



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 9/29:
 Mon – Acts 16:11-15
 Tues – 1 Kings 16:29-34
 Wed – 1 Kings 18:1-19
 Thur – Luke 13:22-35
 Fri – Galatians 6:1-10
 Sat – Revelation 2:18-29

Week of 10/6:
 Mon – Phil 2:12-18
 Tues – Philippians 4:1-9
 Wed – 1 Timothy 5:1-8
 Thur – Matthew 23:16-28
 Fri – 1 Thes 5:1-11
 Sat – Revelation 3:1-6

Christmas is coming!

I know that we still have a few months before Christmas, but I figured that since the stores are already setting out their Christmas decorations, I might as well jump in and start thinking about Christmas too!
 This year, we want to do something special with the kids so stay tuned for some more details as we work them out.

This month (October) is our 1st annual car and bike show, and we are ready to go! Be sure to check out our page that list the volunteer opportunities so you can see where you can help with this important event to let people know who we are and why we are here!

Let's work hard at making this month a great month as we serve the Lord!

Let's grow together!
 -Earl Winfrey
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7 Churches

"John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood." (Revelation 1:4-5)

- 9/15 - Ephesus
- 9/22 - Smyrna
- 9/29 - Pergamum
- 10/6 - Thyatira
- 10/13 - Sardis
- 10/20 - Philadelphia
- 10/27 - Laodicea

Week of 10/13:
 Mon – Job 12:14-25
 Tues – Psalm 86
 Wed – Hosea 4:1-9
 Thur – 1 Thes 4:13-18
 Fri – Isaiah 56:1-8
 Sat – Revelation 3:7-13

Week of 10/20:
 Mon – Proverbs 8:1-11
 Tues – Prov 8:12-21
 Wed – Prov 8:22-36
 Thur – Joshua 24:14-28
 Fri – Hebrews 10:26-39
 Sat – Rev 3:14-22

Week of 10/27:
 Mon – Matthew 4:18-25
 Tues – Mark 6:1-13
 Wed – Mark 6:30-44
 Thur – Luke 19:11-27
 Fri – 2 Corinthians 9
 Sat – Matthew 9:35-38

Memory Verse:
 "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
 (Romans 12:12)

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 Open Door Libraries
 Rio Bravo Ministries

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

“If prayer stands as the place where God and human beings meet, then I must learn about prayer. Most of my struggles in the Christian life circle around the same two themes: why God doesn't act the way we want God to, and why I don't act the way God wants me to. Prayer is the precise point where those themes converge.” – Phillip Yancey

Telling Hands

“Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my fingers where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.’”

John 20:24-25

Our hands tell a story. Soft, smooth hands. Calloused hands. Red, work-worn hands. Hands speak volumes. Jagged, broken nails. Nails bitten down to the quick. Long, polished, French-manicured nails. Each kind brings to mind a different narrative.

Jesus' hands say something about him, too. We can imagine that his hands were dry and probably tanned, given the climate in which he lived out his earthly ministry. Perhaps his hands were calloused from helping his fishermen friends pull in nets or anchor boats. Perhaps he and his disciples soothed their rough skin with ointment offered by the women who accompanied them from town to town.

We know this for sure about Jesus' hands: they were open on Calvary, pierced as he hung on the cross to pay for our sins. We know that three days later, when he rose from the tomb, his glorified body still bore the marks of crucifixion. Those marks testified to Thomas of the risen Savior's true identity. Jesus' hands revealed the story of his love for them—and for us.

Those hands still bear the scars. Even today, Jesus extends his nail-scarred hands to you. They assure you of his presence when you doubt. They lift you up when you stumble and fall. His hands reach out to comfort you when you mourn and to rejoice with you when you celebrate. His beautiful, one-wounded hands tell the story of his love and care for you.

And those same hands make it possible for you to repeat his story in the lives of others. Yours are the hands he uses to offer a pat on the back or a hug of comfort. Your hands reach out to serve, to fold in prayer, to clap in praise. Beautiful hands—his and yours!

(Devotion taken from “Reflecting the Beauty of the Lord: 25 Devotions for Women”)

Ladies Night

This month's Ladies' Night will be October 21 @ 6:30pm at Mama G's in Clayton

"The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender." - Vince Lombardi

Symbols in Revelation (Taken from "Revelation's Rhapsody" - Robert A. Lowery)

Symbols are a part of everyday life. We frequently understand and accept them, usually without even thinking about them. Some symbols picture what they represent, while others don't, or they may do so rather obscurely. If we hear on the news "The White House said today..." we do not picture a white building talking to us. Growing up in the United States, a citizen would know what was being communicated. But if a person from another country heard the report, the meaning could be missed, namely, "The President said today..." A visitor from another country, upon hearing the report, may get stuck on the symbol, instead of moving beyond the symbol to what it means. Why? Context is missing.

One who visits the book of Revelation can get bogged down as well. (The phrase "bogged down" is symbolic, isn't it?) We need to avoid making the mistake of getting stuck on the symbols and failing to move on to the true meanings. Many take the symbols literally: a literal beast; a literal battle of Armageddon; and a literal thousand-year period. Very few, however, would think of Jesus as a literal seven-horned and seven-eyed lamb. They would know that symbols are being used and that those symbols point to a deeper reality.

What about application? To make proper application we must understand the context. Perhaps a modern illustration will help. "The White House" in the 1950's symbolized Presidents Truman and Eisenhower; in the 1980's it represented Presidents Reagan and Bush. Over the decades the symbol always meant the current occupant of the White House - The U.S. President, often with his executive department as well - but its specific meaning changed as the administrations changed. It had a number of specific applications while preserving much in common with former meanings.

The meaning of some of the numbers

2 - Associated with witness or testimony (Rev 11:1ff) probably from the OT use (Deut 17:6)

3 - Often associated with the divine (God, Christ, Spirit - Rev 1:4ff) or even unholy forces (The dragon and the two beasts as a gang of three in Rev 12-13; the three plagues of fire in Rev 9:18; or the three unclean spirits like frogs in Rev 16:13). Three and a half years; 1260 days; time, times, and a half a time; and forty-two months are associated with a period of calamity and suffering on the part of God's people and probably have their roots in Daniel 7:25.

12 and its multiples (24 and 12,000) - The number for the people of God. In Rev 4:4, the 24 elders could represent the chosen people under both the old and new covenants.

The meaning of some of the colors

White - Usually refers to purity (Rev 1:14; 2:17; 3:4-5; 6:11; 7:9,13; 14:14; 19:14)

Black - Judgment, distress, or disaster (Rev 6:5, 12)

Green (or pale) - Associated with death (Rev 6:8)

Purple or scarlet - The splendor of evil in all its debauchery (Rev 17:3-4; 18:12,16)

"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."
- Jimmy Dean

Multiplying a Godly Heritage

"For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should teach to their children, that the generations to come might know, even the children yet to be born...that they should put their confidence in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments."
Psalm 78:5-7

One of the best ways to mirror God's image is through a line of godly descendants-our children-who will carry a reflection of His character to the next generation.

God's original plan called for the home to be a sort of greenhouse-a nurture center where children grow up to learn character, values and integrity. Psalm 78 instructs parents to teach their children to carry the message of who God is to the next generation. Through these lines of godly descendants, Satan's kingdom would be defeated.

Today, however, I observe a problem with many Christian couples regarding child bearing and child rearing: They conform more to the world's standards than to God's. First, many families comply with the popular slogan "Two and no more." and many other couples opt for no children at all, even though they are perfectly capable of conceiving.

I'm not advocating that all families be large. Nor is it wrong for a family to be small. But I do believe some Christians are becoming unduly worried about "overpopulating the world."

The world needs Christians to produce godly offspring. If Christians don't replicate a godly heritage to carry biblical values and Scriptural truths to the next generation, then other philosophies and religions will fill the vacuum.

(Devotion taken 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 strongest oak of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm and hidden from the sun. It's the one that stands in the open where it is compelled to struggle for existence against the winds and rains and the scorching sun." - Napoleon Hill

"The only difference between success and failure is the ability to take action."

- Alexander Graham Bell

For October and November, Men's Night and Men's Bible Study will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursday
Any questions should be directed towards either Luke or Earl

1st Annual Car and Bike Show
First Christian Church of Mountain City GA
October 12

As most of you know we are trying to reach out into the surrounding community in order to get in touch with local people! We have decided that a car show is a great way to accomplish this. This is an outreach that won't require professors of the bible or really outgoing evangelist.... this is an event that will require everybody from the church to come out and just be a friend to the community! We need to show the local people that first we can be friends and the other stuff will follow.

I want to thank Ernie Smith for planting this seed with the leaders of the church! I really think we can accomplish some good things this way! Also there will be a chance to give back to the local charity Richard Kids. This will be the first time we have ever tried a car show so I do ask for your prayers that we, as a church, can pull this off and have a fun, safe time! As well as prayer for good interaction with the community! Below is a list of jobs that we could use your help with. I think this is a good way to use everybody's skills including the kids!

Volunteers needed:

- Food prep
- Parking assignments (helping with directing cars)
- Sign preparation
- Registration hand outs
- Sound equipment setup
- Tents and table setup
- Raffle prize hand out (this would be a good one for the kids)
- Cleanup after the event

Let Josh, Earl or Ernie know where your talents can be put to use!

We do not know what kind of turnout to expect, but with prayer and careful planning this can be a great event for years to come!

Thanks,

Josh Berg

In 1800 a woman named Mary Jones walked 25 miles just to buy a Bible for which she had saved money for 6 years. Today we can get over 20 translations for free on our Smartphone in under a minute.
The Bible is more precious than we realize.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
S.S. - 10am Worship - 11am Wed Night meal and Bible Study 6:00pm	Every Tuesday at Chick-Fil-A 7am: Men Discipleship Group	1	2	3 Men's Night at 6:30pm (Church)	4	5
6 Fellowship Meal after Church	7	8 City Council Meeting 6pm (Mountain City)	9	10	11	12 Car and Bike Show 10am-2pm
13	14	15	16 Food Pantry 5pm	17 Men's Bible Study 7pm (Luke's House)	18 Game Night 6:30pm	19
20	21 Ladies' Night 6:30pm	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Nov. Newsletter deadline	30	31		

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

- First Christian Church of Franklin, NC
- Bethany Christian Church (Bumpass, VA)
- Providence Road Church of Christ (Charlotte, NC)
- First Christian Church of Fairburn, GA
- Lilburn Christian Church, GA
- Tucker Christian Church, GA
- 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.

Servers for October:
 Morning Prayer - Lee Lantzer
 Offering Prayer - Tom Labbie
 Server - Kaden Berg
 Communion Meditation - Mark Mason
 Communion Preparation - Amanda Duke

Servers for November:
 Morning Prayer - Josh Berg
 Offering Prayer - Kevin Berg
 Server - Chris Duke
 Communion Meditation - Luke Turner
 Communion Preparation - Diane Lantzer