



First Christian Church

Mountain City, GA

Building God's Church One Home at a Time

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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

Week of 7/28:

Mon - Psalm 34
Tues - Titus 2
Wed - 1 Peter 1:13-25
Thur - Col 3:18-25
Fri - Ephesians 6:1-9
Sat - Exodus 20:12

Week of 8/4:

Mon - Psalm 94
Tues - Jeremiah 7:1-15
Wed - Matthew 5:21-26
Thur - 1 John 3:11-24
Fri - Ephesians 4:17-32
Sat - Exodus 20:13

Iron Sharpens Iron

July was a busy month for me as we went to the NACC and had a great week worth of inspiring sermons, resource filled workshops and informative fellowship while catching up with old friends at the Alumni receptions for our Bible Colleges.

This yearly event is an opportunity for our Kingdom workers to come together and build each other up as well as challenge each other to grow in our walk with God.

At our church, we have enjoyed sermons by Josh and Luke as we are challenging our men to step up and grow in their walk with God too. In August, we will have Lee and Luke preaching sermons as we start the 2nd half of our 10 Commandments series. We also have plenty of chances for spiritual growth through the month so make sure you don't miss any of the events planned!

Let's grow together!

-Earl Winfrey
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B.I.B.L.E. - The 10 Commandments



Week of 8/11:

Mon - Lev 20:10-21
Tues - Matthew 19:3-12
Wed - Proverbs 5
Thur - Proverbs 6:20-35
Fri - Matthew 5:6, 27-32
Sat - Exodus 20:14

Week of 8/18:

Mon - Leviticus 19:1-17
Tues - Joshua 7
Wed - Romans 2
Thur - Malachi 3
Fri - Galatians 6
Sat - Exodus 20:15

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Week of 8/25:
Mon - Malachi 1
Tues - Malachi 2
Wed - Malachi 3
Thur - Malachi 4
Fri - Romans 13
Sat - Exodus 20:16

"For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"
(Galatians 5:14 ESV)

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Early Morning Snuggles

Missions we support

Florida Christian College

Open Door Libraries

Rio Bravo Ministries

Please keep us informed of any address changes so we can keep our

Revlon, Redkin, Revelation

"You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone."

Ephesians. 2:19-20

How would you describe the perfect foundation? An ideal make-up would cover facial flaws and even out skin tone, yet appear invisible. It would be easy to apply, lightweight, and last all day long. When you wore it, you would glow. That's a lot to ask of a cosmetic!

Whether or not you have discovered the one, perfect facial foundation, God has given us something much more important: the one, perfect foundation for our faith, our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Bible, we have the privilege of reading God's many prophecies and promises about Jesus. We also see their fulfillment in His life, death, and resurrection!

Need a foundation for your life? Search no further! Jesus Christ is your one perfect foundation!

Why perfect? Because His death on the cross and His glorious resurrection do not simply cover your flaws, they completely wipe away the stain of sin. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, your holy, heavenly Father now sees you as flawless. He welcomes a beautiful new you into an eternal relationship with Himself, a relationship that begins now and extends into all eternity.

Once the Holy Spirit has applied these truths to your heart, you can't hide it. It's evident to everyone. Radiant in God's love, your Spirit inspired words of encouragement and your willingness to serve reflect the beauty of your Lord.

(Taken from Reflecting the Beauty of the Lord: 25 Devotions for Women)

Ladies Night

This month's Ladies' Night will be August 19 @ 6:30pm at the Asian King in Franklin

So many churches die to what's possible because they're too busy protecting what is predictable

Be the Church

As the Apostle Paul finished his first letter to the church in Corinth, he gave them some encouragement that could apply to us today. He gave 3 ways that the church can stay faithful as the Bride of Christ and stand firm until Christ returns. Let us remember to take this encouragement personal as we set out to continue what the Lord started.

[58] Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

I. Be steadfast (Firm)

This word comes from another word that means a seat or base. Being steadfast means that you properly sit, you are morally fixed, firm in purpose. In other words, you stay on course with your purpose, and for our church, the Great Commission is our purpose! So how are we doing with saving lost souls?

II. Be Immovable

As we set out to save lost souls, we need to stand our ground. The devil would love nothing more than to move us off our path so we spend too much time chasing our tails. We need to remember that if we do not stand for something, we could end up falling for anything! When a tree is planted, it will not survive unless it develops a healthy root system. In the same way, we MUST develop healthy roots in God's Word if we expect to produce good Spiritual fruit.

III. Be abounding in the work of the Lord

You cannot lead somebody where you are not willing to go. If you want the church to lead the community to Jesus, you have to first make up your mind that you are going to find Jesus. If you want people to love the church and help it grow, you have to love the church and help it grow. If you want the programs, Bible Studies, events, and anything else here at FCC of Mountain City to be successful, you have to do your part to make it a success.

You cannot lead somebody where you are not willing to go! Jesus wanted us to come to Him so we could make it to heaven. Jesus led us through the salvation process by going through the death, burial and resurrection as our Messiah, and now we have the opportunity to join Him through the process of Baptism!

In Matthew 28:20, Jesus promised us that He would be with us always until the end of the age. Can we as the Bride of Christ promise God that we will be with Him every step of the way? Can we commit ourselves to reaching the lost souls in our community? Can we be steadfast, immovable and abound in the work of the Lord? Will we continue searching until there are no lost souls left?

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." C.S. Lewis

Motives For Marriage

"It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." Gen 2:18

Why did you get married? For sex? Romance? Companionship? Security? To have children?

There are good reasons for marriage, and there are childish ones. Years ago I read an article in McCall's magazine that included some humorous comments from children.

Gwen, age nine: "When I get married I want to marry someone who is tall and handsome and rich and hates spinach as much as me."

Arnold, age six: "I want to get married, but not right away yet because I can't cross the street by myself yet."

Steve, age ten: "I want to marry somebody just like my mother except I hope she don't make me clean up my room."

Bobby, age nine: "I don't have to marry someone who is rich, just someone who gets a bigger allowance than me."

Raymond, age nine: "First she has to like pizza, then she has to like cheesecake, after that she has to like fudge candy, then I know our marriage will last forever."

We chuckle at these childish impressions, yet I have counseled couples whose purposes for getting married were not much more profound. Lucius Annaeus Seneca (4 B.C.-A.D. 65) the Roman philosopher, wrote, "You must know for which harbor you are headed if you are to catch the right wind to take you there."

The book of Genesis describes how, after creating Adam, God realized it was not good for him to be alone. So He gave him a mate.

Since God created marriage, it makes sense that He has a purpose for it. God's blueprint for marriage is the plan to follow, the harbor to which we want to head. (Devotion from "Moments Together for Couples" by Dennis and Barbara Rainey)

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?

"The Bible starts with a divorce in the garden and ends with a wedding in the garden city." - Rick Atchley

"God lets us be part of the preaching process b/c He likes to go to work w/His kids."

I'm a preacher. I'm also a teacher and a leader, but most of all, my desire is to inspire through the art of preaching. It is through strong, Biblically based proclamation that God has built His church, and almost 2,000 years later, this fact remains true no matter how much we try to "improve" our worship services. This is the main reason why I believe in the sermon series, theme-based song services, and the invitation that is given at the end of every sermon. The Holy Spirit is able to work through many circumstances even if they are not ideal, but that does not excuse us from the responsibility to build strong preaching based on the prompting of the Spirit.

When talking about the prompting of the Spirit, many people believe that the only way to preach according to the Spirit is to stand up Sunday morning, open the Bible, and let the Spirit flow without any preparation during the week. I will not debate the fact that the Spirit can and has preached in this manner, but as much as the Spirit can move in the moment, He can also move a year in advance! This is why I embrace the idea of producing a sermon schedule every year. The sermon schedule is prepared after a few months of prayer and observation has taken place, and even when it is complete, the schedule is never set in stone. The sermons can always be replaced to address pressing issues that rise up.

I like to look at the sermon schedule like a playbook for a football team. As the game is played, the coach uses the plays that have been practiced in the way that he feels will be the most effective. If the coach would wait until the game begins, he could create plays that the team could run, but there is no guarantee that the plays would work. The team works best if they practice the plays ahead of time so that when the coach calls the play, they will know how to run it. Our 2013 sermon schedule is our playbook. It is ready for our coach (Holy Spirit) to use however He sees fit. Here is what we are looking at for 2014:

God the Builder: There are 10 basic principles that God has used to build His church. We want God to build His church here too so we will look at each principle to see how we are doing with our part of the process.

Jesus: As we lead up to Easter, we will be looking at the events starting in the Upper Room (John 13-20)

Let's Go Fishing: "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men" This is a series about Evangelism

Psalms: We will be looking at various Psalms during June and July and some of our men will help preach

For Pete's Sake: We will be looking at the letter of 1 Peter as he gives us some practical advice for living in a world where we are the visiting team. Society has rejected God, and it is getting worse as the years go by.

Victorious: This series will be an overview of John's letter written to the 7 churches of Asia Minor known as Revelation. We will be viewing the letter from the perspective of the persecuted church and see that there is plenty of encouragement for us today as well! In the end, WE WIN!

More than Stocking Stuffers: In the midst of all of the chaos that our commercialized society has created surrounding the holiday season, we need to remember that Christmas is more than stocking stuffers.

"We want gain without pain; we want the resurrection without going through the grave; we want life without experiencing death; we want a crown without going by way of the Cross. But in God's economy, the way up is down." – Nancy Leigh DeMoss

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
S.S. - 10am Worship - 11am Wed Night Bible Study 6:45pm		Every Tuesday at Chick-Fil-A 7am: Men Discipleship Group		1 Elders meeting at B.B.S. 7pm	2	3
4 Fellowship Meal after Church Children's Min. Meeting	5	6 Men's Night at 6:30pm (Church)	7 No Wed Night Service	8 Alan Marshal Speaking at the Church 6:45pm	9	10
11 Car Show Meeting after worship service	12	13 City Council Meeting 6pm (Mountain City)	14 Wed Night Meals resume 6pm	15	16 Game Night 6:30pm	17
18	19 Ladies' Night 6:30pm	20 Men's Bible Study 7pm (Luke's House)	21 Food Pantry 5pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 Sept Newsletter deadline	28	29	30	31

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

First Christian Church of Franklin, NC

Toccoa Christian Church

Providence Road Church of Christ (Charlotte, NC)

First Christian Church of Fairburn, GA

Lilburn Christian Church, GA

Coastline Christian Church (New Smyrna Beach)

Southlake Christian Church (Groveland, FL)

Christian Church at Deleon Springs, FL

Tomoka Christian Church (Ormond Beach, FL)

First Christian Church (Kissimmee, FL)

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

