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general. There is no person, people group, or natural disaster beyond His control. Notice that every time God's power is demonstrated, both His people and His creation respond in praise and joy. We should respond the same way. What can you praise God for today?

ANGEL FOOD: Orders for the month of Apr. will be taken through Sunday, Apr. 17. **Orders will be available for pickup at First Christian Church (Hwy 41N) on Apr. 23, between 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.**

Menus are available in the church foyer and on-line at www.angelfoodministries.com. For more info., contact Nancy Bartlett at (478) 224-3467, nancy@firstchristian.net, or nancyb@comsouth.net.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR APRIL:

- Apr. 6 - Shepard Pie, bread, & dessert
- Apr. 13 - Mac & Cheese & Ham Casserole, green beans, bread, salad, & dessert
- Apr. 20 - Hot Dogs, baked beans, coleslaw, & dessert
- Apr. 27 - Sloppy Joe, vegetable, & dessert

Literature & Latte

Thursday, April 14th, 7:00 p.m.
(in FCC's Connection Café)

Ladies, we will be discussing the book: *And the Shofar Blew*, by Francine Rivers. We hope you will join us for a wonderful time of fellowship!

CHURCH WORKDAY, Saturday, April 16th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. We plan to have on-campus and off-campus projects. Some of the on-campus projects will be laying sod, pressure washing the building and walkways, playground maintenance, general grounds maintenance, and general building maintenance (inside and outside). Everyone's invited!

Weekly at FCC:

Sundays

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Team rehearsal (*sanctuary*)
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service and nursery
- 10:25 a.m. Junior Church, 1st - 5th Graders
- 4:30 p.m. Palm Sunday musical rehearsal

Tuesdays

- 7:00 p.m. Ladies Bible study (*Conference room*)

Wednesdays

- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team rehearsal (*sanctuary*)
- 6:45 p.m. New Testament Survey
- 6:45 p.m. Youth classes (*Youth Ctr.*)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult study (*nursery in Worship Ctr.*)



Ministry Staff

- Ron Nolen, *Pastor*
- Kevin Adkins, *Minister of Worship & Connections*
- Rob Shawhan, *Youth Minister*

Office Hours:

- Monday-Thursday.....8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Friday.....8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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First Christian Highlights

APRIL 2011

"Connect to God, Grow in Christ, Serve Others"

Prayer... It's a wonderful and powerful gift from God. Through prayer we can approach the very throne of God and bring our petitions before Him. Through prayer, lives can be and have been changed. Through prayer, mountains have been moved...

We believe in the power of prayer at First Christian Church! We know that prayer can make a difference in your life. That is why FCC's Music Ministry would like to invite you to join us as we present:



Somebody's Praying Me Through

April 17th, at 10 a.m.
(during our Worship Service)

Join us for this special worship service! You will be blessed by the music, the multi-media... Come and experience the love and grace of God with us as we worship Him and thank Him for the gift of PRAYER!

Angel Food Ministry closing.

The ministry leaders of the Angel Food Ministry have decided to close this ministry at First Christian Church at the end of April 2011. We will assist **The Refuge Church** (Hwy 41N) as they take over this ministry. A couple of reasons for passing this ministry to another church is that our numbers (those ordering the food) are drastically down and volunteers to serve in this ministry are down as well. Many in our church have worked diligently for many years now making this ministry meet the needs of our community; we thank all of them for their efforts.

We will continue taking orders each month from those in our church who want the Angel Food boxes. Once the orders are taken they will be sent to **The Refuge Church** and the orders will be picked up there, instead of at First Christian Church.

It's M & M's Time Again! Please remember to deposit the M & M's tubes WITH MONEY IN THEM, PLEASE, into the canisters provided in the foyer. All proceeds go to help our youth attend this summer's Christ-In-Youth conference.

YOUTH YARD SALE, April 16th. It's nearly time once again for our annual Youth Yard Sale, with all proceeds going to help our youth attend this summer's Christ-In-Youth conference.

Bring that STUFF you don't need or want any more and drop it off at the church during office hours; or you may call or email Rob to set up a time to drop off.

THANKS FOR HELPING SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

First Family News is our weekly e-newsletter (if you have not been receiving this email, check your email SPAM or JUNK folder). To receive this email, and/or add prayer requests, make it known on a Connection Card, email us at fcc-staff@firstchristian.net, or just give us a call.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

- 4/3 - David, Robin, Krystal, Kelly, Dalton, Brenda, Allen, and Jeanne
4/10 - David, Robin, Dalton, Veronica, Kayleigh, Kastina, Lee, and Linda
4/17 - Larry, Samantha, Virginia, Ann, Marlene, Carolyn, Johnny, and Tara
4/24 - Larry, Carolyn, Jimmy, Elizabeth, Kendall, Pat, Ken, and Cheryl
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NURSERY SCHEDULE:

- 4/3 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie
4/6 - Jeanne E.
4/10 - Diane B., Donna, Leigh
4/13 - Angela B.
4/17 - Nina, Kastina, Brandy
4/20 - Brandy
4/24 - VOLUNTEER, Kathryn, Cheryl
4/27 - Brandy
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CONNECTION CAFE SCHEDULE:

- 4/3 - Sh1: Virginia S & Jessica J; sh2: Brian A & Nina C;
sh3: Tonya H & Elizabeth C
4/10 - Sh1: Steven K & Leigh S; sh2: Samantha S & James C;
sh3: Bryan & Twyla S
4/17 - Sh1: Steven K & Leigh S; sh2: Brian A & Brenda S;
sh3: Jen & Griff C
4/24 - Sh1: Steven K & Jessica J; sh2: Virginia S & Cheri R;
sh3: Virginia S, Amanda & Allan L

A Devotional Thought by Jennifer Pierce—

Psalms 65 is a beautiful Psalm that recently encouraged me a lot. When you first read it, you may focus on the acts of God in nature. But I was challenged to notice that God's people praised Him first for the way He interacts with His people on earth, then with the people on earth that are far away (probably meaning Gentiles, who are not His chosen people), then nature in general.

God and His people (vs. 1-5a)

*Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.
O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come.
When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.
Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.
You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior.*

God and mankind (vs. 5b-8)

*The hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas, who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.
Those living far away fear your wonders; where morning dawns and evening fades you call forth songs of joy.*

God and nature (vs. 9-13)

*You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for you have ordained it.
You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.
You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.
The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.
The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.*

May this Psalm be a reminder that God has the power to control nature, the things that directly affect your daily life and the world in

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