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The Pastor's Pen

Birthdays

- 01.....Charles Kimbrell
Richard Turner
- 04 Paul Caruso
- 05 Lynn Black
- 06 Andrew Norkus
- 08 Leanora Parish
- 11..... Tim Nabholz
- 12.....Thelma Nunziato
- 16.....Karen Chrjapin
- 17..... Anne Bowen
Charles Rector
- 19..... Hamilton McDaniel
- 20Virginia Lammie
- 21.....Roseanna Marble
Carol Mauldin
- 22Carl Fliermans
- 23Patty Marter
- 24.....David Dyer
- 25 Maria Russell
- 27..... Elizabeth Doss
Kay Lovingood
- 29 Ed Evans
- 30 Ross McDaniel
- 31.....Kayla Almon
Jonathan Kimbrell

Bible & Missions Conference: Spirit-Filled Ministry

How Then Shall We Live?

There is a familiar pattern in the Pauline epistles. After Paul has moved past the introductory matters, he lays out two principle things. First and foremost, Paul lays out the **indicatives of God's grace**: what God has done and promises to do in Christ. Then, and only then, Paul lays out the **imperatives of God's grace**: how believers are to live in light of what God has done and promised to do. What God has done is not meant merely to inform the mind, but also to transform the life. That is the basic pattern of the Pauline epistles. More than that, it is God's general pattern of working among His people shown in Scripture. He acts by grace. He helps His people to understand what He has done, and then how they are to live in light of what He has done.

Given this general pattern in Scripture, it might be helpful for us to reflect on God's gracious work among us in our recent Bible and Mission's Conference, following this same pattern.

The Indicative: What God Did

God spoke powerfully through the Rev. Todd Erickson, our Bible speaker, concerning Spirit-filled ministry. It began in men's prayer with an emboldening message, pointing us to the fact that, whatever is happening in our culture and world, God has set His King on His holy hill. He is not rattled, and neither should we be. He has promised to give the nations as an inheritance to His Son. Therefore, we should pray with confidence and expectation, that God will give our communities, our city, our state—through us—as an inheritance to His Son. He spoke a heart-searching message Friday night, asking "Do you have the Holy Spirit?" We were reminded from Acts 19:1-10 that it is not those who merely know about Christ who have the Spirit. It is those who know Christ as He is presented in the Gospel with true and personal faith who have the Spirit and experience His life-transforming presence. Sunday morning we were shown from Acts 19:11-20 the marks of Spirit-filled ministry: by the power of God, engaging the culture, in the name of Jesus, bringing costly repentance and advancing the Word of God. We were challenged, therefore, to depend on God's power through prayer, to engage our culture, seeking to know them and then live and speak in Christ's name to bring repentance and faith in Christ. This will mean, Rev. Erickson made clear in His Sunday evening message, we cannot stay in our holy huddle. Spirit-filled ministry is always on the move (Acts 19:21-22). And as we move out, we will face opposition (vv. 23-34). Be prepared. Persevere. For, while Spirit-filled ministry will face opposition, it cannot be stopped. We persevere in ministry, asking the Father to give the nations—starting with our community—as an inheritance to His Son.

God gave powerful testimony through Dr. Louis and Anne Carter, our principle missionary speakers, of what amazing things He will do through lives gladly and fully surrendered to Christ and committed to following His call. With sprinkled humor and sincere humility, Anne recounted how God drew her to Christ through Louis and the wonderful ways she has seen God work since—often in ways she didn't

Anniversaries

- 01.....Carole & Enrique Romero
Maria & Ed Russell
- 06Sue & Ron Moncrief
- 08Karen & Vic Chrjapin
- 09 Charlotte & Mel Jewett
- 17.....Dessa & John Edwards
- 19..... Diann & David Chew

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expect, through little side comments or unplanned conversations, as she simply seeks to show love and be a blessing to those in need. At our Saturday night dinner, Dr. and Mrs. Louis Carter gave us a glimpse of the miraculous ways God has directed them, equipped them, provided for them and ministered through them to bring relief and restoration in Christ's name to thousands of people in Africa and beyond who have lived without hope, rejected by their own families and tribes because of birth defects or maiming from accidents. We learned how God is drawing many to Christ—including Muslims—through medical care in Christ's name. Further, we saw how God has been multiplying the ministry of the Carter's the last 20 years by using them to train missionary and native physicians in Africa and around the world. During the Sunday School hour, we were challenged to respond to the nudge of God, following where He leads. This may mean giving up great opportunities, which, Dr. Carter said Christians, who seek to do all things well for Christ, should be offered. The important thing is to respond to God's call—going wherever and doing whatever He has for us.

God was also at work in other wonderful ways. Under the direction of Fay Deal and Jenni Townsend, we were able to have our first Children's Missions Conference on Saturday evening, featuring the youth of Christ Church who have recently been on short-term missions. On Sunday evening we received report from Bruce Wannamacher, just returning from South Africa for a year of home assignment, challenging and encouraging us to seek our identity in Christ rather than in the things of this world.

The Imperatives: What God Desires

God desires for us honestly to ask ourselves, "Have I received the Holy Spirit?" Do I have more than knowledge about Christ? Do I have a true and personal faith in Jesus as He is presented in the Gospel that is transforming my life by the Spirit? What about my family? If not, God wants us to come to Christ in true faith and so experience the life-giving work of the Spirit.

God desires for us, like the Christians in Acts, to minister in His power. We do that only through prayer. So, we are to pray for our church, not for comforts and ease (what we often pray for), but for boldness to speak for Christ. We are to pray for our community, for our city, for our state. Pray boldly and expectantly that God will give them to Christ as an inheritance through our witness.

God desires for us to begin to engage our culture. That means, as Rev. Todd explained, that we need to know the culture in which God has placed us. "We need to exegete our culture," its language, its idols, its obstacles and its opportunities, so that we can communicate effectively to it. Then, as terrifying as it is to us, we must go to our community with the love and message of Jesus in a way that engages with compassion but without compromise.

God desires for us to respond to His nudge. If the Spirit of Christ dwells within us, He is nudging us to minister in the name of Christ. The question is not "if" but "Where?" and "How?" and whether we are responding. Let us be those who respond with glad surrender to the Spirit's nudge, whether He leads us to minister in our current context or to a distant land.

God has worked mightily among us through our second annual Bible and Mission's Conference! The question is, How will we live in light of what God has done?

Holy Week Services

We live because the sinless Lamb of God willingly suffered and died in our place and was raised—never to die again—that we might have life abundant and everlasting. Reserve Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday for devotional services honoring our precious Savior and benefitting your own soul.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m.
Christ Church Choir music, Holy Communion and message by the Rev. Jones

Good Friday Noonday Service on April 3
Dr. Oliver preaching

Good Friday Evening Service, April 3
Music and message by the Rev. Tim Foster, Associate Minister from Independent Presbyterian, focused on Calvary beginning at 7 p.m.

Communicant's Class

March 1 at 9:45 a.m.

A six-week class for Youth (6th grade and over) who are interested in taking the serious step of participating in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Contact Mark O. Walters at 706-589-8888 for more information.

Inquirer's Class

**March 6 at 6:30 p.m. &
March 7 at 9 a.m.**

For those considering membership with or desiring more information about Christ Church, Presbyterian, sign up at the Welcome Table or online at www.christchurchpres.org.

Women of Christ

Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon

Join us March 14 at noon in the home of Natalie Parish which is located at 609 Woodwalk Lane in Martinez. All ladies are welcome and invited to this special fellowship in the Lord. Please contact Linda Jones with any questions at 706-231-3758.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to place a lily in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please complete the form inserted in this month's bulletins and place it in the offering plate, along with payment, no later than Sunday, March 22. The cost of each plant is \$27. Additional order forms may be obtained from the ushers. Please use a separate form for each Easter lily ordered.

Resurrection Sunday Worship, April 5
The Rev. Jones preaching at 11 a.m.

Resurrection Festival Service at 6 p.m.
Christ Church Choir music and Homily by the Rev. Jones

Children's Chatter: Let's Talk About . . .



Resurrection Celebration

On Saturday, March 28, covenant children of Christ Church are invited to a celebration of our Savior's resurrection. Resurrection story, spiritual singing, delightful food and an Easter-egg hunt—including special prize ones—will take place from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. There will be two hunts: one for walkers up to preschool and another for kindergarten through fourth grade. Tell mom and dad to make plans today to bring you for this special time of worship and rejoicing in the Lord.

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!" Luke 24:5-6

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: THE KING IS COMING!

Hey, all you four-year-olds (by June 1) to fourth graders, as well as grownups! Have you marked the week of June 22–26 on your calendars? Christ Church, Presbyterian will be celebrating the Good News of a long awaited King! Volunteers are needed and there will be an informational meeting on Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. until noon, for any and all who are interested, and you'll be able to sign-up at that time.

Come and see the needs and then prayerfully consider where God can best use your talents. Please pray for the Lord to do a mighty work in sharing the good news of Jesus with many young and not-so-young! See you there!



"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations" Psalm 100.

Trail Life Tracks



In January, Trail Life Troop GA-2215 celebrated the first anniversary of Trail Life USA with a church service project. On Saturday, January 31, our boys picked up trash along the church property on Southern Pines Drive and Fury's Ferry Road. This was part of a national service project for all Trail Life USA charter organizations.

January 2015 represents the one year anniversary of Trail Life USA. In that short period of time, 534 Troops have been chartered in 48 states with over nineteen thousand Trailmen. And there are currently 250 troops in the pre-charter phase and new troops being formed daily. Please continue to pray for the Trail Life USA national team as well as the troop here at Christ Church. You can help by being a part of our troop committee or making a designated donation to support the troop activities. If you know of a boy who would want to become a Trailman, please have him contact Troopmaster, John Norkus (706-373-2173, thenorkusfamily@comcast.net). Walk worthy!

Sermon Availability

Sign up at the Welcome Table for a CD

Live stream at www.wgac.com

Download from our website:
www.christchurchpres.org.

Taiwan Bound for Christ

Mark, Susan and Rachel Walters will travel to Taiwan in May for a month-long mission opportunity through Mission to the World at Christ's College. Mark has been invited to teach while Susan will minister in the areas of hospitality, tutoring and women's Bible studies. God is providing Rachel with an opportunity to share the Gospel with her Taiwanese care givers. Please pray for them as they seek to serve our Lord through this endeavor, for prayer partners and for the necessary funding.

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Each Sunday's Schedule: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School • 11 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:45 a.m. Communicant's Class for Youth 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting	2 7 p.m. Trail Life	3 6:30 EV2 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Evans	4 6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble	5 6 p.m. Young Families Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta	6 6:30 p.m. Inquirer's Class	7 7:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 9 a.m. Inquirer's Class 10 a.m. VBS Planning Meeting
8 9:45 a.m. Communicant's Class for Youth 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Luncheon 5 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Youth Gathering	9 7 p.m. Trail Life	10 6:30 p.m. EV2 7 p.m. Session/Diaconate Meeting	11 6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 8:30 p.m. Brass Ensemble	12 6:45 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study	13 7 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast	14 12 p.m. Ladies Luncheon at Parish Home
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