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ners, poise, and etiquette to those younger than you. Don't be afraid to shine in a crowd or be the only one who acts a certain way. Those around you (and physically below you) are watching. Who can you influence today and how will you do it?

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS FOR FEBRUARY:**

- Feb. 1 - Chicken and Rice, corn, bread, and dessert
- Feb. 8 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, & dessert
- Feb. 15 - Baked Ham, au gratin potatoes, baked beans, bread, & dessert
- Feb. 22 - Chicken Pot Pie, bread, & dessert
- Feb. 29 - Soup Night, bread, & dessert



**We Were Made to Be Courageous!**

We will meet for weekly studies on Friday evenings in February. Sign up in the foyer. For more information, contact Pat Presse.

**Ladies, YOU ARE INVITED FOR LUNCH!** This month's Ladies Lunch is going to be at *The Oil Lamp* in Perry, on Thursday, February 16, at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Diane South at 988-9718.

**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 \*  
(\* - Junior Church meets right outside the main entrance to the sanctuary, when directed)

**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.
- Friday.....8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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**First Christian Highlights  
FEBRUARY 2012**

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



We are excited to announce that we will be having Youth Sunday on **February 5**. FCC's youth group will be taking care of the entire worship service. Plan on being there—you won't want to miss it! We look forward to seeing you there: **Sunday, at 10:00 a.m.!**

**M & M's for C.I.Y.**

February is the month when we show our support for our youth group by taking M & M's tubes home, eating the good stuff, filling the tubes with money, then returning the money-filled tubes to the church.



The Youth Group will be passing out the M & M's the beginning of February. Throughout the month, you will have several opportunities to give. Let's all pitch in and **help raise funds for the Christ-In-Youth Convention this summer!**

I will be out of the office for several weeks beginning next Monday, February 6. I will be having heart surgery (Medical Center in Macon) to repair a leaking mitral valve which has caused the left chamber of my heart to be enlarged. They hope to repair it by going through the side of the chest. The good news is that my arteries have no blockages.

Traver Pierce will be our preaching minister for the next four weeks as I recover. Friends, I am really taken back by my need for this surgery since I do not have any symptoms at this time. However, God has allowed this into my life and He will see me through. He is El Shaddai (God Almighty). Please keep me in your prayers next Monday.

**Pastor Ron**

### FCC Leadership for 2012

#### Elders:

Lee Dunbar (Chairman)  
Brian Hipps  
Ron Nolen  
Ken Presse  
Ronnie Shivers

#### Deacons:

Larry Bonner  
Harold Deal  
Alan Engle  
Tim Nasworthy  
Traver Pierce  
Alan Rowell  
Lynn Voss

This year's **Ladies Retreat**, "God's Big Giveaway," will be at Norman Park, Ga., **March 16 - 17**. \$80 per registrant covers lodging, 3 meals, and supplies (*we are bringing our own snacks*). A carpool group will leave the church at 4:00 p.m. on that Friday (let us know if you require a later departure). Sign up in the foyer (*those who sign up and pay by February 19 will be entered into the "Early Bird" drawing*). The last day to register is **March 4**. For more info., contact Pat Presse at 951-3956, 988-7959, or [presse1722@windstream.net](mailto:presse1722@windstream.net).

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

**Brandy Griffin**

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM SCHEDULE:

2/5 - Charles, Susan, Krystal, Kelly, Veronica, Pat, Allen, and Jeanne

2/12 - Charles, Virginia, Ann, Michael, Susan, Brenda, Lee, and Linda

2/19 - Phil, Jimmy, Elizabeth, Jen, Kayleigh, Kastina, Johnny, and Tara

2/26 - Phil, Harold, Amanda, Allan, Kendall, Pat, Ken, and Cheryl

### NURSERY SCHEDULE:

2/1 - Lisa A.

2/5 - Gayle, Carolyn, Melanie

2/8 - Melinda L.

2/12 - Diane B., Jessica J., Leigh

2/15 - Brandy

2/19 - Nina, Kastina, VOLUNTEER

2/22 - VOLUNTEER

2/26 - Brandy, Kathryn, Cheryl

### CONNECTION CAFÉ SCHEDULE:

2/5 - sh1: Steven K and Pat P; sh2: Brian A and Virginia S; sh3: Jen and Griff C

2/12 - sh1: Steven K and Jessica J; sh2: Mike and Mary K and Elizabeth C; sh3: Bryan and Twyla S

2/19 - sh1: Steven K and Leigh S; sh2: Amanda L and Allan L; sh3: Pat P and Ann V

2/26 - sh1: Steven K and Pat P; sh2: Cheri R and Carolyn B; sh3: Robert and Belinda M

### Passing It On

*by Jennifer Pierce*

We all influence someone. In the book of Genesis, it becomes clear that the patriarchs all passed traits (both good and bad) along to their children. Abraham's faithfulness to God was carried on through several generations. Isaac copied his father's tendency to lie to stay out of trouble (Genesis 12, 20, & 26). Brother and sister Laban and Rebekkah both concocted schemes to deceive others through disguise (Genesis 27 & 29) and then Jacob's own sons used disguise to trick Jacob into believing Joseph was dead (Genesis 37). We can learn many lessons from these heroes of the faith. This time, let's look at their stories as a reminder that our actions profoundly affect the next generation.

It gets easy to think that no one is really watching what we do, say, or feel, but that is not true. Having four young children has made this point especially clear in my life. But even if you aren't a parent, children everywhere are watching you. They are watching the way you drive your car, listening to the way you talk, watching what you wear, laughing at what you think is funny, and observing even the smallest details like body language, facial expressions, and jewelry. How does that make you feel? Scared? Intimidated? Complimented?

My point in mentioning this is to remind you how simple it can be to pass on the worthwhile traits of godliness, beauty, and love. Little girls can learn your knack for creating or assembling the beautiful things in life. They can learn from you what a difference a smile can make, or how recognition can make others feel special. They can learn the obvious things like how to cook or make things, but they can also learn that not every woman has to dress like the celebrities they see on magazine covers to be beautiful. They can learn how to treat the men in their lives, how to worship God, how to be a good listener, and many other things. What can you teach the next generation? Look for ways to pass values, godliness, man-

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