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Birthdays

01	Carla Gay Charles Kimbrell
04	Richard Turner Davis Mellick
05	.....	Guy Bowen Laura Doss Lynn Black
06	.....	Andrew Norkus Emaline Fliermans
08	.....	Tambrey Fliermans Leanora Parish
13	.....	Campbell Bailey
14	.....	Caroline Mellick
16	.....	Abigail Doss
17	.....	Tommy Samuels
21	.....	Carol Mauldin
22	.....	Carl Fliermans
25	.....	Maria Russell Brady Downs
27	.....	Kay Lovingood Melanie Fishel Anneka Fliermans Graham Fliermans
29	.....	Ed Evans
30	.....	Erick Hendricks



Spring Forward

On Saturday, March 8, be sure to set
your clocks ahead one hour.

True Reformation

—Burk Parson, *Editor, Tabletalk Magazine*

Awakening is at the very heart of the Christian faith, and it is the 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 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 must trust Him to do precisely what He pleases to do according to His sovereign wisdom, resting in the promise that the light of His countenance shines upon us as we live before His face, *coram Deo*.

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Steven and Rachelle Smith

Reformed Evangelistic Fellowship

Augusta, GA

The Smith family are local missionaries who serve daily in front of Augusta's only abortion facility known as A Preferred Women's Health Center. When the facility is open and taking clients, there is a Christian witness actively being salt and light. Steven stands daily pleading for lives, preaching to souls, and offering assistance to all of those participating in child sacrifice, even to those passing by. God loves children, and He loves to have His Son's name heralded in the streets. With up to 20 children being led to death by the hands of their own parents, it is estimated that nearly 60 souls will hear the Word of Life, at a time and place where it is most needed, at the doors of death per day.

Steven was officially commissioned as a REF Missionary in 2019. This is a hard ministry, but it's also rewarding. God has chosen to show much fruit over the last 9 years: turn-aways and babies saved, assistance and baby showers, divine appointments, discipleship, and personal sanctification—all to the glory of God. We thank both the Lord for His faithfulness and also you for your prayers and support.

Prayer:

- Pray for Steven and others as they minister outside of the killing center in Augusta, GA. Richmond County attempts to limit gospel proclamation and outreach in front of the abortion mill by enforcing subjective noise ordinances that have been previously contested and ruled unconstitutional. The Richmond County Sheriff Office has been making its presence known daily and have already cited several people for their efforts to reach the lost and rescue children and even arresting Steven in November 2020. He is currently waiting for a trial date for a federal lawsuit filed against the RCSO for the unlawful arrest and consistent harassment he has endured over the years.
- Perseverance and Protection- This type of ministry not only brings fatigue, but spiritual warfare. Pray that weaknesses may be shored up in strengthened in the joy of the Lord.
- Boldness—to proclaim the truth where the truth doesn't want to be heard.
- Pray that the principalities and powers that roost there will be bound in Jesus' name. Perhaps He will soften hearts, open eyes and ears, and set the captives free.
- Pray the Church will actively seek to end abortion through righteous bills of immediate abolition instead of incremental regulation.

Go and Make Disciples

Trail Life Trek



Woodlands Trailmen this month participated in two Hit the Trails. On February 8, they traveled to Washington, GA to see the anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek activities. On February 15, they went to a ham radio swap meet organized by the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta in the Fellowship Hall and got to see the equipment as well as talk to stations across the country. Navigator and Adventurer trailmen had their annual Buckskin campout at Fell Hunt camp. In the morning, they shot both black powder and modern firearms. The weekend was cut short by impending severe weather. March activities will include a continuation of the Buckskin campout with a visit to Ninety Six National Historic Site.



This month trailmen were instructed by Troop Chaplain Johan Hubenthal on the Christian virtue of courage from the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the fiery furnace.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." (Daniel 3:16-18).

May we each have the courage to be faithful to the one true and living God.



Trailmen continue to join the troop. If you know of a young man who wants to experience outdoor adventure in a Christian environment, invite him to visit our troop meeting, Monday nights 7-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



American Heritage Girls

In February we volunteered at one of our favorite events, Night to Shine. Our girls joined the red-carpet crew with handmade signs to cheer on and welcome the honored guests. Night to Shine is an extravagant prom night experience for those with special needs and disabilities along with their caregivers, and it was a privilege to have our girls there for the fourth year in a row showering God's love on those attending. Girls also made care packages and cards for residents at



Thrive Senior Living Facility as a service project and we had a group attended the Battle of Aiken this month also. Next month we look forward to Horseback riding at Hilltop Riding Stable and a fun "Vision" event based

on our program theme for the year from Ephesians 1:18. Our Tenderheart and Explorer units are currently working on the Sustainable Living badge and the Pioneer and Patriot girls are continuing with the Pen and Paper Arts badge during unit meetings. We continue to welcome new girls and adult helpers. For more information on volunteering or registering a girl between the ages of 5-18, contact Jen Zamora at ahg@christchurchpres.org.



WOCC



Lo8 Groups

Ladies of Eight (Lo8) is a women's group at Christ Church supporting fellowship and the church community. All CCP women are welcome to join as members or leaders. Lo8 members have previously enjoyed social activities and volunteer projects like writing to missionaries, delivering Valentine's Day cookies, and attending a British Tea Party.

Our first meeting for those interested in leading a Lo8 group will be in mid-May. We'll discuss ideas, identify members, and plan for the year, aiming to start meetings this summer. Please contact WOCC coordinator, Courtney Omary at 706-373-9046 about joining.

Knitting Club

Join the ladies of Christ Church as they knit and crochet items to give away to needy families in our area. Some items also go to the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) at MCG.

The ladies meet every other week. Please contact Melissa Spurr for more information.



Children's Ministry News

Spring Fling

Mark your calendar for the annual Christ Church Spring Fling! Bring the family, bring a friend and come join the fun for the **Colors of Spring Fling**, Wednesday April 30, 2025. We will enjoy dinner together and celebrate the Spring season with many "colorful" games and activities for all ages. More details coming soon!



Wednesday Nights

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are welcome to join us in the Children's building on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship, games and Bible learning.



Sunday School

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Children are also invited to join us on Sunday mornings for singing and Sunday school (9:45 - 10:40) in the Children's Building.

Ladies Online Prayer Group

"...in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

Philippians 4:6



Join the ladies of Christ Church as we unite in online prayer twice weekly: Sundays 4:00–5:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 7:30–8:15 p.m. (focusing on America). Contact Charlotte Jewett (cjjewett@att.net; 706-731-0191) or Maria Russell (edmarmam@gmail.com; 706-726-1703) to receive the online invitations.

Save the Dates



- ◊ Palm Sunday, April 13
- ◊ Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.
- ◊ Good Friday Service, April 18, 12:00 p.m.
- ◊ Community Good Friday Service, April 18, 6:30 p.m.
- ◊ Easter Sunday – April 20
(Sunday School & Worship)
- ◊ Evensong: Celebrating the Resurrection
April 20 at 6:00 p.m.



- ◊ Daylight Savings Time begins – Sunday March 9
- ◊ Art on Southern Pines – April 26 – 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- ◊ Spring Fling – Wednesday, April 30, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- ◊ Memorial Day Picnic – May 26
- ◊ Vacation Bible School – June 23 – 27
- ◊ Ice Cream Social – July 6
- ◊ Apologetics Conference – August 23 – 24

Book Review

A Little Book on the Christian Life by John Calvin

Books about the life of a Christian are numerous. Some have stood the test of time, while many have not. This little treatise by John Calvin is one of those books that has made its impression felt upon Christians throughout history.

What makes it worth the time, especially amongst all the other resources that are out there? John Calvin, in these few pages, manages to cut to the very heart of the Christian life. He briefly handles the core issues of Christian living. He is not programmatic or pragmatic in his discussions. He does not give five steps toward your “best life now”. Instead, he reminds readers of those general principles of Christian life, which will forever be of aid toward growth in Christ.

Calvin first teaches about self-denial. He instructs readers to look to God and His will, considering His will above one's own. Further, the Christian must consider other's needs above his own. In self-denial and humility, the Christian grows.

Second, he teaches about suffering. Calvin gives a warm, pious invitation to receive suffering as God's own discipline. God disciplines those He loves—and by discipline, his people grow in all virtue.

A third principle is that the Christian ought to be heavenly-minded. It is only once the Christian has his eye set upon heaven that he is able lift his eyes above the earthly pleasures, temptations, and distractions of this life. Having a heavenly mindset keeps the Christian from pursuing those things which avail little. In this section, Calvin also addresses the fear of death and how the Christian can look forward to their dying with great hope.

Lastly, Calvin teaches about the fact that a love for heaven does not mean that we hate God's good creation. He teaches his readers that we may readily enjoy the things of this earth, so long as we keep their true purpose in mind—to point us back to God.

This book is a succinct presentation of the foundational principles of Christian living. If the church would heed Calvin's instruction, she would be challenged in her walk of faith. Yet, she would also find a great freedom in this pursuit of God. And in the end, she will find the things of earth growing strangely dim.

Copies of this book are available on the welcome table at the back of the sanctuary building.

Servant's Schedule

Elder Greeters

March 2: Johan Hubenthal & Derrick Smits
March 9: Mel Jewett & Mike Boyd
March 16: Charles McClure & John Clark
March 23: John Norkus & John Dunmore
March 30: Ora Parish & Glynn Dyer

Morning Prayer

Charles McClure
Hendrick/Bigham
John Norkus
Derrick Smits
Ryan Bigham

House Deacon

Joe Beasley
Matt Linton
John Kunze
Ken Lynch
Eddie Zamora

Ushers

March 2: Lee Carter, Eddie Zamora, Stu Dawley
March 9: Gene Gojda, Rick Rezzelle, Michael Carter
March 16: Gary Cowart, Allen Richardson, Charles Kimbrell
March 23: Joe Beasley, Ed Russell, Davis Mellick
March 30: Matt Linton, Stephen Dyer, Campbell Bailey

Art on Southern Pines

Art on Southern Pines

Vendor Registration is now open

Registration forms are available on our website at www.myccp.faith

Email for the event is: artonsouthernpines.com



EVENT: A craft and art fair, featuring unique handmade items of all kinds

DATE: Saturday, April 27, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Christ Church, Presbyterian, 4201 Southern Pines Drive, Evans
Free Entrance

Weekly Sunday Schedule

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

Please pray daily for our CC, P supported missionaries and missions agencies listed in *italics*.



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