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Whatever your excuses have been in the past, I ask you to stop making excuses and start making Bible-reading a priority. It is hard to make a change like that in your life, so pray for help with it. If you skip a day or two, don't give up. Just pick up your Bible and keep reading. For more motivation on why to read the Bible, start with Psalm 119.

Jennifer Pierce

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR AUGUST:

- August 3 - Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, & dessert
- August 10 - Breakfast for Supper: eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, & gravy
- August 17 - Taco Plate & dessert
- August 24 - Chicken Salad Sandwich, pasta salad, chips, & dessert
- August 31 - Sub Sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, & dessert

Annual Camping Trip: October 7 - 10, at Veteran's State Park in Cordele. Reserve your campsite on-line at <http://www.gastateparks.org/info/georgiavet/> or call 1-800-459-1230.

Annual Fish Fry: Sat., October 8, at 5:00 p.m. Plan on coming to Veteran's State Park in Cordele and enjoy the food and fellowship! We look forward to spending time with you on this fun-filled event!!

BAPTISMS:
Hannah Banbury
Allan Lee

Weekly at FCC:

Sundays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Meal (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:30 p.m., Worship Team rehearsal (*sanctuary*)
- 6:45 p.m., Youth classes
- 7:00 p.m., Adult Bible study



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.
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**First Christian Highlights
AUGUST 2011**

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

Wednesday Night Activities



Wednesday evening activities at First Christian Church are back in full swing in August! Come, enjoy Wednesday evenings with us, beginning with a Fellowship Meal (best priced meal in town!) at 6:00 p.m. Worship Team rehearsals begin at 6:30 p.m., youth classes begin at 6:45 p.m., and adult Bible classes begin at 7:00 p.m.! There's something for everyone and every age and we hope to see you on Wednesdays!

August Is First Family Month!

We are celebrating Christ in You in August and we're calling it "First Family Month." We have special messages planned for all four Sundays in August and they are designed to help each of us as we walk along in our relationship with Christ.

- Aug. 7th — "First Family: Loving One Another"
- Aug. 14th — "First Family: At Worship"
- Aug. 21st — "First Family: Giving"
- Aug. 28th — "First Family: Sharing"

August 14th is going to be heavy on music as we look into what worshiping God is all about. And on August 28th, we will have a special announcement about a SPECIAL MINISTRY opportunity that FCC is looking forward to being involved in. And EVERY Sunday in August, we are offering FREE donuts! So you won't want to miss ANY Sunday in August!



Back to Church Sunday is just around the corner (this year it is September 18th)! We would like you to plan to invite friends and family 'back to church' on that Sunday. Be thinking of ways to make 2011's the BEST Back to Church Sunday we have ever had! Be watching for more information about our plans for that Sunday (e.g., we just might be kicking off a special sermon series that Sunday, etc.) as it gets closer.

Monthly Ladies Lunch

Ladies, this month's lunch is going to be at *The Olive Garden* in Warner Robins on Thursday, August 18, at 12:00 p.m. Come join us! If you have questions, please contact Corrinne Van Etten at 987-9385, or Dianne South at 988-9718.

First Family News is FCC's 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 at 987-5428.



 **One Harvest Ministries** is a ministry (similar to Angel Food Ministries) that provides quality food products, in bulk at an affordable price, to feed your own household or donate to less fortunate households. If you would like to purchase food from One Harvest, contact Chelle Hollon at (478) 287-5035, or check out their website (www.oneharvest.com).

FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

- 8/7 - Larry, Jimmy, Elizabeth, Harold, Lynn, Carolyn, Johnny, and Tara
- 8/14 - Larry, Margaret, Kendall, Carolyn, Kayleigh, Kastina, Ken, and Cheryl
- 8/21 - Charles, Susan, Krystal, Amanda, Allan, Pat, Allen, and Jeanne
- 8/28 - Charles, Veronica, Virginia, Susan, Marlene, Kelly, Lee, and Linda

NURSERY SCHEDULE:

- 8/3 - Lisa A.
- 8/7 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie
- 8/10 - Melinda L.
- 8/14 - Diane B., Donna, Leigh
- 8/17 - Brandy
- 8/21 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER
- 8/24 - VOLUNTEER
- 8/28 - VOLUNTEER, Kathryn, Cheryl
- 8/31 - VOLUNTEER

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

(John 15:4-7)

Jennifer Pierce on Reading the Bible—

The more I study the Bible, the more convinced I am that there are a few fundamentals to living a Christian life. Without them, trying to follow God is difficult, if not impossible. So this month we're going to look at the first of them, which is reading the Bible.

I'm going to assume you know all the reasons why you should read the Bible and that you are probably in the group of people who know they should, but don't. Why not read the Bible? People give a lot of excuses, but they all come down to priority. Common excuses that I've heard are I don't have time, it's too boring, it's too long, or I don't read very well and those names are hard. It's all about how important it is to you.

To read the Bible every day, you don't have to follow a read-the-Bible-in-a-year program, but you can. Google "Read the Bible in a Year" for some great websites. But even the best schedule won't help if you don't make it a priority. If it's not a priority, it won't happen. Satan prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. He doesn't want you to read God's Word and he will do what he can to keep it from happening, so you have to be prepared and disciplined. If you aren't a reader, look for an audio version of the Bible and listen instead of reading. There may be parts that seem boring or irrelevant, but don't be intimidated. Keep going. You'll be surprised what you find tucked in the middle of those "boring" sections. If you find a hard part, write down your question and find someone to ask.

As for the "too long" excuse, consider this: If you add up all the pages in Nicholas Sparks' books, you will find that they total 4,597 pages. The Harry Potter series contains 4,195 pages (I'm not saying whether or not you should read it, just commenting on the number of pages!) A standard "pew" Bible contains a mere 1,024 pages. Not as long as you might think, huh?

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