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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST Sunday, April 4

Our Easter Sunrise Worship and Breakfast is Easter Sunday, April 4 at the outdoor amphitheater at Hargis Retreat. This year we are blessed to have George and Judy Dudley lead us in worship at the Sunrise Service. Following the service, breakfast will be served in the Hargis dining room at a cost of \$5.75 for adults and children 6 and over, \$3.75 for children ages 3 – 5, and children 2 years old and under are free. Please sign up for your breakfast reservation in the narthex or call the church office.

TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PRAYER VIGIL Thursday, April 1 – Friday, April 2

We are having a Twenty-Four Hour Prayer Vigil beginning at 9:00 pm on Thursday, April 1 and ending at 9:00 pm on Friday, April 2. The Prayer Vigil will be in the sanctuary with each person praying at their special time. A prayer chart consisting of 48 thirty minutes prayer periods is in the narthex. During the Prayer Vigil there will be material available for reflection and prayer. There will also be security in the parking lot for those praying during the night hours. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex. And remember that the Prayer Vigil takes place in the sanctuary.

EASTER LILIES

The sign up sheet for Easter lilies is in the narthex. The lilies are \$12.00 each and you are encouraged to purchase a lily in honor or memory of a loved one. Advance payment is requested. Please use the envelopes from the basket in the narthex marked “Easter Lily” and place them in the offering plate during the service. Make sure your name is on the envelope if paying with cash and a note “for lilies” if you are paying by check. Thanks for your support.

LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesday, March 10, 17, and 24
Lenten Dinners at 5:45 followed by
Lenten Worship at 6:30 pm
Palm Sunday, March 28 – Easter Songs of the
Palms and Easter Special Offering
Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday – Holy
Communion at 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 1 – Friday, April 2 from 9:00 pm-
9:00 pm our 24-Hour Prayer Vigil
Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunrise Service at Hargis
at 6:30 am and Easter Morning Worship at
10:00 am with Holy Baptism.

CHRISTIAN COMRADES SUNDAY LESSON

Sunday, March 14th

“A Community to Redeem”

Jonah 3:10; 4:5

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPERS AND WORSHIP

Every Wednesday night during Lent we will have the opportunity to gather in the Family Life Center at 5:45 pm for supper. The cost will be: Adults-\$5.00, children under 10- \$3.00, and children 3 and under are free. Following the meal at 6:30 pm, we will have a thirty-minute Lenten Worship Service in the Farkas Room. The service will focus on the passion of Jesus through the senses of smell, touch, and taste. The schedule for each worship service is as follows:

Wednesday, March 10: Smells – “Smelling the Approach of Death”

Wednesday, March 17: Touch - “The Feel of the Cross”

Wednesday, March 24: Taste – “Jesus Tastes The Approach of Death”

Reservations for the meal can be made using the envelope in back of the pews. If you can't come for the meal, please attend the Lenten Worship Service at 6:30 pm. Childcare will be provided for both the meal and the worship service.

WEARING NAMETAGS

Lisa Burdette, Chair of the Membership Mission encourages everyone to wear their nametags for worship. Every Sunday during Lent our young people will be in the narthex sharing nametags with all members. If you don't have a nametag please share your name with one of our young people and Steve Pasky will be contacted to make new nametags. Also, the young people will help our visitors with their guest nametags. During worship, we will greet each other and put names with faces. This should be a blessing of hospitality for our church family.

GRADUATING?

Spring is not far away, which means many of those who are seniors will either be graduating from high school, college, grad school or special programs. Please let us know of those seniors graduating as we would like to share our congratulations in the Visitor the first week in May. Please call the church office or email us at cece@fcc-bhm.org and let us know the name of the graduate, the school and degree achieved no later than April 15th so we can get them all in the same Visitor.

SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE

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| SUNDAY SCHOOL | 61 |
| WORSHIP | 132 |
| WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE | 67 |



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS MARCH 14
RUN CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR!

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Life In Our Community This Week

Sunday, March 14

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

9:00 Sunday School
 10:00 Worship Service
 10:15 Worship & Wonder
 5:30 Children & Youth
 6:45 Snack Supper

Monday, March 15

7:00 Men’s Bible Study
 10:00 Staff Meeting
 6:30 Mission Council

Tuesday, March 16

10:00 Women’s Bible Study
 7:00 Elder Calls

Wednesday, March 17

Saint Patrick’s Day
 5:45 Lenten Dinner
 6:30 Lenten Worship
 7:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 18

2:00 Bright Divinity Seminary meets here at the church

Friday, March 19

7:00 Scrabble at Joye Taylor’s

Saturday, March 20

9:00-1:00 CARE Luncheon in Family Life Center

MIRACLE DAY

The Region is sponsoring its sixth region-wide Miracle Day, Saturday, June 5, at First Christian Church, Anniston. The host congregation is celebrating its 125th birthday this same weekend with General Minister/President, Sharon Watkins, as quest. Dr. Watkins will be present for both Miracle Day and the anniversary celebration. Many projects are planned for Miracle Day as the congregation is seeking to make enhancements to its facilities to help them move into a bright future, even as they celebrate a rich history.

**2010 Disciples Women Quadrennial Assembly
 June 23-27 In Greensboro, NC**

What? A gathering for women of the Christian Church, (DOC).

Why? Once every four years we gather to praise God through worship, fellowship, study and work.

Where? In Greensboro, NC.- Koury Convention Center at the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel.

Registration? \$375 by March 31 (\$400 after).

Food? Optional \$75 meal package (3 lunches, 3 dinners) or you can eat on your own at the many nearby restaurants and food courts.

Housing? Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel at a \$122 discounted rate per room/per night, plus tax.

More questions? Go to: www.quadrennial.org

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**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 SUMMER CAMPS 2010**

Discovery Camp June 5-7, 2010

For those completing 2nd and 3rd Grades

Junior Camp June 7-11, 2010

For those completing 4th and 5th Grades

CYF Camp June 7-11, 2010, Giltner Hall

For those completing the 9th, 10th, & 12th Grades

Chi Rho Camp June 7-11, 2010, Giltner Hall

For those completing 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades

All traditional camps are held at YMCA Hargis

Fine Arts Camp June 20-25, 2010

For those completing 6th -12th Grades

Phyllis Kirk, Director

Fine Arts Camp held at Noah’s Ark Christian

Retreat Center in Panama City, Florida

Applications will be available on the website

GRACE NOTES

- † Our prayers are with Julie Williamson, who is resting at home after surgery.
- † Our prayers are with Edith Carreras, who is receiving therapy at home.
- † Our prayers are with Nancy Hubner, who is receiving therapy at home.
- † We celebrate that Evan Alderson will be a teacher for the Chi Rho young people. Evan Alderson and Stacye Horne will serve as co-teachers for this great group. All youth are encouraged to come to Sunday school.
- † Our prayers are with Wanda Davis’s sister, Joan.
- † Our joy is with Blake and Laura Taylor in the birth of their daughter, Emma Lynn. Proud grandparents are Gary & Joye Taylor.
- † Our joy is with Jakie Woodruff, who is engaged to Bill Quall. They will be married on Saturday, May 8.
- † Congratulations to Collins Henderson who became engaged to Brad Brown.
- † Our prayers are with Jean Nicholson’s sister, Sue Hearn, who is in the hospital.
- † I appreciate all who visited, sent cards, and prayed for me during my recent illness. Special people like you who care for others with so much warmth and kindness make such a wonderful difference. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. *Nancy Hubner*
- † Congratulations to William Mee, who won the Finley Character Award for 5th graders at Greystone Elementary.
- † Congratulations also to Katherine Mee, who slid into home base at a Spain Park softball game.
- † The menus for the Lenten Dinners are: Wed. March 10 – Spaghetti, Wed. March 17 – Chicken Pot Pie, and Wed. March 24 – A surprise.