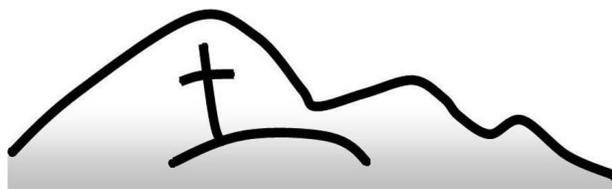


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THE MOUNTAIN CITY MESSENGER



First Christian Church
Mountain City, GA
Building God's Church One Home at a Time

Our Vision

To become a Biblically-functioning family of believers growing:

- Deeper through worship
- Larger through evangelism
- Stronger through discipleship
- Warmer through fellowship
- Broader through ministry

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

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Warm weather on it's way!

March is upon us, and the weather should start getting warmer now that Spring is just around the corner.

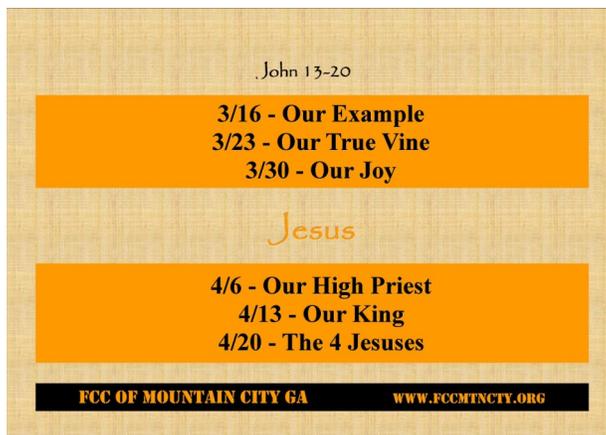
"In spring, the axis of the Earth is increasing its tilt relative to the Sun, and the length of daylight rapidly increases for the relevant hemisphere. The hemisphere begins to warm significantly causing new plant growth to "spring forth," giving the season its name." (Wikipedia website)

When the sun shines on the earth for longer periods of time during spring, life returns as the plants start to grow again. In the same way, when we allow the SON to shine on our church, life will return as our church begins to grow again.

As we wrap up our first series of the year, we will begin a new series based on the night before Jesus was crucified, and it will have the totally original title, "Jesus."

As we are moving closer to Easter, we will be focusing our thoughts on Jesus who makes life possible for us. And this life is available for anyone who seeks a better way, so let's make a point to share the good news of life with everyone we meet!

Let's grow together!
 -Earl Winfrey
 Earl@mkdisciples.org



Week of 3/2:

Mon - Haggai 1
 Tues - Haggai 2
 Wed - Isaiah 55:6-11
 Thur - Phil 3:12-21
 Fri - Acts 1:1-11
 Sat - Matthew 28:16-20

Week of 3/16:

Mon - Jeremiah 2:1-13
 Tues - Jeremiah 2:14-19
 Wed - Jeremiah 2:20-28
 Thur - Matthew 15:1-9
 Fri - Matthew 15:10-20
 Sat - John 15:1-17

Week of 3/30:

Mon - Hebrews 2:5-18
 Tues - Hebrews 4:14-16
 Wed - Hebrews 8:1-7
 Thur - John 17:1-5
 Fri - John 17:6-19
 Sat - John 17:20-26

Week of 3/9:

Mon - Isaiah 66:1-6
 Tues - Matthew 23:1-12
 Wed - Mark 12:38-44
 Thur - Luke 18:9-14
 Fri - Romans 12
 Sat - John 13:1-20

Week of 3/23:

Mon - Psalm 4
 Tues - Jer 16:14-21
 Wed - James 1:1-12
 Thur - John 16:1-15
 Fri - John 16:16-24
 Sat - John 16:25-33

Memory Verse:

"The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him."
 (Lamentations 3:25 ESV)

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Early Morning Snuggles

Missions we support

Johnson University in Florida

Open Door Libraries

Rio Bravo Ministries

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

The rules are designed to remind us that God is God and we are not.

Magic Moment

(Kelsa Turner)

It seems like we spend a lot of our lives waiting on things to fall into place; waiting on that magic moment where we find perfection. Whether it's in our jobs, our relationships, or in our actions, we feel like there should be a moment where things just "click" and start running smoothly.

As we grow in our faith and God works on us many things in life become easier. But there will always be the battle. Why? Because Satan hates us honoring God in our lives, he hates us finding victory, and he will never give up on the battle to win us over to fleshly living.

I no longer desire that magic moment. In fact I hope it doesn't come! That magic moment parades itself as victory, but is really pride. It's the moment you think: "I've got this" and whether you realize it or not, at the same time your heart is saying "Thanks God, Your work here is done." It's the moment you stop clinging to God because you just can't do it without Him.

It's not really fun to think about these things. Nobody wants to suffer. But we have to count the cost. When our flesh suffers in this way our spirit soars!

On the one hand, it would be nice to not feel helpless. But at what cost? At the cost of abiding in Him? No thanks. This is just another of Satan's tactics to win the battle. If He can get us to think we don't need God, if he can fill our hearts with that lie, then we never find abundant living.

True victory is in the moments when we see God's grace working in our lives, the moments when our actions honor Him. Those moments don't come because we're strong enough or because we've got a handle on things. They come because of the strength God provides, because He has a handle on it for us, and only when our eyes are fixed on Him. Those are magic moments much better than moments when we think we've got it all together.

Ladies Night

This month's Ladies' Night will be March 17th at 6:30pm (The Boiler Room in Franklin)
Don't forget to send a special note or gift to your secret sister!!!

For the next few months, I will be sharing my seminary notes about the Doctrine of the Bible. This month, we will cover the concept of Divine Revelation.

Divine Revelation

1. The Bible contains information received by divine revelation
 - a. Revelation refers to God communicating information to mankind
 - b. Referred to as "divine" because it was given by God
 - c. A "revelation" because it was known only to God until he chose to disclose it to us
2. The Bible also contains some information not derived from divine revelation
 - a. For example, the personal recollections of a Bible writer like Moses or Matthew
 - 1) Moses' recollection of the burning bush episode
 - 2) Matthew's recollection of his call to be an Apostle
 - b. For example, the research of a Bible writer like Luke (Luke 1:3)
3. But much of the information contained in the Bible was revealed to the writers by the Holy Spirit
 - a. The Holy Spirit supplied information to the Old Testament prophets (2 Pet. 1:20-21)
 - b. The Holy Spirit supplied information to the New Testament apostles (John 14:26; 15:26-27)
4. Progressive revelation
 - a. Refers to the idea that God revealed divine truths a little at a time throughout the various periods of Biblical history
 - 1) God's people were always limited in how much they could grasp of any particular doctrine depending upon how much revelation they had available to them
 - 2) We have a significant advantage in our theological studies because we have a completed canon of Scripture readily available to us
 - b. When studying Bible doctrines, the New Testament should receive great emphasis because it provides a fuller revelation of most doctrines than the Old Testament
 - 1) Additional information and explanations
 - 2) Fulfillment of prophecies
 - 3) A clearer view of the big picture
 - c. The Old Testament should also receive attention because it provides the foundational background for most New Testament doctrines
 - 1) The origin of much New Testament discussions, terminology, and practices (such as Elders, the significance of blood sacrifices)
 - 2) Information not repeated in the New Testament because it has already been well recorded (such as the Creation account, the image of God concept)

Daily maintenance will keep you from having to do major renovations

You Will Find Rest

"Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

If there's one word I would describe life in these last years of the twentieth century, it is *pressure*. Everyone has demands on us and on our time.

My dentist tells me I need to floss every day and avoid using a toothpick. My doctor wants to know how much I weigh, what I'm eating and am I getting enough exercise. My CPA wants to know why I'm not keeping better records and if I'm staying within my budget.

My colleagues want me to solve problems, answer letters, return phone calls, make decisions. I have trips to plan and talks to prepare and articles to write. I am expected to meet deadlines, do it right the first time and, of course, do it with excellence-quicker, better, faster, and *always* with the right Christian attitude.

My wife, Barbara, wants me to spend time with her. She says things like, "I've missed being able to share things with you recently." She also wants me to help redecorate the house, keep things repaired, and work in the yard.

I'm expected to spend time playing with the kids, imparting values to them, know their friends and what their parents stand for, be involved at their schools and prepare them for adolescence.

My church wants me to be available-always willing to serve, spend time on committees, teach Sunday School. On top of that, I receive pleas for more community involvement-to help the poor, attend PTA meetings, join civic clubs. And I need to be an informed voter on all the candidates and issues.

And then there's God, who counters all these pressures with His own-calling me to love Him, obey Him, walk with Him, spend time with Him,

Oh, wait-God is the one whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light. If my busyness can be given to Him, I can find rest for my soul.

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?

(Devotion taken from "Moments Together for Couples" by Dennis and Barbara Rainey)

Relay for Life

We are looking to start a Relay for Life team and we hope you will join us! What is Relay for Life? Relay for Life is a way to join in the fight against cancer. It also acts as a way to honor cancer survivors, as well as those who have lost their lives to cancer.

- ~Organized, overnight community fundraising walk
- ~Teams of people camp out around a track
- ~Members of each team take turns walking around the track
- ~Food, games and activities provide entertainment and build camaraderie
- ~Family - friendly environment for the entire community

Because it's a team event, individual participants are not required to be there the entire time. But it's so much fun, you'll find it hard to leave! (See www.relayforlife.org for more details) The Macon County Relay for Life will be held June 6, starting at 6pm, but the fundraising starts now! Teams are already working hard raising money to end cancer. How can you get involved? Join our team! We will be fundraising individually and as a group and on June 6th we'll walk. We'll walk to remember those we've loved and lost, we'll walk to honor those who have won the fight, and we'll walk for a future without cancer. If you'd like to join the team please speak with Kelsa. Online registration will be available soon. It's \$10 to register and you'll get a participants t-shirt!

Dear Family and Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am thankful for this opportunity to share what's been going on in my life lately. God has been using me and teaching me in many ways, not the least of which has been a call towards missions. I was excited when I found an opportunity with Adventures in Missions on one of their Short Term Mission trips to Ireland on June 28th, 2014 for 20 days!

During this trip, my team will show the teens in Ireland that it's possible to turn away from dangerous behaviors and demonstrate to them that following Christ can be fun! We may team up with local churches and help coordinate athletic and social activities for the youth, organize card games or dodgeball tournaments on a rainy day, or move outside to play soccer and other sports. But the most important thing is we will get to show the Irish youth who Jesus really is!

I am so thankful and excited for this opportunity! Would you consider supporting me - both financially and in prayer? I need five to commit to pray for me each day until I return. Also, I must raise \$4,000 for my trip, including travel expenses. Some of you may be in a position to financially contribute and I ask that you pray about supporting me in that way. I would really appreciate it! If you would like to give financially, you can send your gift to me directly at 64 Alex Anderson Rd., Franklin, NC 28734 or you may send it to FCC of Mountain City at PO BOX 402 Mountain City GA 30562. Please make checks payable to Adventures in Mission.

I am very excited about how God will use me and what He will teach me through this trip! My prayer is that I will not only be a blessing to those I serve, but you as well. My desire is to go as your representative of Jesus Christ, and I hope you will prayerfully consider being part of this ministry!

Thank you so much! - God bless -

Kira Mason

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH

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 Fellowship Meal after Church VBS Meeting after Meal	3	4 Elders' Meeting 6:30pm	5	6 Men's Night at 6:30pm	7 Craft Day at the Church	8 DST begins at 2am. Be sure to turn clocks forward 1 hour
9	10	11 City Council Meeting 6pm (Mountain City)	12	13	14	15
16	17 Ladies' Night 6:30pm	18	19 Food Pantry 5pm	20 Men's Bible Study 7pm (Luke's House)	21 Game Night 6:30pm	22
23	24	25 Deadline for April Newsletter	26	27	28	29
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)
- Salty Church (New Smyrna Beach, FL)

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

Servers for March:
 Morning Prayer - Josh Berg
 Offering Prayer - Lee Lantzer
 Server - Kaden Berg
 Communion Meditation - Kevin Berg
 Communion Preparation - Kelsa Turner

Servers for April:
 Morning Prayer - Tom Labbie
 Offering Prayer - Mark Mason
 Server - Kim King
 Communion Meditation - Lee Lantzer
 Communion Preparation - Tiffany Berg