mom, you are a treasure." So let us rise to the occasion. God will smile on you because you have invested in one of His prized possessions.

Who can compare to a mother's love? No one on earth can, except of course a Father's love and that's another story. God's love is the only real true comparison for all the sacrifices He has made for His children. Perhaps this special occasion finds you feeling lonely because your mother has gone on to heaven or perhaps you don't have children. If you have a sister or a friend, take her by the hand; find someone to share the day with in some special way. You may be a mother who will be alone and your children aren't able to join you. Remember God loves you, so you are never alone.

Women are precious in the eyes of God and you have value and worth. May you be commended for the labor you have done for others, especially for anything you do in the kingdom of God. - Cathy Irvin

"Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you respond to it." - Lou Holtz

### Sometime, it is better to let somebody else handle the problem

As a son of a "shade tree" mechanic, I grew up with many opportunities to learn how to work on cars. Of course, the fact that we could not afford new cars created those opportunities as we were always breaking down! :) I learned how to repair most of the problems with the car from first hand experience with the side of the road or highway as my "garage" for some of those repairs. Some repairs were quick, other repairs required a few days of frustration combined with many trips to the parts store.

Although we take pride in having the ability to fix our own cars when they break down, there are times when it is better to pay somebody else for the repairs. My dad was always willing to pay the money for somebody to work on the air conditioning system, and after an adventure with the transmission of our truck when I was younger, we decided that rebuilding a transmission is probably not a "Winfrey's Garage" specialty either! Some repairs require special skills that we reluctantly admitted that we did not possess.

As I grew older, the engines of the cars I drove became more difficult to work on, and mixing that with the busy schedule that became a norm for my life, there were times when I had to defer to a professional for something I would normally repair myself. I wasn't very happy about having to pay somebody else to work on my car, but my dad told me something that changed my perspective when I vented to him. He said that there are times when you have to pay somebody else to work on your car even though you have the ability to do it yourself, but that's ok because those mechanics need to feed their families too! After that conversation, I decided that I will not stress about having to pay somebody to do something I could do on my own.

Yesterday, as I was heading home from D-Group, my brakes lost pressure, and I had a hard time stopping my truck. I nursed the truck home and while Michael was pumping the breaks, I looked under the back of the truck to find the brake line squirting fluid! At that point, I had several decisions to make at one time. First of all, it was obvious that the problem needed to be fixed right away because we need both vehicles running (And stopping!) this weekend! I also needed to decide if it would be better to work on the truck myself and save some money or pay a mechanic to repair the line for me. Brake lines are not complicated, but repairing them can be time consuming, and with the busy day ahead of me, I was not in the mood to invest a full day into working on the truck.

So I bit the bullet and took the truck to a mechanic, and he repaired the brake line and I was back in the truck by 5pm with less money than I had that morning! The mechanic was very reasonable with his charge, and I was still able to get some work done since I did not have to work on the truck myself. Sometimes, it is better to let somebody else handle the problem!

When it comes to our walk with God, we can take on a "shade tree mechanic" mentality for some of our problems we face. Some of our issues are easier than others, and God does encourage us to grow to the point where we can handle life on our own, but sometimes, it is better to let somebody else handle the problem. God created the church so that if we are facing problems that are too big for us to handle on our own, we can turn to somebody else who has experience dealing with similar issues. Working together, you can overcome alot of problems that would have stranded you on the side of the road if you tried to fix it yourself!

“A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.”

### Ten Facts Men Should Consider About Their Wife! (By Perry Noble)

- #1 – Before she was your wife she was God’s daughter...and He is VERY concerned about how someone treats His girl!
- #2 – Women are responders, so if there is friction/conflict in the relationship she is most likely responding to something that is off center...and it is going to take an actual conversation where you use words to figure out what it is.
- #3 – If a man will not lead his family then Satan will! (Genesis 3)
- #4 – One of the biggest questions that a woman is always asking of her husband is, “can I trust you with my heart?” And the answer to this question is not simply declared but rather demonstrated over time.
- #5 – Every word you speak has meaning to your wife...and HOW you say those words carry even more meaning.
- #6 – No woman responds well to condemnation...and if we are supposed to love our wives like Christ loves the church, and there is NO condemnation for those who are in Christ (Romans 8:1) then we MUST watch our words carefully.
- #7 – It is a spiritual impossibility for an angry husband to love his wife like Jesus loves the church.
- #8 – Your wife LOVES to know you are thinking about her during the day.
- #9 – Surfing the internet or playing games on your smart phone while she is sitting next to you on the couch is NOT romantic.
- #10 – Pursuit must be intentional! You did not accidentally fall in love...and you will not accidentally stay in love!

### Let’s Pray for VBS!!!!

VBS is coming quickly, so we need to be sure to start praying now for God to move! We will be working on weekly prayer emphasis for us to be praying for as the weeks go by. Right now, we need to be praying for our volunteers and for those who have not volunteered yet but will be signing up soon!  
Here is our list so far:

Directors: Michael Winfrey and Tiffany Berg  
 Seaside Celebration (opening): Michael Winfrey- we still need a volunteer to help w/ the opening  
 Project Pointe (crafts): Luke Turner and Kamryn Mason  
 Lifeguards (leaders of the different age groups): Diane Lantzer (Pre-K), Kelsa Turner (K-2nd),  
 we still need a volunteer for the 3rd-5th graders  
 Adult Swim (adult teacher): Earl Winfrey  
 Coconut Cafe (snacks): Amanda Duke and Kira Mason  
 Fun Time Falls (games): Josh Berg and Kaden Berg  
 Lifeguard Lagoon (lesson): Tiffany Berg and Karena Mason  
 Mission: Rio Bravo  
 Supplies: Michael Winfrey  
 Nametags/Signs: Scrapbook Ladies  
 Audio/Visual: Earl Winfrey  
 Registration: Michael Winfrey  
 Photography: LaRessie Mason  
 Nightly Attendance/Registrations/Recordkeeping: Sara Berg

"But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14 ESV)

### Are You Ready for a Scavenger Hunt?

This month's activity will be in the form of a Biblical scavenger hunt! Listed below are items that you need to find and scripture references to let you know where to look. Get your parents to help you and have fun searching through God's Word!

1. This can help you see at night (Psalm 119:105)
2. This keeps you warm when it is cold (Genesis 37:3)
3. This is made out of trees and ink (Joshua 1:8)
4. A person who takes care of Sheep (Psalm 23:1)
5. This person can crawl, drool, and cry (Luke 2:12)

Memory verses for May:

Congregation: Deuteronomy 6:5

K-2nd: 2 Corinthians 5:21

3-5 y/o: John 11:25

2 y/o: Proverbs 3:5

I am excited that our kids have been doing very well with the memory verse every month, and now they will have memory verses for SS class too! These verses will stay with you for the rest of your lives so let's keep building on the Word of God!

"For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame' " – Romans 10:11

Do you know about Jesus, kids? Do you know how he was born in Bethlehem and lived a perfect life? Do you know that he died on a cross, not because of his sin, but because of our sin? Do you know that he was raised from the dead? He's alive today! Do you know he went up to heaven and is sitting at God's right hand? And he's coming back one day soon! Do you know about Jesus?

And if you know about Jesus, do you know Jesus himself? Do you know his love for you? Is he living inside of you? He showed his love by dying on a cross. He showed his power by rising from the dead. Have you put your trust in him? Just as you trust your dad or mom to take care of you and provide for you, you should trust Jesus to save you and lead you. Have you become a part of him through baptism? Think about these things, kids. Ask your parents to tell you about Jesus. Read God's Word if you can, or have it read to you. Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." - Romans 12:12 (NIV)*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Thursday - Food Pantry 4:30-5:30 pm

May 4 - Craft Day (VBS Project)

May 6 - Fellowship Meal after Worship  
Elders Meeting after meal

May 9 - Elders/Deacons Meeting 5 pm

May 13-18 - Earl in Cincinnati

May 18 - Neighborhood Cookout 6 pm

May 29 - Deadline for June Newsletter

May 30 - VBS begins (Every Wed for June)

June 3 - Fellowship Meal after Worship  
Elders Meeting after meal

Servers for May:

Morning Prayer - Josh Berg  
Offering Prayer - Ben Lantzer  
Server - Ernie Smith  
Communion Meditation - Lee Lantzer  
Communion Preparation - Amanda Duke



Please keep us informed of any address changes so we can keep our records up to date.

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General Prayer Items for the month:

(Please see the weekly bulletin for the church prayer list.)

- Church Leadership
- Ministries of the church
- Members
- Visitors
- Lost Souls
- Those needing work/Home sales
- The persecuted church
- Missionaries
- Future Kingdom Workers
- Those serving in the Military
- Government
- Schools

**Evangelistic Opportunities:**

- Does your neighbor go to church?
- Does your neighbor know that you go to church?

## Partners in Ministry

**Don't forget to pray for those churches around us and near our hearts!**

- FCC of Franklin, NC
- Toccoa Christian Church
- Providence Road Church of Christ (Charlotte, NC)
- First Christian Church of Fairburn, GA
- Coastline Christian Church (New Smyrna Beach)
- Southlake Christian Church (Groveland, FL)
- Christian Church at DeLeon Springs, FL
- Tomoka Christian Church (Ormond Beach, FL)
- N. Citrus Christian Church (Citrus Springs, FL)

If anyone knows of any churches that need to be added to this list, be sure to let Earl know.

We are having a neighborhood cookout on Friday, May 18 @ 6pm, and we need your help! We want to make a good impression with the neighborhood while signing people up for VBS too! Please help out by showing up so the people in the community can get to know us and we can get to know them too!

Attention ladies....the 46th Annual Georgia Christian Women's Retreat will be on June 2nd from 8am-4pm. It will be at Point University (formerly Atlanta Christian College). The theme for this year is Power of Hope and Encouragement. The price for the retreat plus breakfast and lunch is \$30 before May 1st. A \$5 late fee will be added after May 1st. If you are interested in attending, please see Michael.