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The Pastor's Selection

Birthdays

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

True Reformation

—Burk Parsons, Editor, *Tabletalk Magazine*

Awakening is at the very heart of the Christian faith, and it is the very reason we are Christians. Awakening is the powerful work of our sovereign and gracious God. When He awakens us, He doesn't simply awaken us from sleep, but from death. Awakening is the glorious work of regeneration, revival, and reformation. When God awakens us, He regenerates our hearts, gives us the gift of new birth, and makes us alive. He says to us, "Live!" (Ezek. 16:6). The Holy Spirit invades, conquers, and persuades us. He rips out our stubborn, self-trusting hearts of stone and replaces our dead hearts with new, living hearts – hearts that are made willing and able to believe; hearts that are soft and pliable in the hands of our Father, united and lovingly enslaved to Christ, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

When God awakens, He always brings revival, whether it is the revival of a single soul, the revival of a family, the revival of a community, or the revival of a nation. When God brings revival, He always brings deep and convicting repentance that leads to a life of faith, repentance, and obedience. When God awakens, He always brings true and lasting reformation – reformation of hearts, lives, homes, and churches. However, we cannot schedule awakening, and we should not attempt to devise a superficial, formulaic scheme to bring about awakening. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones said, "A revival never needs to be advertised; it always advertises itself." Awakening happens only when God ordains it. He brings about awakening according to His sovereign plan. He brings about awakening where He wants, when He wants, and to whom He wants, all according to His good pleasure.

Nevertheless, just as God ordains awakening, He ordains the means of awakening. God not only sovereignly ordains the ends of all things, He ordains the means of all ends as well. And the means that God has ordained to bring about awakening are the ordinary means He has already ordained for our regular weekly worship and daily growth in grace. The Word, prayer, and the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper are the ordinary means of grace God has given to us. These are the means through which the Holy Spirit works to bring true conversion, true revival, and true reformation. God's awakening power is not activated by our schemes and tactics, but by His Spirit and His ordinary means of awakening. And we trust Him for His grace as He does what He pleases (John 3:8), asking that the light of His countenance would shine upon us as we live before His face, *coram Deo*, forever.

Anniversaries

- 01.... Carole & Enrique Romero
Marie & Ed Russell
- 06Sue & Ron Moncrief
- 09Charlotte & Mel Jewett
- 17.....Dessa & John Edwards

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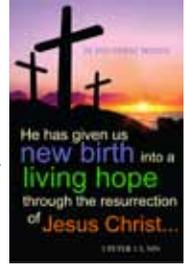


What a wonderful way to follow this year's Bible & Missions Conference by attending the Share Your Faith Workshop in order to enhance and perfect your current witnessing abilities. Remember that God's Word instructs us to train diligently for this race of soul winning, "Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but

we do it to get a crown that will last forever" (1 Corinthians 9:25). Make plans today to join us for this training session on Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Only \$15 per person which includes your lunch. Reserve your spot today by visiting www.christchurchpres.org!

Easter Worship

You are cordially invited to join us during Holy Week for a heart-renewing time of contemplation and commemoration of Christ's loving passion and glorious resurrection.



Join us for . . .

Maundy Thursday Communion
March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday
March 25
Noonday Service
Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday
March 27

WOCC Retreat

Save the Date: March 19!

Ladies, please mark your calendars for the Women of Christ Church (WOCC) Spring Retreat on Saturday, March 19! The retreat will take place from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the home of Sherry Barinowski located at 2397 Louisville Road in Appling, GA. Lunch will be provided. For more information please contact Laci Foster at 706-284-9920 or laci.foster@yahoo.com.



Ministry through Music

Two College Choirs, one weekend at one church! We are indeed fortunate to have two marvelous college choirs coming our way: **Saturday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m.** the Mississippi College Chorale with Director Dr. Mark Nabholz



Mississippi College

and **Sunday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m.** the Mercer Singers with Director Dr. Stanley Roberts, will participate as part of the evening worship. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity and plan to invite others to hear these gifted young adults. We also need your help! **HOUSING** is needed Sunday evening, March 6, for the Mercer Singers. If you can help, please call the church office at 706-210-9090 or visit the



Mercer University

Welcome Table in the Narthex to sign up. A love offering will be collected on Sunday evening to help defray expenses for both choirs.

Announcement: The Sanctuary Choir has received their new choir robes! Through the gracious gifts of many, we were able to purchase them last November. The choir will begin to wear them the first Sunday in March.

Our **Evensong: An Easter Celebration** is **Sunday evening, March 27**, with the Sanctuary Choir, the Festival Orchestra and a message from our Pastor. Plan to come celebrate our faith together with great music and the shared Word of God. And what a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors!

In early April, the Lord willing, I will be able to travel with the **CenturyMen to Cuba!** CenturyMen is a nationally auditioned male chorus of ministers of music (for more info, www.thecenturymen.com). We will be presenting sacred concerts around the country and leading worship and music workshops in local Christian churches. Our workshops will provide information on leading congregational singing, working with choirs, instruments, music theory, etc. and I will have the honor to provide training on the *Biblical Foundations of Worship*. Though we will be providing help in several ways, we actually have much to learn from the Cuban people. As they have little in the way of resources for their lives and work, we have been told, and are planning, to leave our suitcases with most of our clothes and whatever else we bring with us. I am planning to bring strings and some equipment for string instruments as well as literature on and for planning of Christian corporate worship. Contact me if you would like to help.

Honor the LORD for the glory of His name. Worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.

Psalms 29:2 (NLT)

Stan Pylant, Director of Music

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

Helping Our Children Develop a Biblical Worldview

What is a Biblical Worldview? When asked, many Christian adults were completely puzzled. Richard Beives, an Anglican Minister, said, "The lens through which you view your world and God greatly affects the way you think, live and face the future." He gave a wonderful picture to explain his worldview: a raft flying the flag of Jesus Christ – the center and director of our entire understanding. The raft is then assembled with four strong planks: creation, fall, redemption and final triumph. "These are the unchanging truths that undergird the whole Bible. Today, we in the West have lost hold on the firm scaffolding that built our entire civilization. This has to be recovered. It is not enough simply to know a few favorite Scripture verses." Nor is it enough to teach a few favorite Bible stories. The entire Word of God as Truth must be understood and applied to life. This is the focus of our entire kindergarten through twelfth grade Sunday school curriculum, as well as our VBS curriculums for the next several years. Our children are learning all of God's story from Genesis through Revelation.



However, in order to learn, love and live God's Word, one must be consistent in attending the study. Consistency is the key to learning and hiding God's Word in our hearts and minds and then applying it to our lives. This is the purpose of Sunday School. "When you are well-grounded in God's reality revealed in the Bible, you will recognize counterfeits in religion, spirituality and worldview."

This grounding must begin young and be a consistent reminder of who Jesus is and what He has done. Then we can begin to see who we are and how we are to live.

Parents have a responsibility to prepare and teach this to their children and one of the essential tools is Sunday School. By faithfully bringing your children every Sunday, that foundation will be laid; that raft to negotiate stormy seas will be assembled.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

Grounded – Foster Family Ministry Update

God is starting off the new year with big things for the Augusta area in the realm of foster care! Last fall, Christ Church had the privilege of being the flagship church for the start of Promise686 in the CSRA. Several other churches have since launched similar programs, and we look forward to working with them and others as our community tackles the foster care crisis. On February 6th, we hosted our second Foster Parents' Night Out. The kids had a blast, and we are grateful for all who helped! We hope to continue this ministry, so we will need many more volunteers in the months to come. Lastly, we will have **THREE** newly minted foster families of our own in the very near future! We have one Care Community ready to place around Josiah and Jenn Jones as soon as their home is approved, but we need at least 8 to 10 more folks willing to step up and form two more Care Communities for our other families who are currently in process to become licensed foster homes.

There are a variety of roles to be filled, from bringing a meal once a month, to occasional childcare, to leading a team, and all are vital! Please contact Dessa Edwards for more information on how you can be involved in supporting our community's foster families. 706-627-9430 or dessa.edwards@gmail.com.



Trail Life Trek

You may have noticed a number of new bird houses around the church property recently. As part of TrailLife USA's national service project for charter organizations, Troop GA-2215 constructed and installed numerous bird boxes around the church property. We hope that this spring there will be nesting bluebirds in these boxes and that they will enhance and beautify the church property while enabling the boys to fulfill their duty "to be good stewards of Creation" (Trailman Oath).



Boys can join the TrailLife troop at any time during the year. So if you know a boy of elementary school age who would be interested, visit one of our meetings on Monday night at 7:00 in Covenant Hall, or contact Troopmaster, John Norkus (706-860-4311, thenorkusfamily@comcast.net).

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March

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Evans	Midweek Schedule: 5:45 p.m. Dinner Begins 6:30 p.m. Student Gathering 6:45 p.m. Choir Prayer 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Midweek Prayer 8:15 p.m. Brass Ensemble	6:00 p.m. Young Family & Couples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Augusta	6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	9:00 a.m. Share Your Faith Workshop 7:00 p.m. Mississippi College Chorale
6	7	8		10	11	12
4:00 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mercer Singers Assisting in Worship	7:00 p.m. Trail Life	10:00 a.m. Ladies Daytime Bible Study		6:45 p.m. Women's Bible Study	6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer	
13	14	15		17	18	19
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Palm Sunday 20	21	22		24	25	26
12:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal 4:30 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m. Trail Life	10:00 a.m. Ladies Daytime Bible Study		7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. Evening Service	
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